5H - Hans, DL7CM will be active again as 5H1CM from Zanzibar Island (AF-032) on 13-24 January. He plans to operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-6 metres, with an emphasis on the low bands. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Further information, logsearch included, can be found at http://www.qsl.net/dl7cm/5H1.htm [TNX NG3K]

7P - Filip/ON4AEO, Kath/ON7BK, Sid/ZS5AYC, Edwin/ZS5BBO, Adele/ZR6APT, Lucas/ZS6ACT, Gert/ZS6GC and Tom, ZS6TMO will be active as 7P8FC from Lesotho from 27 March to 1 April. They plan to operate SSB, RTTY and PSK on 80-10 metres. QSL via ON4CJK, direct or bureau. The website for the expedition is at http://www.7p8fc.be [TNX ON4AEO]

8Q - Andrew, G7COD will be active for the fourth time as 8Q7AK from Embudu, Maldives (AS-013) from 21 January to 2 February. He plans to operate mainly SSB with some CW on 40-12 metres, typically between 9-11 UTC, 14-16 UTC and 18-18.30 UTC. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX G7COD]

9X - On 11 January the Rwanda Utilities Regulatory Agency issued an amateur radio licence (9X0R) to Antonio Gonzalez, EA5RM, and a DXpedition is being planned to take place in a couple of months' time. "RURA is trying to establish amateur radio rules in Rwanda with the help of Peter, 9X5SP", Antonio says, and adds that "in a few months ham radio activities will start to be more usual from this country". Antonio and his team are grateful to RURA General Director and Peter, 9X5SP for their help and cooperation, and "happy and proud for our little contribution to the future of amateur radio in Rwanda". Full details about the DXpedition will be available at www.9x0r.com; questions and comments can be sent to 9x0r@9x0r.com

A6 - Special event station A60ISG will be active on 17-24 January for the third international gathering on "Scouting and Humanitarian Action" to be held in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates. Look for activity on 80-10 metres SSB and CW, plus digital modes. According to Mohammad Darwish, A61M, this will be the first ever special event callsign from the UAE. QSL via IZ8CLM. [TNX A61M and IZ8CLM]

EA_ssh - The Radio Club La Salle (EA3RKL) has been authorized to operate as ED3RKL from the Spanish Antarctic base "Juan Carlos I" on Livingston Island, South Shetlands (AN-010) until 17 January. Activity is limited to the operator's spare time. [TNX F8AFC]

FO - Nicolas, F4CTS is currently active as FO3RX from Bora-Bora (OC-067), French Polynesia. He operates SSB and digital modes (and soon CW as well). QSL via F1NGP. [TNX F1NGP]

FO0 - According to the expedition's website (www.clipperton2008.org), the QRV dates for TX5C [425DXN 857] from Clipperton Atoll are 7-17 March. A large team of operators from France, the US and Canada
will be active on 160-6 metres CW, SSB and RTTY. The Pilot Stations will be Paul Peters/VE7BZ, Jean-Michel Duthilleul/F6AJA and Chris Sauvageot/DL5NAM (e-mail addresses on the website). QSL via N7CQQ, direct (P.O. Box 31553, Laughlin, Nevada 89028, USA) or bureau. The log will be uploaded to LoTW.

FT
- Gildas, TU5KG has left for another fishing campaign in the Southern Indian Ocean. His new callsigns are FT5XR (Kerguelen) and FT5WN (Crozet). He will be sailing in the Kerguelen and Crozet areas, but it is not clear if he will be able to land and operate from the islands or if his activities will be limited to /MM operations. QSL via F4EFI, direct or bureau. [TNX F4EFI]

JD
- Look for JI5RPT (JD1BLY), JE1EKS (JD1BMO) and JM1WBB (JD1BMP) to be active from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara on 13-28 February. They plan to operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-6 metres, with an emphasis on the low bands CW. They will also focus on 2m EME starting on 19 February. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. Further information, on-line logs included, can be found at http://www.ji5rpt.com/ogasawara2008/ [TNX JI5RPT]

JW
- Unni, LA6RHA will be active as JW6RHA on 18-24 January. Look for her on 14248 MHz or down. This will be her 16th trip to Svalbard. QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]

JW
- Look for Maria Teresa, JW/IN3TCH (RTTY) and Mauro, JW/IN3SAU (SSB) from from the JW5E club station on Longyearbyen (EU-026), Svalbard from 26 January to 3 February. QSL via IN3SAU. [TNX IN3SAU]

KH2
- Look for TIARA (Tokyo International Amateur Radio Association) members AB2ST/KH2, KB3LTB/KH2 and KG6NTW/KH2 to be active from Guam (OC-026) on 15-17 February. QSL via JF1TEU, direct or bureau. [TNX AB2ST]

LA
- Five special event callsigns will be aired on 17-27 January for the European Handball Championship (http://www.ehf-euro.com/) that will take place in Norway: LM8EHC/1 (QSL via LA1B), LM8EHC/2 (QSL via LA2D), LM8EHC/3 (QSL via LA2L), LM8EHC/4 (QSL via LA8D) and LM8EHC/5 (QSL via LA2T). [TNX LA6ZFA]

S2
- Toby, SM4XDJ will be active as S21XJ from Dhaka, Bangladesh for a few weeks starting on 1 February. He will operate SSB and digital modes during his evening hours and the weekends. QSL via SM4XIH. On-line logs will be available at http://fittest.nu [TNX SM4XIH]

SM
- Six special event callsigns will be aired from Blekinge, Skane (Scania) and Halland in southern Sweden at various times throughout 2008, to celebrate the 350th anniversary of the Treaty of Roskilde (26 February 1658), when those former Danish provinces were ceded to Sweden. Expect activity from SB1658OZ (QSL via SK7JC), SC1658OZ (QSL via SK7BQ), SH1658OK (QSL via SK6JX), SH1658OZ (QSL via S6KDY), SK1658DK (QSL via SK7CE) and SK1658OZ (QSL via SK7BQ). Complete information on the relevant "Roskilde 1658 Award", sponsored by Kristianstads Radioamatorer (SK7BQ), can be found at http://www.sk7bq.com/roskilde/index.php [TNX SK7BQ]

T8
- Mike/JA6EGL, Yu/JE6DND and Hiro/JA6KYU will be active as T88SM, T88HK and T88HS from Koror (OC-009), Palau on 1-3 February. They plan to operate CW and SSB on 80-10 metres. QSL via home calls (direct only). [TNX JN6RZM]

TR
- Roland, F8EN (TR8CR) operated as TR50R during the past few days. The special callsign is to celebrate his Golden Jubilee with
amateur radio. Roland is expected to remain in Gabon until 12 January. QSL via F6AJA. [TNX F6AJA]

V4 - Nick, G4FAL will be active from St. Kitts (NA-104) on 3-10 March, including participation in the RSGB Commonwealth Contest (8-9 March). His call is likely to be V4/G4FAL, and he plans to operate mainly CW on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX G4FAL]

VP8_fal - Dave, G1OCN (VP8CLE) and Carol, 2E1DQZ (VP8DKW) will be active from different locations in the Falkland Islands (SA-002) between 19 January and 2 February. They plan to operate SSB on +/- 3740, 7055, 14335, 18150, 21360 and 28940 kHz, as well as FM on AO-51 and SO-50 satellites. QSL direct only (P.O. Box 2, Weymouth, Dorset DT4 4AP, England, UK). [TNX G1OCN]

PACIFIC TRIP ---> Dan, JA1PBV [425DXN 869] has operated as 3D2BV from the Fiji Islands for the past few days. On 12 January he will return to the Solomon Islands (H44V), and on the 19th he expects to move to Papua New Guinea (P29SI, if he can have his call renewed) until the 26th. QSL via JA1PBV. [TNX The Daily DX]

TRIP TO AFRICA ---> Peter, HA3AUI is going back to Africa. He will be active in his spare time as either 6W2SC (from Senegal) and J5UAP (from Guinea-Bissau) from 15 January until 15 April. QSL via HA3AUI, direct or bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LOTW. Peter plans to operate digital modes with some SSB. Bands in use will be 160-6m from 6W and 30-10m from J5. QSL via HA3AUI, direct or bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LOTW. [TNX NG3K]

425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The latest issue (December 2007) is now available at http://www.425dxn.org/monthly/index.html. Articles and pictures should be sent to Nicola Baldresco, IZ3EBA (iz3eba@ari.it).

DXCC NEWS ---> The following operations have been approved for DXCC credit:

6E4LM  Revillagigedo  2007 Operations
FJ/OH2AM  Saint Barthelemy  2007 Operation
TN6X  Republic of The Congo  2007 Operation
TN9Z  Republic of The Congo  2007 Operation
TT8PK  Chad  2007 and current 2008 Operations
XF4YK  Revillagigedo  2007 Operations
XF4YW  Revillagigedo  2007 Operations
YK9SV  Syria  2007 Operation

DX SOUND CLIPS: Tom's (K8CX) DX sound clips for 2007 can be found at http://hamgallery.com/dx2006/; the collection of 111 streaming Real Audio DX clips covers all the major DXpeditions, plus rare and semi-rare DX.

FJ/OH2AM ---> The following announcement from the ARRL DXCC Desk is dated 11
January.  
“This operation by OH2BH and OH0XX was conducted under CEPT Recommendation T/R 61-01. This Recommendation makes it possible for radio amateurs from CEPT countries (and certain non-CEPT countries) to operate in other CEPT countries without obtaining an individual temporary license from the visited CEPT country.

Complaints were received from several individuals. The main thrust of the complaints is that the operators used a club call for which Laine is station trustee, rather than their individual callsigns.

The intention of the operators in using a single callsign was to limit the number of duplicate contacts. Many DXpeditions use club or special-issue callsigns for this reason. The Recommendation makes no mention of club callsigns but says that the visiting license holder 'must use his national call sign preceded by the call sign prefix of the visited country'. Other operations using club callsigns from French territory, including in the Caribbean, have taken place under provisions of the Recommendation and have been credited for DXCC.

Since the question was raised, checking with various CEPT administrations and with the European Radiocommunication Office (ERO) has revealed different views regarding the use of club callsigns under the Recommendation. The ERO observes that the use of a club callsign could prevent an administration from determining whether a particular operator is qualified and concludes, 'Club members, including the holder of the club call sign, should use their national personal call signs when abroad'.

In the case of FJ/OH2AM, the two operators clearly were qualified to operate in St Barthelemy under the Recommendation. They utilized a call authorized to them by their national authority. The purpose of a radio station callsign is to identify the administration and the licensee responsible for the operation of the station. The use of FJ/OH2AM rather than FJ/OH2BH and FJ/OH0XX did not thwart this purpose”.

HA-DX CONTEST --- This year's HA-DX Contest (CW and SSB), sponsored by the Hungarian Radio Amateur Society (MRASZ), will take place from 12 UTC on 19 January through 11.59 UTC on the 20th. Complete information can be found at http://www.ha-dx.com [TNX HA1AH]

LOGS ---> The log search for Petrus, 3Y0E (Bouvet Island) is now available on-line at http://3y0e.com/in-the-log/

LOGS ---> The log search for Freddy, FO5RU can be found at http://www.f5cq.net/dxp/2007-FO5RU/searchlog_fo5ru.php. Freddy will remain active until 21 January. QSL via F5CQ. [TNX F5NQL]

LOGS ---> On-line logs for the recent OC1I (SA-076) and OC6I (SA-098) operations are now available at http://dx.qsl.net/logs/index.html

LOGS ---> On-line logs for the current TO5FJ operation are now available at http://www.f6exv.org/LOG_ONLINE/

MARS QSL BUREAU ---> N. Khosbayar, JT1CD reports that the Mongolian Radio Sport Federation's (MRSF) QSL bureau does not work any longer. Cards should be sent to the Mongolian Amateur Radio Society (MARS), QSL Bureau, P.O. Box 830, Ulaanbaatar-24, Mongolia.
MARS was established on 18 November 2006. "Once all licensed amateur radio operators of Mongolia have switched their membership from MRSF to MARS", JT1CD said one year ago [425DXN 818], "we hope that we can change the name and keep IARU membership. MARS will continue to pay its due to IARU and the QSL bureau will be working permanently in the future".

QSL UK8OM ---> Effective 1 January, the QSL route has changed and IK2QPR is no longer the QSL manager for UK8OM. Cards should be sent direct to Mike Mejlumov, Khokhlanova 2, Namangan, 160133, Uzbekistan. [TNX UK8OM]

QSL VIA 9A2AA ---> Ivo, 9A3A reports that any of the following operations of his can be confirmed either via 9A2AA, direct (Tom Dugec, P.O. Box 255, 21001 Split, Croatia) or bureau, or direct to Ivo's current address (Ivo Pezer, c/o UNLB, Piazza Del Vento, 72100 Brindisi - BR, Italy):

4X/YU4OO Jerusalem, Israel 13 Oct 1990-08 Jan 1991
5B0A Nicosia, Cyprus 26-27 March 1994
5B4ADA Nicosia, Cyprus 04 July 1991-30 Nov 2002
5B4ADA/HH2 Port-au-Prince, Haiti 03 Aug 1995-11 Aug 1996
9A3A/4U Port-au-Prince, Haiti (UNMIH) 22 Jan-28 July 1996
9L1ADA Freetown, Sierra Leone 16 Oct-01 Nov 2004
C41A Nicosia, Cyprus 27-28 Nov 1993
C42A Nicosia, Cyprus 23-24 Nov 1991
C43A Nicosia, Cyprus 14-15 Aug 1993
C47A Nicosia, Cyprus 13-14 Aug and 10-11 Sept 1994
C48A Nicosia, Cyprus 28-29 May 1994, 09-10 July 1994
H20A Nicosia, Cyprus CQ WW 1994
H21A Nicosia, Cyprus 24-25 Oct, 28-29 Nov 1992
H28A Nicosia, Cyprus 29-30 May 1993
HH2AW Port-au-Prince, Haiti 26 Feb 1995-07 Jun 1997
HR0CRACH Tegucigalpa, Honduras May-June 1990
I7/9A3A Brindisi, Italy 25 Oct 2003-present
P30ADA Nicosia, Cyprus 26 July-31 Dec 1992
P31A Nicosia, Cyprus 30-31 May 1992
P34A Nicosia, Cyprus 25-26 May 1991
P39ADA Nicosia, Cyprus 1993
T93A/4U Port-au-Prince, Haiti (UNMIH) 28 Jan-04 Aug 1995
YU400/4U Amman, Jordan (UNLO) 13 Aug-01 Sept 1990
YU400/5B4 Nicosia, Cyprus 12 Feb-04 July 1991
YU400/HR1 Tegucigalpa, Honduras 26-27 May 1990

SFDXA ---> The South Florida DX Association elected the following officers and directors for 2008: Ray Smolensky, N4RU (President); Norm Alexander, W4QN (Vice-President); Gil Gillingham, W1RG (Secretary); Bill Marx, W2CQ (Treasurer); Don Search, W3AZD (Director); Rich Pratt, N4XF (Director); Steve Morao, W4DTA (Director); Pete Rimmel, N8PR (Director). [TNX W4DN]

VE POSTAL RATES ---> Canadian international postal rates will rise on 14 January. The new rate to the USA will be CAD (Canadian Dollar) 0.96 and
elsewhere in the world CAD 1.60. Both rates cover up to 30 grams. Sales tax is also charged by the Canadian post office on stamps which means that, at the current rate of exchange of approximate par with the US Dollar, USD 1 is now insufficient for mail to the USA (USD 2 have been required to cover return postage for international mail for some time). [TNX VE3ZZ]

YASME EXCELLENCE AWARDS ----> The Directors of The Yasme Foundation are pleased to announce the establishment of the Yasme Excellence Awards. These awards will be given from time to time as the board feels appropriate. The awards are categorized roughly in accord with FCC (USA) "Basis and Purpose" for amateur radio as consistent with the foundation's purposes and expertise. Those areas of amateur service include noncommercial communications service, advancement of the technical and operating arts, technical training and international goodwill.

There is no application for these awards, but suggestions regarding deserving individuals will be considered. Each prize consists of a plaque and a monetary award. Suggestions of worthy recipients may be sent to the address shown on the Foundation's Web site (www.yasme.org).

This year's awards total USD 8,000. The winners for 2007 have been selected and will be announced at the end of next week. [TNX N7NG]

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3A/AI5P, 3B7C (AF-015), 3C7Y (AF-010), 3D2VB, 3X5A, 3XD2Z, 3XM6JR, 4L4WW, 403DX, 5B4NC/p, 5B4NC/p, 5H3VMB, 5L2MS, 5U5U, 5W0RE, 5X1VB, 5Z4/UA4WHX, 6W1SJ, 7Q7VB, 8P6EX, 8R1AK/p (SA-068), 9J2VB, 9U0A, 9U0VB, 9X0VB, A52UR, A61AD, A92GT, AL7R, B1Z, BD1BYV, BD4QO, BX5AA, C4M, C6APR (NA-113), C6ATA, C91KDJ, C91VB, CO2WF, CO6RD, CO6XN, CU1CB, CU6X (EU-175), CX7CO, D20VB, D44AC, D60VB, EE5E, EK6LP, ER4DX, ES5QX, ET3AA, ET3JA, EX2M, EY8MM, FG/DL5CF, FM/JE1JKL/P, FM5BH, FM5FJ, FM5WD, FR5ZL, FSSKA, GB2MGB, GJ6YB, H40MY, HC8N, HI3A, HP3/K1YJ, HQ9R, HS0AC, HS0ZR, IS0T, J02VB, J38AA, J3A, J88DR, JD1BMM, JY4NE, K6VVA/KL7 (NA-041), KA3UNQ/p, KH0O, KH7XS, KL7OU, KP2/K3TEJ, KP2/K3VA, KP2M, LA6YEA, M8C (EU-011), NP4A, NP4Z, OD5/F5PTM, OX3XR, OA/PAUVHA, P29VCC, P29VLR, P29NI, PJ2/K8ND, PJ5NA, R1FJT, R7HQ, RA0CL, RL3A, RV9FQ, S59Z, SO1EKO, T881W, TF3CW, TI5/WA4PGM, TI5N, TK/F5OAM, TX4AQ, TX5NK, TY5ZT, T26DX, UA0JQ, UA0SC, U7VJ, V26K, V31DF, V36M, V8BDS, VE1OTA (NA-127), VE1OTA/9 (NA-014), VE1OTA/9 (NA-068), VK6CHI, VK6YS/p, VK9CC, VK9WWI, VP5/WA2VYA, VP8CXV, VP8DXY, VP8KF, VP8LP, W8XGI/KH2, WHD2, WP3C, XU7MDY, YI9KT, YL2KO, YL2SM, YW5AS (SA-051), Z2/UA4HWX, 229KM, ZC4LI, ZF1A, ZF2AH, ZF2BO, ZF2H, ZL1BYZ, ZP5AA, ZS9X, ZX5J.

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