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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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3W - Mike, OM2DX is now working for the Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Hanoi, Vietnam for the next three years. On 5 January he got his licence, and he will operate as XV9DX and 3W1M on all bands CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via OM3JW. [TNX VA3RJ]

5X - Peter, 5X4X (DL8SBQ) is active from Arua, Uganda until June. He runs 100 watts into a spiderbeam for 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres and a Zepp antenna for 40 metres. He has been pirated on 160, 80 and 40 metres - if you worked him during the evening hours, please note that Peter cannot operate after 20 UTC, because the power is off in Arua. QSL via DF5GQ. [TNX DXNL]

6W - Tom, DL2RMC will be active as either 6W/DL2RMC or with a 6V call from Senegal on 16-29 January. It will be a holiday style operation, with most activity to be concentrated during the CQ WW 160-Meter DX CW Contest. QSL via DL1RTL. [TNX NG3K]

A3 - Bert, CX3AN will be active as A35HA from Tongatapu Island (OC-049), Tonga on 14-21 February. He will operate holiday style on 40-6 metres SSB and CW, with an emphasis on 30 and 17 metres, running 100 watts into dipoles. QSL via home call. [TNX CX3AN]

CE - Special event station XR27RAID will be active on 11-25 January for the 27th Raid Atacama Desert Trophy. Expect activity on all bands and modes. QSL via CE6TBN.

CU - CU8AS, HB9CQL and HB9CRV/CT3FN will be active as CU8W from Albarnaz Lighthouse on Flores Island (EU-089) on 19-23 January. They plan to operate CW and RTTY with a focus on the low bands. For the CQ WW 160-Meter DX Contest (CW) they will be joined by CT1GPQ and possibile another operator, and will use CU8A (multi-single). Then they will move to Sao Jorge Island (EU-175) and operate as CU5T on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and RTTY from Topo Lighthouse from 28 January to 2 February. QSL for CU8W, CU8A and CU5T via CT1GFK, direct or bureau (e-mail requests for bureau cards can be sent to cu8at@sapo.pt). The team has a website at http://www.to-mk.com/azores/presentation/index.php

DL - Club station DL0PHG (http://www.a53.de/) will be QRV throughout 2009 with special DOK 1225PHG to celebrate the 1225th anniversary of the city of Philippsburg. QSL via the DARC bureau. [TNX DJ6JH]

FR - The Association Radio Amateur des Deux Sevres (http://ed79.ref-union.org/) reports that Daniel, F5LGQ will be active as TO4IPA from Reunion Island (AF-016) on 13-31 January.

G - The first known rescue at sea involving radio occurred on 23 January 1909, when the "Republic" and the "Florida" collided off Nantucket and the CQD emergency call was used for the first time by Republic's radio operator Jack Binns. Celebrating that 100th anniversary, the Scunthorpe Steel Amateur Radio Club will be active as GB5CQD on 24-25 January. QSL via G0OKF. Information on

other stations participating in the Jack Binns' special event can be found at http://www.jackbinns.org/

H4 - Bernhard, DL2GAC [425DXN 917] will arrive in Honiara, Solomon Islands, on 10 January. He is expected to stay until 28 April, with a side trip to Temotu Province in March (see H40 below). Bernhard plans to operate SSB as H44MS with a focus on 80 and 40 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

H40 - Sigi/DK9FN (CW operator) and Hermann/DL2NUD (EME operator) will join Bernhard, DL2GAC (H44MS) in late February for a 2-3 week operation from Temotu Province [425DXN 917]. Their flight to Lata is planned for 2 March, and Sigi will go back home on 16 March. He plans to operate CW only on 160-6 metres, hopefully as H40FN (the callsign he used back in 1999). Whatever callsign Sigi will be using, the QSL route is via HA8FW (bureau preferred). [TNX The Daily DX]

HI - Josep, EA3BT and his wife Nuria, EA3WL will be active as HI9/EA3BT and HI9/EA3WL from Cayo Levantado (NA-122), Dominican Republic on 21-27 January. They plan to operate mainly SSB and digital modes on 10-80 metres, with an amplifier, a beam for 10-20 metres and a vertical for 40 and 80 metres. QSL via EA3BT. [TNX EA3BT]

I - Angelo, IK1UGX is active as IY1GM until 31 March to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Nobel Prize in physiscs awarded to Guglielmo Marcnoni. QSL via home call. [TNX IK1VKH]

KL - The same operators who activated NA-234 in 2008 plan to be active as KL7RRC from Ogliuga Island in the Delarof Islands Group (NA-233, new one) indicatively between 20 and 30 July, IOTA Contest included. Further details are expected in due course; preliminary information can be found at http://www.na-234.com/index.html (click on "NA-233 Plans").

KP2 - Look for KP2/JA1CJA, KP2/JA3AVO and KP2/JA3BZO to be active from St. Croix, US Virgin Islands (NA-106) on 17-22 January. They plan to operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-6 metres. [TNX The Daily DX]

T3 - Udo, DL9HCU [425DXN 922] is currently active as T30HC from Western Kiribati for about a week. "Then he will go to Banaba (T33HC) if the boat is on schedule", The Daily DX reports. QSL via home call.

W - Due to popular demand, the Old Barney ARC (www.obarc.org) has decided to extend the N2OB/150 and N2OB/LH special event operation [425DXN 920] through 31 March. [TNX N2OO]

XX - Vincent, F4BKV (http://www.f4bkv.net/) will be active as XX9TKV from Coloane Island (AS-075), Macau on until 12 January. QSL via home call. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

YN - Stan/AC8W, Hank/K8DD, Jim/KB8TXZ and Lee/N8LJ will be active from Nicaragua for one week starting on 17 February, ARRL DX CW Contest included. They will put an emphasis on 160, 80, 30, 17 and 12 metres. They will operate as either H7/homecall or with YN2 calls. [TNX K8DD]

ZK2 - Chris, ZL1CT will be active as ZK2V from Niue (OC-040) between 16 May and 20 June. His 5-week expedition aims to to give as many stations as possibile their first QSO with ZK2. Resources are limited, and he will operate maily on 80, 40, 20 and 15 metres CW and SSB, with some activity on 30, 17 and 12 metres and some RTTY. QSL via N3SL. A log-search will be available at

http://www.gm7v.com/zk2v.htm, and Chris plans to update it as often as possible. [TNX ZL1CT]

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DESECHEO 2009 ---> On 19 December several members of the 12-26 February 2009 Desecheo DXpedition team, along with representatives of U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), visited Desecheo Island to scout out operating and antenna positions and do a preliminary unexploded ordnance (UXO) check. The campsite and antenna fields were thoroughly swept for UXO and suspicious areas were declared off limits for the DXpedition. USFWS will allow antennas on the ridge above the helicopter pad, thus providing a clear shot to EU, NA and JA. Other antennas will be located on the beach below the helicopter pad. Eight HF stations plus 6 meters will be operational. An incredible array of antennas has been planned. Transportation and logistics have been arranged for a fast deployment and quick appearance on the air. The complete Press Release #3 (6 January) is available on the DXpedition's website (www.kp5.us), along with details on how contribute to the expedition, pictures and much more information.
A new interview with Glenn Johnson, W0GJ, expedition co-leader, can be found on the Documentary Archive's special web page (www.dokufunk.org/desecheo). The interview was given to Wolf Harranth, OE1WHC on 7 January.

DXCC NEWS ---> The license for T61AA (Afghanistan) has been updated. Anyone having this operation rejected recently can send an e-mail to dxcc@arrl.org to be placed on the list for an update. [TNX NC1L]

EPC WW DX CONTEST ---> The European PSK Club invites amateur radio operators all over the world to participate in the EPC WW DX Contest, to be held on 31 January-1 February (from 12 UTC to 12 UTC). Object of the contest is to work as many stations as possible using the BPSK125 mode. Full information can be found at http://www.epcwwdx.srars.org [TNX CT3EE]

IOTA BASH ---> The fifth annual IOTA Bash will be held on 13-14 March at the QTH of AD5A, Mike Crownover in Boerne, Texas. The agenda is being finalized and will include presentations on some of the most recent IOTA expeditions and a nice social programme. Details will be available on the IREF website (www.islandradio.org).

LOGS ---> A log search for the special event station 4A1DXXE can be found at http://www.dxxe.org/logsearch/index.php?cmd=preselect&log=4A1DXXE [TNX DL6KAC]

LOGS ---> A log-search for ZD8UW (Ascension Island) can be found at http://clublog.g7vjr.org/l.php?log=ZD8UW; the logs are being uploaded to LoTW.

QSL CT3BX ---> Hermann, HB9CRV reports that as of 31 December 2008 he is no longer the QSL manager CT3BX. No new QSL manager has been nominated so far and the logs are closed. [TNX K1XN and The Golist]

QSL ZS1REC ---> Effective 1 January, the new QSL route is via OK1DOT, direct only: Petr Gustab, P.O. Box 52, Cesky Brod 282 01, Czech Republic. The other stations Petr is the current QSL manager for are 3W22S, 3W3W, 9G5SW, 9M2/G4VGO, 9V1GO, EP4SP, HK1AR, HK3KAV, NL7G, TG9AKH, WP3F, XV1X, XV9DT, YB1JZS, YB5AQB, YI9CC and ZS6CCY. [TNX OK1DOT]

QSL FROM CHILE ---> Still waiting for a QSO with a Chilean station (3G, CA, CC, CD, CE, XQ or XR) to be confirmed? You may find help from Jose Luis Jimenez, CE1KR - check http://hunting-qsl.blogspot.com/ [TNX I0DJV]

QSL VIA E77E ---> The QSL cards for a number of stations Robert, E77E is the QSL manager for (E7HQ, E7DX, E74AW, E75A, E79D to name a few) are still awaited from the printer. There is no need to send second direct cards, just be patient. The first batch of bureau cards (Robert is the E7 outgoing bureau manager) is expected to be mailed in March. The address for incoming bureau cards has not changed: E7 QSL Bureau, P.O. Box 61, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. [TNX E77E]

VE POSTAL RATES ---> Canadian postal rates will rise on 12 January. The new rates for standard letter items up to 30 grams (1 ounce) will be $0.57 (within Canada), $1.03 (Canada to the USA) and $1.73 (Canada to any other country). [TNX VA3RJ]

XE1KK/XF1 ---> Ramon, XE1KK operated as XE1KK/XF1 from a couple of islands in the NA-124 IOTA group between late December and early January. A presentation on these "lunch time" activities can be found at http://files.xe1kk.com/XE1KK-XF1.pdf. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau and uploaded to LoTW; direct cards should be sent to XE1KK. [TNX K6HFA]

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8/SP2JMB, 3D2YA (OC-121), 3V8BB, 3X5A, 3XM6JR, 4J3M, 4J4K, 4J5A, 4K4K, 4K9C, 4X0AI (AS-100), 5H3VMB, 5N/LZ1QK, 5R8VB, 5U5U, 5U7DX, 5W0HH, 5W5AA, 5X1VB, 5Z4/RW1AU, 5Z4KI, 6O0M, 6V7L, 7P8BA, 7Q7VB, 7X4AN, 7Z1UG, 9G1UW, 9G5ZZ, 9H1XT, 9J2M, 9J2VB, 9L0W, 9L1X (AF-056), 9M2AX, 9M6/N2BB, 9M6XRO/p, 9M8Z, 9Q1D, 9U0VB, A35SS, A73A, AH2L, AH8/DL2AH, AY1ZA (AN-008), BG7JSQ, BI4N, C31CT, C6AKX, C6ATA, C91LW, C91R, CM6RCR, CN2B, CN2R, CU2X, CU7/DH3NB (EU-175), D20VB, D60VB, EL2DX, ER0WW, FG/F5OIU, FJ/F6FYD, FJ/OH2AM, FM/F6ARC (NA-107), FW1W, H40MY, H7/AJ9C, HB0/PA3FGA, HC5WW, HC8N, HH2FYD/6 (NA-149), HI3/LY3UM, HK3JJH/HK0A (NA-132), HK3JJH/HK0B (NA-133), HQ3Z, HR3/N6VI, HR9/WQ7R (NA-057), HZ1IK, J20VB, J3/DM2AYO, J39BS, JW/IN3SAU, K5S, K7A (NA-042 and NA-241), KB7OBU/KH2, KC4AAA, KH6ND, KP2M, KP4AO, LU1ZB (AN-012), LU4ZS (AN-013), OA4BHY/2 (SA-075), OD5NH, OD5NJ, OJ0/SM0EPO, OJ0B, OJ0J, OX5AA, OZ/DO1BEN (EU-029), P29NI (OC-041 and OC-181), P29VLR, P40A, P40Q, P40TA, P40ZB, PJ7/K1XM, PJ7/K2GSJ, PZ5C, PZ5C/p (SA-092), PZ5PA, PZ5WP, PZ5Z, R35NP, R450AD, RA0FU, RK1B/P (EU-133), RU6DX/P (EU-185), RZ0AF, S79NS (AF-024), S79NS/p (AF-033), TC4X, TF3KX, TO4X, TO5DX, TR8CA, TT8AMO, TT8M, TY5WP,

UA0IT, UA9MA, UN1L, UW7LL, UX2X, V47NT, V73NS, V8FWP, VE2XAA/2, VE8RCS/VY0, VK1AA/2 (OC-223), VK1ANU/5 (OC-139), VK9ANU, VO2A (NA-194 and NA-205), VP5/G3TXF, VP9KF, VQ9RD, VR2PX, VU4AN/VU3OHB, VU4MY, VU7SJ, W4PL (NA-067), XE1KK, XE1ZTW, XW1B, XW1IC, XW1X, YB0COU, YN2I, YU8/OH2R, YV1FM, YV4A, Z2/UA4WHX, ZA0/I0SNY (EU-169), ZA0/I8LWL (EU-169), ZB2FK, ZC4VJ, ZD8N, ZF1DX, ZF2AM, ZK2AH, ZK3MW.

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