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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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1A - 1A3A is the callsign to be used for the first time ever from SMOM during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest [425DXN 854]. Outside the contest, expect the team to be signing 1A4A. This operation, like the first 1A4A earlier this year, will help collecting funds to build a school for young girls (see http://www.1a4a.org), as part of a support plan for the rebirth of South Sudan. If interested in contributing to the fundraising, please visit www.mdxc.org/1a4a

3A - Ghis, ON5NT reports he will be active holiday style as 3A/ON5NT from Monaco on 24-28 September. QSL via home call.

3D2_rot - Tony, 3D2AG/FO5RK reports that his trip to Rotuma is now scheduled from 15 December to 20 January. He will be active on 10-80 metres SSB and CW, plus digital modes if local power conditions allow him to use a computer. Tony will use Spiderbeam antennas, solar panels and/or a generator and no linear amplifier. QSL direct to 3D2AG or FO5RK (see qrz.com). Updates will be available at http://www.3d2ag.fr.tc/ [TNX 3D2AG/FO5RK]

4X - Hal/W8HC, Jerry/K8OQL and a group of local operators will participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as 4X0C (Multi-Single) from the IARC Club Station in Reut (4X4REM), Israel. QSL via W8HC, direct or bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [TNX W8HC]

7Q - Once again Ely, IN3VZE will be active holiday style as 7Q7CE from Malawi on 4-25 October. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX IN3VZE]

8R - Holger, DK6XR and Martin, DK8XT will operate CW, SSB and RTTY as 8R1XR and 8R1XT from Georgetown, Guyana from 30 September to 13 October. QSL via home calls. [TNX DK6XR]

9A - Tom, 9A2AA will be active as 9A73AA from 1 October through 30 September 2008. He says this special callsign has been issued to mark the 50th anniversary of his continous membership in the Croatian Amateur Radio Association. QSL via 9A2AA.

9H - Colin, G3VCQ reports he will be active as 9H3WC from Malta (EU-023) from 22 September until 3 October. He plans to operate CW and SSB holiday style.

A5 - Ed, N1UR will be active as A52UR from Bhutan from 28 September to 2 October. He plans to operate CW and SSB on all bands. QSL via K2RET. [TNX NG3K]

C5 - C50C is the callsign issued to the OM0C Contest Crew for use during the CQ WW SSB Contest. Before and after the contest, from 17 to 30 October, the six operators will be active C52C [425DXN #825]. QSL for both calls via OM2FY, direct or bureau. The web site for the expedition is at http://www.om0c.com/gambia/index.html

C5 - Jan, PA4JJ (http://c56jj.pa4jj.nl) will be active again as C56JJ from The Gambia from 30 November until 7 December. He will run 100 watts into wire or vertical antennas on 10-80 metres, with some 6m

activity if conditions are good. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX PA4JJ]

C9 - Rodrigo, CT1BXT will be active as C91R from Mozambique until August 2008. His preferred mode is RTTY; for the time being he is active on 20 metres with 100 watts and a dipole, but he hopes to put up a 5-band beam for 10, 12, 15, 17 and 20m. QSL via home call. [TNX CT1END]

C9 - Wayne, W5KDJ will be active as C91KDJ from Mozambique on 15-28 November. He will operate on 160-10 metres CW (maybe also RTTY), with a focus on 160 and 80 metres. QSL via home call. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. Further information at http://www.tdxs.net/c91kdj.html

EA - Ramon, EA3EJI and other operator will be active on all bands and modes as AM3MM from the Benedectine abbey of Montserrat on 22-24 September. QSL is via EA3MM, direct or bureau. [TNX K1XN]

EU - Vitaly, EV6C and Roman, EW6TT will operate CW and SSB as EV5AGB from Tolochin in Vitebsk region of Belarus on 21-23 September. Information on the Activity Group of Belarus, including their contest and award programmes, can be found at http://ev5agb.com/index.htm [TNX EU1EU and I1-21171]

F - Special station TM0VDM will be active on 6-19 October to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of the writer Maxence Van der Meersch (1907-1951). QSL via F5KEB. [TNX F1SIU]

HK0_sa - Tom/K3WT, Vlad/N0STL, Bill/W0OR and Ron/N0AT will be active as HK0/homecall from San Andres Island (NA-033) on 19-27 November. They will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as 5J0A (Multi-Single). QSL 5J0A via W0JAR, others via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX VA3RJ]

HR - QRZ-DX reports that the 23-28 September operation from Swan Island [425DXN 854] has been cancelled because of a transportation problem. Javier, HR2J "is having difficulty in locating a suitable boat to make the voyage".

I - Weather permitting, IK4GLV, IK4JPR, IK4RUX and IZ4ISX will be active from the island of Caroman (EU-131, IIA VE-044) on 23 September.

I - Gery/HB9TQF, Piero/I1ASU, Dario/I2ROQ, Giordano/IK0XFD, Salvatore/IK1AWV, Luca/IK8TLX, Paolo/IW8DQY and Carmine/IZ8FEN will be active as IQ1IM/p from Gallinara Island (EU-083, IIA SV-001) on 29-30 September. They plan to operate SSB and CW (maybe also PSK31) on 10-80 metres. QSL via IZ1JLN. This operation is in memory of the late Alessio Ortona, I1BYH. [TNX I1ASU]

I - ARI Velletri members IK0ADY, IK0JBF, IK0OXK, IK0UUM, IK0WHN and IZ0ENB will be active as IB0/IQ0VL from Ventotene Island (EU-045) from 27 September to 1 October. They plan to operate SSB, CW, PSK31 and FM on 10-40 metres as well as on the VHF and UHF bands. QSL via IK0WHN (direct) or IQ0VL (bureau). [TNX IK0WHN]

I - Special event station II8MM will be active on 7-12 November for the 3rd annual DX Meeting organized by the Mediterraneo DX Club (http://www.mdxc.org/meeting.asp). QSL via IZ8EPY. [TNX IZ8CCW]

J3 - AC8G, K0RH, K1EP, KA7KUZ, KI4QCS, N0RB, N7AZ, W8CAA, W8GEX, W8KKF, WA8LOW and WC4D will be active from Grenada on 24-31 October. W8GEX will be signing J3K and AC8G will be signing J37K, theo thers will use homecall/J3. QSL via operator's instructions. They will

participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as J3A in the Multi-Multi category (QSL via WA1S). Expect various other modes outside the contest, and operations on the WARC bands as well as 60 and 6 metres. [TNX AC8G]

J6 - Babs/DL7AFS, Lot/DJ7ZG and Ju/DL2ZAE (CW operator) will be active as J6/homecall from St. Lucia (NA-108) from 23 September to 11 October. They plan to have three stations active on 160-6 metres. QSL via DL7AFS, direct or bureau. The web page for the operation can be found at www.qsl.net/dl7afs [TNX The Daily DX]

KP2 - Palmer/K4FO, Dmytro/AK2P and Andrei/NP3D will be active as NP2/K4FO (QSL via home call), WP2/AK2P (QSL via home call) and KP2/NP3D (QSL via W3HNK and LoTW) from St. Croix, US Virgin Islands (NA-106) on 23-30 September. They will participate in the CQ WW DX RTTY Contest as KP2/NP3D, outside the contest expect activity on all bands RTTY, CW and SSB. [TNX NP3D]

OJ0 - The planned OJ0B DXpedition for this past weekend's Scandinavian Activity Contest [425DXN 854] got stuck due to bad weather. The team landed on Market Reef early in the UTC morning of 18 September, and still plans to operate until the 24th.

PJ7 - Bernd/DH1ND, Joern/DG5XJ and Juergen/DJ5HD will be active as PJ7/homecall from Sint Maarten (NA-105) on 15-28 November. They will also go and operate as FS/homecall from St. Martin during that time frame. Expect them to be active on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and RTTY/PSK31. QSL via home calls, direct or bureu. [TNX DJ5HD]

SM - Fred/SM7DAY (as SM7DAY/7), Frank/DL2SWW (as SD7W), Tom/DL2RTK (as SE7TK) and Ric/DL2VFR (as SD7V) will be active from Ven Island (EU-137) on 6-13 October. They plan to operate CW, SSB and RTTY high power. QSL via home calls, bureau preferred. If going direct, please note that one new IRC is all right, but "2 USD barely cover the postage to outside EU". [TNX DL2VFR, www.iota-expedition.com]

T3 - Toshi, JA8BMK [425DXN 848] will be leaving Japan on 23 September and arrive at Tarawa (OC-017), West Kiribati on the 25th. He will be active from there as T30XX for 7-10 days. Then, after a 5-6-day voyage, he will reach Kanton Island (OC-043), Central Kiribati and operate as T31XX for 1-2 weeks. He plans to operate on all bands (160-6 metres) and modes with a small linear amplifier, a 4-element for 10, 15 and 20m, a rotary dipole for 12, 17 and 30m, dipoles and a vertical for 40, 80 and 160m and a 4-element for 6m. QSL via JA8UWT, direct only. [TNX NG3K]

VK - Masanori, JO2SLZ (VK1ANU) will be active from Kangaroo Island (OC-139, VK5) on 28-30 September. He will operate CW on 80, 40, 20, 17 and 15 metres with 100 watts and wire antennas. QSL via home call. [TNX JO2SLZ]

VK9W - George, AA7JV and Tomi, HA7RY plan to stop for one day (around 22 September) at Chilcott Islet (OC-267) during their voyage to the Willis Islands [425DXN 851]. They expect to arrive on Willis on 23 September and to start operating as VK9WWI the evening of the 24th (or one day earlier, if they are not able to find a suitable anchorage on Chilcott) until 4 October. [TNX K4UJ]

VP2E - Andy, DL5CW and Marina, DM5YL will be active from Anguilla (NA-022) on 8-26 November, CQ WW DX CW Contest included. Probably their callsigns will be VP2EDL and VP2EDM, and they plan to operate mostly CW (Andy) and RTTY/PSK31 (Marina) on the HF bands. QSL via

home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX DL5CW]

ZF - Don/W4YCH (ZF2DF), Bob/W6BO (ZF2BO), Janet/W6JND (ZF2JD), Larry/W6OMF (ZF2LH), Sue/K6SUE (ZF2MH) and Jim/W4JO (ZF2JO) will be active from the Cayman Islands (NA-016) from 24 September to 1 October. They will participate in the CQ WW DX RTTY Contest as ZF2DF (Multi-Two), outside the contest the group will spend some time on 160-6 metres. QSL each station via home call. [TNX W4JO]

PACIFIC TRIP ---> Jack, HB9TL (VK6CTL) will be active as VK9CLF from Lord Howe Island (OC-004) on 8-17 October and as VK9CNF from Norfolk Island (OC-005) on 19-25 October. He plans to operate SSB on 10-80 metres. QSL direct to HB9QR. [TNX HB9TL]

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>>> 3B7C <<<

Many thanks to John, G3WGV for forwarding the following update coming from the 3B7C team at St. Brandon.

3B7C passed the 100,000 QSO mark earlier today (20 September, Ed.). Our DXCC total is also at 187 - quite remarkable. We have been posting occasional updates on our web page, but felt this was a good moment for a more complete update. Our data link with the outside world is limited to a satellite uplink and the priority has been daily log uploads. We are very pleased with the feedback on our web page, especially the novel features on the log lookup and the band/mode listings.

The team is in good spirits and all equipment and antennas are working well. We are particularly pleased at the way we have been able to run two modes simultaneously on both 80 and 20 right from the start. In the last few days we have also added a limited capability to do this on 15 and 17 to make the most of limited band openings. The disappointment has been that band openings have been somewhat more limited than we had hoped and propagation on all bands varies substantially from day to day so we ask forbearance from the DX community - we try to hit all major band openings when conditions permit. Noise levels also vary substantially from day to day on the LF bands - yesterday was good and we were able to work a number of US stations on 160 SSB.

The good news is that we have some real successes, for example working the US West Coast on 160 at our sunset, and consistent West Coast openings both short- and long-path on 80 and 40. We started RTTY operations last weekend and currently have about 3.5k RTTY QSOs in the log, many stations telling us that 3B7 is new for them on that mode. However, and with some reluctance, we have decided not to work PSK31 as we feel this will very much be a repeat of those stations we have already worked on RTTY (and bearing in mind that the RTTY DXCC does not differentiate between data modes), whereas there is still a huge demand on all the traditional modes. Indeed, this is perhaps the greatest surprise - that with so many QSOs made from 3B7 in recent weeks the

pile-ups remain at a very high level when bands are open.

Our beacon has been running continuously on six meters, but we have no reports of reception apart from VQ9. Nonetheless we will keep trying as this will be a new one for the Deserving.

We will be very QRV over this coming weekend, trying to work round the SAC SSB contest where possible (e.g. by working RTTY and/or CW on those bands during the 24 hours of the contest). Station break-down will start on Monday 24th, though we will try to keep at least some stations QRV until shortly before our departure for Mauritius at first light on Wednesday 26th (i.e. around 0200 GMT). We have already been making efforts to work US General Class licencees in their limited band segments and will, as promised, be looking for QRS CW stations during the last few days of activity.

Keep checking the website (3b7c.com) for the latest news, and expect more backgrounds, statistics, photos, etc, on our return to our various home countries.

NA-243 ---> On-line logs and several nice pictures for the recent OX/PA3EXX/p operation from Rathbone Island can be found at http://home.quicknet.nl/mw/prive/willemsen/.

QSL HP3/K1YJ ---> Jay Mills, K1YJ operated as HP3/K1YJ earlier this year. He is now moving to Panama and, effective immediately, all QSLs for HP3/K1YJ and Jay's anticipated future HP3 callsign will be handled by W4JS. [TNX K1XN and The Golist]

QSL NA-206 ---> All direct QSLs received so far for NN7A/NL7 (NA-206, July 2007) were in the mail as of 14 September. QSLs from NF7E/KL7 and KL1YY should be sent out shortly. About 1000 QSOs (700 CW and 300 SSB) were made during the five-day operation. QSL each operator via his home call, direct or bureau. [TNX NN7A]

+ SILENT KEY + Former ARI President Alessio Ortona, I1BYH passed away on 17 September at 79 years of age.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 1A4A, 3B7SP, 3B8CF, 3XD2Z, 4U1ITU, 5B4AGC, 5B4AIF, 5H3RK, 5N6EAM, 5N9SJA, 6H1AY, 6W1SE, 7P8DX, 7U5CI (AF-104), 8Q7DD, 9G5AC, 9M6BAA, 9N7JO, A25HQ, A25KDJ, AH2L, BD7KLO/5 (AS-141), BD7KLO/7 (AS-131), BS7H, C98APE (AF-066), C98GLO (AF-072), CX2AM, DA0HQ, DP0GVN (AN-016),DT8A, EE5E, FK8GX, FO5EM, FO5PS, FO5RH, FR/F6KDF/T, FR5MV, FY/G3TXF, GB4IPY, GS0GRC/p, HF0POL, HI0C (NA-122), HP2/CX2AM (NA-170), HP2/CX4CR (NA-170), HS72B, IH9P (AF-018), IM0/IK5XCT (EU-041),K4L (NA-141), KH6ZM, KH7Y, KL3R, LA1CI, LX1DA, LY2ZZ, N8S, NL7/NN7A, OJ0VR, P3A, PJ2/G3TXF, R1ANF/p, R1FJT, S9A, SV2ASP/A, SV9GPJ, TF/G4ELZ/p, TO5J, TY5ZR, UA0AV, UA9KZ, UK8GK, UP0F, V31JZ/p, V44KJ, V63J (OC-132), V63RE (OC-180 and OC-277),V63WN (OC-180 and OC-277),VF0X (NA-196), VK0JLX, VK9LT, VO2ZT, VP2EREM, VU7MY, VU7RG, W5BOS/AL0 (NA-238), XU7POS (AS-133), XX9TTR, YA/LY1Y, YI1HXH, YU0A, YU6AO, YW1DX, YX5IOTA, YZ7AA, ZA1DX, ZL1GO/8, ZP0R.

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