6W - Dave, G4WFQ will be active as 6W/G4WFQ from Somone, Senegal on 4-17 February. He will operate on 160-10 metres mainly on CW and RTTY with some SSB. QSL via G3SWH, direct or bureau (e-mail requests for bureau cards can be sent to phil@g3swh.demon.co.uk). [TNX G3SWH]

C6 - Eric, K9GY will be active as C6AYM from Nassau (NA-001) and Paradise Island (NA-001), Bahamas from 23 December to 1 January. He will operate mainly QRP CW on 40, 10, 6 and 2 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]

FT5Y - Jean-Paul, F5BU (FT5YH) reports that his plans have changed unexpectedly. He will remain at Dumont d'Urville Base [425DXN 759] for a few days only, and will not be able to operate as previously announced. [TNX F5NQL]

DL - Sven, DD6VSF will be active from Norderney Island (EU-047) from 26 December to 3 January. He plans to operate CW on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. His web page is at http://iota.uni-humbbug.de/ [TNX DD6VSF]

I - Special station II0TH will be active (on 80, 40, 20 and 15 metres SSB and CW) on 16-18 December for the 16th Italian Telethon for research against genetic diseases. QSL via operator's instructions. [TNX IK0ZCW]

JA - Look for JA4GXS/4 to operate CW and SSB on 40, 30, 20 and 15 metres from Yashiro Island (AS-117, JIIA AS-117-118), Yamaguchi Prefecture on 24 December. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]

JD1 mt - Masa, JA1DDH will operate from JD1YBJ on Minami Torishima (OC-073) from 20 December through mid-January. He plans to place an emphasis on 160 metres. [TNX JH2RMU]

KP5 - Look for Kam Sirageldin, N3KS and Dave Collingham, K3LP to be active from Deseecho (NA-095) on 16-18 December (but they could remain on the island as late as 10 UTC on 19 December). They have landing permission issued by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and will operate in their spare time as N3KS/KP5 and K3LP/KP5 on 10-160 metres (depending on antenna availability) CW and SSB, with an emphasis on 15, 20, 40 and 80 metres. QSL direct via W3ADC (John F. King, P.O. Box 64, Hampstead, MD 21074, USA). Bookmark www.dailydx.com/kp5.htm for further information and updates. [TNX The Daily DX]

UN - Special event stations UP1SAT (operated by UN7ED) and UP2SAT (operated by UN0OLL) will be active from Kazakhstan from 26 December until 15 January to celebrate the launch of Kazakhstan's first KazSat broadcast satellite. QSL via P.O. Box 59, Shchuchinsk, 021700, Kazakhstan. [TNX MM0DFV]

V5 - Barry, ZS1FJ and others plan to operate as V55HB from Hollams Bird
Island in the Erongo/Hardap Region group (AF-NEW) of Namibia during the last ten days of March. Further information is expected in due course. [TNX The Daily DX]

**VP8** - Once again Willy, ON5AX will be visiting Antarctica. He reports he plans to operate CW and SSB as VP8DII/mm from the surroundings of the South Shetlands and the Antarctic Peninsula between 28 December and 18 January. QSL via ON5AX.

**VP8_ant** - Alan Cheshire, VP8PJ (aka VK0LD, VK6CQ, 9V1DX, 9V0A and VK0MM) reports he will be working at the Patriot Hills Camp (MN-01 for the Antarctica Award), Antarctica from approximately 21 December until around 30 January. He plans to operate mainly CW during his free time. Alan also hopes to be active as CE9/VP8PJ from the nearby Chilean "Teniente Parodi" station (CE-NEW). QSL via DL5EBE. Updates will be posted on www.geocities.com/vk0ld/home.html

**W** - Allan, KV4T and Bridget, KS4YT will operate from Dauphin Island (NA-213) on 21-24 December. Expect activity on 17 and 40 metres CW and SSB. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

**XU** - Wim, XU7TZG will be active once again as XU7TAS from Koh Tas (AS-133) on 16-19 December. QSL direct to ON4AJV (Jack Vandenabeele, P.O. Box 1, 8400 Oostende 2, Belgium). [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

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3Y0X ---> According to the latest Status Report and Summary of the 3Y0X DXpedition to Peter I (www.peterone.com), the team will fly from Punta Arenas to King George Island on 2 February, and will board the "Chinook" and sail for Peter I the same day. Arrival is scheduled for approximately 6 February and the team will have 16 days at the island (weather will dictate when they land and will influence their departure date). 3Y0X will have nine complete ICOM Pro III / Alpha 99 HF stations plus multiple antennas. There will be two operating sites separated by approximately 1000 feet to allow operation on SSB and CW/digital on the same band at the same time. They also plan to be QRV on 6m, 2m and 70cm EME. Logs, pictures and hopefully short video clips will be available on-line. The QSL manager will be N2OO. Logs will uploaded to LOTW in early 2007.

LICENSING NEWS FROM IRAQ ---> New arrangements have been made for a 6 months temporary amateur radio licence. This licence is free and will be available until a new protocol is signed between the Iraqi Amateur Radio Society and the regulator INCMC. Contact Diya, YI1DZ (yiilrq@yahoo.com) or Laith, YI3SRA (yi3sra@hotmail.com) for a licence application form or download it from www.iraqi-ars.org. A copy of the applicant’s home licence and a passport type
NA-178 --> Numerous discussions have continued about the actual QRV location and antennas to be used on South East Farallon Island (NA-178) [425DXN 762], because of the many factors involved related to habitat sensitivity. Rick, K6VVA says that he is tentatively looking at a possible QRV around either 1-3 February or the week of 13 February 2006, but everything is weather dependent. Rick estimates a 75% CW and 25% SSB operation, and is looking for an experienced second operator (ability to be ready to go with only 24 hours notice is a must). Further information and updates are available at http://www.k6vva.com/iota/na178/index.html

QSLs received direct or through managers: 4J5A, 4S7KM, 4W3ZZ, 5J1W, 5T0JL, 6O0JT, 6W7/F8PDR, 7Q7HB, 7V2SI, 7V3AN, 9G5A, 9G500, 9J2BO, 9R2DX (AF-100), A22/JA4ATV, A41MA/p (AS-014), AH2R, AY1ZA (AN-008; AA LU-14), BV9G, C21LD, C6AQO, CE0YEH, CY9SS, D44TD, DX0K (AS-051), E19HX, EP2FM, ET3AA, EU3DN FK8GT, FM5BH, FO/F8UFT, F55UQ, FY1FL, GD6IA, GM5A, H0/PA5PT/P, HZI1K, J3/SP9JT, J37LR, J69EN, J88DR, JWOHS, JW1CCA, K2GSJ/PJ7, K9AJ/VY0 (NA-175), KG4WW, KH6ND/KH5, KH7U/KH5, KL7J, LT1F, LU1ZB (AN-012; AA LU-05), LU1ZS (AN-010; AA LU-17), L20A (AN-010; AA L2-02), OMA8A, PZ2/K8ND, PJ2BVU, PJ7/K2GSJ, PY1RO, ROK (AS-174), R750KG, RV1CC/0 (AS-062), RV3ACA/0 (AS-062), S79RRC/C (AF-026), S79RRC/A (AF-025), S79RRC/F (AF-035), SU8IOTA (AF-099), SV5/DJ5AA, SV5/SM8C, SV9CVY, TJ2RSF, TK/F5CWU, TK5EF, TX5M, UE0ISL (AS-059), UN8PO, UP5P, UT5AM, V26K, V44/EW1AR, V73KJ, V73RY, VK9NS, VU3BPZ (AN-016; AA VU-02), YW3DT, Z24S, ZC4LI, ZP0R.

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