5H  - Preparations continue for the 5H1C operation (24 January- 2 February) from Zanzibar Island (AF-032) [425DXN 761]. It is now possible to arrange skeds, but for 160 and 80 metres only. Send your requests (one request per band) to Serge, F6AML not later than 20 January: e-mail F6AML@aol.com and put "Sked 5H1C" in the subject line. A propagation forecast (thanks to VE3NEA) will be available at http://5h1c.free.fr/trafic.uk.html. 5H1C will participate in the CQ WW 160M CW Contest. [TNX F5NQL]

6W  - Motoko, JA1EVA and Satoru, JM3XAV will be active from Le Calao ([http://www.le-calao.com/](http://www.le-calao.com/)), Senegal on 23-25 December. QSL via JM3XAV, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

FR  - Jean-Marie, F8CHM will operate as FR5EZ from Reunion Island (AF-016) from 30 December to 3 January and again on 11-17 January. On 3-11 January he will be active (mostly on 30 and 17 metres) from Rodrigues (AF-017). QSL via F8CHM. [TNX The Daily DX]

HS  - Special event station E25AJ will be active from 24 December through 3 January from Hat Yao, Thailand for the 25th Asia-Pacific Scout Jamboree (www.aprjam25.org). They expect to operate CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK, SSTV and Satellite on all bands (no WARC). QSL via E21EIC and JR5XPG (for Japan only). [TNX E21EIC]

JA  - Take, JI3DST will operate 160, 80, 40, 17, 15, 12, 10 , 6 metres SSB/SSTV/RTTY/CW as JI3DST/JS6 from several islands in the AS-079 group between 28 December and 8 January. His main QTH will be on Miyako-jima (JIIA AS-079-005), but he also plans to visit and operate from Ikema (AS-079-001), Kurima (AS-079-003), Irabu (AS-079-002), Shimoji (AS-079-007) and Ogami (AS-079-006). QSL via bureau. [TNX JI3DST]

JD1_mt - Operator Masa (and not Tak, JA1DDH, as reported in 425DXN 763) will operate in his spare time from JD1YBJ on Minami Torishima (OC-073) from 20 December through mid-January. He plans to place an emphasis on 160 metres. [TNX JH2RMU]

LU  - LR3DX is the special call celebrating the 100th anniversary of Recalada Lighthouse at Bahia Blanca (the tallest lighthouse in South America and one of the tallest in the world) until 6 January. [TNX LU9ESD]
OH0 - Vincenzo, IZ0FKE will be active as OH0/IZ0FKE from the Aland Islands (EU-002) from 31 December to 4 January. He will be guest operating from the Alandia Contest Team's station. QSL via IZ0FMA. [TNX IZ8EDJ]

T30 - The T30DX team members [425DXN 760] are "literally stranded". Kiribati relies entirely on Air Nauru for international services, but it seems that the airline has gone bankrupt and its only aircraft has been repossessed owing to default in paying. The T30DX group expected to leave Finland on 31 December and to arrive at Tarawa on 3 January. According to their web site, more information – and hopefully new travel arrangements – will be available on http://www.ohpacificdx.com after 29 December.

UA - Gaston Bertels, ON4WF (ARISS-Europe chairman) reports that on 25-26 December ARISS Russia and the Russian Space Agency Roscosmos/Energia, set up a special event called Space Patrol. Several cosmonauts will operate amateur radio from Korolev Rocket and Space Corporation Energia as well as from GCTC, the Yuri Gagarin Russian Cosmonaut Training Centre. On 25 December Korolev club station R3K will be operational on HF at 12 UTC, frequencies will probably be 7080, 14180 and 21280 kHz. On the 26th, GCTC club station RK3DZB will possibly be operational same time, same frequencies. Moreover, on 25 and 16 December, during the evening passes over Europe and Russia, RS0ISS will be operating phone on 145.990 MHz simplex.

V5 - Frank, AH0W reports that there will not be a Hollams Bird Island IOTA operation the last ten days of March [425DXN 763]. However various operators and foundations, including the Midway-Kure DX Foundation, are working to make this difficult location a reality for IOTA chasers in the future.

V7 - Kaoru, JA3MCA will operate (on 80-10 metres SSB and CW) as V73Z from Majuro (OC-029), Marshall Islands from 29 December to 2 January. QSL via home call. [TNX JA3MCA]

CARIBBEAN TRIP ---> Kan, AB2RF will operate as ZF2CJ from the Cayman Islands (NA-016) from 28 December to 1 January and as 6Y5/AB2RF from Jamaica (NA-097) on 2-4 January. He plans to concentrate on RTTY/PSK and CW and on the low bands. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX NG3K]

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DESECHEO ---> Kam, N3KS/KP5 and Dave, K3LP/KP5 [425DXN 763] became active from Desecheo around 04.30 UTC on 16 December. According to first hand information collected by The Daily DX, this was a working trip and the two
had received "formal permission to activate FCC approved radio communications on a 'time permitting' basis" and "official landing permission from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service". Although Kam and Dave expected to stay on the island for a minimum of 48 hours, they went QRT at 17.30 UTC on 17 December. The reasons that brought them to a halt are unclear. The Daily DX reports that "the Police served the KP5 team some kind of official documentation" that supposedly "came from Washington DC demanding the KP5 team leave the island immediately". Kam and Dave made about 7,300 QSOs in about 44 hours (total QRV time between the two operators). QSL to W3ADC. Read the various updates issued by The Daily DX on http://www.dailydx.com/kp5.htm

GERMANY POSTAL RATES INCREASE ---> Effective 1 January 2006, the postage for a standard letter (20 grams) from Germany to other European countries will be 70 eurocents, and 1.70 EUR (barely covered by 2 USD) to the rest of the world.

QSL 3B9FR ---> Robert, 3B9FR continues to enjoy working DXers from around the world from his hilltop QTH in Citronelle, Rodrigues Island. He reports that that the postal authorities in Mauritius will no longer accept IRCs and that 1 USD is no longer sufficient to cover postage costs for return QSLs. He regrets having to ask DXers to cover the minimal postage costs but with no more than 2 USD. Robert and Frank AH0W/3B9R (who also resides in Mauritius) are working together to establish two permanent radio stations on one of the outer islands of Mauritius as part of a larger humanitarian initiative. Further information is expected in due course. [TNX AH0W]

QSL 3C2MV ---> Gerry, VE6LB has received the late VE6JO's 3C2MV logs from his widow. These have been uploaded to LoTW for those who need an immediate confirmation. Vitality's VE6JO logs will be obtained in the new year. Direct and bureau cards for 3C2MV and VE6JO (and special prefixes) will be processed and sent out early next year. [TNX VE6LB]

QSL 4L2M ---> Serge, UA9LP is the QSL manager for 4L2M as far as Russian amateurs are concerned. He reports that 4L2M's logs are going to be uploaded to LOTW (in February-March 2006).

QSL VIA RW6HS ---> Vasilij, RW6HS reports he will be the QSL manager for UP1SAT and UP2SAT [425DXN 763], as well as for the other UP#SAT special event stations that will be active from Kazakhstan from 26 December until 15 January: UP3SAT (operated by UN7BF), UP4SAT (operated by UN7BD), UP5SAT (operated by UN7BM) and UP0SAT (operated by UN0B). QSL direct only to Vasilij M. Kasyanenko, P.O. Box 0, 357300, Novopavlovsk, Stavropol'skiy kr., Russia.

TL8DPA ---> Claudio, IV3OWC made about 2000 QSOs during his 20-27 November activity from a mission at Bangui, Central Africa. He reports that all of the equipment he had shipped before his departure "disappeared". Claudio hopes to be able to operate again next year. Six photo galleries are available at http://www.iraie2.com/TL8DPA/TL8DPA.htm

US POSTAL RATES INCREASE ---> The new rates will be effective on 8 January 2006. First Class mail in the US will be 39 cents, one ounce letter mail to Canada and Mexico will be 63 cents; one ounce letter mail to all other countries will go from the current 80 cents to 84 cents. [TNX QRZ-DX]
WRTC 2006 ---> The deadline for applications to participate in the World Radiosport Team Championship 2006 (http://www.wrtc2006.com/) has been extended to 20 January. [TNX PY5EG]

+ SILENT KEY + Mike Dalrymple, GM4SUC passed away on 21 December. He was the founder and organizer of the popular International Lighthouse & Lighthsip Weekend (http://illw.net), which is held annually on the third full weekend in August. The ILLW will continue in his memory. [TNX OZ4EL]

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