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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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3C - Apparently Ken, LA7GIA [425DXN 1293] is now expected to be active as 3C7GIA from Malabo, Bioko Island (AF-010), Equatorial Guinea on 10-20 March. QSL via LA7GIA and LoTW; logsearch on Club Log.

8Q - Noel, F6BGC will be active again as 8Q7NC from the Maldives (AS-013) on 12-22 March. He will be QRV holiday style on 40-6 metres SSB, CW and RTTY. QSL via home call and LoTW; logsearch on Club Log. [TNX F8REF]

CT9 - Once again Rosel, DL3KWR and Hardy, DL3KWF will be active as CT9/DL3KWR and CT9/DL3KWF from Madeira (AF-014) from 10 March to 8 April. They plan to operate mostly CW with a focus on 12, 17 and 30 metres. Look for them daily after 16 UTC. QSL via home calls (bureau preferred), LoTW and eQSL. Email requests for bureau cards can be sent to dl3kwr[@]darc.de or dl3kwf[@]darc.de respectively. [TNX DL3KWR]

F - The TM6U operation from the Saint Marcouf Islands (EU-081), originally scheduled to take place in early May [425DXN 1291], has been postponed to 20-27 August. QSL via OB8AZ, direct or bureau. See www.eu081.be for further information. [TNX ON7PQ]

FH - Michele, IK5ZUI will be active as FH/IK5ZUI from Mayotte (AF-027) on 4-10 March. He will operate SSB and CW on 40-10 metres. QSL via IZ8CCW. [TNX Mediterraneo DX Club]

FH - Before joining the Juan de Nova DXpedition (FT4JA), a couple of team members will be active from Mayotte (AF-027) on 18-24 March. Look for Patrick FH/F2DX and Jacques FH/F6BEE to operate mainly CW and RTTY on 40-6 metres with two stations. QSL via home calls. [TNX Les Nouvelles DX]

FO - Bob, NH6XO will be active as FO/NH6XO from Moorea (OC-046), French Polynesia on 6-11 March. He will concentrate on 40 metres SSB. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

J7 - Nigel, G3TXF will be active as J79XF from Dominica (NA-101) on 10-13 March. He will operate CW only on the HF bands, with main activity during the RSGB Commonwealth (BERU) Contest. QSL via LoTW and Club Log's OQRS. [TNX DX World]

KH0 - JR1FKR will be active holiday style as KH0/JR1FKR from Saipan (OC-086), Mariana Islands on 7-11 March. He plans to operate SSB and RTTY on 80, 40, 20, 17 and 15 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. He does not use LoTW.

PA - Marcel, PD5MVH will be active as PD5MVH/p from Ameland Island (EU-038) on 5-19 March. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX DX Newsletter]

PY - The PR2DX group will be active again from As Ilhas (SA-071) on 17-19 March. This will be their third "educational trip" for operators who are not familiar with pileup management. QSL via

PY2LCD (new QSL route); OQRS on Club Log.

V4 - Eric KB1EHE will be active holiday style as V4/KB1EHE from St. Kitts (NA-104) on 9-13 March. He will operate SSB on 80-10 metres. QSL via LoTW or direct to home call. [TNX DX World]

V4 - Once again John, W5JON will be active as V47JA from St. Kitts (NA-104) from 14 March to 12 April. He will be QRV on 160-6 metres SSB, with planned activity during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via W5JON (direct only) and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

VK0_hi - The VK0EK Heard Island Expedition team members are gathering in Cape Town (South Africa), where the "Braveheart" arrived on 3 March. Departure for Heard Island is scheduled for 10 March; approximate QRV dates, as published on the website, are 20 March-10 April. Bookmark www.vk0ek.org for updates, direct links to the tracker and the Freshdesk support site (established to handle "everything and anything that you might have questions or concerns with"). Almost real time logsearch will be provided by DXA: www.dxa3.org

VP9 - Mike, G3VYI will be active as VP9/G3VYI from Bermuda (NA-005) on 11-15 March. Main activity will be during the RSGB Commonwealth Contest (BERU); outside the contest he will operate holiday style with a focus on 160, 80 and 40 metres in the evenings. QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]

W - Taylor, KM4KFB will be active from St George Island (NA-085) on 13-18 March. QSL direct. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

YB - Special callsign YB16SUN will be in use on 9 March (00.00-23.59 UTC) for the total solar eclipse that will be visible from Indonesia. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau.

YO - Romanian inventor and aviation pioneer Trajan Vuia successfully tested his flying machine on 18 March 1906. Commemorating the 100th anniversary of that event, four special callsigns will be in use on 12-27 March: YR110FLY (operated by YO2MKL), YR110PILOT (operated by YO2DGR), YR110TV (operated by YO2KQT club station's members) and YR110VUIA (operated by YO7KAJ club station's members). QSL via operator's instructions.

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST (SSB) ---> Object of the contest is for W/VE amateurs to work as many stations in as many DXCC Entities as possible on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 metre bands, while DX stations (also including KH6, KL7, CY9 and CY0) work as many W/VE amateurs in as many of the 48 contiguous states and provinces as possible (complete rules can be found at www.arrl.org/arrl-dx). This year's event will run from from 00.00 UTC on 5 March through 23.59 UTC on the 6th. Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxs2016.html - good contest to you all!

CASS AWARD ---> Presented annually, the Cass Award honours the wisdom and

spirit of Cass WA6AUD (SK) and encourages DXpeditions to maximize the number of DXers worked with a Plaque for the Single-Operator DXpedition that works the most unique callsigns within a specified interval. The 2015 Cass Award has been won by Jose Murano, LU1FM: "By working 8298 unique stations during his one-man DXpedition to San Andres as 5J0B, Jose demonstrated an outstanding effort to log as many DXers as possible". If you are interested in competing for - or contributing to - the 2016 Cass Award, please visit www.cassaward.com.

CR2X FAREWELL PARTY ---> Radio Aracala (OH8X) established the CR2X contest station in the Azores back in 2008. The CR2X project has taken all major European records to a level that may last for some time. The CQ WW/ARRL SOAB records were captured as the main target, further flanked by all single-band CW/SSB records in the ARRL DX contests. For one final time, the Radio Arcala group (CU2BV, CU2CE, CU2DX, OH2BH, OH2PM, OH2UA, OH6KN, OH6KZP, OH7EA and OH8NC) is getting together in the Azores for the ARRL DX SSB Contest, which will be their farewell activity. They will modify the single-op station to run in a multi-multi setting, using the latest power splitting techniques with which three bands are served simultaneously by one antenna, both receive and transmit. See qrz.com for further information. Special CR2X QSLs will be sent automatically via OH2BH. [TNX OH2BH]

ITALIAN ISLANDS AWARD ---> The new edition of the IIA Directory, compiled by Saverio Amore (IK2RLS), is now available for download on the ARI website at http://ari.it/iia_max/getfile.php?name=IIA_Directory_2016.

POSTAL RATES (UK) ---> Postal rates in the United Kingdom will change on 29 March. The new rates for standard airmail letters will be as follows:

	Europe	Rest of the world
up to 10 grams	GBP 1.05	GBP 1.05
up to 20 grams	GBP 1.05	GBP 1.33

"International Economy" (only for destinations outside Europe) will be 0.90 GBP up to 20 grams. A Price Finder on-line tool is provided by Royal Mail (www.royalmail.com)

QSL GALLERY ---> The large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's web site has been updated. Fifteen different galleries include 13,544 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].

QSL VIA UT5UGR ---> Dimitry, UT5UGR, was active from Martinique (NA-107) as FM/UT5UGR and TO7A in the ARRL DX CW Contest. see UT5UGR and TO7A on qrz.com for direct links to Club Log's logsearch and OQRS. [TNX UT5UGR]

THE GREAT NORTHERN WAY ---> "The Great Northern Way" expedition started on 29 February from Novy Urengoy, with plans to travel by All Terrain Vehicles

along a 10,000 km route as far as Uelen, the easternmost settlement in Russia. Expect activity mainly on 40 and 20 metres (14120 and 14260 kHz) as R3CA/8, R3CA/9 and R3CA/0. The operators will be Valery RA9J and Yuri UA9OBA, who will join the expedition later on. Brief activities from islands along the coasts of Taimyr, Yakutia and Chukotka are also being planned; mentioned IOTA groups include AS-005, AS-152, AS-082, AS-163, AS-029, AS-164, AS-070, AS-038 and AS-065. QSL via UA9OBA. Follow the expedition progress on www.ec-arctic.ru/forum/all/topic_1004/. [TNX qrz.ru]

VK0EK & WSPR ---> It will be possible to follow the Heard Island Expedition on the Weak Signal Propagation Reporter Network's website, www.wsprnet.org:
- click "Map" in the upper right hand corner;
- set the search parameters for "all" bands and "24 hours", and
- look for ZS/K2ARB (Cape Town), K2ARB/mm (during the voyage) and VK0EK (while on the island).
The expedition will operate a 250-milliwatt battery-powered propagation beacon that is capable of transmitting on 40, 30, 20, 17, 15 and 10 metres. The beacon will cycle through the bands during the expedition.

VK0EK NEWSLETTER ---> The tenth issue (Vol. 2, No. 3) of the the Heard Island Expedition Newsletter, published on 1 March, is the last one before the adventure starts. It contains links to the various websites for the expedition, and many other places that will help follow along as the voyage progresses: www.heardisland.org/HD_pages/HD_newsletter_back_issues.html.

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******* QSL ROUTES *******
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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
3W3B	E21EIC	ES5Q	ES5RY	R1961G	RV3LZ
3Z90LKK	SP8PEF	FM1HN	W3HNK	R85PAR	RZ5D
4J1926HR	4J5A	FR4PV	F5OZK	RG61PP	RZ3LC
4J90RD	4K8M	FR5FC	EA7FTR	RK55GG	RZ3LC
4K1926HR	4K4K	FS4WBS	IZ1MHY	RL55GC	R3LA
4K6FO	DC9RI	GS8VL	GM4FDM	S01A	EA2JG
4L2M	EA7FTR	H2X	IZ4AMS	S01WS	EA2JG
4L4ZA	DJ1CW	H44MS	DL2GAC	S9BK	HB9BEI
4S7BBG	OM2FY	HB9ATMA	HB9FAX	SC90SSA	SM7HZK
4S7GWG	DL2AWG	HB9ICE	HB9BHY	SJ90SSA	SM7HZK
4S7RTG	DL7VEE	HC1PE	EA5IDQ	SO90LKK	SP8POP
4V1TL	W3HNK	HF50KDA	SQ9CWO	SP90LKK	SP8BGA
4W/N1YC	W5UE	HF60KAG	SP9KAG	SU1SK	SM5AQD
4X429DS	N4GNR	HF6FIRAC	SP6IEQ	SZ3P	SV3DCX
5H3JA	JA7SGV	HI3CC	W2CCW	T32CO	AC8JF
5R8UI	IZ8CCW	HI3MRV	EA5GL	T32FS	AC8JF
5W0KY	VK2ZKY	HI3TT	W2CCW	T32LJ	AC8JF
6W1SR	F6EPY	HK1NA	K6IPM	T32MU	AC8JF

6Y1D	RN3RQ	HK1R	K6IPM	T32SB	AC8JF
7P8DJ	DJ2HD	IH9A	IT9SPB	T32TR	AC8JF
7P8WO	DH3WO	II1IYBJ	IK1RKN	T32TV	KE5EE
8P5A	NN1N	II3BOVE	IV3CCT	T32WW	AC8JF
8P9ER	OE9PTI	II5ANT	IZ5BTC	TI5/N3KS	N3YIM
8Q7WK	OE1MWW	II8POLE	IK8FIQ	TI5W	N3YIM
8R1/K9KX	DK9KX	II9P	IT9CHU	TI8/AA8HH	K8DV
9A701AD	9A1AD	IP2ANT	IK2QPR	TM100LGG	F4GRW
9A702AA	9A2AA	IQ5PJ	IW5AOT	TM11G	F5TLN
9A70CVW	9A6Z	IQ9UI	IT9CHU	TM13WAP	F8DHE
9J2HN	JR2KDN	IR1ANT	I1HYW	TM15C	F4FZR
9M4RM	9W2MYR	IR2A	IK2JYT	TM2F	F4GTT
A31MM	EA5GL	IR5ANT	9A8ARS	TM2M	F8ATS
A41KB	ON7LX	IR7IPY	IK7XNF	TM350XWB	F1EOY
AH2EG	JE6HIB	J42PIKRA	SV2DSJ	TM5OTT	F4SGU
AH2R	JH7QXJ	J64SLI	WB5Q	TO1A	F5HRY
AM1ACB	EA1VR	J79E	N2ZN	TO66R	F6HMQ
AO3ANT	EA3EGB	JA0RQV/6Y5	M0OXO	TO6D	F6ITD
AO3MWC	EA3RKB	JD1BMT	JE4SMQ	TO7A	UT5UGR
AO4HAG	EA4GKV	KG4BP	K5VIP	TX7EU	DK2AMM
AO5MDC	EA5GTU	KG4EU	W4TVG	TY2BP	IK1IQD
AO5WAP	EA5DM	KG4HF	W6HGF	V26IS	OH2IS
AT3ANT	VU2UR	KG4PH	KK4PHP	V26M	W3HNK
C6ANA	N5NHJ	KG4WV	W4WV	V31TP	WC0W
C6ATS	M0OXO	KH7Y	EA5GL	V47JR	W2APF
C91IJ	LY2IJ	KP4/W2HUV	NR6M	V55BP	DO4DXA
C92CC	UA4CC	LT1F	AC7DX	V6A	JA7HMZ
C92JR	GI4FUM	LT5X	LU8XW	V73OY	AH6OY
CJ3T	VE3AT	LZ113RF	LZ1YE	VA7AAW	VE7IG
CR2X	OH2BH	LZ300MSP	LZ1KCP	VE8RST	K7ICE
CR3A	EA5GL	MX0YHC	2E0SDV	VK2ANT	VK2FR
CR3W	DL5AXX	NP2J	K8RF	VK5CE/6	VK5CE
CU2KG	OH2BH	NP2X	K5WW	VK5MAV/6	VK5MAV
CW1C	CX1AA	NP3A	WD8CW	VP2MMF	K1XX
CW5B	CX2ABC	OA4SS	KB6J	VP2V/N2IEN	NR6M
CX2BR	EA5GL	OC4FZ	OA4O	VP5K	K0PC
CX9AU	EA5GL	OD5SK	IZ8CLM	WP2AA	WD9DZV
DL1516BIER	DK2HM	OE88WAP	OE3KKA	YB9/DH6ICE	DK8ZZ
DU3JH	AI4U	OE89ANT	OE3AIS	YB9/DK7TF	DK8ZZ
ED8W	EA8DO	OE90AAW	OE3SGA	YN5PL	AA1M
EF6T	EA3AIR	P4/VE8DX	LY5W	YN5RN	W1USN
EF8O	DJ1OJ	P40AUA	P43E	YN5Z	K7ZO
EF8R	EB7DX	P40L	WA3FRP	YT160TESLA	YU1MM
EG1PAA	EA1GIB	P40LE	K2LE	YU0TESLA	YU1FJK
EG5WAP	EA5DY	P40M	LY5W	YU160TESLA	YU1SRS
EG8FLL	EA8URE	PA6ANT	PA3FOE	Z21MH	IZ0EGA
EH5WAP	EA5FL	PG16ANT	PA0RDY	ZF1A	K6AM
EI0DX	G3NKC	PJ2T	W3HNK	ZF2AM	K6AM
EI0PL	EI5JQ	PJ4/N2BA	WA3RHW	ZM1A	ZL3CW
EI1Y	EI5JQ	PJ4X	W1MD	ZV1M	PY1MT
EI7M	EI6HB	PJ6A	N4NX	ZV451RIO	PY1AA
EM20UASAV	UT7UA	PJ7AA	AA9A	ZV8A	PY8WW
EM90WA	UR5WA	PQ7A	PS7DX	ZV8B	PY8WW

EM90WD	UR5WD	PW7M	PS7HD	ZV8WAB	PU8WTJ
EN90US	UR7UT	PZ5W	N0AT	ZW6AJU	PP6AJM
EO90WE	US5WE	R12APR	R3LO	ZW7WAA	PU7LAN
EO90WU	UW1WU	R1934G	R3LC	ZW8T	PS8HF

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