3D2_rot - Tony, 3D2AG/FO5RK expects to depart for Rotuma [425DXN 855] on 1 December and to reach the island by the 3rd. Because of his busy work-related schedule during the first two weeks, Tony will be able to operate full time only from 15 December, hopefully until end of January. Updates (on-line logs included) will be available at http://www.3d2ag.fr.tc/

5R8 - Remco, PG0A is active holiday style as 5R8NL from Madagascar until 7 December. QSL via PA7FM. Effective immediately, this QSL route applies also to Remco's 2005 operation (Dennis says that "there's a small backlog of direct QSL requests that will be cleared after this operation as soon as possible"). Further information at http://www.5r8nl.pa7fm.nl/ [TNX PA7FM]

6Y - Dave, KY1V will operate CW as 6Y1V from Jamaica (NA-097) for the ARRL 10 Meters Contest (8-9 December). QSL via OH3RB. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

9M0 - Ed, N1UR and Christine, KB1PQN will be active from Layang Layang, Spratly Islands (AS-051) on 22-30 March. QSL via K2RET. The web site for the operation is at http://www.n1urspratly.com/ [TNX N1UR]

CU - Michael, G7VJR will be active as CU2/G7VJR from Sao Miguel (EU-003), Azores from 26 December to 3 January. He plans to operate CW only on a range of HF bands including 160 metres, with a small linear and verticals. QSL via G7VJR. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW shortly after the operation. [TNX G7VJR]

EA - Adolfo, EA7TV plans to operate as AO7TV/P from the lighthouse at Punta del Perro (ARLHS SPA-301) on 1-2 December. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX EA7TV]

F - Special callsign TM7IET will be aired until 9 December to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Institut Electrotechnique de Toulouse, nowadays ENSEEIHT (Ecole Nationale Superieure d'Electrotechnique, Electronique, Informatique, Hydraulique et Telecommunications). Expect activity on the HF bands SSB, CW and PSK31, and on the VHF bands FM. QSL via F4DQG. [F5NQL]

GJ - Look for Rob/MJ0RLJ (MW0RLJ), Anthony/MJ0JZE (MW0JZE) and Russell/GJ5XW (G5XW) to be active from Jersey (EU-013) on 7-10 December. Their main plan is to operate SSB (with some QRS CW) on 40, 80 and 160 metres during their nights. All QSLs direct to G5XW. [TNX G5XW]

HC - Peter, DL9DAK will be active from Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands early next year:
02-11 January DL9DAK/HC1 Quito
15-18 January DL9DAK/HC8 Galapagos
19-21 January DL9DAK/HC2 Guayaquil
He will operate only digital modes (PSK, Olivia, RTTY, Feldhell, etc.) on 17, 20 and from time to time 40 metres, with vertical
dipoles and 50 watts. QSL via home call. Further information at http://www.dl9dak.de/ [TNX DL9DAK]

HL - A group of operators from Korea and Japan (DS4NMJ, HL4CEL, HL4CEY, JA1HGY, JA1RJU and JA1WPX) will be active from Chung Island (AS-060) for 24 hours, from about 4 UTC on 30 November through 4 UTC on 1 December. [TNX F5NQL]

KHO - Hiro/JF1OQCQ (W1VX and KH0D), Toshi/JE1SYN (N3YS) and Hide/JI1JPJ (AB2WE) will be active from Saipan, on 7-10 December. They plan to operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FM on 80-10 metres. QSL via home calls. [TNX JF1OQCQ]

KL - Rick, K6VVA injured his hand/wrist during his latest operation from NA-041, and has had to cancel his planned trip for the ARRL 160 Meter Contest [425DXN 861]. It looks like he may go back in February. Further information is expected in due course. [TNX www.islandchaser.com]

TR - Roland, F8EN will be active again as TR8CR (or with a special callsign) from Libreville, Gabon from 7 December to 12 January. He will operate especially on 20 metres CW (14005 kHz) and SSB (14125-14200 kHz), and will also try to go and operate from IOTA group AF-043. QSL via F6AJA or F8EN. [TNX F6AJA and Les Nouvelles DX]

VK - Special event station VI2BMARC50 will be active on 18-28 January to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club (VK2HZ, http://www.bmarc.org/). QSL via bureau. [TNX VK2XTT]

VP9 - Igor, VE3ZF will be active as VP9/VE3ZF from Bermuda (NA-005) on 5-8 December. He plans to operate from different parishes for the Worked All Bermuda Award sponsored by the Radio Society of Bermuda (details at http://www.bermudashorts.bm/rsb/awards.htm). QSL via home call. [TNX VE3ZF]

XT - Michel, F1IQH will be active as XT2WC from Bobo Dioulasso, Burkina Faso from 6 December until late December or early January. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

ZS_ant - Ludwig, ZS6WLC will be active as ZS7BYRD from the South African Antarctic base SANAE IV (Vesleskarvet) during January-February 2008. He expects to operate SSB on 14180 kHz and AM on 14280 kHz; CW will be supported using straight key. QSL to Ludwig Combrinck, P.O. Box 443, Krugersdorp 1740, South Africa. ZS7BYRD will be a commemorative station for Admiral Richard E. Byrd's 1930 and 1934 expeditions, where they used the McMurdo Silver crystal circuit for selectivity and the Collins pioneered class B AM modulator for the first voice transmissions to the USA from Antarctica respectively. [TNX ZS6WLC]

SOUTHEAST ASIA TRIP ---> Pete, SM5GMZ will be back to Thailand, Cambodia and East Malaysia from January through April. His work will come first, but he will be active on the amateur radio bands as much as he can in his spare time. Expect him to operate as HS0ZFI, XU7AD1 and 9M6/SM5GMZ. Activity from Brunei is also being planned. QSLs via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX SM5GMZ]

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
E51TLA ---> Henrik, OZ6TL reports that his E51TLA log for contacts made in 2007 has been uploaded to LoTW.

OPERATORS NEEDED ---> Trent, VK4TI and other VK Contest Club members are planning an operation to take place as YJ0AX from Vanuatu during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (29-30 March 2008). They have called for expressions of interest open to all operators of contest calibre. See http://www.qrz.com/yj0ax for information [TNX MM0NDX]

PIRATE ---> The callsign MU0A was very active during the CQ WW DX CW Contest. "Sadly", Phil, GU0SUP reports, "this call has never been issued, a fact which has been confirmed by Ofcom, the licencing authority in the UK, and therefore the operation was a pirate".

QSL 6W1SJ ---> All of the direct requests received by 27 November have been processed and mailed, Boris, T93Y reports. It can take up to four weeks to deliver air-mail letters, so please wait a while before sending inquiries to the QSL manager (6w1sj@t93y.com). [TNX T93Y]

QSL KH6YR ---> Stefano, I0MWI reports he is the new QSL manager for KH6YR (operator Lou, K1YR). He can confirm QSOs made during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest 2007 and after.

QSL VP8NO ---> Mike reports that his QSLs are on hold until he receives the new cards in early January. Please be patient.

QSL XT2SE ---> Gabriele, IK3GES reports he is receiving several direct requests without (or with unsufficient) return postage, without SAE, with old unredeemable IRCs. All of these requests will be replied to via the bureau. Please note that one USD does not cover return postage, but one IRC does. And, if SWLs, do not forget to list the stations you heard working XT2SE!

QSL VIA IK1PMR ---> Please note that the QSL route for the ZP0R activity during last week’s CQ WW DX CW Contest is direct (2 USD or 1 IRC) to IK1PMR, who was the operator. You can also include QSLs for CW2C, IK1PMR/CX, K2LEO/CX, LU/IK1PMR, ZP6/IK1PMR and ZP6/IZ1GLO. Expect IK1PMR (and Claudia, IZ1GLO) to operate again as ZP0R during the TARA RTTY Melee Contest on 1 December (complete rules can be found at http://www.n2ty.org/seasons/tara_melee_rules.html). [TNX IK1PMR]

SPAIN GAINS NEW FREQUENCIES ---> URE Secretary General Jose Diaz, EA4BPJ reports that effective 24 November 2007, Spanish amateur radio operators were authorized to use 7100-7200 kHz on a secondary basis, using a total radiated power not exceeding 24 dBW. They also gained access to the 51-52 MHz band, with a maximum power of 100 watts (except in the central Spain, where the power is limited to 10 watts).
QSLs received direct or through managers: 1A0KM, 3A/F5RBB, 3A2MD, 3B7C, 3B8CF, 3D2ER, 3D2VB, 3DA0VB, 3GOY, 3X6MJR, 4L4WW, 403A, 4S7HIG, 5H3VMB, 5N8NDP, 5R8RJ, 5R8VB, 5U5U, 6W1SE, 6W2SC, 7P8JF, 7Q7CE, 7Q7VB, 7X5VRK, 9A4W, 9J2BO, 9J2VB, 9M2GNC, 9Y6XXRO, 9UU0A, 9U0VB, 9X0VB, 9Y4W, A25KDJ, A250OK, A52AM, A92HB, AH7C, AL2V, BD7KLO/7, BL7IN, C31LJ, C5DXC, C91VB, C98BWW, CE1/K7CA, CN2R, CO8LY, D20VB, D60VB, D88S, E30NA, E51NOU, EE5KB (EU-093), EG3MED, EK3GM, EL2DX, ER4DX, EX/W0AIH, EY1ZA, FG5IA, FK/JA1NLX, FO5JW, FO5PS, FP/K9MD0, FP/W9ILY, FR5HA, FS/CT1BBW, FW0MO, FW0YL, HP3DX, HV0A, IR8DX (EU-144), J20VB, J3/DL7VQG (NA-147), J5UAP, J6/DL7AFS, J88DR, JT1EO, JT1DA, JW8DW, KG6DX, KH7T, OA6/IZ7ATN/p (SA-098), OD5NJ, OHOJFP, OM2VL, OX3XR, P29NI (OC-283), P29VCX (OC-284), P29VLR, PJ7/CT1BBW, P25RA, R1AND, RI1NU, R001Z/p (AS-059), S59A, SD7ME (EU-037), ST2VB, T77C, T93J, TAO3D, TG9ADM, TK/IK5WOB, TY5ZR, UA0CW, UA0IDZ/p, UA1QV/1 (EU-160), UK80M, UT7QF, V31PB, V51VV, VE7NH (NA-075), VK0JLX, VK2FRNB, VK6CHI (OC-193), VK6YS/p (OC-164), VO1J (NA-198), VP5/WA2VYAA, VP6AL, VP8/L21UQ, VP8NO, VR10XLN, VY0/KH0PR, WL7WH, WP3C, XU7MDY, XX9TJS, YK1BA, YN4SU, YV5JBI, YW5AS (SA-051), Z2/UA4WHX, Z30M, Z32AF, Z32XA, Z35T, Z36A, Z37M, ZF2AH, ZF2B, ZL7/SP5EAQ, ZL7/SP9PT, ZS1JX.

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