3A - Gianni, I1UWF will be active as 3A/I1UWF from Monaco on 25 October for the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. He plans to operate on 10, 15 and possibly 20 metres starting around 13 UTC, with 100 watts into a vertical antenna. QSL via home call. [TNX I1UWF]

3D2 - Aki, JA1NLX will be active as 3D2YA from Mana Island (OC-121) on 21-27 November. He will operate CW on or around 3505, 7015, 10115, 14035, 18075, 21035, 24895 and 28035 kHz. QSL via JA1NLX, direct or bureau. The logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [TNX K1XN]

3W - Mike/RL3BM and Arkady/UA4CC will be active as XV4BM and XV4CC from Phu Quoc Island (AS-128), Vietnam on 5-13 November. They plan to operate CW and SSB on 80-10 metres, with 100 watts into vertical antennas and a 2-element wire vertical Yagi for 20m. This will be a family vacation, but the two will do their best to be on the air as much as possible. QSL via home calls. [TNX NG3K]

4X - Hal, W8HC and Jerry, K8OQL will return to Israel for another CQ WW DX SSB Contest from the Holyland. In commemoration of Israel's 60th Anniversary, they have been granted permission to operate as 4X0C as a special event/contest station from atop the historical Masada National Park. Hal and Jerry will be hosted and joined by Ruben, 4Z5FI for their M/S operation during the contest. QSL via W8HC, direct or bureau. The logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

6Y - Francesco, IZ7KHR will be active as 6Y7K from Jamaica (NA-097) on 20-28 October. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. He is this year's Young Ham selected to participate in the CW WW DX SSB Contest from the 6Y1V station.

8Q - Oku, JK1KSB will be active as 8Q7SO from the Maldives (AS-013) from 26 October to 1 November. He plans to operate holiday style on 80-10 metres SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX JK1KSB]

8Q - Slavo, SP2JMB and his wife Dorota, SP2TO will be active as 8Q7SC from the Maldives (AS-013) from 25 November to 10 December, CQ WW DX CW Contest included. QSL via SP2JMB. [TNX SP2JMB]

9A - Mike, DL3VTA and Wolfgang, DL1DVP will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31 as 9A/DL3VTA and 9A/DL1DVP from Pag Island (EU-170) on 20-27 October. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX DL3VTA]

9H - Anne, OH2YL will be active as 9H3YL from Malta (EU-023) on 1-8 November. She plans to operate CW and SSB on the HF bands. QSL via home call. [TNX OH2YL]

9L - Karl, DK2WV and other operators from Germany and England, plus one local operator, will be active as 9L0W from Sierra Leone between 21 October and 11 November. The team will conduct training courses in Amateur Radio at the University of Freetown. Activity will be on 160-6 metres with up to three stations, with amplifiers
and different antennas. QSL via DK2WV, direct or bureau. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

9M8 - Steve, 9M6DXX will be active as 9M8Z from Sarawak, East Malaysia on 22-26 October, including an entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. Before the contest he will operate as time permits. QSL via M0URX, direct or bureau. [TNX 9M6DXX]

A4 - A431CEM will participate in the JOTA event (18-19 October) from the International College of Engineering & Management. QSL direct to A41MA. [TNX A41MA]

EA8 - Stephan, DK3TNA will be active as EA8/DK3TNA from Fuerteventura (DIE S-006), Canary Islands (AF-004) from 20 October to 1 November. He will operate CW and SSB on 80-10 metres, with 100 watts and a dipole. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

EA8 - Jean/ON5JV and Georgette/ON6AK will be active as EA8/homecall from Tenerife, Canary Islands (AF-004) from 22 November to 3 February 2009. Activity will be mainly on 20 and 40 metres during their evenings. QSL via home calls (bureau preferred). [TNX ON5JV]

FM - Oliver, F6ARC, will be active as FM/F6ARC from Martinique (NA-107) from on 19-23 October. He plans to operate CW with a focus on 160-30 metres. [TNX F5NBU]

GW - The Strumble Head DX and Contest Group ([http://www.mc0shl.com](http://www.mc0shl.com)) will participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as MW9W (Multi-Multi). On 22-28 October they will operate on 160-10 metres using the club call, MC0SHL. QSL via M0URX. [TNX G1VDP]

GW - Chris, M0DOL and others will be active on all bands and modes as GB4HI from both Holy Island (EU-124) and Anglesey (EU-005) for one week starting on 24 October. QSL via M0DOL.

HC - JA6GCE, JA6SOV and JM6EBU will be active as homecall/HC5 from Ecuador between 24 October and 2 November. They will operate SSB, CW and RTTY on 160-10 metres. QSL via home calls. They will also participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as HD5J (QSL via JA6GCE) along with HC5WW. After the contest, and until 1 November, the four of them will be visiting the Galapagos Islands (SA-004), with some limited activity as homecall/HC8. QSL HC5WW/HC8 via JA6VU, others via home calls. [TNX JA1ELY]

HC - SM6FKF, SM6LJU, SM7BUA and SM7NDX, along with HC2SL, will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as HD2M (Multi-Multi) from Nobol, Ecuador. Before the contest, starting on 25 November, they will operate as HC2/homecall, with a focus on the low bands CW, as well as on 12, 17 and 30 metres and RTTY. QSL HD2M via SM6FKF, others via home call. Further information will be posted on [http://www.sk6m.com/hc](http://www.sk6m.com/hc)

HK0_sa - Dennis, K7BV will be active again as 5J0M from San Andres (NA-033, EK92dm) from 19 June to 5 July 2009. Dennis will concentrate on 6 metres, but he may also be QRV on the HF bands. QSL direct to W1JJ. Further information at [http://www.qth.com/k7bv/caribe2009](http://www.qth.com/k7bv/caribe2009) [TNX K7BV]

I - Silverio, IK3IUL will be active as IK3IUL/p from Pellestrina Island (EU-131, IIA VE-033) on 18-19 October. He is likely to operate CW only, running 5 watts into a vertical antenna on 30 metres. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [TNX IK3IUL]

I - IT9ATF, IT9NPR, IT9PPG and IT9WDC will be active as IF9A from
Favignana Island (EU-054, IIA TP-011) on 24-26 October, including an entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. QSL via IT9ATF, direct or bureau. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

I - Special event call II20CJ will be aired between 25 October and 30 November to celebrate the 20th anniversary of ARI Cinisello Balsamo (IQ2CJ). Expect activity on the HF bands and 2 metres, as well as during the CQ WW DX SSB and CW contests. QSL via IW2HAJ, direct or bureau. [TNX IK2JUB]

I - Special event station IY1EY will be active on 1-9 November from Loano (www.ariloano.it) to commemorate the experiments conducted by Gugliemo Marconi from his yacht "Elettra" in the Ligurian Sea between 1919 and 1936. Expect activity on all bands CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. Special QSL via IK1QBT. [TNX IK1QBT]

S2 - The expedition to St. Martin's Island (AS-127) [425DXN 904] is now scheduled to take place from 29 November to 4 December. The operators will be S21RC, S21AM, S21DM and S21S, and they plan to be active on 10, 12, 15, 17, 20, 40 and 80 metres SSB and RTTY. QSL via EB7DX. Sponsors are being sought, please visit http://s2iota.eb7dx.com/ or e-mail eb7dx@eb7dx.com if willing to help them.

SM - ON4ACA and ON6UQ will be active from SI9AM (King Chulalongkorn Memorial Amateur Radio Society, http://www.si9am.se/) in Utanede on 23-27 October, including a Multi-Single entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct requests to SM3CVM. [TNX ON4ACA]

SP - HF30JP will be the callsign used by members of the SP9YCW Radio Club to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the pontificate of the late Pope John Paul II. Look for activity on 15-31 October. QSL via SP9BRP. [TNX SP9BRP]

SV9 - IOUZF, IK0EFR, IK0FUX, IK0YUT, IZ0FWD, SV1BJW and SV1RP will be active as J49I from Crete (EU-015) between 26 November and 1 December. Expect them to operate mainly CW on 160-10 metres, and to participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest. QSL via IK0EFR. [TNX IK0EFR]

TA - Special station TC85TC will be active between 23 October and 2 December to celebrate the 85th anniversary of the proclamation of the Republic of Turkey (29 October 1923). Look for main activity on 17, 20 and 40 metres. QSL via TA1HZ. A special postage stamp will be affixed on the envelopes for the first 85 direct QSLs. [TNX TA1HZ]

T32 - Tom, NY0V and Rod, K0DAS will be active as T32CXX and T32DAS from Kiritimati (Christmas Island, OC-024) on 21-28 October, including a M/S entry in the CQ WW SSB Contest as T32CXX. QSL T32CXX via W0CXX, QSL T32DAS via K0DAS. [TNX The Daily DX]

T6 - Frank, PA2MRX says he will be active as T6/PA2MRX from Afghanistan between 17 October and 2 November. He plans to operate QRP on 20 metres, mainly PSK31 and RTTY, in his spare time (indicatively from 14.30 to 17.30 UTC). QSL via bureau to home call. Further information at http://members.home.nl/mmarx/PA2MRX/PA2MRX.htm [TNX NG3K]

T8 - JK2VOC and JA2BNN will be active as T88FY and T88AC from Palau on 23-28 October, including entries in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. QSL via home calls. [TNX NG3K]
T8 - Lee, HL1IWD and Harry, WX8C will be active as T88YB and T8800 from Palau on 24-27 October. They will operate CW, SSB and possibly some RTTY on 80-10 metres, including an entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as T88YB. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

V3 - Jay/KOBBCN (V31MX), Tom/AB5XZ and possibly others will be active from Cay Caulker (NA-073), Belize on 22-29 October. They will participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest, most likely as V31MX (Multi-Single). QSL V31MX via KOBBCN. [TNX The Daily DX]

V4 - John, W5JON will be active as V4/W5JON from St. Kitts (NA-104) on 22-31 October. He plans to operate SSB on 160-6 metres and to participate in the CQ WW SSB Contest. [TNX NG3K]

V6 - Shoji, JA7HMZ will be active as V6B from Pohnpei (OC-010), Micronesia from 26 October to 1 November. He might participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]

VP5 - Ken/K2WB, Jack/N2VW, Tony/W2WAS and Frank/WA2VYA will be active as VP5/homecall from Providenciales (NA-002), Turks & Caicos Islands on 21-28 October. They will participate in the CQ WW SSB DX Contest as VP5T (QSL via N2VW); outside the contest they will concentrate on 12, 17 and 30 metres CW and on 60 metres. QSL via home calls. [TNX The Daily DX]

VP9 - Irv, K3IRV will be active as VP9/K3IRV from Bermuda (NA-005) on 22-28 October. He will operate holiday style on 80-10 metres SSB, with some activity during the CW WW DX SSB Contest. QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]

XU - Look for Retu, OH4MDY to be active again as XU7MDY from Cambodia from 23 October to 8 November. He plans to operate on the HF bands and 6 metres using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK3. Suggested frequencies for CW are 1822, 3502, 7006, 10104, 14007, 21007, 24897 and 28020 kHz. QSL via OH4MDY, direct only. [TNX OH4MDY]

YJ - Mat, JA1JQY (QSL via home call) and Kuni, JA8VE (QSL via JF1OCQ) will be active from Vanuatu from 31 October to 6 November. They will collect their licences upon arrival. Plans are to operate SSB, CW and possibly RTTY on 80-10 metres; depending on local conditions, they might also give 160 metres a try. [TNX JA1ELY]

YL - Latvian amateur radio operators can use special event prefix YL90 on 1-30 November to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the proclamation of the Republic of Latvia (18 November 1918). [TNX YL2VW]

ZA - Look for ZA0/IK7JWX, ZA0/I0SNY, ZA0/I8YGZ, ZA0/I8LWL and ZA0/IK2AQZ to be active from Sazan Island (EU-169) on 23-29 October. They plan to operate on the HF and VHF bands, using SSB, CW, RTTY, PSK31. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. They have a website at http://www.sazan2008.altervista.org [TNX IK7JWX]

ZD8 - Steve, G3ZVW will be active again as ZD8N from Ascension Island (AF-003) on 12-27 January 2009. Activity will be on CW, RTTY and SSB, mainly on the HF bands (30-10 metres). [TNX G3ZVW]

CARIBBEAN CRUISE ---» Mek/SP7VC, Tadeusz/SP3IPB and Aga/SQ3WN will be sailing the Caribbean Sea on a 40-feet yacht between 17 October and 15 November. They plan to visit and possibly operate from various DXCC Entities: the British Virgin Islands (VP2V) until 26 October, then Saba (PJ5), Saint Martin (FS), St. Marteen (PJ7), St. Eustatius (PJ6), Saint
BARTHELEMY (FJ), ANTIGUA (V2), MONTSEerrat (VP2M), Guadeloupe (FG), Dominica (J7) and Martinique (FM). QSL via home calls. [TNX SP5UAF]

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ARCALA EXTREMES ---> "The world's northernmost contest alliance is ready with a mission and team to be part of this year's CQWW SSB battle. Just this week they will be augmenting their already impressive firepower with a 100-meter (330 ft) massive rotating tower going up adorned with a full-size 3-L 160M beam and 5-L 80M beam which they claim to be the first of their kind. This marks the team's latest frantic effort to boost the signal from the worst propagation region in the world. You can visit them at http://www.radioarkala.com/"
While OH8X will be operated by Marko, OH4JFN, their sister stations CU2A (Azores Islands) and TC4X (Asian Turkey) will be operated by Toni, OH2UA and Pertti, OH2PM respectively while OH0E (Aland Islands) will be manned by Ville, OH2MM and CN2B (Morocco) by Martti, OH2BH. Their strategies and categories still remain to some extent on the drawing boards.
A series of full-color QSL cards can be obtained as follows:
OH8X via OH2UA
CU2A via OH2BH
TC4X via OH2BH
OH0E via OH2MM
CN2B via OH2BH
The team wish the world's contesters every success in their efforts to contact Arcala Extremes". [TNX OH2BH]

OH CONTEST/DX MEETING ---> The 14th annual CCF (Contest Club Finland) and OHDXF (OH DXFoundation, http://www.ohdxf.fi) Contest & DX Meeting will be held once again aboard the Viking Line M/S Gabriella on 16-18 January 2009. The ferry will travel from Helsinki to the Aland Islands to Stockholm and back. Further information, prices and registration details are available at http://www.contestclubfinland.com/CCF/

PIRATE ---> Pasquale, IW0HEX says that his callsign is being repeatedly pirated on either the PacketCluster and the major DXpeditions' transmitting frequencies.

PMC CONTEST ---> The International Association of Peace Messenger Cities (www.iapmc.org) was established twenty years ago to recognize and encourage the role and responsibility cities have in creating a culture of peace. The Radio Club Slovenj Gradec, S59DCD (ex YU3DCD) sponsors the WW PMC Contest, to promote contacts between stations located in the Peace Messenger Cities (currently 93) and the rest of the world. The contest (CW and SSB) will be held on 12 UTC on 7 February 2009 until 12 UTC on the 8th. Complete details can be found at http://www.s59dcd.si/english/index.php [TNX S54X]
QSL VIA RX1CQ ----> Dmitry is the QSL manager for R90LPV, RA1ZM, RP1CKK, RV9JE, UA1CAK, UA9JKX and UE1CFZ. The address for direct requests is: Dmitry Sokolov, P.O. Box 13, Zarechnay 9, Sertolovo, Leningradskay obl., 188655, Russia [TNX RX1CQ]

WORLD LICENSING AND OPERATING DIRECTORY ----> Steve Telenius-Lowe, 9M6DXX is the author of 'World Licensing and Operating Directory', a new book that should be of interest to those who are planning to operate from abroad. It has an A-Z listing of countries and provides details of how to obtain a guest licence in as many of those countries as possible (over 200). The final section of the book provides details of as many of the rental stations around the world that Steve could find out about through research on the web and through personal contacts. Further information can be found at www.rsgbshop.org

+ SILENT KEY + "Paolo Cortese, I2UIY, has too many Top 10 finishes to list. Off the air, he served for more than a decade as the HF Contest Manager for Associazione Radioamatori Italiani, Italy's national Amateur Radio association and IARU Member-Society. Cortese wrote a book on contesting and has been a member of the CQWW Contest Committee since 1990, co-director of the CQ WW RTTY DX Contest and CQ WPX RTTY Contest since 2005". This was the reason for Paolo's induction into the CQ Contest Hall of Fame in May 2008. Above all, Paolo was one of our best friends, and we are devastated by the news - unfortunately not unexpected - of his untimely passing on 12 October after a short illness, at only 48 years of age. We will miss his brilliant mind and witty sense of humour, his wide knowledge and versatile intelligence. Rest in peace, Paolo, and thank you for your friendship.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3D2AP/p, 3D2VB, 3DA0JX, 3DA0VB, 3VS8S, 4K9W, 5H3VMB, 5J0E, 5J0M, 5R8VB, 5W0HH, 5W0VB, 5X1VB, 524/UA4WHX, 6E4LM, 7Q7VB, 7S2S (EU-139), 7X0RY, 8J3YAGI, 8P9/AC4LN, 8R12, 8S6KOS (EU-043), 9G5MM, 9H3F, 9J2VB, 9K2MU, 9L0W, 9M2GCN, 9Q/SM7RME, 9U0VB, 9X0VB, 9Y4/AC4LN, A35VB, A43DI (AS-112), A43GI (AS-119), A43HI (AS-010), A43MI (AS-014), A45WD, AC4LN/HR2, AI5P/KH2, BU2AI/9 (AS-113), C91R, C91VB, C91VB/6 (AF-088), CN8KD, CO8LY, CP6UA, CT9L, CX2ABC, CY0X, D20VB, D60VB (AF-007), DS1JFY, E7HQ, EI7M, ER5GB, ES1WN, FJ/OH2AM, FO/AC4LN (OC-152), FR5DX, FW1W, FW1Z, GJ6YB, H40VB (OC-065), H44VV (OC-158), HC1MD, HI8/AC4LN, HL14ARDF, HP3AK, HQ8R (NA-035), HS0ZBS, HV50VR, IM0/I5K5PWQ, IM0/I5K5XCT, ISO/IU3SRT, J20VB, JA1KJW/ID1, JD1BLY, JW4LN, JX/G7VJR, K7A (NA-042, NA-087 and NA-241), KG4GY, KL7DX (NA-234), KL7HBK (NA-004), KP2AD, LX/DJ9VA, OJ0B, OK3MC, OY3JE, P4/W1XP, PT0F, R4/UT5UDX, ST2VB, T209DX, T20VB (OC-015), T7D7A, T88GH, TF3CW, TO5E, TO5RZ, TX5C, UK8FF, UN1L, V44KAI, V51AS, V51VV, V51VV/p (AF-070), V73RY (OC-028), VE8RCS/VY0 (NA-008), VE9DX, VK9CJW, VK9WWI, VP6DX, VP9/IZ2RZP, VU2NKS, UX7YYY, XW1A, YJ0VB, YU8/OH2R, YW5IOTA (SA-037), 22/UA4WHX, ZD8LP, ZK1/UA4WHX (OC-082 and OC-159), ZK2VB (OC-040).

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