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 QSLing 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 A4100, 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 be confirmed 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)
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/zy2qqg for updates. [TNX PS7AB]

PYOF - Vinicius, PU4VLT will be active as PYOF/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 3Z6DOBREN is active until 31 January to celebrate
two years of radio activity from the Dobrzyn 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]

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 Antarctica 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 VP8SGI 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 possible 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 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), T300U (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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