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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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3B8 - Gwyn, G4FKH will be active as 3B8/G4FKH from Mauritius (AF-049) from 5 February to 14 March. He will operate holiday style with 100 watts and a dipole on 10-40 metres, CW only. QSL via home call. [TNX G4FKH]

3W - Jack, F6BUM (http://www.f6bum.net) will be active again as 3W3M from Vietnam between 20 March and 2 April. He plans to operate SSB and CW with 100 watts into a vertical antenna from the following three islands:
20 March (10 UTC) - 23 March (6 UTC): Con Co (AS-185, new one)
25 March (08 UTC) - 28 March (6 UTC): Phu Quoc (AS-128)
29 March (10 UTC) - 02 April (6 UTC): Dao Con (AS-130)
Expect activity on 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres. QSL via F6BUM, direct or bureau. [TNX F6BUM]

6Y - Rob, VE4GV will be active as VE4GV/6Y5 from Ochos Rios, Jamaica (NA-097) on 11-18 February, ARRL DX CW Contest included. He plans to operate CW, SSB and possibly digital modes on 10-80 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX W1AW]

9A - Once again Zik, VE3ZIK will be active as 9A/VE3ZIK from Bilice, Croatia between 27 January and 1 February. He plans to operate CW and digital modes on 40, 30 and 20 metres during his evening hours. QSL via DO7ZZ, direct or bureau (e-mail requests for bureau cards can be sent to zik@tiscali.de). [TNX VE3ZIK]

9X - The dates for the 9X0R expedition to Rwanda [425DXN 871] are from 16 to 27 March. A band/mode survey has been added to the website (www.9x0r.com), and its results will help the operators' station configuration plans. The team will be active on 10-160 metres CW, SSB and RTTY, with at least three stations operating simultaneously on different bands and modes. QSL via EA5RM. [TNX EA5RM]

A5 - Torben, OZ1TL will be active as A52TL from Bhutan on 2-23 May. He plans to operate 99% CW on all bands. QSL via OZ1TL. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [TNX OZ1TL]

C5 - Andre, ON7YK (C56YK) and Jose, ON4LAC (C56JC) will be active from The Gambia between 11 February and 6 March. Plans are to operate on 80-10 metres, with some activity on 160 and 6 metres as well. Expect C56JC to focus on PSK and RTTY. [TNX F5NQL]

E5_sc - Richard, AD7AF will be active as E51WWA from the South Cook Islands between 27 January and 21 February, including an entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest. He will operate first from Rarotonga (OC-013), then he will move on to Mauke (OC-083) around 10 February. Expect activity on 10-80 metres CW and SSB. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

FS - Philippe, F5IYJ will be active as FS/F5IYJ from St. Martin (NA-105) on 15-22 February. He might also go and operate as PJ7/F5IYJ from Sint Maarten. Expect Philippe to operate holiday style and to

concentrate on CW. Details will be available at http://f5iyj.com. QSL via home call. [TNX F5IYJ]

GU - The Barry Amateur Radio Society (GW4BRS) will be active as GB0U from Guernsey (EU-114) on 19-25 April. Expect activity on all bands and modes. [TNX GW0ANA]

HA - Special call sign HG550REX will be aired by members radio clubs HA5KKC (Budapest) and HA8KVK (Janoshalma) until 31 December to celebrate the 550th anniversary of the accession of king Matthias Corvinus, the most popular Hungarian sovereign. QSL via HA5GY, direct or bureau. [TNX HA0HW]

HA - Zoli, HA3HK will operate as HG1848I from 1 February to 31 December to commemorate the 160th anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution (1848-49). QSL via home call (direct only). Check qrz.com for information on the relevant award.

HB0 - Mario/DJ2MX, Simon/DJ4MZ, Manfred/DJ5MW, Matthias/DK4YJ and Christoph/DK9TN will be active as HB0/homecall from Liechtenstein on 14-18 February. QSL via home calls. They will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest as HB0/N0MX in the M/2 category (QSL via DJ2MX). Full details on the operation, including on-line logs, can be found at http://www.dk9tn.de/2008/hb0 [TNX DK9TN]

HB0 - Bart/ON3BA, Michel/ON3SMS, Noel/ON4APU, Martin/ON4PO, Peter/ON4TO, Jose/ON5SD, Rene/ON6OM, Fernand/ON6UF, Eddy/ON6ZV and Matihieu/ON8DB will be active as HB0/ON4IPA from Liechtenstein from 28 June to 5 July. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-10 metres. QSL via ON6ZV, direct or bureau. Further information can be found at http://www.on6om.be/hb0-on4ipa [TNX ON6OM]

HC - Rick, NE8Z will be active as HC1MD from Tumbaco, Ecuador on 7-14 and 21-27 February (with an in between side trip to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, PY1/NE8Z). He plans to operate CW and SSB on 80-10 metres. QSL via K8LJG. [TNX NE8Z]

J7 - Jim, WI9WI (J79WI), Don, W9IU (J79IU), Kevin, WN9O (J79KM), Paul, N4PN (J79PN) and Charlie, NF4A (J79PC) will operate from Dominica (NA-101) on 11-19 February (QSL via home calls). Activity will be on all HF bands using CW and SSB, with an emphasis on 160, 80, 30, 17, and 12 metres. They will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest as J7DX (QSL via W9IU) in the Multi-Multi category. [TNX NG3K]

JD1_mt - Masa, JA6GXK will be active again as JD1BMM from Minami-Torishima (OC-073) from 31 January to 19 February. He will operate in his spare time, concentrating on North America and Europe on the low bands. [TNX The Daily DX]

JX - Michael, G7VJR will be active as JX/G7VJR from Jan Mayen (EU-022) between 27 June and 4 July. Operating conditions will be 100W, vertical antennas, tents and generator. Main bands are likely to be 30 and 20 metres or higher if conditions permit, and a 6m station plus beacon will be operated. QSl via home call, direct or bureau. For further details please visit http://www.jx08.eu/

KG4 - Tip/N4SIA (KG4AS), Bill/W4WV (KG4WV), Stu/K4MIL (KG4SS) and Emmett/KD4OS (KG4OS) will be active from Guantanamo Bay (NA-015) between 29 January and 12 February. They plan to operate mainly SSB with some RTTY on 160-10 metres, and possibly on 60 metres as well. QSL via home calls. [TNX The Daily DX]

ON - The very special callsign ON1000NOTGER will be aired through 31 December by UBA Section LGE to commemorate the 1000th anniversary of

the death of Notger, the first prince-bishop and founder of the Principality of Liege. QSL via ON5VL (bureau) or ON6DP (direct). [TNX ON6DP]

P4 - Garry Fisher, K9WZB and his wife Sharon, K7WZB will be active as P40ZB from Aruba (SA-036) on 16-24 April. They them to operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 40, 20, 17, 15, 10 and 6 metres. QSL direct to K9WZB. [TNX K9WZB]

PJ4 - George/K8GG, Gary/KD9SV and George/W8UVZ will be active as PJ4/homecall from Bonaire (SA-006) from 31 January to 8 February. They plan to concentrate on 160, 80, 30, 17 and 12 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

TA - The "TC Special Wireless Activity Team" (http://tcswat.tripod.com/) will be active as TC800NH on 1-15 February for the 800th anniversary of Nasreddin Hoca, the famous Turkish folk hero. Look for activity mainly on 17, 20 and 40 metres, SSB and CW. QSL via TA1HZ. [TNX TA1HZ]

TT - Phil, F4EGS has been back to Chad since 19 January, and will be active again as TT8PK for a couple of months. Expect activity on 10-20 metres all modes. QSL via F4EGS, direct or bureau. [TNX F0CYT]

UA - Look for UE3YAR to be aired on 17-24 February to celebrate the Russian Army Day for the AFARU (Armed Forces Amateur Radio Union) activity programme. QSL via MM0DFV. [TNX RV3YR]

V3 - Rick, KT7G and Jake, N7WO will be active on 160-6 metres as V31TB and V31WO from Belize on 6-19 February. They will operate from the QTH of V31MD and to participate in the CQ WW WPX RTTY Contest as V31TB and in the ARRL DX CW Contest as V31WO. They will focus on RTTY for the first week and on CW for the second week. QSL via home calls and possibily LOTW. [TNX KT7G]

VK - Amateur radio operators from Australia can use the special prefix AX in lieu of the normal VK prefix on 26 January to celebrate Australia Day. The use of the prefix is only available from midnight to midnight local time.

VP6 - Yoshi, JJ8DEN is active as VP6PR from Adamstown, Pitcairn (OC-044) until 8 or 9 February. He operates CW, RTTY and PSK31 (no SSB) with 100 watts into an inverted-L or full size dipole for 160 and 80m, a ground plane for 40m, a dipole for 30m, and a beam for 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10m. Mentioned frequencies are:

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| CW | 1821 | 3503 | 7003 | 10103 | 14003 | 18071 | 21003 | 24893 | 28003 |
| RTTY | | | | | 14083 | 18103 | 21083 | 24923 | 28083 |
| PSK | | | | | 14071 | 18101 | 21071 | 24921 | 28071 |

QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX K1XN]

W - Wade, AA8LL will operate as AA8LL/4 from Cedar Key (NA-076) on 2-5 February. Expect holiday style activity on 40-15 metres, mostly CW and RTTY. Wade will try to get Liz, K8LIZ/4 to operate some SSB. QSL via AA8LL, direct or bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [TNX AA8LL]

YN - Andrei, NP3D (EW1AR) will be active from Nicaragua in February. He will participate in the CQ WPX RTTY Contest as YN2S, while before the contest (3-8 February) he will operate RTTY, CW, PSK31 and SSB on all bands as H7/NP3D. QSL via W3HNK. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. The six stations (one for each continent) collecting the highest number of different band/mode slots for YN2S and H7/NP3D will receive "a special T-shirt". [TNX NP3D]

CQ WW 160-METER DX CONTEST (CW) ---> Object of the contest is for amateurs worldwide to work as many US States, Canadian provinces and countries as possible on 160 metres CW (full rules cand be found at http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/NEW160_CntRules_200810207.pdf). The following stations have announced their partecipation in this year's event (from 00.00 UTC on 26 January through 23.59 UTC on the 27th):

| Call | DXCC | QSL via |
|---|---|---|
| C6ANM | Bahamas | LOTW/qrz.com |
| CN2R | Morocco | W7EJ |
| CT9M | Madeira | CT3EE |
| CU2A | Azores | OH2BH |
| CU8A | Azores | CT1GFK |
| CW0TOP | Uruguay | CX5BW |
| EF8M | Canary Islands | RX3DU |
| HI3C | Dominican Republic | ON4IQ |
| HQ9R | Honduras | K5WW |
| II5I | Italy | IW5CWA |
| J79SJ | Dominica | W5FO |
| LX7I | Luxembourg | LX2A |
| LZ9W | Bulgaria | LZ1PM |
| OH0Z | Aland Isls | W0MM |
| OK2KRT | Czech Republic | OK2KRT |
| OL7T | Czech Republic | OK2KJU |
| RL3A | EU Russia | W3HNK |
| RW2F | Kaliningrad | DK4VW |
| T93J | Bosnia & Herzegovina | T98U or OE1EMS |
| TA2RC | Turkey | TA2RC |
| TF3CW | Iceland | LX1NO |
| VK6VZ | Australia | VK6VZ |
| VP9I | Bermuda | N1HRA |
| VY2/N3DXX | Canada (PEI) | N3DXX |
| XE1RCS | Mexico | XE1RCS |
| XW1B | Laos | E21EIC |
| ZD7X | St. Helena | W0MM |

Do not forget to give a look to the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cq160c2008.html - good contest to you all!

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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DXCC NEWS ---> YI9QX (current operation effective December 2007) has been approved for DXCC credit.

LICENCES ---> The worldwide licensing information pages by Veikko "Veke" Komppa, OH2MCN (http://www.qsl.net/oh2mcn/license.htm) contain detailed and up to date information on how to get a radio amateur license in all of the

major DXCC entities. It is the most reliable source of information for DX travellers and expeditioners.

LOGS: On-line logs for the recent TR8CR and TR50R activities by activity by Roland, F8EN are available at http://lesnouvellesdx.fr/voirlogs.php [TNX F6AJA]

QSL 3D2AA ---> Russ, VE6VK reports that Aisea, 3D2AA will be looking after his own QSLling from now on. His direct address for QSL cards is: Aisea Aisake, P.O. Box 786, Navua, Fiji.

QSL HV50VR ---> Alex, IW0GPN says the cards arrived from the printer on 18 January. He hopes to be able to clear the backlog by the end of the month.

QSL R1ANP & R1ANC ---> Dominik, DL5EBE says he is not the QSL manager for the recent activities by R1ANP (Progress Base) and R1ANC (Vostok Base), Antarctica. The operator was Aleksej, UA1ZCK and the QSL cards should go to Wally, RU1ZC.

QSL VIA NI5DX ---> Buzz Loeschman, NI5DX (formerly N5FTR) reports he has the logs and can confirm contacts made with the following stations only:

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| 9K2AI | A45WG/P | J87CQ | OA4DHW | V31BR |
| 9K2KO | A92GQ | KG4CM | P29BT | V31ML |
| 9M8BT | AL7DB | KG4DD | P29BW | V47LDX |
| 9M8FH | C91J | KL5E | P29KPH | YB1GJS |
| 9M8LL | C9RJJ | KL7OU | P29SS | YI9JK |
| 9M8YL | FG/FR1AN | N5FTR | P29ZAD | YI9WV |
| A41KJ | FR1AN | N5FTR/P | TF8SM | ZD7JP |
| A45WG | H75A | NH2PW | TU5GD | |

SRT DX CONVENTION ---> The 5th International DX Convention, organized by the Strange Radio Team and celebrating the club's 5th anniversary, will take place on 12-13 April at the Best Western Hotel Esplanade, Paestum (Salerno). Please visit www.strangeradioteam.com for full details on the programme, or e-mail srt@strangeradioteam.com for further information. [TNX IZ8EDJ]

VP6DX ---> The "planning" phase has finally ended and the expedition is underway! Robin, WA6CDR and the "Braveherat" departed New Zealand and are expected to at Mangareva (French Polynesia) around 1 or 2 February, several days before the remaining 12 operators.
Many expeditions, including this one, ask the DX community for financial assistance. The costs for equipping and executing the VP6DX expedition total about $330,000 (air transport and lodging for the operators excluded), almost all of the costs must be paid or committed in advance and the current debt is $125,000. Please consider supporting the VP6DX project with a donation.
Read the rest of the latest news bulletin (#8, 33 January), including details on how contribute, on the expedition's website (www.vp6dx.com).

YASME EXCELLENCE AWARDS ---> On 18 January the Yasme Foundation (www.yasme.org) announced the winners of the first Yasme Excellence Awards, given for service and dedication to amateur radio as recognized by the foundation's Directors. The prizes are in the form of a plaque and a monetary award.

* Joseph L. Arcure, Jr., W3HNK $2,000 for his long service to DXers as a QSL manager. Joe's efforts on behalf of DXer's everywhere promote international goodwill by facilitating cultural exchanges between operators that may never meet in person, yet share a common bond of DX operation.
* Sheldon C. Shallon, W6EL $2,000 for his work with propagation prediction software. By making propagation more accessible, Shel has done much to advance the technical skills of HF operators in understanding the physical environment of radio.
* James Brooks, 9V1YC $2,000 for DXpedition organization and videography. James' professional videos make the skills and excitement of DX operating and expeditioning more accessible to hams that haven't yet tried DXing and to non-hams alike.
* Jukka Salomaa, OH2BUA and Antti Kantola, OH5TB $2,000 (shared) for conceiving, operating, and maintaining the DX Summit, the first widely-used Web-based spotting network portal. They created a tool that fundamentally changed the nature of HF operating, a true advancement of the radio art.

+ SILENT KEY + Alan Wright, 9H1AW died tragically on 22 January when he fell from his tower. He was 71 and an active 160m and VHF DXer. He is survived by his wife Maureen, 9H1JN. [TNX W9DX]

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QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8CF, 3C7Y, 3D2OK, 3D2XA, 3DA0RH, 3W3W, 3XA8DX, 4L1MA, 4O7A, 4W6GH, 5J0A, 5L2MS, 5R8GZ, 5R8RJ, 5X1NH, 5Z4/JK1FNL, 6F75A, 6V7D, 6V7H, 6W1SE, 7Q7BP, 7Z1HL, 8P2K, 8P9MN, 8P9NX, 8R1XR, 8R1XT, 9G5XA, 9J2BO, 9M2/PG5M/6, 9M6XRO, 9U0X, 9X0VB, A71BX, AX6XX, BA7IO, BD1BYV, BS7H, C52C, C6AKX, C6AYM, C91R, CE0Y/OE2SNL, CE1/K7CA, CO2NB, CU1CB, D2NX, D44AC, DR6IOTA (EU-129), DU3NXE, E51NOU, ET3JA, ET3JN, F/DJ2VO (EU-070), FR/OH2YY, FS5KA, G7GLW/P (EU-011), GJ0KYZ, H40MY, HC2AQ, HC2SL, HI3C, HI3TEJ, HK0/K3WT, HK0/N0AT, HK0/W0OR, HK6K, HR2DMR, HR9/WR7R (NA-057), HZ1MD/m (AS-193), J20RR, J28JA, J3/SP9BQJ, J5X, J6/DL7AFS, J8/W6JKV, J88DR, JD1BMM, K9RR/4 (NA-058), KC4AAA, KH0/JR4GPA, KL2R, KL7J, KP2/K5YG, KP2/NY6X, KP4SQ, LQ5H, LR4A, LS2D, LX/PA2CW, MU0FAL, N4R (NA-110), N8S, OE1A, OF0Z, OJ0/SM1DTE, OX3KQ, OX3XR, P29NI, P29VCX, P29VLR, P43JB, PJ2T, PY0FF, R1ANN, RA0ALM, RW1AC, RW2F, S07X, S50U, SJ9WL, T30XX, T32Z, T77C, T88IW, T88PR, T93J, TF3CW, TO5J, TR8CA, TX4PG, TX5NK, TZ6DX, UA0SC, UA1QV (EU-160), UA9KZ, US3IMZ, UT3IW, V31KO, V63BBQ, V63KZ, V63MP, V8FDM, V8FWP, V8FWU, VK9CCC, VK9DNX, VK9WWI, VP2EDL, VP2MDG, VP2V/K5WAF, VP5/N1WON, VP6TC, VP6TD, VP8CXV, VR2C, VR2MY, VU2GSM, VU7LD, VY2ZM, W8XGI/KH2, WH0DX, WH2D, WH6R, WP3C, WP4U, XE1CQ, XF2K, XF4DL, XT2SE, XU7ACQ, YI9KT, YL2SM, YL2UH, YM0DX, YN2N, YR9P, YS/K9GY, Z29KM, ZB2X, ZD7X, ZD8QD, ZF2PI, ZK1KAT, ZK3RE, ZL7/SP9BQJ, ZL7/SP9PT, ZS1EL.

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