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>>> DESECHEO 2009 <<<

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has notified the team that February 12-26, 2009, will be the dates allocated for the radio operation. These dates are coordinated with other USFWS research activities scheduled on other parts of Desecheo Island as well as scheduling USFWS security personnel for the camp.

Fifteen operators will be allowed on the island at any given time. A total of 6-8 stations will be operational, including 160-6 meters.

A reconnaissance trip to Desecheo is scheduled for Friday, December 19. Three team members, USFWS personnel and an UXO (unexploded ordnance) expert will sweep and clear the assigned area of UXO and other hazards. There will be no radio operations.

The 15-man team will assemble in Puerto Rico on February 8, 2009, for mandatory UXO training. The next three days will include team operations training, and last minute preparation and staging of the several tons of equipment for transport. On February 12th, landing will commence and two stations will be immediately activated. Likewise, stations will continue to operate until the final moments before departure on February 26th.

Halfway through the operation, on February 19th, approximately half of the operating team will be replaced with fresh operators for the final week.

The team has been diligently planning antennas and propagation paths to take advantage of every possible band opening to Asia, where Desecheo is #2 on the Most Wanted List and to Europe, where it is #3 on the Most Wanted List.

Contributions are being solicited. To assist the team and for the latest news, please go to <http://www.kp5.us> [TNX K4UEE and W0GJ]

- 5X - Robert, S53R will be active during the CQ WW DX CW Contest as 5X1AB, from Arik's QTH in Kampala, Uganda. Robert will operate on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres only, starting on his late Saturday evening. QSL via K6EID. [TNX NG3K]
- 8Q - Vic, LY1A will be active as 8Q7RW from the Maldives (AS-013) until 4 December. He will operate holiday style with a focus on the low bands during the CQ WW DX CW Contest. QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]
- BY - Look for BD3BXH/2, BG3DCI/2, and BG3DDB/2 (and possibly other operators from the TianJin B3C Club) to be active from JuHua Island (AS-151) on 10-13 December. Expect activity on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15 and 10 metres SSB, CW and RTTY. QSL via BD3BXH. [TNX BA3CE]
- C9 - Igor, C91LW will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as C98LW from Inhaca Island (AF-066). It will be a single band entry on 40 metres. QSL via home call (UY5LW).
- CT - The Algarve DX Group will be active using the following callsigns from a number of Portuguese national parks and nature reserves in

December: CT7FFG (6-8 December), CT7FFE (26-27 December), CT7FFT (28-29 December), CT7FFM (30 December-2 January). Expect activity on 17, 20, 30 and 40 metres SSB, CW e RTTY. QSL CT7FFG and CT7FFT via CT1GFK, QSL CT7FFE and CT7FFM via CT1IUA. Information on the DPRN (Diploma dos Parques e Reservas Naturais) can be found at [http://dprn.no.sapo.pt/dprn\\_por.htm](http://dprn.no.sapo.pt/dprn_por.htm) [TNX CT1GFK]

- E5 - Aki, JA1KAJ (E51QQQ) will remain on Manihiki (OC-014), North Cooks until 9 December [425DXN 915]. He will then go and operate from Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cooks until 17 December. QSL via JA1KAJ. [TNX The Daily DX]
- F - A number of special stations will be activated for the 22nd annual Telethon, the fund-raising event organized by the French Muscular Dystrophy Association that will take place on 5-6 December. Expect activity from TM8T (29 November-12 December) and TM4AFM (5-6 December) among the others. [TNX F8REF]
- F - Didier, F4ELJ will be active as F4ELJ/p from Stagadon Island (EU-105) on 6-7 December. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX F4ELJ]
- H4 - Bernhard, DL2GAC will be active again as H44MS from the Solomon Islands between 10 January to 28 April 2009. He also hopes to be QRV from Temotu Province (H40) for 2-3 weeks during the first half of March. [TNX GM4FAM]
- KC4 - Helmuth, W6KDX will be working at the US Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station from 5 December to 5 January. He hopes to be able to operate as KC4AAA in his spare time, on +/- 14243 kHz. QSL via K1IED. [TNX VA3RJ]
- KH8 - Paul, A35RK will be active as KH8/KK6H from American Samoa on 5-9 December. This will be a "casual" operation on CW and SSB on "whatever band is open". QSL via W7TSQ. [TNX The Daily DX]
- CT - Francois, ON4LO will be active as CT1/ON4LO/p between 10 December and 20 January 2009. He plans to operate on 20, 40 and 80 metres SSB from a few Portuguese lighthouses, such as Alfanzina (ARLHS POR-001), Ponta da Piedale (POR-042), Ponta do Altar (POR-044) and Fusetá (POR-074). QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [TNX ON4LO]
- OH - Santa Claus Land (OH9SCL) will be again active in December from the Arctic Circle. Activity will be on 10-160 metres CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via OH9UV. [TNX The Daily DX]
- ON\_ant - OP0LE is the callsign allocated to the new Belgian Antarctic station "Princess Elisabeth" (<http://www.antarcticstation.org/>), located at 71°57'S-23°20'E, Dronning Maud Land, East Antarctica. Some activity is expected to take place between mid-December and mid-February 2009. The operator will be Paul, ON3PC who is new to the amateur radio bands. [TNX F5PFP]
- P4 - Marty, W2CG will once again be vacationing in Aruba on 3-17 January. He will operate as P40CG during his early morning and late evening hours. His current plans include operations in the ARRL RTTY Roundup. QSL via home call (direct or bureau) or LoTW. [TNX W2CG]
- TA - Urcun, TA0U and other operators will be active from Kartepe (2908m a.s.l.) as TC12AKUT on 1-16 December to celebrate the 12th anniversary of the Turkish Search & Rescue Association (AKUT). QSL via TA0U. [TNX TA0U]
- TU - Phil, F4EGS is back home after his business trip to Tajikistan

(more than 5,000 QSOs as EY8/F4EGS). His new work assignment will be in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, from 25 December until the end of February. Phil plans to operate as TU8/F4EYS in his spare time, with a focus on CW and RTTY (and SSB on 160 and 80 metres). QSL via F4EGS, direct or bureau. [TNX F5NQL]

- VE - Art, N3DXX will participate in the ARRL 160 Meter Contest (5-6 December) as VY2/N3DXX from Prince Edward Island. [TNX NG3K]
- YS - Markus, HB9KNA will be active as YS1/HB9KNA from El Salvador on 3-28 December. He will use a yagi for 10-40 metres and an inverted L for 80 and 160 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX XE3PMR]

CQ WW DX CW CONTEST ---> The following stations have announced their participation in this year's event (29-30 November):

ZONE	CALL	CATEGORY	DXCC	QSL VIA
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04	VC6R	M/?	Canada	VE6SV
05	OH3SR/VP9	SO	Bermuda	OH3SR
05	VP9I	SOSB 20m	Bermuda	N1HRA
07	HP1RIS	SOSB 10m	Panama	HP1RIS
07	HR2/LT0E	SOAB LP	Honduras	HQ2LAS
07	YN2Z	SO	Nicaragua	K9ZO
07	YS4RR	SOAB LP	El Salvador	K9GY
08	5K0T		San Andres	HA7RY
08	6Y1V	M/? HP	Jamaica	OH3RB
08	8P5A	SOAB HP	Barbados	NN1N
08	C6AKX	SOSB 20m	Bahamas	WA4WTG
08	C6AQQ	SOSB 40m or SOAB	Bahamas	ND3F
08	C6ARR	SOSB 160m	Bahamas	WA4WTG
08	C6ATA	SOSB 80m	Bahamas	WA4WTG
08	CO6LP	SOAB LP	Cuba	CO6LP
08	CO7PH		Cuba	W3HNC
08	CO8ZZ	SOSB 20m	Cuba	DK1WI
08	FJ/WJ20	SOAB LP	St. Barthelemy	WJ20
08	FM/F5IRO	SOAB LP	Martinique	F5IRO
08	J3/DL5AXX	SOAB	Grenada	DL5AXX
08	J68V	SOAB	St. Lucia	K5WW
08	J88DR	SOAB LP	St. Vincent	G3TBK
08	KP2B	SOAB	Virgin Islands	EA7FTR
08	KP2M	M/2	US Virgin Islands	AI4U
08	KP4EE	SOAB	Puerto Rico	OK1DOT
08	TO2HI	SO	Guadeloupe	F6AUS
08	TO4X	M/M	St. Martin	KQ1F
08	TO5X	SOAB	Martinique	K5UN
08	V26K	SOAB LP	Antigua	AA3B
08	V47NT	SOAB HP	St. Kitts	W2RQ
08	VP2MDG	SOAB	Montserrat	K2DM
08	VP5W	M/S	Turks & Caicos Isls	W7TSQ
08	ZF2AM	SOAB	Cayman Islands	K6AM
09	FY5KE	SOAB LP	French Guiana	FY1FL
09	P40W	SOAB	Aruba	N2MM
09	P49Y	SOSB 40m	Aruba	AE6Y
09	PJ2T	M/?	Netherlands Antilles	N9AG
09	PJ4A	M/?	Netherlands Antilles	K4BAI

09	PZ5TT	SOAB	Suriname	VE3DZ
09	YW4D	SOAB	Venezuela	EA7JX
10	HC5WW	SO LP	Ecuador	JA6VU
10	HD2M	M/M	Ecuador	SM6FKF
10	OA4WW	SOAB HP	Peru	HP1WW
11	ZP0R	SOAB	Paraguay	ZP5AZL
12	CE0Y/SM6CUK	SO	Easter Island	SM6CUK
12	XR3A		Chile	CE3DNP
13	CW5W	M/S	Uruguay	CX6VM
13	CW7T	SOAB HP	Uruguay	K5WW
13	LS1D	M/S	Argentina	LW9EOC
13	LU8YE	M/?	Argentina	EA7FTR
14	CU2X	SOAB	Azores	OH2BH
14	EA6IB	SOSB 40m	Balearic Isls	EA6IB
14	EE2W	M/?	Spain	EB2BXL
14	EG5T	M/?	Spain	EA5EH
14	GU4YOX	SOSB 40m LP	Guernsey	GU4YOX
14	HB0/DK4YJ	SOSB 40m	Liechtenstein	DK4YJ
14	HB0/DK9TN	SOSB 80m	Liechtenstein	DK9TN
14	LN3Z	M/S	Norway	LA9VDA
14	LX7I	M/2	Luxembourg	LX2A
14	OP4K	M/S	Belgium	ON4JZ
14	TM2S	M/S	France	F5PED
14	TM4Q	M/S	France	F6FYA
14	TM6X	SO	France	F5VHY
15	E77CFG	SOSB 160m LP	Bosnia-Herzegovina	E72U
15	II20CJ		Italy	IW2HAJ
15	IR9X	SO	Sicily (Italy)	IW9HLM
15	IR9Y	M/S	Italy (Sicily)	IT9ABY
15	IS0/IT9VDQ	SOAB QRP	Sardinia	IT9VDQ
15	LY7A	M/M	Lithuania	LY2ZO
15	OG50F	M/2	Finland	OH1F
15	OH0/OH2LRE	SOAB	Finland	OH2LRE
15	OH0I	SOSB 10m	Aland Islands	OH3BHL
15	OH0V	SOSB 160m	Aland Isls	OH6LI
15	OH0X	SOSB	Aland Isls	OH2TA
15	OH0Z	SOAB HP	Aland Islands	W0MM
15	OH2BH	SOSB	Finland	OH2BH
15	OH8X	SOAB	Finland	OH2UA
15	RK2FWA	M/S	Kaliningrad	DK4VW
15	Z37M	M/2	Macedonia	bureau
16	ER0WW	SOAB HP	Moldova	UT3UA
16	RL3A	M/S	European Russia	W3HNC
16	RT9W	M/S	Asiatic Russia	RZ9WWH
16	UU3W	SOSB 160m	Ukraine	UU2JZ
17	EY8MM	SOSB 80m	Tajikistan	K1BV
17	RA9A	M/S	Asiatic Russia	RK9AWN
17	UN4L	SOSB 80m	Kazakhstan	UA9AB
20	5B4AII	SOAB	Cyprus	RW3RN
20	C4N	M/S	Cyprus	W3HNC
20	J49I	M/S	Crete	IK0EFR
20	J49XF	SOAB	Crete	G3URA
20	P3F	M/2	Cyprus	5B4AGN

20	SV9CVY	SOAB HP	Crete	SV9CVY
20	SX5R	SOSB 15m	Dodecanese	SV5DKL
20	TA3KZ	M/S	Turkey	TA3KZ
20	TC4X	M/?	Turkey	OH2BH
20	YM0T	SOSB 160m	Turkey	TA2RC
20	YM3A	M/2	Turkey	LZ1NK
20	ZC4VJ	SOSB	UK SBA on Cyprus	ZC4VJ
21	4L0A	M/S	Georgia	EA7FTR
22	8Q7DV	M/?	Maldives	UA9CLB
22	8Q7RW	SO	Maldives	LY1A
22	8Q7SC		Maldives	SP2JMB
22	VU2PAI	SOAB	India	VU2PAI
22	VU2PTT	SOAB	India	VU2PTT
23	JT1DA	SOSB 40m HP	Mongolia	JT1DA
23	JU1DX	M/S	Mongolia	qrz.com
23	JT1CD	SOAB HP	Mongolia	JT1CD
24	B4TB	M/S	China	BA4TB
26	E21EIC	SO LP	Thailand	E21EIC
26	HS0GBI	SOSB 80m	Thailand	HS0GBI
26	HS0ZGD	SOSB	Thailand	HS0ZGD
26	HS1CKC	SOSB 160m	Thailand	HS1CKC
26	XU7XXX	SO	Cambodia	KC0W
26	XV4BX	SO	Vietnam	EB7DX
26	XW1B	SOAB	Laos	E21EIC
27	4F1AL	SOAB	Philippines	4F1AL
27	AH0BT	SOAB HP	Mariana Isls	7L1FPU
27	AH2R	M/S	Guam	JH7QXJ
27	KG6DX	SOAB HP	Guam	KG6DX
27	T88CJ	SOAB	Palau	HA7TM
28	9M2CNC	SOAB HP	West Malaysia	G4ZFE
28	9M6/N2BB	SO East	Malaysia	MD0CCE
28	9M6NA	SOSB 80m	East Malaysia	JE1JKL
28	YB0ECT	SOSB 20m LP	Indonesia	K3AIR
28	YE1ZAT	M/S	Indonesia	YE1ZAT
29	VK8NSB	SOAB	Australia	VK6NE
31	AH6XX	M/2	Hawaii	K2WR
31	KH6/NE1RD	SOAB LP	Hawaii	NE1RD
32	ZM1A	M/2	New Zealand	ZL1AMO
32	ZM2M	M/S HP	New Zealand	ZL2AL
32	ZM4A	M/S	New Zealand	ZL4AA
33	5C5T	M/S LP	Morocco	EA5YU
33	7X0RY	SOSB	Algeria	qrz.com
33	AN8R	SOAB HP	Canary Isls	EA8AY
33	CN2M	SOSB	Morocco	HP1WW
33	CN2R	SOSB	Morocco	W7EJ
33	CS9M	SOAB	Madeira	LoTW
33	CT9L	M/M	Madeira	DJ6QT
33	EA8CMX	SOSB 80m	Canary Isls	OH2BYS
33	EF8M	M/2	Canary Islands	OH1RY
33	IG9W	SOSB 40m	(African) Italy	IZ1GAR
33	IG9X	SOSB 80m	(African) Italy	IK1QBT
33	IH9M	SOSB	(African) Italy	IK7JWY
35	3X5A	M/M	Guinea	G3SXW

35	6V7N	SOAB LP	Senegal	DL1EFD
35	9G5ZZ	SOSB 20m	Ghana	DL1CW
35	D4C	M/2	Cape Verde	qrz.com
36	9J3A	SO	Zambia	S53A
37	5X1AB	SO	Uganda	K6EID
37	5X1NH	SO	Uganda	G3RWF
37	C98LW	SOSB 40m	Mozambique	UY5LW
39	TO3R	M/S	Reunion Isl	RW3RN
40	JW5E	M/?	Svalbard	LA5NM
40	OX5AA	M/2	Greenland	G3TXF
40	TF3CW	SOSB 40m	Iceland	LX1NO

Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cqcz2008.html> - good contest to you all!

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A5100A ---> The team went QRT at 16 UTC on 24 November after 5805 QSOs. This is a slightly better result than in 2004, and it has been achieved under worse propagation conditions and with one station only. [TNX F5NQL]

ARRL 160 METER CONTEST ---> Object of the contest is for amateurs worldwide to work W/VE amateurs on 160 metres CW only (complete rules can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2008/160-meters.html>). This year's event will run from 22.00 UTC on 5 December through 16.00 UTC on the 7th. Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at [http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/arrl160\\_2008.html](http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/arrl160_2008.html)

CQ RTTY CONTEST DIRECTOR ---> Ed Muns, W0YK has been named Director of CQ magazine's RTTY contests (the CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest each February and the CQ WW RTTY DX Contest every September). He succeeds Glenn Vinson, W6OTC, who has been CQ's RTTY Contest Director since 2000. Glenn's original plan had been to transfer responsibility for the CQ RTTY contests to his co-director for the past several years, Paolo Cortese, I2UIY. Ed stepped in to fill the void that was created by Paolo's unexpected passing in October 2008.

PG6G ---> Peter/PA8A, Fred/PA8F and Rob/PA3GVI were active as PG6G on 27-28 November. Once again they used the big array formerly used to broadcast Radio Netherlands. This is a curtain antenna with eight stacked dipoles between two 400-foot towers. A video from their last visit can be found at <http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=3vElzk60v3E> [TNX PA3GVI]

ROCKALL 2009: CALL FOR OPERATORS ---> Many thanks to Col, MM0NDX (<http://dx-hamspirit.com>) for submitting the following Press Release issued by Andy Strangeway aka "Island Man" on 25 November (<http://islandmanrockallexpedition2009.com/>).

"Working in tandem with my friend Col, MM0NDX I am acutely aware of the

interest shown in EU-189. With this in mind I would like to invite radio hams, be they individuals or clubs, to contact me with their proposals to be part of this exciting expedition. I require the following information to be included in the proposal.

- \* The maximum and minimum number of berths that would be required.
- \* A CV of previous radio activations of those that would be involved.
- \* Any information of additional skills that would strengthen the depth of the expedition, for example any crewing of yacht/boat, tender experience or climbing ability.

The countries who have so far shown the greatest interest in the expedition are Belgium, France, Japan, Norway, UK and USA. I would especially like to hear from Japanese radio hams as not one operator from Japan has ever contacted Rockall. EU-189 is the most wanted IOTA in Japan.

Once the transport has been secured, the team for the expedition will be selected and dates announced. A website can be built especially for the radio hams and a QSL manager is already secured (M0URX, ed.) should you require these extras.

For all proposals in the first instance, please contact Andy at [info@island-man](mailto:info@island-man) within the next seven days".

QSL 9A0IARU ---> This special event station was active during the recent IARU Region 1 Conference in Cavtat (15-21 November). More than 4,200 QSOs were made and all of them will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. [TNX 9A6AA]

QSL VK9DWX ---> In their latest press release (23 November, <http://www.vk9dwx.de>) the team stated that they have already received over 1800 direct QSLs and over 3500 online requests through the OQRS. They expect to get the QSL cards from the printer before Christmas and to mail the first direct cards at the turn of the year. The first batch of QSOs "for our sponsors" has been uploaded to LoTW. All the remaining QSOs will be uploaded in spring 2009.

QSL ZS2DL ---> Buzz, NI5DX, is now the QSL manager for Donovan, ZS2DL. Buzz already has the logs and will be able to answer any requests for cards as soon as a supply of blank cards (already on their way) arrives from Donovan. [TNX K1XN]

+ SILENT KEYS + ARRL President Emeritus George S. Wilson, W4OYI passed away on 25 November at 76 years of age. Other recently reported Silent Keys include Frank Moore (KE4GY), Russ Sakai (KH6FOO) and George H. Floyd, Jr. (WA4DGA, ex W2RYT),

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QSLs received direct or through managers: 1A4A, 3B8CF, 3B8GT, 3DA0VB, 4A3A, 4L/UU4JMG, 4L1MA, 4U1UN, 4W6R, 5H3VMB, 5H3VMB/3 (AF-075), 5J0E, 5W0RE, 5Z4/RW1AU, 5Z4/UA4WHX, 6E4LM, 6V7K, 7Q7VB, 8Q7KK, 8Q7SO, 8Q7XR, 9H9PYSM, 9J2VB, 9L1X (AF-056), 9M6OO, 9U0VB, A25/DL7DF, A25VB, A52AM, A71CT, AH2L, BT1OB, BT1OH, BT1ON, BT1OY, BX5AA, C31JM, C4M, C6APR, C91VB/6 (AF-088), CN2R, CO7PH/p (NA-086), CY0X, D20VB, D2NX, D4C, D60VB, D9D, E77DX, EL2DX, ES2Q, ET3AA, ET3SID, EU7SA, EY8/K4ZW, EY8MM, FK8HC, FP/W9ILY, FR1AN, FR5ZL, FW8AA, GB2CI (EU-124), GM6UW/P (EU-111), H40MY (OC-163), HC8N, HH4/AF4Z,

HL9A, HQ9R (NA-057), HR1/K3VN, HV5PUL, J20VB, J3/S50R, J70J, JD1BMM, JW8BCA, K7A, K9AJ/VY0 (NA-229), KD6WW/VY0 (NA-229), KH0WW, KH6LEM, KH7B, KL7CQ, KL7DX, KP2/NY6X, KP2M, KP2YL, MU0BKA, OJ0B, OJ0J, OM8A, P29ZAD, PA1WLB/P (EU-146), PZ5Z, R0L/p, R1AND, R1FJT, S92FM, ST2VB, SV1TP/8 (EU-075), SV2ASP/A, T22ZL, TA3D, TI8II, TK7C, TM7C (EU-064), TX5C, UK8FF, UN9L, UP5G, V63DX, VE8RCS/VY0, VK6ANC, VK9ANU, VK9CNC, VK9XHZ, VP2E, VP5/K4SV, VP6DX, VR2008O, XU7MDY, XW1B, XW1IC, YJ8TZ, YS3/I2JIN, YU8/OH2R, Z2/UA4WHX, Z22JE, Z29KM, Z35X, ZB3B, ZC4VJ, ZF1DX, ZK3RE, ZP5CGL, ZP6/DL7UFN, ZP6/DL7VEE.

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