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* TO ALL OUR READERS *

* WARMEST THOUGHTS AND BEST WISHES *

* FOR A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY *

* AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR *

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3Y0 - According to the latest update, dated 24 December, Petrus, 3Y0E (ZS6GCM) on Bouvet Island is currently active between 15-17 UTC (these times can change without notice). He did call CQ on 20 metres, but he could not hear any stations reply to him and therefore his logbook is still empty. "We need to remember that Petrus has got limited HF experience", Rhy, ZS6DXB says, "and we all will need to assist him as far as possible". Bookmark www.3y0e.com for regular updates.

5Z - Ben, DL7UCX will be active as 5Z4/DL7UCX from Kenya from 31 December through 12 January. He plans to operate mainly CW on 160-17 metres, with an emphasis on the low bands. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

CN - Russell, G5XW will be active as CN2XW on 13-23 February from various parts of Morocco, from the Atlas Mountains across to the coast. Ho hopes to manage to get to IOTA group AF-065 during this time. Equipment will be mininum as this is a backpacking holiday. QSL direct to home call. [TNX G5XW]

DL_ant - Felix, DL5XL is currently active from DP0GVN, the club station at German Antarctic station Neumayer II. He prefers CW, while Mirko (DG9BHQ) likes SSB and PSK31. Next year another operator (Torsten, DD1TG) will arrive at the station. QSL via DL5EBE. [TNX DL5XL]

EA8 - Niels, OZ7FOC reports he will be active as EA8/OZ7FOC from Tenerife, Canary Islands (AF-004) on 14-26 January.

F - The French Department "Ville de Paris" was created on 1 January 1968. To celebrate the 40th anniversary, the Radio-Club de Paris (F6KVP) will be active under five special event callsigns between 1 January and 7 June as follows:

1-15 January	TM8P
26 January-9 February	TM4A
16 February-2 March	TM1R
29 March-12 April	TM2I
24 May-7 June	TM7S

QSL via F6KVP. Information on the relevant award can be found at http://arp75.free.fr/

F - Herve, F5RMY will be active as F5RMY/P from Porquerolles Island (EU-070) on 19-25 January. He plans to operate CW and SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX F5RMY]

FH - Georg, DK7LX will be active holiday style as FH/DK7LX from Mayotte (AF-027) on 11-23 June. He will operate CW on all bands, with an emphasis on 30, 40 and 80 metres, using vertical arrays as well as dipoles. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Further information will be available at http://www.dk7lx.mayotte.2008.ms/ [TNX DK7LX]

FJ - The Association des Radio-amateurs de Saint-Barthelemy, FJ5KH has been active since 22 December to celebrate the new DXCC Entity. The operators are club members DK6ST, FJ1CM, FJ5AB, FJ5BC and FJ5DX, and activity will continue until 29 December. QSL via FJ5DX. [TNX F5NQL]

GJ - Flo/F5CWU, Sylvain/F4EGD, Thierry/F5MOO and Tom/GM4FDM will be active as MJ/F5CWU, MJ/F4EGD, MJ/F5MOO and GJ4FDM from Jersey (EU-013) from 28 December to 6 January. They plan to have three stations for the HF bands and one station for 2 metres, and to concentrate on the low bands, on 12, 17 and 30 metres, and on RTTY. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. Further information at http://jersey2008.f5cwu.net [TNX F5CWU]

HB0 - Tom, DL2OBO (www.dl2obo.de) will be active once again from Liechtenstein on 1-9 January. He plans to operate mostly CW and to concentrate on the low bands, with 2-element wire beams for 80m and 160m to North America and a vertical for Asia. [TNX K1XN]

HL - Han, DS2GOO will be active as DS2GOO/5 from Saryang Island (AS-081) from 30 December to 1 January. He plans to operate on 80-17 metres mainly RTTY and PSK31. QSL via home call. [TNX HL1VAU]

HL - Chae, HL5YI will be active as HL5YI/4 from Sorok Island (AS-060) on 18-21 January. He plans to operate CW, RTTY and SSB on 80, 40, 20 and 10 metres, and to participate in the UK DX RTTY Contest (19-20 January, http://www.ukdx.srars.org/). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX HL5YI]

I - Special event station II9CAR is active until 14 March from Trapani for the exibition "Caravaggio. Images of the Divine", celebrating the 400th anniversary of the artist's visit to Sicily. QSL via bureau or direct to IW9FRA. [TNX IW9FRA]

J5 - The J5C [425DXN 861] team of operators (F2JD, F2VX, F4AJQ, F5JSD, F5PED, F5TVG, F5VHQ, F8BJI, F8BUI, F8IXZ, F8PDR, F9IE, FM5CD, OE8KDK, N2WB and N6OX) expect to reach Bubaque Island (AF-020) late in the afternoon of 11 January, and they are unlikely to be QRV before 15 UTC on the 12th. Thierry/F4TTR and Bruno/F5AGB will be the pilot stations, to be contacted using a specific e-mail address (pilots@j5c.eu). Complete information on the DXpedition can be found at http://www.j5c.eu/. QSL via F5TVG. [TNX F5NQL]

KH2 - Hiro, JA0SC will operate as KH2/JA0SC from Guam (OC-026) on 2-3 January. He expects to be active mostly on the digital modes on 20-10 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

ON - Celebrating its 40th anniversary, the Belgian Air Force Amateur Radio Association (BAFARA) will be active on all bands and modes as ON40BAF from 1 January through 31 December 2008. QSL via ON6KN, direct or bureau. [TNX ON6KN]

PY - Rolf/PY1RO, Joe/PY2EJ, Luiz/PY2OC, Alex/PY2WAS, Fred/PY2XB, Junior/PY2ZA and possibly others will be active as PW2M from Moela Island (SA-071, on of the most wanted IOTA groups in South America) on 1-8 February. QSL via AI4U and PY2AA (for Brazilian stations). [TNX PY2WAS]

V6 - Kazu, JA0VSH and his wife Miyuki, JG0PBJ will be active from

Pohnpei, Micronesia (OC-010) from 28 December to 3 January. They will operate V63KZ (Kazu), V63MP (Miyuki) and V63BBQ (club call) on 160-10 metres CW and SSB. QSLs via JA0VSH, direct or bureau. [TNX JA0VSH]

V7 - Randy, V73RY has been regularly active from Kwajalein (OC-028), Marshall Islands since May 2005 and will be returning to the US in May 2008. SSB is his preferred mode, but he also operates little PSK31, CW and other digital modes. See qrz.com for information on his operating habits. QSL via N7RO. Logs are uploaded to LoTW.

VE - Richard, VA7MJR will be active from Entrance Island (NA-075) on 9-20 January. He plans to operate SSB on 80-6 metres during his spare time. [TNX VA3RJ]

YS - Bob, I2JIN will be active again as YS3/I2JIN from El Salvador on 13-27 January. He plans to operate on all bands CW ony. [TNX I2FUG]

ZD7 - Tom, ZD7X (KC0W) moved to St. Helena in early September 2007, and expected to remain there for several years [425DXN 852] However he now reports he will be departing the island in April 2008. He plans to spend the majority of his last few months as ZD7X on 75/80 meters, CW and SSB. Look for him around 3502 kHz CW and in the DX window on SSB (plus minus QRM). QSL via W0MM, direct or bureau.

PACIFIC TOUR ---> JA1PBV operated as H44V from the Solomon Islands; he is now expected to be on Tuvalu (T2) from 28 December to 4 January and to be active again as H44V starting on 5 January. QSL via JA1PBV. [TNX JA1HGY]

VK & ZL TOUR ---> Andrea, IK1PMR (VK7AAP) and Claudia, IZ1GLO/K2LEO (VK7CLA) are touring Australia and New Zealand through January. Andrea says that their tentative schedule is as follows:

28 December-6 January	VK7AAP/4 and VK7CLA/4	Bribie Island (OC-001)
7-13 January	ZL/IK1PMR and ZL/IZ1GLO	Auckland, New Zealand (OC-036)
14-16 January	ZL/IK1PMR and ZL/IZ1GLO	Waiheke Island (OC-201)
17-20 January	VK7AAP/3 and VK7CLA/3	Australia
21-31 January	VK7AAP and VK7CLA	Tasmania (OC-006)
1 February-???	VK7AAP/3 and VK7CLA/3	Australia

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4S7DXG ---> Radio Society of Sri Lanka's Secretary Victor Goonetilleke, 4S7VK says that 4S7DXG (UR9IDX) "is operating without a valid licence". He used that callsign in the past and "has applied for renewal", which "has not yet been granted by the Ministry of Defense". He also claimed "to operate from IOTA AS-171, Barbaryn Island, which needs special clearance from the Harbour Master which he hasn't received". [TNX www. islandchaser.com]

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA ---> In August [425DXN 849] the ITU granted a request from the Ministry of Communications and Transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) to replace T9A-T9Z with E7A-E7Z. The change was made initially on a provisional basis under authority of the ITU Secretary General and was

confirmed by the 2007 World Radiocommunication Conference to be effective 17 November 2007. A press conference was held in Sarajevo on 18 December to formally announce the change. Amateur Radio station licences bearing E7 prefixes will be issued beginning in January 2008, and the use of other prefixes will be phased out. [TNX www.arrl.org]

E4/OM2DX ---> Mike/OM2DX, Steve/OM3JW, Rudy/OM3PC and Miro/OM5RW made nearly 30,000 QSOs during their recent 7-day operation from Bethlehem, Palestine. Their final statistics are as follows:

	SSB	CW	RTTY	TOT
160	39	2050	0	2089
80	0	4866	0	4866
40	493	6775	0	7268
30	0	3033	0	3033
20	3151	2220	1048	6419
17	2298	1365	0	3661
15	672	1385	0	2057
12	0	55	0	55
10	0	0	0	0
TOT	6653	21749	1048	29450

Why did not they work more SSB? "The answer is easy", Mike, OM2DX says. "Doors to Palestine are pretty much opened for anybody and we are sure that every other expedition will spend much more time on SSB than on CW. There are also some local licensed operators but once they will come on air it will be again SSB only". The complete log and a few pictures can be found at www.om2dx.com/. QSL via OM3JW, direct or bureau.

QSL 3V8SS ---> The QSL cards for 3V8SS operated by RW4WM (2-10 October 2007) have been printed. Requests can be sent direct (Dmitry Zakharov, P.O. Box 5991, Izhevsk, 426075, Russia) or via the Russian bureau. [TNX RW4WM]

QSL VIA SM6CVX ---> All of the direct QSL requests for P29VCX and P29VLR (OC-153, OC-240, OC-256, OC-284) received up to 21 December have been processed and mailed, Hans, SM6CVX says. Requests with unsufficient return postage will be cleared through the bureau system.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B7C, 3B8FQ, 3C7Y, 4L8A, 4O3A, 5L2MS, 5N47NDP, 5X1NH, 6W1SJ, 7Q7BP, 7X5ST, 8Q7GS, 9G5ZZ, 9M4SDX, 9M6XRO, 9U0A, A61AD, C6AGY, C6AKQ, C6AKX, C6APR, C6AQO, C91KDJ, CO6XN, D88S, E51NOU, EP3HF, ER0WW, EX2M, F5KAQ/P (EU-156), FM5BH, FS5KA, H40MY (OC-178), HK0/N0AT, HL8KSJ, HQ2A, HQ9R, IE9/IQ9PA, J3A, J43J, J79CO, JW/G3SXW, K3B, K6VVA/KL7 (NA-041), KH0O, KH6ZM, KH7XS, LT1F, N8S, NH7O, OD5/F5PTM, OF0Z, OJ0B, OX3XR, P29VCX (OC-240), P29VCX (OC-284), P29VLR (OC-256), P40W, PJ4/K4BAI, PJ5NA, PY0FF, RA0ALM, RK1B/p, RV9FQ, SV2ASP/A, T32RD, TA3J/0 (AS-115), TC2K4J, TI5/K2PLF, TI5N, TM6X, UA0SC, UK8OA, UR0MC, V26H, V26K, V31DF, V31KO, V47NT, VK1ANU/5 (OC-139), VK6CHI (OC-193), VK6YS/p (OC-164), VK9WWI, VP6TD, VP9/W6PH, VR2C, VY0/KH0PR, VY2ZM, XW1A, Z36A, ZB2X, ZD7BG, ZD7X.

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