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3B - Piotr, SP2JMR and Slavo, SP2JMB will be active as 3B9/homecalls from the Rodrigues Islands (AF-017) on 1-8 April, and as 3B8/homecalls from Mauritius Island (AF-049) on 9-17 April. They plan to operate SSB and CW on all bands. [TNX SP2JMB]

9G - Rob, PA3DEW and Vincent, PA3FQX will be active again from Dormaa Ahenkro, Ghana starting on 14 February. They will be QRV as 9G1AA in their spare time; look for them around 16 UTC on 14140 kHz. QSL via PA3ERA. [TNX PA3AWW]

C3 - Finn, OV8FM and Martin, 5P1M will be active as C3/OV8FM and C3/5P1M from Andorra on 10-13 February. They plan to operate SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and SSTV on 20 and 40 metres. QSL via OV1A. [TNX OV1A]

CE - Members of Radio Club La Portada will be active as XR1A from Puerto Antofagasta lighthouse on 21-22 February for the South American Lighthouses Weekend (see "Good to Know" below). They will operate CW and SSB mainly on 20 and 40 metres. QSL via XQ1IDM. [TNX XQ1IDM]

CN - Russell, G5XW will be active again as CN2XW from Morocco on 13-23 February. This is another backpacking type holiday, so he will be running 100 watts into some sort of basic antenna. QSL via home call, direct only. [TNX G5XW]

CT - CT1AHU, CT1EHX, CT1GFK, CT1GPQ, CT1IUA and CT2IHP will be active as CQ1A from the island of Nossa Senhora do Rosario (DIP AL-19) on 8 February. They plan to operate SSB and CW with two stations on 40 and 20 metres, from around 8 UTC to 13 UTC. QSL via CT1GFK. [TNX CT1IUA]

D4 - Girts, YL2KL will be active as D4C from Cape Verde on 11-22 February, including SOAB entries in the ARRL DX CW and CQ WW WPX RTTY contests. He hopes for some activity on 30 metres. QSL via IZ4DPV. [TNX NG3K]

DU - David, BA4DW is currently active as DU9/BA4DW from Mindanao Island (OC-130) until 10 February. He operates in his spare time with 100 watts and wire antennas. QSL via home call. [TNX BA4DW]

FG - Ilario, IV3CGJ will be active as FG/IV3CGJ/p from Marie-Galante, Guadeloupe (NA-102) on 13-24 February. QSL via bureau to home call. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

GD - The Barry Amateur Radio Society will operate from the Isle of Man (EU-116) from 28 March to 4 April. Thomas/DJ6OI, Jan/DJ8NK, Franz/DJ9ZB, Alois/DL8RBL, Glyn/GW0ANA, Yasu/JR1AIB, Curtis/MW0USK and Lois/MW3LOI will be active on 160-10 metres (6m will be monitored for openings) SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK under three callsigns: GT4BRS for SSB and CW, GT6BRS for data modes and GD8K during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (28-29 March). All QSL cards via GW0ANA, direct or bureau.

HC - Rick, NE8Z will be active again from Ecuador between late February

and early March. He will operate CW and SSB on 160-10 metres as HC1MD/HC4 from Same and Tonsupa (Esmeraldas Province) on 20-27 February, and as HC1MD from Tumbaco (Pichincha Province) from 28 February to 8 March. QSL via K8LJG. Information on the Ecuador and Galapagos DX Awards can be found at http://webpages.charter.net/ne8z [TNX NE8Z]

HP - The Radio Club of Panama and the Panama Canal Amateur Radio Association will be active on all bands and modes as H81L from Miraflores Lighthouse (ARLHS PAN-030) on 14-15 February. QSL via HP1RCP. [TNX HP1AC]

I - Luigi, IV3LNQ is active as IA3GM until 31 December to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Nobel Prize in physiscs awarded to Guglielmo Marcnoni. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX IV3LNQ]

I - Celebrating the 141st anniversary of the birth of Paul P. Harris, the founder of Rotary International, Rotary Club "Siracusa Monti Climiti" (Sicily) will be active on 20, 15 and 40 metres as IO9ROTA between 19 April and 19 May. The operator will be Adriano, IT9CCB. [TNX IT9CCB]

J7 - John, K3TEJ will be active as J7N from Dominica (NA-101) on 11-27 February, including a SOAB entry in either the CQ WW WPX RTTY and the ARRL DX CW contests. Outside the contests he will concentrate on 160, 30, 17 and 12 metres CW and RTTY. QSL direct to K3TEJ. [TNX K3TEJ]

J8 - Nigel, G3TXF has been active as J88XF from Mayreau Island (NA-025) since 5 February, and will remain there until the 9th. He operates CW only, mainly on 40, 30, 20 and 17 metres. QSL via home call. The webpage for this trip can be accessed from http://www.g3txf.com/index.html

KP2 - Look for John, KP2/K3CT (QSL via home call) to be active from the US Virgin Islands (NA-106) on 18-25 February, with an emphasis on 30, 12 and 17 metres before and after the ARRL DX CW Contest. He will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest as KP2M (QSL via AI4U). [TNX K3CT]

PA - Rene, DL2JRM will be active as PA/DL2JRM/p from Schouwen Duiveland (EU-146) on 14-15 February. He will operate CW on 80-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

PJ - Jan, PA4JJ, will be active as PJ2/PA4JJ from Curacao (SA-006), Netherland's Antilles between 31 March and 11 April. He will operate holiday style on various bands, with a focus on 30, 17 and 12 metres and RTTY/PSK31. QSL via home call. A logsearch will be available at http://www.pa4jj.nl/ and the log will be uploaded to LoTW. [TNX PA4JJ]

PY - PT2OP (as PX6T) and PY6KW (af PY6KW/p or with a special callsign) will be active from Tinhare Island (SA-080) on 20-24 February and from Boipeba Island (SA-080) from 25 February to 1 March. They plan to operate SSB mainly on 20 and 40 metres, with 100 watts into G5RV. QSL via home calls. [TNX PT7WA]

SV - Demetrius, SV2GWY and other operators will be active as SX2CM 14-15 February, 10-11 May, 24-25 May and 5-7 July. The special callsign is in honour of the brothers saints Cyril and Methodius. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; the QSL manager for direct cards is SV2GWY. Further information

can be found at http://sx2cm.blogspot.com [TNX SV2GWY]

TI - Klaus/DK6AO, Gunter/TI7WGI, Andy/DH8WR (EA2CRX), Norbert/DL2RNS, Rene/DL2JRM and Daniel/DL5YWM will be active with a TI7 callsign TBA from San Jose, Murcielago Islands Island (NA-191)on 17-20 April. They plan to operate around the clock on 80-10 metres SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via DK6AO, direct or bureau. The website for the expedition is at www.ti7.info. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

UA - A few activities for the World Flora Fauna Award (www.wff44.com) are expected to take place between 6 and 8 February. Look for UE1RFF/3 to operate CW and SSB on 20, 40 and 80 metres from three different locations. QSLs via UA1RJ. [TNX RW3GW]

V2 - Peter, G3TKK will be active holiday style as V25TK from Antigua (NA-100) from 27 February to 12 March. He plans to operate CW on 40-17 metres. QSL via G3TKK, direct or bureau. [TNX G3TKK]

V3 - Phil/AB7RW (V31RW), his wife Barbara/AC7UH (V31UH), Rick/KT7G (V31TB) and Jake/N7WO (V31WO) will be active from Placencia, Belize on 10-24 February. They will participate in the CQ WW WPX RTTY Contest as V31TB (QSL via KT7G) and in the ARRL DX CW Contest as V31WO (QSL via N7WO). Outside the contests QSL via the operator's instructions. [TNX N7WO]

V4 - Nick, G4FAL will be active as V4/G4FAL from Rawlins Plantation, St. Kitts (NA-104) on 12-17 March, including participation in the RSGB Commonwealth Contest (BERU) on 14-15 March as V47CD. He plans to operate only CW on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via home call or LOTW. [TNX G4FAL]

V5 - Klaus, DJ4SO will be active again as V5/DJ4SO from Namibia from 14 February to 12 March. He will operate mostly CW and RTTY/PSK31 on 160-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. The logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

V8 - Sam, G4OHX will be active as V8FHX from Brunei on 11-23 February. He plans to operate mainly CW on 80, 40 and 20 metres, but he may also get on 30m. QSL via home call (direct only).[TNX The Daily DX]

VK9C - Bernd, VK2IA reports the will be active again as VK9AA from Cocos (Keeling) (OC-003) on 14-27 March. He will operate CW and SSB on 160-10 metres. QSL via DL8YR.

VK9N - Willy, ON5AX and his wife Magda, ON3AX will be active as VK9N/ON5AX from Norfolk Island (OC-005) on 15-22 March. QSL via ON5AX. [TNX ON5AX]

VP2V - Rick, K6VVA will celebrate his 65th birthday operating from Tortola, British Virgin Islands (NA-023) on 20-24 February. Expect him to operate mostly CW as VP2V/K6VVA (QSL via N6AWD), and to participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest as VP2VVA (QSL via N6AWD). [TNX NG3K]

VU - VU2DSI, VU2ROE, VU2SMN and VU2SMS will be active as AU30SHI on 21-22 February to commemorate the birth of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (19 February 1627), the founder of the Maratha Empire. They will operate from Shivneri Fort, the historic military fortification where Shivaji was born; suggested frequencies are 7070, 14250, 14215,21280 and 28290. QSL via VU2DSI. [TNX VU2DSI]

W - Dennis, WA2USA will be active as WA2USA/4 from Bogue Banks (NA-112) on 12-24 February. He plans to operate RTTY, CW and SSB on 160-10 metres, and to participate in the ARRL DX CW and CQ WW WPX RTTY contests. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX

www.rsgbiota.org]

ANTARCTIC VOYAGE ---> Willy, ON5AX and his wife Magda, ON3AX will be active as OR3AX and OR4AX from on board the "Spirit of Enderby" and from the Ross Sea region in Antarctica between 9 February and 10 March. QSL via ON5AX. [TNX ON5AX]

PACIFIC TOUR ---> Bill, N7OU and Bob, W7YAQ will be active as 3D2OU and 3D2NB from the Fiji Islands on 11-16 February. From 17 February through 2 March they will operate from Tuvalu (T2, callsigns TBA), including a M/S entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest. Operation will be 160-10 metres, mostly CW with some SSB and RTTY. QSL via home calls. [TNX NG3K]

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425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The latest issue (January 2009) is now available at http://www.425dxn.org/monthly/index.html. Articles and pictures should be sent to Nicola Baldresca, IZ3EBA.

DXCC NEWS ---> The following operations have been approved for DXCC credit:

A5100A	Bhutan	2008 operation
T6EE	Afghanistan	2006 and 2007 operations [*]
TN5SN	Congo	Current operation effective October 2008
TT8HA	Chad	2007 and 2008 operations
TT8SK	Chad	2008 and 2009 operations
ZA/F4DTO	Albania	2008
ZA0/I0SNY	Albania	2008
ZA0/I8LWK	Albania	2008
ZA0/I8YGZ	Albania	2008
ZA0/IK2AQZ	Albania	2008
ZA0/IK7JWX	Albania	2008

[*] Additional documentation has been received from T6EE to include 2006 and 2007 operations. If you had a QSO rejected for these dates send a note to dxcc@arrl.org to be placed on the list for an update.
The DXCC Blog has been renamed Century Club Awards Web, and its new URL is http://www.arrl.org/blog/Century%20Club%20Awards [TNX NC1L]

HE8CIC ---> "After 600 QSOs and two contests with the call HE8CIC it seems that most of the amateurs are not informed about the HE8 activities", Josef, HB9CIC says. "Very often I had to repeat many times the prefix and lost a lot of time". Please note that amateur radio operators from Switzerland can replace their HB9 or HB3 prefixes with HE8 and HB8 respectively until 31 December [425DXN 921], to celebrate the 80th anniversary of USKA, the Swiss IARU Society.

IARU R1 BAND PLAN ---> The IARU Region 1 new HF Band Plan will become effective on 29 March 2009. It can be found at http://www.iaru-r1.org/Spectrumbp.htm

K5D ---> A third interview with Glenn Johnson, W0GJ, expedition co-leader, can be found on the Documentary Archive's Desecheo special web page (www.dokufunk.org/desecheo). The interview was given to Wolf Harranth, OE1WHC on 6 February.

LIGHTHOUSE WEEKEND ---> The first South American Lighthouses Weekend will be held from 12 UTC on 20 February until 24 UTC on the 22nd. A list ("Listado Oficial") of partecipating stations and further information on the event can be found at http://www.grupodxbb.com.ar/faros.htm

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 7X0DX & 9M8DX ---> The new QSL route, for either past and future QSOs, is via SP5UAF, direct (Tomasz Barbachowski, Zeromskiego 10, 05-070 Sulejowek, Poland) or bureau. The former QSL manager (Tadeusz "Teddy" Barczyk, DL4DBR) passed away on 2 January [425DXN 925]. Those who worked 7X0DX in September 2008 and sent their cards to Teddy, please be patient and do not send second requests. Teddy's wife (Renia, DL3DBR) will send the QSLs and other documents to SP5UAF as soon as possible. [TNX SP5UAF]

QSL LY70W ---> Sam, LY5W says that the QSLs for LY70W (72,000 QSOs in two months) arrived from the printer on 4 February. The first batch of 180 direct cards was mailed on the 5th, bureau cards will follow.

TOP LISTS ---> The latest Topband, Topmode and Toplist listings are now available at http://www.425dxn.org/awards/toplist/index.html. Please note that QSOs confirmed through LoTW or included in on-line logs are eligible for listing. Send send your scores, as well as any request for further information, to Erminio Pandocchi, I2EOW (i2eow@fastwebnet.it)

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8GT, 3DA0VB, 3X5A, 3XD2Z, 4A3A, 4L0A, 4O3A, 4S7NE, 4W6R, 4X4DK, 5H3VMB, 5N/LZ1QK, 5R8IC (AF-090), 5R8IG, 5R8VB, 6V7M, 6W/DL4JS, 7Q7VB, 7X4AN, 7X5VRK, 8P5A, 8R7USA, 9J2VB, 9L1BTB, 9L1X, 9M6NA, 9U0VB, 9V1F1, 9X0VB, A25/DL7DF, A25VB, A5100A, A71AN, A71CV, A73A, A92GE, A92GR, AM5KB, AP2DKH, AT2RS (AS-199), BD7JSQ, C57R, C91VB, CE0Y/N6NO, D20VB, D44CF, D60VB, DU1ZV, E51PDX, E51QQQ, E76AQ, EA6SX, EA6VQ, EA8/OH4NL/p, EL2DX, ER/RW3AH, ER4DX, EY8MM, FG1GW, FJ/OH2AM, FJ/WJ2O, FK8CP, FO/DJ7RJ, FR5DN, FY5KE, H40MY, H44TO, HC1HC, HC1JQ, HH0/PS7EB, HI3T, HK3CQ, HK3JJH/HK0A (NA-132), HK3JJH/HK0B (NA-133), HQ3Z, J3/DM2AYO, J68V, JD1BLY, JD1BMM, JU1DX, JV800BV, JX9JKA, K9ZO/VP9, KC4AAA, KH6MB, KH7XS, KP2/NY6X, KP2/W3AVO, LX1KC, N3MK (NA-139), NE8Z/4 (NA-034), NP2N, OA4BHY/2 (SA-075), OJ9JD, OY/DD1LD, OY9JD, PJ7/W6JKV, PW2M, PZ5RA, RV9FQ, S53MM, SV8FMY (EU-049), SV9/DL5AXX, T04X, T88IW, TF3CW, TN5SN, TT8JT, TU5KC/FR,

TY5MR, UA2FCC, UN1L, V26B, V31XX, V51AS, V51VV, VE1AI/1, VP2ETN, VR2PX, VU4MY, VU4RG, VU7NRO, WH2D, XE2WWW, XU7ABN, XV4BM (AS-128), XV4BX, YB0PAH, YJ0AQY, YN2Z, YW1TI (SA-066), Z29KM, ZF2BJ, ZK3AH, ZP6/IK1PMR, ZP6CW, ZS2EZ, ZY0K.

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