3Y_ant - Dag, LA9SDA is currently stationed at the the Norwegian base Troll (LA-10 for the Antarctica Award), Antarctica (AN-016), until 5 February. He operates PSK and SSB on 20 and 40 metres as 3Y9SDA with 100 watt into a dipole and a ground plane. Look for him around 07.30 UTC and after 19 UTC. [TNX DL5EBE]

9G - Franco, IK2BTI reports he will be leaving for Ghana on 10 January. He has applied for a licence and plans to operate SSB and CW for several months.

9M - 9M4SIX has been issued to the Malaysian Amateur Radio Transmitter Society, for 6m operation. The 9M4SIX beacon, supported by Marts, JA1OCZ and JI1ETU, is up and running on 50005 kHz from the QTH of Tex, 9M2TO. [TNX 9M2TO]

9M2 - Gerben, PG5M will be active as 9M2/PG5M from Pulau Pangkor (AS-072) on 5-7 January. He will operate holiday style on 40-10 metres CW only. QSL via PG5M, direct or bureau. [TNX PG5M]

GM - Ken, G0ORH plans to operate as GM0ORH from Arran Island (EU-123) on 6-13 January. [TNX The Daily DX]

HL - Kang, DS4DRE says he will remain on Hong Island (AS-093) through 30 June. He is active as DS4DRE/4 on 10-80 metres SSB and CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

I - The Torino Paralympic Radio Sport Team will issue a special QSL card (available through the bureau or direct from IZ1CCE) for contacts made with Carlo/IZ1CCE, Cataldo/IZ1DNR, Gianni/I1HYW, Gianni/IK1JNP, Luciano/IK1SOZ and Piero/IK1ZNN between 17 January and 1 March. They will promote the XXIII Winter Universiade (the World University Games organized by the International University Sports Federation) to be held in Torino on 17-27 January (http://www.universiadetorino2007.org/ENG/home.aspx). [TNX IZ1CCE]

JA - Special event station 8J49JARL will be aired between 7 January and 20 May for the 49th JARL Annual General Meeting to be held in Okayama. QSL via bureau. [TNX VA3RJ]

LZ - Radio Bulgaria's DX Editor Dimiter Petrov, LZ1AF will operate mostly CW as LZ50DX through the end of the year to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Radio Bulgaria's DX Programme (17 November 1957). Special QSL via the bureau. [TNX VA3RJ]

OA - After the C6ARI operation from Elbow Cay (NA-219), Daniel, DL5YWM will travel to Peru. He plans to operate CW and SSB on 10-160 metres as OA4/DL5YWM in his spare time, from 12 to 31 January. Activities from Peruvian IOTA islands are also possible. QSL via home call. [TNX DL5YWM]

S2 - The S21XA team [425DXN 815] will depart on 7 January and expects to start operations with three stations around 18 UTC on the 9th (local midnight of the 10th). Updates will be posted at...
UA     - A group of operators from radio club RK1OZM will be active as RK1OZM/P from Russian District Mirny (RDA AR-10) on 11-15 January. They plan to operate on 80-20 meters CW, SSB and some digital modes with two stations. QSL via RK1OZM, direct or bureau. [TNX UA1PAC/1]

VU7    - The VU7RG team has been granted permission to operate from Minicoy Island (AS-106, the rarest IOTA group in Asia), which will be the fourth VU7RG Operation Site with its own bandslots. IOTA chasers can expect 2-3 full equipped stations to be active on 10-40 metres (SSB and CW) as VU7RG/VU#xxx starting on 16 January. The other three operating sites - Agatti, Bangaram and Kadmat (all of them count for AS-011) - will use VU7RG. The operating frequencies for Minicoy are as follows:

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This means that the frequency plan for the other three locations has been slightly changed: please find the up-to-date table at http://www.vu7.in/ ("Operations" section). [TNX DL4KQ]

W      - A group of operators from the Coastal Amateur Radio Association (http://www.whitehallrepeater.com) will be active on 15, 17, 20 and 40 metres SSB as W4BWZ from Pine Island (not IOTA), South Carolina on 11-14 January. QSL via KG4WNL.

XT     - John, F5VHQ (XT2HQ) will join the XT2C team [425DXN 809] in Ouagadougou, Burkina-Faso for the last days (15-20 January). The other ten operators expect to leave Paris at 15 UTC on 6 January and to be QRV the following morning. Their announced frequencies are as follows:

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(*) AS/OC: TX 1830 RX 1820-1825
    EU: TX 1832 RX 1835-1840
    NA/SA: TX 1832 RX 1833-1835

QSL XT2C via F9IE. The website for the expedition is at http://xt2c.free.fr/ [TNX F5NQL]

YO     - Special event station YR0UE will be active until 10 January to celebrate the accession of Romania to the European Union. QSL via Y03KAA (bureau preferred). [TNX YO3JW]

YU     - YU60BCD and YT60W will be aired throughout 2007 by Radio Club
"Mihajlo Pupin" (YU7BCD) to celebrate their 60th anniversary. QSL via YU7BCD, direct or bureau. [TNX YU7AU]

ANTARCTICA ---> The "R7C Foundation" is conducting an expedition to Antarctica, which should finish on 15 January. The amateur radio operator (Igor, UA6DX) is expected to be active 30, 20 and 15 metres as CE8/R7C from Punta Arenas (Chile), CE9/R7C from Patriot Hills (Antarctica) and KC4/R7C from the South Pole. QSL to P.O. Box 2007, Moscow, 101000, Russia. [TNX DL5EBE]

PACIFIC TRIP ---> Hrane, YT1AD is going to the Pacific for the final arrangements for the April N8S expedition to Swains Island (http://www.yt1ad.info/n8s). He will operate as 3D2AD from Fiji on 25-26 January, as KH8/YT1AD from American Samoa between 27 January and 1 February, as with a 5W1 callsign TBA from Samoa on 1-5 February. [TNX YZ5W]

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425DXN: NEW SEARCH TOOL ---> Leonardo Lastrucci, IZ5FSA (iz5fsa.leo@tele2.it) reports he has developed a piece of software which allows to query the 425 DX News Archive now maintained on www.ari.it from the PacketCluster. The commands are:
SH/425 CAL shows the 425DXN Calendar "current" activities;
SH/425 BULL [num] where [num] is the bulletin issue number;
SH/425 [text] where [text] should be replaced with a callsign, an IOTA reference number, an island name, an Antarctic base, a lighthouse, etc.

425DXN: THE SPANISH EDITION ---> The website of the Union de Radioaficionados de Gijon (EA1URG, http://www.ealurg.com/) now hosts the Spanish language version of 425 DX News. Many thanks to Fabian, EA1/LW6DX (web editing) and Miguel, EA1KI (translation).

ARRL NEWS ---> On 30 December Wayne Mills, N7NG announced that, effective 16 January, he resigns his position as ARRL Membership Services Manager. "Such an early departure had not been my plan", he says, "but had become necessary". Wayne had succeeded Bill Kennamer, K5NX on 2 May 2000, after serving as chairman of the ARRL DX Advisory Committee for three years. First licensed in 1953 at age of 10, he is best known for his operating on DXpeditions over the past 20 years - XZ1A (1995), BV9P (1995), BS7H (1997), H40AA (1998), TX0DX (2000) just to name a few. Wayne will be returning to Jackson Hole (WY): "I hope to regenerate an active interest in Ham Radio back in Wyoming", he says, "Maybe there'll be another DXpedition or two as well, and look for N7NG to be an active Wyoming contributor to LoTW as long as it's in business".
EUCW 160M CONTEST ---> The Union Francaise des Telegraphistes (UFT, the French EUCW society) sponsors the annual European CW 160 Meter Contest, which will be held on 6 January (20.00-23.00 UTC) and on 7 January (04.00-07.00 UTC). Rules can be found at http://www.uft.net, where it also possible to download the software written by Alain, F6ENO. [TNX F5NQL]

MARS ---> N. Khosbayar, JT1CD reports that a new organization, the Mongolian Amateur Radio Society (MARS), was established on 18 November 2006. "Once all licensed amateur radio operators of Mongolia have switched their membership from MRSF [the Mongolian Radio Sport Federation, ed] to MARS, we hope that we can change the name and keep IARU membership", he says. "MARS will continue to pay its due to IARU and the QSL bureau will be working permanently in the future". JT1CD is the Secretary General of the newly born organization, and held the same position at MRSF.

NOT THE MANAGER ---> Dieter, DK3SF says he has been receiving QSL cards for contacts made with C31GN since April 2006. Dieter operated as C31GN in July 1973 and July 1975, but has nothing to share with the 2006 station (a pirate).

NOT VIA K1WY ---> Paul Marshall, K1WO is one of the sorters for the first call area QSL Bureau in the US. "We continue to receive hundreds of QSLs from Europe and Asia" for a number of stations that K1WY no longer manages. Please refer to the usual sources of QSL information (www.qrz.com, etc) for the following stations, and refrain from sending them via the bureau to K1WY: 4L0DXP, 4L4KW, 4L5O, 5A30, 5N0AIP, 5NONAS, 5R8ET, AX1TX, BV4FH, GI0PCV, OD5NJ, OX3SA, P29CC, RU0AK, S21J, TF0GX, TF4FT, TF4RX, TF7R, TF7X, TF8GX, TF8RX, TO0DX, UA0ACG, UA0AOZ, UA0DC, UA0ZBK, VK1TX and ZD7VC.

OPERATORS NEEDED ---> Frosty, K5LBU is organizing his annual trip to Africa, possibly Botswana (A22) or Lesotho (7P8). Plans are to arrive on 9 July and depart on the 23rd, which means two weekends on the air (IARU Contest included). Please contact Frosty (frosty1@pdq.net) if interested in joining him.

+SILENT KEY + Dewald Voigt, ZS1FRD, a 25-year-old antenna engineer and scientist, was killed in a transport accident shortly after arriving at SANAE, the South African Antarctic station. [TNX www.qrz.com]
web site has been updated. Nine different galleries include cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (140+ QSLs), each of the 58 deleted DXCC entities (700+ QSLs), obsolete prefixes (1700+ QSLs), Antarctic bases (600+ QSLs) & TAAF (Terres Australes and Antarctiques Francaises, 220+ QSLs), the various rare French DXCC island Entities (100+ QSLs), pre-1945 countries (200+ QSLs), French Departments and USA. Several cards are still needed and your participation is encouraged – please visit http://LesNouvellesDX.free.fr and send your comments to LesNouvellesDX@free.fr [TNX F6AJA]

TOP LISTS: The latest Topband, Topmode and Toplist listings are now available at http://www.425dxn.org/awards/toplist/index.html. Please send your scores, as well as any request for further information, to Erminio Pandocchi, I2EOW (i2eow@ari.it)

VIDEOS: A couple of nice videos of VK3QI and his team mates' IOTA operations from Australian island groups (OC-220 and OC-228) are now available at http://www.youtube.com/: search for VI5PN and VI5BR, and enjoy the show (VI5WCP and VI3JPI are expected to be added soon). The video of the recent ZY6T operation from SA-023 is also available.

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3Y9SDA      LA9SDA      DZ50HBC     DU1HBC      P49X        W0YK
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