9N - Stig, 9N7JO reports he will be QRV from Nepal "on and off" at various periods during 2007. He will operate on all the HF bands SSB, CW, PSK31 and RTTY. QSL direct only to his address in Thailand: Stig Lindblom, Jum Changphimai 147/1 - Moo 3, Tambon Boot, Ban Ta Bong, Phimai, TH-30110 Nakhon Ratchashima, Thailand.

CE - Hector, CE3FZL reports he will be active as CE2P from the lighthouse at Punta Panul (ARLHS CHI-073) during weekends in December, January and February. He plans to operate SSB on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via EA5KB.

HS - Nopporn, HS0EHF has joined the team of operators for the E21EIC/P activity from Lipe Island (AS-126). Originally announced to take place on 5-12 December [425DXN 812], it is now scheduled from 8 to 13 December. QSL via home calls. [TNX UT5UY]

JA - Special event station 8J8WSC is active until 4 March 2007 to celebrate the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships that will take place Sapporo (Hokkaido) from 22 February to 4 March (http://www.sapporo2007.com/). QSL via bureau. [TNX VA3RJ]

LU - Fernando, LW2DX reports that the LR50U and LR5U special activity [425DXN 813] was performed last year only, and will not be repeated this year.

P4 - Marty, W2CG will be vacationing in Aruba on 11-18 December and plans to operate as P40CG (requested call) during his early morning and late evening hours. QSL via homecall. [TNX W2CG]

TF - Russian Robinson Club members Sergey/RA3NAN, Eugene/RZ3EC and Andy/RZ3EM will be going to Iceland next week. Weather permitting, they will operate as TF7RRC from the Westman Islands (EU-071) on 15-16 December and TF4RRC from Flatey Island (EU-168) on 18-19 December. QSL both calls via RZ3EC (QSL RA3NAN/TF, RZ3EC/TF and RZ3EM/TF via home calls). The website for the expedition is at www.qso.ru/tf7rrc [TNX RZ3EM]

UA - RP65MB, RP65FWW and a number of other special event stations/call signs (RP65xxx, RP3xxx, UE3xxx plus UE4CGP) are active until 10 December to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the Battle of Moscow during World War II. These activaty days are organized by the Moscow regional branch of SRR. Information on the relevant award can be found at www.srr-mo.ru (if you can read Russian) or from Dmitriy, RV3DUT (rv3dut@narod.ru). QSL RP65MB and RP65FWW via RZ3FR (but all of the contacts will be confirmed automatically via the SRR bureau); the QSL routes for the other stations are listed in the "QSL Info" section below. [TNX RV3DUT]

VP5 - Olav, LA9VFA will be active as VP5/LA9VFA from Providenciales, Caicos Islands (NA-002) on 13-29 December. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX VA3RJ]

YVO - After the successful YX5IOTA operation, the 4M5DX Group is
organizing a DXpedition to Aves Island (NA-020) to take place for ten days starting around 5 February 2007. A team of fifteen operators (lead by Alex, YV5SSB and including Jose/YV5TX, Julio/YV1RDX, Rafael/YV5RED, Martti/OH2BH, Tomas/YV1CTE, Jesus/YV5MSG, Jose/YV5ANT, Olli/YV5WW-OH0XX, Greg/YV5OHW, Ray/YV5EU-DL2GG, Pasquale/YV5KAJ, Franco/YV1FM, Felo/YV5GRV, Jig/AD6TF and Corrado/IT9DAA) will be active as YW0DX on all bands and modes. QSL via IT9DAA, direct or bureau. Sponsors and donors are being sought; further information can be found on the website for the DXpedition at http://yw0dx.4m5dx.org/ [TNX IT9DAA]

ARRL 10 METER CONTEST --> Object of the contest is for amateurs worldwide to work as many stations as possible on 10 metres (full rules can be found at http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2006/10-meters.html). This year's event will run from 00.00 UTC on 9 December through 23.59 UTC on the 10th. Do not forget to give a look to the Announced Operation listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/arrl10_2006.html

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3B7C ---> The Five Star DXers Association (FSDXA) 3B7C expedition to St. Brandon (AF-015) [425DXN 806] is still on course for September 2007. The plan is to be QRV from the 7th to the 24th, ensuring two full weeks and three weekends of activity. The team is aware that a Polish expedition to Agalega has been announced for April 2007, but considers that demand for this rare one is such that a large-scale operation (12 stations) is fully justified. The QSL manager will be G3NUG, direct or bureau. Further information will be posted on http://www.3b7c.com as it becomes available. [TNX G3XTT]

3D2RN ---> Jack, WB6JZY is active from Sigatoka, Viti Levu (OC-016). He is using the callsign of Richard Norby (3D2RN), from whose resort Jack is currently guest operating. QSL via WB6JZY. [TNX IW0HEX]

425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The latest issue (November 2006) is now available at http://www.425dxn.org/monthly/index.html. Articles and pictures should be sent to Nicola Baldresca, IZ3EBA (iz3eba@ari.it).

POSTAL RATES (CANADA) ---> Garth, VE3HO reports that on 15 January 2007 rates will increase for all mail (domestic, to the US and overseas) as follows:

- Canada: $0.56 for 30 grams ($0.52 plus 6% tax)
- USA: $0.99 for 30 grams ($0.93 plus 6% tax)
- Other countries: $1.64 for 30 grams ($1.55 plus 6% tax)

Current exchange rate for 1 USD is $1.13 Canadian (note: US $2.00 bills cannot be exchanged in Canada). All IRCs other than the new blue ones will no longer be redeemable starting on 1 January 2007.

QSL VP2VVV ---> Please note that the correct QSL route is via K5WW (not K9VV).
QSL XV1X ---> Effective 1 December 2006, the new QSL route for Eddy, XV1X is via OK1DOT: Petr Gustab, P.O Box 52, Cesky Brod, 282 01 Czech Republic. On-line logsearch can be found at http://www.qsl.net/xv1x/logs/ [TNX OK1DOT]

VU7RG ---> While another five VU7 permits and three reciprocal licences have been granted to foreign participants in the January 2007 activity, the team is finishing now the last logistics for a full-fledged operation of 15 manned stations. The latest field tests confirmed that Internet access on the islands will allow the team to upload online logs on daily base. VU7RG will make use of three pilot stations (Klaus/DL1XX, Don/N1DG and a third one TBA). For the time being, you can give the team the opportunity to benefit from your monitored band openings towards the Lakshadweepes. Please visit http://www.vu7.in, enter the VU7RG blog and post your observations and suggestions. [TNX DL4KQ]

LOGS: On-line logsearch for 8Q7GL can be found at http://www.mdxc.org/8q7gl; the QSL cards are being printed and Gianluca expects to get them by the end of the year. [TNX IK0XIH]

LOGS: The first and partial logs (1-5 December) have been uploaded to the VU7LD website (http://arsi.info/vu7/).

N8S: The website for the April 2007 expedition to Swains Island [425DXN 808] is now up and running at http://www.yt1ad.info/nh8s/index.html (be advised that the callsign for the DXpedition is N8S, not NH8S). A multi-national team of 12-15 operators will be active on all bands and modes with several stations for ten days. [TNX YT1AD]
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