5W  - Lars, SM6CUK has been active as 5W0UK from Samoa (OC-097) since 12 December and will remain there until the 16th. He operates CW in his spare time on all bands, 160m excluded. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

6W  - William, F1TZG will be active as 6W/F1TZG from Senegal on 12-14 December. He operates SSB on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX F1TZG]

A3  - Kawe, W6ZL might be active again as A35KL from Foa Island (OC-169), Tonga between 00 UTC on 17 December and 18 UTC on the 19th. QSL via home call.

C5  - Niels, OZ8KR will be active as C56KR from The Gambia on 9-14 January and again from 23 January to 4 February. He will operate SSB on 40-10 metres, with wire antennas from a seaside location. QSL via home call. [TNX OZ8KR]

C9  - Filip/ON4AEO, Jose/ON4CJK, Kath/ON7BK, Adele/ZR6APT, Lucas/ZS6ACT, Sid/ZS6AYC and Gert/ZS6GC will be active as C91FC from Mozambique on 9-13 April. They plan to operate on all bands SSB, RTTY and possibly CW. QSL via ON4CJK, direct or bureau. Their website is at http://www.filipstattooshop.be/Mozambique/index.html [TNX ON4AEO]

CN  - Special "happy new year" callsign CN89NY will be aired from Morocco from 21 December to 31 January. The operators will be CN2DX (HB9HLM), CN2CV (HB9CVC), CN8PA and others. QSL via EA7FTR. [TNX F5NQL]

CX  - A large group of operators from the Radio Grupo Sur will be active as CV5A from Flores Island (SA-030) on 22-26 January. They plan to operate on various bands and modes, with monoband beam antennas and a station dedicated to RTTY and PSK31. QSL via CX2ABC. [TNX EA5RM]

F_ant - Nicolas, FT5YI [425DXN 916] says he enjoyed a wonderful propagation on 11 December and will be QRV again on Saturday (13 December) on the "same hours and frequencies". On the 11th he started around 7 UTC on 14267 kHz, then moved to 7090 kHz around 11.30 UTC and finally returned on 20m for a "non stop activity" during his night, between 14 UTC and 18.45 UTC. Nicolas expects to go QRT from Dumont d'Urville Base (Petrel Island, AN-017) 19 December. QSL via home call (F4EGX), direct or bureau.

F  - Celebrating the fifth victory in a row by the French team of Sebastien Loeb and Daniel Elena in the World Rally Championship, special event station TM5WRC will be active from 21 December to 3 January on all bands and modes. QSL via F4ELU, direct or bureau. [TNX F5NQL]

FH  - Phil, G3SWH and Richard, G3RWL will be active from Mayotte (AF-027) between 26 February and 5 March. Both of them will use the single callsign of FH/G3SWH, and their activity will be mainly
on 80-10 metres CW. Subject to QRN and site conditions, there may be some 160m CW activity, and Richard may also operate some RTTY and/or PSK31. They plan to have two stations on the air for as many hours every day as possible. QSL via G3SWH, direct or bureau (on-line form for bureau cards can be found at http://www.g3swh.org.uk). [TNX G3SWH]

H4 - Mike/KM9D (H44MY) and Jan/KF4TUG (H44TO) departed Ontong Java (OC-192) and are now bound for Ghizo, in the New Georgia group (OC-149) of the Solomon Islands. Track their position at http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/track.cgi?call=KM9D

HK0_sa - Cal/WF5W, Mike/K5UO and Rob/HK3CW will be active as 5K0CW from San Andres Island (NA-033) on 21-28 January, including an entry in the CQ WW 160-Meter DX CW Contest (23-25 January). After the 160m event they should be on other bands (CW and maybe RTTY) during the daylight hours. QSL via W5PF. The logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [TNX W9DX]

HR - Paolo, IK2QPR will be active as HR9/IK2QPR from Roatan Island (NA-057) on 4-12 January. He will operate holiday style on all bands mainly SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX IK2QPR]

I - II2IGTO will be active from the submarine "Toti" at the National Museum of Science and Technology in Milan on 20-21 December for the International Naval Contest, organised this year by the Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society (http://www.rnars.org.uk). QSL via IQ2MI, direct or bureau. [TNX IT9MRM]

SP_ssh - Janusz, SP9YI is now active as HF0APAS from the Polish Henryk Arctowski Station on King George Island, South Shetlands (AN-010). According to SP9JPA, he should remain there until around 12 January. QSL via home call.

T32 - Toshi, T31DX went QRT from Central Kiribati on 9 December around 16 UTC. He is now going to Christmas Island (OC-024), East Kiribati, where he should arrive around 19-20 December and be active as T32YY for 5-7 days. QSL direct to JA8BMK. [TNX The Daily DX]

T8 - Mike/JA6EGL (T8SM), Yas/JA6UBY (T88CP), Yu/JE6DND (T88HK) and Hiro/JA6KYU (T88HS) will be active from Koror Island, (OC-009) Palau on 16-18 January. They plan to operate CW and SSB on 80-10 metres. QSL via home calls, direct only. [TNX JN6RZM]

UA - UA9XC, UA9XF, UA9XLC and UA9XTL will be active as RI1OTA from the Solovetskiy Islands (EU-066) on 15-19 December. QSL via UA9XC, direct or bureau. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

VP8_fal- Ghis, ON5NT has retired and says that "it's time now to start travelling with the XYL". He will be touring the Falkland Islands (SA-002) from 31 January to 7 February, and will operate as VP8DLQ mostly during the local evening hours. QSL via ON5NT, direct or bureau. [TNX ON5NT]

XU - Peter, NO2K will be active again as XU7ACY from Cambodia starting around 20 December for about 6 weeks. He will concentrate on 40, 80 and 160 metres. He also hopes to join up with Wim, XU7T2G (XU7KOH) for an activity from Koh Russei (Bamboo Island, AS-133). QSL XU7ACY via W2EN and QSL XU7KOH via ON7PP. [TNX The Daily DX]

HIMALAYAN TRIP ---> Frank, I2DMI will be visiting Bhutan and Nepal between late December and early January. He will operate RTTY only as A52RY from
Thimphu, Bhutan on 22-31 December, probably between 01-03 UTC and 12-19 UTC on a daily basis. Suggested frequencies are 3582, 7040, 10142, 14082, 21082, 24922 and 28082 kHz. He will then be in Nepal until 5 January. He plans to operate 9N7DMI or N7RY (callsign to be confirmed upon arrival) on the same frequencies and at the same times. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. The logs will be uploaded to LoTW.

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425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The latest issue (November 2008) is now available at http://www.425dxn.org/monthly/index.html. Articles and pictures should be sent to Nicola Baldresca, IZ3EBA.

APPEAL FOR HELP ---> "Vlad, 4K9W needs our help", Axel Schernikau (DL6KVA, Vlad's QSL manager) says. "Being an invalid, after the loss of his mother, Vlad needs to arrange a continued care by his own to keep having a more or less normal life and to enjoy our great hobby on air". More details and contact information can be found at http://4k9w.oe4vie.com/.

QSL VIA LY5W ---> Saulius, LY5W says he still has logs and cards for his previous callsigns and activities: LY10DR, LY1DR, LY2BIM, LY61DR, LY75DR, LY91DR, LY95DR, LY98DR and UP2BIM, besides the callsigns he used this year (LY600W, LY755W and LY70W). The address for direct QSLling is Saulius Zalnerauskas, P.O. Box 1081, Kaunas LT-49005, Lithuania.

VP2V/G6AY ---> There has been a pirate station using the call VP2V/G6AY on CW over the last few weeks, and both G3RTE and G3SWH have received QSL requests from numerous stations. VP2V/G6AY was the special call of their February 2006 DXpedition and has not been activated since, neither do they have any current plans to re-activate the call. All QSL requests received to date have been returned with an explanatory note. [TNX G3SWH]

+ SILENT KEYS + Joseph S. Rahshtain (RD4HF, formerly known as 4K6GF, UD6GF and UD6DLJ) passed away on 7 December. First licensed in 1955, he was a doyen of amateur radio with more than 250,000 QSOs in his logs.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 1A4A, 3B8CF, 3D2YA (OC-121), 3DA0VB, 3V8BB, 4L0A, 4L0B, 4S7NE, 5H3VMB (AF-074), 5J0E, 5W0HH, 5W0HH, 5X1VB, 5Z4/RW1AU, 5Z4/UA4WHX, 6W1SE, 7P8Z2, 7Q7VB, 8Q7KK, 8Q7XR, 8R1K, 9J1VB, 9L1X (AF-056), 9U0VB, A25/DL7DF, BT1OB, BT1OH, BT1OJ, BT1OY, BX5AA, BY1TX/4 (AS-146), C91VB/4 (AF-103), C91VB/6 (AF-088), CE0Y/JJ2NYT, CE0Z/DL2AH, CN2DX, CN2IPA, CN2R, CQ35MD, CT3FQ, CU2/F5LMJ/p (EU-175), D2OB, D60VB, DR1A, EK6TA, EL2DX, EP3SMH, ER4DX, ER5GB, ES1QD, ET3JA, ET3SID, EW1AR, EW2AA, FJ/SP7VC (NA-146), FK/FO5RK, FK8GX, FO/HA9G/p, FO/JJ2NYT, FW1W, GB2CI (EU-124), GW3YDX, H40MY (OC-163), H44TO (OC-192),
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