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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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3B8 - Paul, HB9ARY will be active holiday style as 3B8HC from Mauritius Island (AF-049) from 23 January to 8 February. He will operate slow CW and SSB on 80-10 metres, with a focus on 80m. QSL via NI5DX (direct only).

5Z4 - Bertrand, DF3FS will be active again as 5Z4/DF3FS from Diani Beach, Kenya from 23 January to 7 February. He will operate CW and SSB on the HF bands. See www.df3fs.de/5z-2016/index.html for QSLling instructions. [TNX NG3K]

9A - Radio Club Marjan (9A1CBM) in Split, Croatia will be active as 9A50CBM until 31 December to celebrate its golden jubilee. QSL direct or bureau; logsearch on Club Log. [TNX 9A5ST]

A9 - All paperwork and permits are now in hand for the Bahrain Amateur Radio Group to conduct the first ever activation of the Hawar Islands (AS-202, new one for IOTA) from 28 April to 1 May [425DXN 1287]. Led by A92AA, the A91HI team will include A41OO, A61DJ, A93LT, EI5GM, EI9FBB, MM0NDX and 7Z1OO. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY with up to four stations running simultaneously during peak times on 40-10 metres. QSL via A92AA (A91HI will use Club Log's OQRS) and LoTW. Please visit www.a91hi.com for more details and information on how contribute to the project. [TNX DX World]

CE - Celebrating the 400th anniversary of the discovery of Cape Horn, CE5COX will be active as XR400CH on 29-31 January. QSL XR400CH via CE3AA. On 1-6 February he will operate as XR400JA from Isla Hornos (SA-031), where the cape itself is located. QSL XR400JA via CE5JA. Both activities will be on 40, 20 and 10 metres SSB and RTTY.

DL - DARC Ortsverband Schonau (DK0ZN) will use special callsign DM0MORSE until 31 December to celebrate the 225th anniversary of Samuel Morse's birth. All QSOs will beconfirmed automatically via the bureau at the end of the year.

HB0 - Special callsign HB0AFVL is in use until 31 December on 160-10 metres SSB, CW and digital modes to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Liechtenstein's IARU society. Logsearch on Club Log, QSL direct only (neither LoTW nor eQSL).

HH - Special callsign 4V1TL is active until 30 April to commemorate the 213th anniversary of the death of Francois-Dominique Toussaint Louverture, the leader of the slave revolt that led to the founding of the Republic of Haiti. QSL via W3HNK.

LX - LX95J is a special callsign to be used in January and June by the Luxembourg Amateur Radio Union to celebrate the 95th birthday of Grand Duke Jean of Luxembourg. All QSOs will be confirmed via the bureau and LoTW. Direct cards should be sent to LARU, B.P. 85, L-9201 Diekirch, Luxembourg.

PY - The ZY2QG operation from Ilha da Queimada Grande (SA-071) [425DXN

1284] is now expected to take place for 24 hours on 12-13 January. Plans are for three operators (PY2DS, PU2POP and PU2XIZ) to be active on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres SSB and CW. QSL via PY2DS, direct or bureau. See www.qrz.com/db/zy2qg for updates. [TNX PS7AB]

PY0F - Vinicius, PU4VLT will be active as PY0F/PU4VLT from Fernando de Noronha (SA-003) on 9-15 January. He will operate mainly PSK and JT65 on 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via home call (direct), LoTW and eQSL. [TNX DX World]

SP - Special callsign 3Z6DOBRZEN is active until 31 January to celebrate five years of radio activity from the Dobrzen Wielki District Cultural Centre. QSL via SP6PAZ, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX SP6DVP]

XW - Ken, K4ZW plans to be active as XW4ZW from Vientiane, Laos starting on 16 January for about a week. He will focus on 160 and 80 metres. QSL via K1SE and LoTW; logsearch on Club Log. [TNX The Daily DX]

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The December 2015 issue is now available for download at www.425dxn.org/monthly/index.html. [TNX IZ3EBA]

CQ DX MARATHON ---> The CQ DX Marathon is a year-long DX hunt, with participants competing to see who can work the greatest number of countries ("entities") and CQ zones during the calendar year. The 2016 edition started at 00.00 UTC on 1 January and will end at 23.59 UTC on 31 December. The deadline for log submission for the 2015 DX Marathon is 10 January at 2359Z. Complete details can be found at www.dxmarathon.com.

CLUB LOG'S MOST WANTED LIST ---> The latest Most Wanted List, generated on 6 January, is available at https://secure.clublog.org/mostwanted.php. The information is derived from QSOs uploaded to Club Log (currently 328 million log entries available for analysis) and, to improve quality, only QSOs that have QSLs confirmed are considered to be worked.

CWOPS NEW AWARD ---> The "CWops Award for Advancing the Art of CW" is a new, annual award to recognize individuals, groups or organizations that have made the greatest contribution(s) toward advancing the art or practice of radio communication by Morse code. Nominations must be received by 15 April 2016. Complete details can be found at www.cwops.org/awards.html.

DAYTON CONTEST DINNER ---> The 24th Contest Dinner, held in conjunction with the 2016 Dayton Hamvention, will take place on 21 May at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Tickets can be purchased only via the Contest Dinner's website (http://contestdinner.com).

DAYTON CONTEST UNIVERSITY ---> Registration is now open for 2016 Dayton Contest University (CTU), to be held on 19 May at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

It will be the tenth year in a row for CTU Dayton. Details can be found on http://contestuniversity.com/.

DX SOUND CLIPS ---> Tom's (K8CX) DX sound clips for 2015 can be found at http://hamgallery.com/dx2015/. The collection of 122 clips (MP3 format) covers the major DXpeditions, plus rare and semi-rare DX. This makes 18 full years of sound clips available.

QSL GALLERY ---> The large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's web site has been updated. Fifteen different galleries include 13,351 cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (2004-14), the 61 deleted DXCC Entities, obsolete prefixes, stations from Maghreb from 1945 to 1962, Allied Forces stations in Germany (1945-70), special stations commemorating ITU and IARU, Antarctic bases and TAAF (Terres Australes and Antarctiques Francaises), the various French DXCC island Entities in the Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean and the Americas (from 1945 to 1970), pre-1945 countries, French Departments and CONUS, plus a gallery for cards not accepted by DXCC. Your participation is encouraged: www.LesNouvellesdx.fr. [TNX F6AJA].

NCDXF NEW DIRECTOR ---> The Northern California DX Foundation (www.ncdxf.org) is pleased to announce that at its January 3, 2016 meeting Kevin Rowett, K6TD, was unanimously elected as a Director. First licensed in 1970, he has served as Co-Chair of the International DX Convention at Visalia (2009, 2013 and 2015), Director of the Northern California Contest Club (2009-2012) and Director of the California QSO Party Director (2005-2007 and 2015); he is also a key member of the NCDXF Beacon Project team, and was one of the operators of K4M (Midway Island 2009), C82DX (Mozambique 2013) and TX3X (Chesterfield Islands 2015). [TNX W0GJ]

SWODXA DX DINNER ---> The 31st DX Dinner, sponsored again by the SouthWest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) and held in conjunction with the 2016 Dayton Hamvention, will be on Friday, 20 May at the Marriott Hotel in Dayton. Dinner tickets can already be ordered by going to www.swodxaevents.org; programme details and a list of the prizes will be on the website as they become available. [TNX W8GEX]

VP8STI & VP8SGI ---> The VP8STI/VP8SGI team is now making their way to Stanley (Falkland Islands). During their eight day voyage to Southern Thule Island (South Sandwich) they will be active as VP8IDX/mm and will be making notes of propagation on each band. They expect to begin operations as VP8STI on 18 January. Upon completion of their mission, they will voyage three days to Husvik Bay (South Georgia) where they expect begin operations as VPGSGI on 1 February. On 14 February the team will return to Stanley, and will operate as VP8IDX until the 19th. Follow the team's progress and track their location at http://www.intrepid-dx.com/vp8/location.php.

VK0EK ---> Tim Beaumont, M0URX will provide the QSL manager service for the March 2016 DXpedition to Heard Island. It will be possibile to request direct and bureau cards via the DXA ("the DXers primary interface with the expedition") and the VK0EK website. A comprehensive QSL Policy description will be posted to http://vk0ek.org/qsl/ before VK0EK sets sail.

ZL9A ---> The ZL9A team started activity from the Antipodes Islands

(OC-286) at 23:49 UTC on 6 January. They will go QRT around 00 or 01 UTC on 10 January, earlier than originally planned, owing to bad weather forecast. The first batch of logs has been posted to Club Log, and the OQRS has already been enabled. See http://iotahunter.org/ for updates.

**70FEB CERTIFICATE ---> A free of charge certificate is available for working at least seven of the 13 special **70FEB callsigns that were active between 1 January and 31 December 2015 to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II and as a tribute to the Brazilian Expeditionary Force: www.radioamador.org.br/certificate_70th_world_war.htm. [TNX PS7AB]

+ SILENT KEYS + Well-known contester and DXpeditioner William J. Vanderheide, N7OU (ex-AA7KF) passed away on 31 December at 70 years of age. A first-class CW operator, between 2006 and 2014 Bill he made several "lightweight DXpeditions" to the South Pacific, often in the company of Bob, W7YAQ and - on Rarotonga - combining Amateur Radio with service in the Global Volunteers organization. He operated as 3D2OU (Fiji), 3D2RO (Rotuma, 2006 and 2013), 5W0OU (Samoa), E51MAN (Manihiki Atoll, North Cooks in 2011), ZK1NOU and E51NOU (Rarotonga, South Cooks), E51PEN (Penrhyn Atoll, North Cooks in 2006), T27OU (Tuvalu), T30OU (Western Kiribati), T32OU (Christmas Island, Eastern Kiribati), YJ0OU (Vanuatu), ZK3OU (Tokelau) and ZL7/N7OU (Chatham Islands). An interview to N7OU can be found on www.dxcoffee.com/eng/2012/04/16/pacific-ocean-n7ous-ham-radio-home/.
Other reported Silent Keys include Roberto Comboni, I1COB (SK 1 January), a mainstay of ARI Sanremo and particularly fond of digital modes and contesting; and Gojko Mitrovic, 4O1A (ex YU6AO) who passed away on 31 December. He had just turned 53. Back in July-August 2006, when Montenegro was still a newly-born DXCC Entity, he and a large team of guest operators gave 72,000 YU6AO QSOs to the DX community worldwide.

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******* QSL ROUTES *******
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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
3Z0WOSP	SP5ZRW	EM10UFF	UR7UT	PA75MBD	PA0MBD
3Z16HNY	SP6IEQ	EM50UYC	US5UCC	PH65PH	PA7HPH
4O7CC	UA4CC	EM90KPI	UX0UN	PI25COM	PA3CAL
4S0GS	4S7DF	EM90US	US5UC	PJ4NX	M0URX
4S7JTG	EA3BT	EM90WA	UR5WA	R44YETI	RL5G
4S7NTG	EA3BT	EN90US	UR7UT	R70RAA	UA3RF
4S7ULG	UY5ZZ	EO90US	UR3UX	RI1ANR	RK1PWA
4U0WFP	S57DX	EO90WE	US5WE	RT6A	W3HNK
4V1TL	W3HNK	EO90WU	UW1WU	RU55IA	R2DX
5B4AHL	M0URX	FG4NN	NI5DX	S01WS	EA2JG
5B4AMM	UT5UDX	FK8CE	NI5DX	S508PMC	S50X
5K6RM	HK6RM	FK8DD	NI5DX	S530AZV	S59AV
5R8UI	IZ8CCW	FM5BH	W3HNK	SC80SM	SM5ELV

5W0UO	G4BUO	FR4NT	F4DXW	SN0WIN	SP9MZX
7P8VR	DD0VR	FR5DZ	F6CXV	SN90LKK	SP1PMY
8P6ET	KU9C	H44DA	VK4KHZ	SO90LKK	SP8POP
8P9BS	KJ4JQU	H44TM	WL7HP	SP500YFF	SP9WAN
8P9NX	W3HNK [d]	HB9ATMA	HB9FAX	ST2ND	ST2M
8P9NX	W0SA [b]	HC2AO	RC5A	SU0ERA	SM5AQD
8T2BH	I1HYW	HE200GE	HB9AOF	SU1SK	SM5AQD
9A1700SBD	9A4J	HF0WFF	SP5ZIM	T6EU	AK4JK
9A50CBM	9A1CBM	HF50KDA	SQ9CWO	T88HS	JA6KYU
9A70CVW	9A6Z	HF6AN	SP5PPK	T88MK	JO3LVG
9J2HN	JR2KDN	HF90LKK	SP2JMR	T88RR	JA6UBY
9M2CNC	G4ZFE	HG44FY	HA8FY	T88SM	JA6EGL
9M2MRS	PA0RRS	HG50IPA	HA3JB	T88TK	JI6BFF
9M2YAA	JA7LMU	HH2AA	NR6M	T88UW	JH7IPR
9M4CPM	9M2RUL	HP3/WJ2O	N2ZN	TG9IIN	K4TI
9N1AA	N4AA	HP3AK	W4JS	TR8CA	F6CBC
A41KJ	NI5DX	HS0ZJF	ON4AFU	TY1AI	ON7CIP
A41OO	A61BK	HZ1HZ	N7RO	TY2AC	IZ1BZV
A43YOTA	OM2FY	J43TR	SV3DCX	UK8ICM	RW6HS
A61CK	IZ8CLM	J79WTA	HB9MFM	V25GB	GW4DVB
A65EE	IZ8CLM	JD1BMH	JD1BMH [b]	V25LK	OM3AG
BV70V	BV2FP	JD1BMH	JG7PSJ [d]	V31YB	K7YB
C21DA	VK4FEAT	JY4CI	K2AX	V44KAI	W5TFW
C31CT	EA3QS	KH2L	W3HNK	V55V	DJ8VC
C5YK	ON6EG	KP2BH	EB7DX	V63GG	JR2GAG
C6ATS	M0OXO	KP4JRS	EA7FTR	V73NS	W3HNK
CN2JF	F6CTF	LU1ZI	LU4DXU	VI2AJ2016	VK2KDP
CN8ZG	EA7FTR	LY2015XMAS	LY2QT	VK2DX	W3HNK
CO2AME	RW6HS	LZ1012SGM	LZ1KCP	VK2IA	DK2BJ
CO2WL	HA3JB	NP2X	K5WW	VK8NSB	M0URX
CP4BT	DJ2BW	NP4A	W3HNK	VY2ZM	EA7HBC
CX2AQ	EA5KB	OA6Q	OE3NHW	XE1XR	EA5GL
CX3TQ	IK2DUW	OD5/IZ1CKK	IZ1BWB	XR400AA	XQ4CW
CY0/VA1AXC	JE1LET	OD5KU	EB7DX	XV9NPS	JA2NPS [b]
D3AM	UA1QV	OD5PY	KU9C	XV9NPS	JA2ODB [d]
DF90KWTJ	DL2APJ	OD5QB	YO3FRI	XW1IC	E21EIC
DG500BIER	DL8NBM	OD5ZZ	NI5DX	XW4XR	E21EIC
DL25UNION	DJ6SI	OG25YL	OH2YL	YB9KA	HA3JB
DU1IST	JA1HGY	OG30OJ	OH3OJ	YJ0AFU	NA5U
DU1KA	NR6M	OH70AG	OH6AG	YJ4AO	DL7VOA
DU3LA	N0QM	OM20OTC	OM3MB	YT100SG	YU5CW
E51JNH	VK3SN	ON4YOTA	OM2FY	YU270AJM	YU7AJM
E5SKCC	E51AND	OP0PPY	ON7LX	YU65GMN	YT7WA
EG1CWO	M0OXO	OR90VL	ON5VL [b]	Z81D	OM3JW
EG2CWO	M0OXO	OR90VL	ON6DP [d]	ZF2LC	W2SM
EG5CWO	EA5KA	OX5T	OZ0J	ZL9A	VE3LYC
EG6CWO	EA6TS	OY1OF	M0URX	ZP6CW	ZP6CU
EG8CWO	EA8RM	P49X	W0YK	ZT6T	N7RO
EI1916E	EI3GC	PA50DRAA	PE2AE	ZW400BEL	PY8WW

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