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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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+ JIM SMITH, VK9NS +

The DX community worldwide mourns the loss of James B. Smith, VK9NS, who passed peacefully away on Norfolk Island on 10 February after a short illness. First licenced in 1947 as VS1BQ (Singapore), over sixty years Jim operated under a large number of callsigns and from many countries all over the world, including new and rare DXCC entities and IOTA groups (A35MR, A51JS, A52JS, H40AB, S21ZA, T31JS, T33JS, VK0JS, VK9WW and W1RZ/KH9, just to name a few). "I mention being dragged 'kicking and screaming' into the hobby", he said in his autobiography ("The Old Timer"), "but once there now feel that I have participated in the hobby in many ways. I have been lucky (if that is the right word) to have travelled extensively and often the travel has been related to Amateur Radio in the sense of DXpeditions. I have always been interested in DXing and being able to give something back to the hobby has been lots of fun and dare I say it often hard work". The stories of a number of his DX operations can be found on the website of the Heard Island DX Association (www.hidxa.nlk.nf), formed in 1980. Jim's inestimable contribution to DXing was acknowledged in 1986, when he was inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame.
Jim is survived by his wife Kirsti (VK9NL) and his four children: Bruce (G3HSR), Stuart, Sheena and Fraser, all living in the UK. Condolences can be sent to Kirsti at jimkirsti@ni.net.nf
"A Tribute to Jim B. Smith, VK9NS" can be found on the Documentary Archive Radio Communication's website (http://www.dokufunk.org/vk9ns).

>>> K5D * DESECHEO ISLAND <<<

Due to continued questionable weather (large waves, dangerous surf, high winds and rain unusual for this time of year), the K5D Team decided that all personnel and equipment (more than seven tons) would be transported to Desecheo Island by helicopter. The first flight with five team members took off from Rincon, Puerto Rico at 12.40 UTC on 12 February, but heavy winds during the day delayed several helicopter flights. The team was quite a bit behind schedule, and K5D became QRV only at 16 UTC on 13 February.
The team consists of 22 operators: eight of them (K4UEE, K9SG, N4GRN, NA5U, VE7CT, W0NB, W0RUN and W8OI) will remain on the island through 26 February; other seven (K0IR, K5AND, N6MZ, W0GJ, W2GD, W6IZT and WB9Z) will leave Desecheo on 19 February and be replaced by the third group of seven (K0JGH, K1KD, K5AC, N4NX, NP4Z, VA7DX and WP3MW).
K5D will be QRV on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and RTTY, with eight stations for the HF bands, plus one station for 6 metres (SSB and CW). Suggested frequencies (please read the Special Notes on the website) where to find K5D

are: 1826, 3523, 7023, 10106, 14023, 18072, 21023, 24892, 28023 and 50106 kHz (CW); 1843.3, 3781, 7084, 14190, 18165, 21295, 24987, 28470 and 50130 kHz (SSB); 3589, 7089, 10149, 14089, 18108, 21089 and 28089 (RTTY).
Bookmark www.kp5.us for updates, propagation charts, on-line logsearch and detailed information on how to contribute, as financial support is still being sought and very welcome.
An Online QSL Request System (OQRS) will be activated after the DXpedition goes QRT. You will be able to request your QSLs one of four ways: OQRS Direct, OQRS Bureau, direct mail to N2OO (Bob Schenck, P.O. Box 345, Tuckerton, NJ 08087, USA) or via bureau to N2OO.

8Q - After operating as 4S7FMG from Sri Lanka (AS-003, 9-12 February), Stavros, 5B4AFM has moved to the Maldives (AS-013) and will be active holiday style as 8Q7FM until 19 February. He operates CW and SSB mainly on 30 and 40 metres. QSL for both calls via M0BBB. [TNX NG3K]

C6 - Once again Bob, N4BP (C6AKQ) and Kevin, K4PG (C6APG) will be active from the Bahamas on 18-22 February. They plan to operate on 160 metres and either 40 or 80 metres during the ARRL DX CW Contest, and to concentrate on 30, 17 and 12 metres between antenna jobs. QSL via home calls. [TNX NG3K]

GU - Lionel, MU0GSY will air two special event callsigns from Guernsey (EU-114) to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Worked All Britain Awards Group: GP4WAB on 14-15 February and GP7WAB on 21-22 February. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. [TNX VA3RJ]

J3 - Bill, K4LTA (J37BO) and Ruby, K4UPS (J37RO) will be active again from Grenada from 18 February until 4 March. Bill will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest as J38A. They will be joined by AK4Z, KT4E and KE4TG, who will be QRV as J3/home call. [TNX QRZ-DX]

PY - Participating stations in the South American Lighthouses Weekend (20-22 February, http://www.grupodxbb.com.ar/faros.htm) include Hamilton, PY6HD as ZZ6Z from Subauma Lighthouse (QSL via PY6HD); Ramon, PY6KY as PS6T (requested call) from Itapua Lighthouse (QSL via PY6KY) and Scout station PY1GE from Ponta Negra Lighthouse (QSL via PY1NEZ). [TNX PY1NEZ]

PY - PX6B is the callsign that Orlando, PT2OP will be using from Boipeba Island (SA-080) on 25 February-1 March [425DXN 927]. QSL via home call. [TNX PY1NEZ]

TU - Paolo, F8ENY will be active as TU/F8ENY from San Pedro, Ivory Coast from 16 February to 2 March. He will operate mainly on 20 metres. [TNX F5NQL]

UA_ant - Nick, RW6ACM (ex R1ANL) is active as R1ANB from the Russian Antarctic station Mirny. He operates CW and SSB on the HF bands and will remain there for the next few months. QSL via RN1ON, direct or bureau. [TNX RN1ON]

UR - Celebrating the 50th anniversary of Ukrainian club station UB5KFF, special callsign EM50KFF will be aired on all bands and modes from 14 February to 1 March. QSL via US0KW, direct or bureau. [TNX US0KW]

V6 - Mike, KM9D (V63MY) and Jan, KF4TUG (V63TO) are now lying to anchor in the lagoon of Nukuoro Atoll (OC-259), Micronesia. They will remain there "for not less than 3 days". QSL via OM2SA. Their next

stop might be Kapingamarangi Atoll (OC-163), some 300 kilometres south of Nukuoro. Keep an eye on their course at http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/track.cgi?call=KM9D [TNX The Daily DX]

YN - Hank/K8DD (YN2DD), Stan/AC8W (YN2WW), Lee/N8LJ (YN2LJ) and Jim/ will be active on all bands and modes from Nicaragua on 17-24 February. They will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest as YN2DD. Check www.qrz.com for QSL information. [TNX K8DD]

YS - Eric, K9GY will be active again from El Salvador on 18-23 February, including an entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest (21-22 February). He plans to concentrate on 160, 30, 17 and 12 metres before the contest. QSL direct to home call, or (preferably) via LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

Z3 - Members of the Macedonian Telegraphic Group (MCWG) will be active as Z30MCWG from 20 February through 31 December. They will operate mainly CW on all of the HF bands. QSL direct to Z35M. [TNX Z35M]

ANTARCTIC ACTIVITY WEEK ---> The Worldwide Antarctic Program has announced that the sixth Antarctic Activity Week will be held from 16 to 22 February. The aim of this annual event is to promote worldwide interest in the Antarctic continent. Several special event callsigns from around the world are expected to take part in this year's AAW. Participating stations (QSL via operator's instructions) are announced from the following countries:

Austria	OE3AGA/AAW, OE3AIS/AAW, OE3HM/AAW, OE3KKA/AAW, OE3RPB/AAW, OE3SGA/AAW, OE3WWB/AAW
Bulgaria	LZ06ANT, LZ09IPY
Canada	VA2WAP, VA3AAO, VA3WAP, VA7AAW
England	GB0ANT, GB4IPY
EU Russia	UE6ICE
France	TM0ANT, TM1ANT, TM5ICE, TM8ICE
Germany	DA0ANT, DR09ANT
Italy	IA0IPY, II2ANT, II5AM, II5ANT, IP9IPY, IR1ANT, IR1WAP, IR2WAP, IU2ANT, IU8ANT, IY8WAP
Morocco	5D0IPY
Slovenia	S50IPY
Spain	EG2ANT
Switzerland	HE8ICE
Ukraine	UR2XO/WAP, UR5KCC/WAP, UR5KGG/WAP, UR8LV/WAP, UT1KY/WAP, UT7UA/WAP
USA	K4A, N5T/ANT, W6A

Full information on the AAW can be found at http://www.waponline.it

ANTARCTIC ADVENTURE ---> CE9XX, FT5YJ and VP8DLM are the callsigns issued to Mehdi, F5PFP for the Antarctic cruise [425DXN 888] that will take place between 18 February and 17 March (http://www.french-polar-team.fr/). Plans are to visit and operate from several Antarctic bases located in the South Shetlands (AN-010) and Palmer Archipelago (AN-012), as well as on the Antarctic mainland (AN-016). Mehdi and Jean-Pierre, ON7ZM plan to operate mainly SSB on 20 metres (14315 kHz), with some activity on 17, 30 and 40 metres. QSL via F5PFP, direct or bureau. [TNX F5PFP]

CQ WW WPX RTTY CONTEST ---> A number of changes have been made in the 2009 rules, including the SWL category (thanks to Marek, SP7DQR, who has written SWL log check software and to Dan, I1-12387, who will lead the SWL log

checking). Please visit http://www.cqwpxrtty.com/ for complete information on the contest. The following stations have announced their participation in this year's event (14-15 February):

Call	Category	DXCC	QSL
4M5DX	M/S HP	Venezuela	IT9DAA
D4C	SOAB LP	Cape Verde	qrz.com
EF8M	SOAB HP	Canary Is	RD3AF
ES5Q	M/S	Estonia	ES5RY
HI3CCP		Dominican Republic	ON4IQ
HI3TEJ	SOAB LP	Dominican Republic	ON4IQ
J7N	SOAB	Dominica	K3TEJ
LQ0F	SOSB 40m LP	Argentina	EA5KB
LS1D	M/S	Argentina	LW9EOC
LT0H	SOAB HP	Argentina	EA7FTR
LT2F	SOAB LP or SOSB 20m	Argentina	EA5KB
LV6D	M/S	Argentina	EA5KB
NP3U	M/2	Puerto Rico	WP4U
TC3EC	M/S	Turkey	TA3GO
UU7J	M/?	Ukraine	UU0JM
V31TB	M/?	Belize	KT7G
WA2USA/4		USA	WA2USA
WP4I	SOSB 80m	Puerto Rico	W3HNK
YN2S		Nicaragua	W3HNK
Z37M	M/?	Macedonia	Z37M

Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cqrjwpx2009.html - good contest to you all!

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14TH IOTA DINNER ---> The 14th Annual Islands On The Air (IOTA) Dinner will be held on Friday, 17 April 2009, in the Plaza Room of the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center, in conjunction with the 60th annual Visalia International DX Convention (http://dxconvention.org/). For additional information regarding this event, please contact Ray Benny, N6VR (rbenny@sbcglobal.net) or Will Costello, WC6DX (wc6dx@sbcglobal.net). [TNX N6VR]

ANDORRA ---> The Andorran Radioamateurs Union (URA) reminds that the local administration has not implemented the CEPT Recommendation T/R 61-01. Therefore any C3/homecall activity should be regarded as illegal. The up-to-date list of licenced amateurs can be found at http://www.ura.ad/

DXCC NEWS ---> TT8JT (Chad, 2008 Operation) has bee approved for DXCC credit. [TNX NC1L]

IARU NEWS ---> Balloting by IARU Member-Societies on four proposals

presented to them in September 2008 was completed on 10 February 2009. Seventy-three Member-Societies cast votes or abstentions on the four proposals, which have been adopted. They concerned the ratification of the nominations of Timothy S. Ellam (VE6SH/G4HUA) and Ole Garpestad (LA2RR) to serve respectively as President and Vice President of the IARU for a five-year term beginning on 9 May 2009, and the admission to the IARU of the Emirates Amateur Radio Society (EARS) and the Kazakhstan Federation of Radiosports and Radioamateur (KFRR).

QSL 9M6JC ---> Buzz, NI5DX is the new QSL manager for John Lee, 9M6JC. Buzz will be able to answer all requests for contacts made with John, but there will be a delay in sending out cards until 9M6JC sends some blank cards to NI5DX. New cards will be ordered shortly and will take about 5 weeks to arrive after the order goes to the printer. [TNX K1XN and The Golist]

WAAB AWARD ---> Sponsored by the Radio Club Rio de la Plata (www.lu5da.org.ar), is it issued to licenced amateurs and SWLs for contacting amateur radio stations located at the various Argentine Antarctic bases. The Award Manager is Horacio Ledo, LU4DXU (lu4dxu@hotmail.com). [TNX W9KNI]

+ SILENT KEYS + Other recently reported Silent Keys include George Beasley (5B4AGC/G3LNS), Niklaus Oser (HB9EAA), Bill Leahey (K0ZL), Karyn W. Allen (KA0K), Harry Nishiyama (KH6FKG), Luis Soares Beirao (S92LB), Leo J. Boberschmidt (W3LEO/MM0LEO), Donald G. Lemley Sr (W8DL) and Brice Anderson (W9PNE).

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******* QSL ROUTES *******
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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
3B7FQ	K5XK	DL60CHILD	DL5SE	R1ANC	RN1ON
3D2NB	W7YAQ	DR09ANT	DL5MHQ	S50IPY	S51RU
3D2OU	N7OU	EA6AM	EA6AZ	SE800M	SK6NL
4JT17X	4K4K	EG7BMC	EA7URD	SN0KURA	SP5HEN
4JT3DGF	4K4K	EK6YL	SP9LJD	SN120SG	SP9PDG
4JT5A	4K4K	EP4HR	I2MQP	SN90SW	SP9PSJ
4KT17X	4K4K	ER5GB	W3HNK	SO5AS	G4ASL
4KT8M	4K8M	ES5/5B4AHS	RA3AUU	SN90HUO	SP3HUO
4KT9W	DL6KVA	ES5/ON9CIB	RA3AUU	SU9HP	SC6A
4L1FP	LZ1OT	EX8AB	RX3RC	T20HC	DL9HCU
4L1MA	ON4RU	EY8MM	K1BV	T88MJ	JG1MJR
4L8A	K1BV	FM5CD	F5VU	TA#/KI6TIU	JA1PBV
4S7FMG	M0BBB	FT5WO	F4DYW	TM8ICE	F8DVD
4X0WFF	4X4JU	FW5RE	HA8IB	TM9FL	F5KFL
5B4AIF	EB7DX	GB0ANT	M3ZYZ	TN5SN	IZ1BZV
5D0IPY	I0YKN	GB0WW	M0DOL	TR8CA	F6CBC

5H1DF	DL7DF	GB5OBH	G4STH	TU5JD	IK2IQD
5N/LZ1QK	LZ1CL	H44MS	DL2GAC	UA0AV	W3HNK
5Z4/RW1AU	K5XK	H44SL	LA7JO	UE1RFF/3	UA1RJ
5Z4PL	DJ0TA	HE8CIC	HB9CIC	UE9CAP	RK9CYA
6W1SJ	E73Y	HE8HLM	EA7FTR	UE9GDA	RA9FDR
7S3F	SM3AF	HK0/EA7HEJ	EA7HEJ	UN7MMM	EA7FTR
7X2EB	EA7FTR	HV0A	IK0FVC	UN9PQ	IK2QPR
8P9RY	AA6YQ	HV6SP	IK0FVC	V31IA	LA4YW
9A48IFATCA	9A4WW	IA3GM	IV3LNQ	V31RW	AB7RW
9H1LC	9H1SP	IA3IPY	IQ3ME	V31TB	KT7G
9H9PYSM	9H1AJ	IP9IPY	IT9YMM	V31UH	AC7UH
9J2BO	G3TEV	IY1GM	IK1UGX	V31WO	N7WO
9J2FM	JA4ATV	J20SE	IK3GES	V55SRT	IZ8EDJ
9K2YM	EA5KB	J47XCF	SV7FSK	V8FHX	G4OHX
9M2TI	EA4ATI	J79WWW	N4USA	VK3MO	WA9BXB
9M6DXX	M0URX	J7N	K3TEJ	VP8DIF	DJ9ZB
9M6XRO	M0URX	J88XF	G3TXF	VP8DLQ	ON5NT
C6ABB	N2RFA	JW1MFA	LA1MFA	VP9400HW	VP9HW
C6AGN	W1DIG	JW9VDA	LA9VDA	VQ5FOC	W9VNE
C6APX	KC4PX	JY4NE	K3IRV	VQ9RD	KI1G
CN2BG	F8ALU	KH2/K3ZB	JH1NBN	XR3P	CE3PG
CN2XW	G5XW	KH6MB	AI4U	XT2MSF	F5CWU
CN8NK	EA5XX	KP2M	AI4U	XT2WC	F1IQH
CN8PA	EA7FTR	LM9K75Y	LA9K	XU7TZG	ON7PP
CN8SG	EA7FTR	LZ06ANT	LZ3SM	XU7XXX	KC0W
CN8VO	EA7FTR	LZ09BR	LZ1KZA	YB1HDF	EA5KB
CN8YR	EA7FTR	LZ09IPY	LZ3SM	YB4IPY	I0YKN
CN8YZ	EA7FTR	OD5PL	HB9CRV	YI1RAZ	IK2DUW
CN8ZG	EA7FTR	OD5TE	K3IRV	YI9AJ	OM3JW
CO2GL	EB7DX	OL2009FIS	OK1IF	YN2/EW1AR	W3HNK
CP6AA	IK6SNR	ON175BR	ON7BR	YN2N	TI2OHL
CP6XE	IK6SNR	OY3QN	OZ1ACB	YS1EJ	W4GJ
CQ5CQK	CT1CQK	OZ1658ROS	OZ9EDR	YY1LEF	YV1BS
CS2EPC	CT1BWU	P29ZAD	NI5DX	Z21BC	NI5DX
CS6A	CT1GFK	P40MH	OH2BAD	Z21FO	K3IRV
CT7IOV	CT2IOV	P40R	N4RR	ZF2DS	W3WKP
D4C	IZ4DPV [a]	P49X	W0YK	ZF2PP	AB2PP
D4C	CT1ESV [b]	PX8AA	PT2AA	ZS2DL	NI5DX
D70ZV	6K5XZE	PY1AA	PU1KGG	ZV75LABRE	PT2AA

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