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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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4K - Once again Axel, DL6KVA will be active as 4K0CW from Vlad's (4K9W) QTH on 19-25 March, between the local evening hours (Azerbaijan is UTC +4) on the 19th and the local midday on the 25th. He will operate CW only on all the HF bands, with 100 watts and a 84-metre longwire, and will take part in the Russian DX Contest. QSL via home call. [TNX DL6KVA]

4U1UN - Johnny, NQ2G (LA5IIA) will be active for a few hours from 4U1UN, the UN Headquarters station, during the CQ WW 160M CW Contest. He is likely to operate a bit at the beginning of the contest and then again on Saturday, "for about six hours in total". QSL via HB9BOU. [TNX The Daily DX]

7Q - Harry, 7Q7HB is going back to Malawi for around two months. He will have to replace the broken rotator and repair the amplifier, then hopefully he will be QRV again. His preferred modes are PSK, RTTY and CW (SSB on request). QSL via G0IAS, direct only. [TNX G0IAS]

C9 - Bill/K5WAF, Dale/KG5U, Jim/N4AL, Madison/W5MJ, Paul/W5PF and Cal/WF5W will be active on 160-10 metres from Bilene, Mozambique from 25 March to 5 April, CQ WW WPX SSB contest included. They will have three stations (SSB, CW and digital modes) with two amplifiers, log periodics for 10-20 metres and vertical for the other bands. The QSL route for all their C9 callsigns (TBA) is via W5PF. Further information and on-line logs at http://www.tdxs.net/c91.html. [TNX W5PF]

CT3 - Rosel, DL3KWR and Hardy, DL3KWF will be active again as CT3/DL3KWR and CT3/DL3KWF from Madeira (AF-014) on 5-19 March. They plan to operate mostly CW and on 12, 17 and 30 metres. Hardy will also give RTTY and PSK-31 a try. QSL via home calls. E-mail requests for bureau cards can be sent to dl3kwr@darc.de or dl3kwf@darc.de respectively. Their web site is at http://www.mydarc.de/dl3kwr [TNX DL3KWF]

CY0 - Randy/N0TG, Murray/WA4DAN and Ron/AA4VK will be active as homecall/CY0 from Sable Island (NA-063) on 7-14 October. They plan to have three complete HF stations, with three verticals, one "strategically placed" yagi and at least one wire antenna, and to operate SSB and CW on 160-10 metres, with an emphasis on Asia. Twenty metres are likely to provide most contacts, and they will try to have two stations (CW and SSB) on that band at the same time. QSL via home calls. The website for the expedition is at http://www.cy0dxpedition.com/ [TNX NG3K]

FS/PJ7 - The "Buddies in the Caribbean" DX group, which specializes in 100 watt or low power radios and the Buddipole portable antenna system, is off again to a new DXpedition. Wey/K8EAB, Paul/KB9AVO, Mike/KC4VG, Steve/N0TU, Guy/N7UN, Budd/W3FF, Chris/W6HFP and

Tom/WW5L will operate SSB, CW and RTTY as FS/homecall (St. Martin) and PJ7/homecall (Sint Maarten) on 4-11 February. Their main QTH will be on the French side of the island. QSL via home calls. The logs will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL. The group has a blog page at http://caribbeanbuddies.blogspot.com/ [TNX WW5L]

GM - The Kilmarnock and Loudoun ARC will be active as GB250RB from 25 January through the end of the year to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns, Scotland's national poet and cultural icon. A website is being constructed at http://www.gb250rb.co.uk/

GM - Jim, MM0BQI will be active as Jim, MM0BQI/p from Lunga Island in the Treshnish Islands (EU-108) on 24-27 April. He will run 100 watts to verticals down by the seaside, and to be active on 20, 40 and 80 metres using CW, SSB and if time permits a bit of digi modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Jim will upload the logs to LoTW. [TNX MM0BQI]

H40 - Siegfried, DK9FN provides further information on his 2-16 March activity as from Lata, Nendo Island (OC-100), Temotu Province [425DXN 923]. He hopes to get the same callsign he used back in 1999 (H40FN), and will operate CW only, while Bernhard, DL2GAC (H44MS) will work SSB as H40MS and Herrmann, DL2NUD will be on 2m EME (H40 callsign to be issued). They will have three separate stations with amplifiers. Siegfried thinks he will concentrate on 160-30 metres, as the current propagation predictions do not promise anything good on the higher bands. QSL H40FN via HA8FW: all of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau, for those who need a direct card the address is Mihaly Bela, Csongradi SGT. 122/A, H-6724 Szeged, Hungary. Further information on this activity, including details on the antennas to be used, can be found at www.hari-ham.com/h40fn [TNX DK9FN]

JD1_mt - Masa, JA6GXK (JD1BMM) and Kingo, JK1PCN (JD1BND) will be active from Minami-Torishima (OC-073) from 24 January to 9 February. They plan to be QRV in their spare time on a daily basis. QSL JD1BMM via JD1BMM, direct (Masafumi Ishihara, 2-305 Loran, 2-5-35 Miyazaki, Chuo-ku, Chiba, 260-0806 Japan) or through the JARL bureau. QSL JD1BND via bureau to JD1BND. [TNX The Daily DX]

PA - The PA3FKN PACC Team will be active from the island of Ameland (EU-038) during the annual Dutch PACC Contest (http://pacc.veron.nl/) on 14-15 February. Twelve operators will be active in the multi-multi category, with a wide range of antennas (including 2 phased verticals for 160m, 4 square dipoles for 80m and 4 square verticals for 40m). Further information and updates can be found at http://www.dx.to [TNX PG5M]

SV9 - Willi, DJ7RJ will operate SSB and CW as SV9/DJ7RJ from Crete (EU-015) for three weeks starting on 24 February. QSL via home call. [TNX AA1M]

V6 - Yuki, JH1NBN has been on a business trip to Micronesia since 19 January and is expected to be there until the first week of February. He will be visiting three islands - namely Pohnpei (OC-010), Kosrae (OC-059) and Chuuk (OC-011) - and he hopes to be able to operate in his spare time, possibly as V63AQ. [TNX The Daily DX]

VP8_sg - Lars, MM0DWF (DL9LB) will return to South Georgia (AN-007) in

February, and expects to operate again as VP8DIF during his limited spare time. He will have a new soundcard interface, so he might try some RTTY, "but no promises". QSL via DJ9ZB, direct or bureau. Further information, including log search, can be found at http://www.lars-boehme.de/vp8dif/index.html

XT - Michael, F1IQH will be active again as XT2WC from Burkina-Faso starting on 25 January for two weeks. He plans to operate mainly on 20 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX F5NQL]

YN - Andrei, NP3D (EW1AR) will be active again as H7/NP3D and YN2/EW1AR from Nicaragua on 11-15 February, including an entry in the CQ WW WPX RTTY Contest as YN2S. He will operate CW and RTTY, with some SSB. QSL via NP3D (direct) or W3HNK or RW6HS (for Russia and CIS countries). The logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [TNX RW6HS]

YV0 - The 4M5DX Group's expedition to Aves Island (NA-020) [425DXN 916] is scheduled to take place in March, hopefully for a full week. A large team of operators will be active as YW0A on 160-6 metres SSB, CW and RTTY. QSL via IT9DAA (diret or bureau), or LoTW. Bookmark http://yw0a.4m5dx.info for updates.

ZS - A group of South African amateurs will participate in the CQWW WPX SSB contest (28-29 March) as ZT2V from the East Cape Province. It will be a Multi-2 entry from the QTH of Donovan, ZS2DL. Other participating operators include ZS2ACP, ZS2DK, ZS2EZ, ZS2GV, ZS2HK and ZS2Y, plus an eighth one to be selected. QSL via NI5DX. [TNX NI5DX]

ZS8 - Latest information posted on http://zs8t.net/ indicate that Petrus, ZS8T has renewed his licence and "showed on 20 meters last weekend for a few QSOs". There is not any sound information about his operating plans, but in an interview released on 20 January Petrus said that "for the next two or three months I will basically try being on the air as much as possible" (listen to the interview on the website).

SOUTH AMERICAN TOUR ---> Witek, SP9MRO and his wife Danuta, SP9SX will be active holiday style as ZP6/SP9MRO from Paraguay between 21 February and 3 March, and from Uruguay on 4-14 March. They plan to operate CW, SSB and RTTY, with main activity to be concentrated during the weekends and the local night hours. [TNX SP9MRO]

CQ WW 160-METER DX CONTEST (CW) ---> Object of the contest is for amateurs around the world to work as many US States, Canadian provinces and countries as possible on 160 metres CW (http://cq160.com/rules.htm). The following stations have announced their partecipation in this year's event (from 22.00 UTC on 23 January through 22.00 UTC on the 25th):

Call	DXCC	QSL via
4L0G	Georgia	EA7FTR
4Z5J	Israel	W0MM
4U1UN	United Nations HQ	HB9BOU
5K0CW	San Andres & Providencia	W5PF
6W/DL2RMC	Senegal	DL1RTL
A71BX	Qatar	EA7FTR
C6ANM	Bahamas	WA2IYO
CE1/K7CA	Chile	NW7O

CN3A	Morocco	I2WIJ
CO8TW	Cuba	HB9SVT
CT9M	Madeira Isls	CT3EE
CU8A	Azores	CT1GFK
DP3D	Germany	DK3KD
E71A	Bosnia-Herzegovina	E71A
E7DX	Bosnia-Herzegovina	E77E
ED5T	Spain	EA5ELT
EF8M	Canary Isls	RD3AF
ER0/UT0FT	Moldova	UT0FT
ER0FEO	Moldova	UU0JM
ES9C	Estonia	ES5RY
EY8MM	Tajikistan	K1BV
HQ9R	Honduras	K5WW
LX7I	Luxembourg	LX2A
LY7A	Lithuania	LY2ZO
MD4K	Isle of Man	G3NKC
NP4A	Puerto Rico	W3HNK
OH8X	Finland	OH2UA
OM8A	Slovakia	OM2VL
RK2FWA	Kaliningrad	DK4VW
SK7DX	Sweden	SM7DXQ
SN1I	Poland	SP1NQF
TA3D	Turkey	TA3D
UA2FW	Kaliningrad	UA2FW
UU7J	Ukraine	UU0JM
UW2M	Ukraine	UR0MC
VP9/N1SNB	Bermuda	N1SNB
XE1RCS	Mexico	XE1RCS
XU7ACY	Cambodia	W2EN
XW1B	Laos	E21EIC
ZF1A	Cayman Islands	W8BLA

Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cq160c2009.html- good contest to you all!

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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CLOSING LOGS ---> Dianna, KB6NAN is closing the logs for the following operations by the late Chuck Brady, N4BQW: VP5/N4BQW (2005, the log is on LoTW) and N4BQW/KH9 (Wake Island 2002 and 2003, paper logs). Dianna will keep these logs open for one more month. [TNX The Daily DX]

DX AWARDS ---> The K1BV DX Awards Directory is a 324-page book listing the rules for 3312 different awards from 119 countries. Some 150 new awards have been added, dead awards have been removed and hundreds of changes in addresses/rules/fees have been made in the 2009 Edition. For further information please visit http://www.dxawards.com/2009edition.htm

E44M ---> After fixing a glitch in the ADIF file, the logs for the recent operation from Palestine have been uploaded to LoTW. Should you have problems, please contact the QSL manager (qsle44m@gmail.com).

IOTA HONOUR ROLL ---> The deadline for the 2009 IOTA Honour Roll and Annual Listing is approaching. Applications or updates submitted online (www.rsgbiota.org) on or before 1 February will count for the 2009 tables so long as the supporting cards sent to checkpoints are postmarked no later than that date. Updates postmarked after 1 February will be processed in the normal way but scores will be held over to a later listing.

LOGS ---> Alex, RV1ZC is now active as R1ANC from Vostok base in Antarctica. Please visit http://www.qrz.com/r1anc for further information and on-line log, which is updated several times a week. [TNX RN1ON]

MOST WANTED SURVEY ---> The DX Magazine's (http://www.dxpub.com) annual Most Wanted Survey was conducted in September-October 2008 [425DXN 904]. The top 10 DXCC Entities are North Korea (P5), Yemen (7O), Navassa KP1), Glorioso FR/G), Marion (ZS8), Desecheo (KP5), Bouvet (3Y), Heard (VK0), Crozet (FT5W) and Amsterdam & St. Paul (FT5Z). Give a look at the 100 Most Wanted listing, which also shows the results of the 2007 survey for comparison, at http://www.dxpub.com/dx_news.html. The complete breakdown by continent is available in the January/February 2009 issue of "The DX Magazine"; a breakdown by mode as well as a listing for the low bands will be published in the March/April 2009 issue.

OH8X ---> The group at Radio Arcala will hit 160 metres with a 39-ton (80.000 lbs) 3-element full-size monster during the week of 19 January, culminating with the CQWW 160M Contest. OH8X is to be manned by OH2IW and OH6KN, still in a limited capacity while valuable data will be gathered in this first assault. Their partners for measurement purposes will be the sister station CU2X operated by OH2BH/CU2KG and, in close proximity, the associate stations OH0E operated by OH2MM, and OG2P operated by OH2PM.
Radio Arcala is cooperating with the University of Oulu in several areas of HF propagation study. They also welcome and acknowledge field reports (oh1wz@sral.fi). You may read about details of the monster construction at http://www.helsinki.fi/~korpela/PU/PU.html and study the overall mission at www.radioarcala.com. QSL for OH8X via OH2UA, CU2X via OH2BH, OG2P via OH2PM and OH0E via OH2MM. [TNX OH2BN]

QRZ INDIA ---> An amateur radio callsign database with all available details of licensed operators in India (some 11,000 callsigns at the moment, but the list in growing) can be found at http//:www.qrz.co.in [TNX The Daily DX]

QSL FM1HN ---> Buzz, NI5DX, is now the QSL manager for Julien, FM1HN. Buzz will be able to confirm any QSOs that are in Julien's log - he already has the logs, but is awaiting QSL cards. At the present time, QSLs for the special call (TO1YR) still go to FM1HN either direct or via the bureau. [TNX K1XN and The Golist]

+ SILENT KEYS + Tadeusz "Teddy" Barczyk (DL4DBR, ex SP9ERC) passed away on

2 January. On a weelchair since he was 17 years old, "he was a man who lived his life to the fullest despite his handicap", Kazik (PT5ZHP) says. He was the QSL manager for a few stations, including PT5ZHP and VK6DXI (aka 9M8DX, 9V1XE, 7X0DX, etc).
Zedan Hussein Abbas, JY3ZH passed away on 20 January. An amateur radio operator for forty years, he was the net controller of the well known "Arabian Knights Net" (14252 kHz) established by the late King Hussein (JY1) in the early Seventies.
Other recently reported Silent Keys include Dennis J. Wills (AK5D), Walter H. Kirst (HB9AQL), Laban Davis (VO1HLD), Donald L. Doughty (W6EEN), Donald G. Lemley (W8DL) and Christian Favier (F5OKD), who passed away on 22 January at only 46 years of age.

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