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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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6W - Patrick, ON4HIL and Guido, ON4BAG will be active as 6V7P and 6V7O from Senegal on 22-28 February. They plan to operate SSB, RTTY and PSK31 on 160-10 metres. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX VA3RJ]

7Q - Allan, G0IAS will be active as 7Q7AH from the shack of Harry, 7Q7HB on the southern shore of Lake Malawi starting on 23 February for one month. Being aware that Malawi is needed on Top Band, they will try to erect an antenna for 160 metres. QSL via G0IAS, direct only. [TNX G0IAS]

9A - A team of seven members of IOCA Group (Franjo/9A2MF, Daki/9A2WJ, Boki/9A3KB, Dado/9A3TA, Emir/9A6AA, Sven/DF9MV and Matt/DL5MFL) will be active as 9A0CI from Vela Palagruza Island (EU-090, CI-084) and lighthouse (LH-0057, CRO-012) on 8-16 May. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 10-80 metres. QSL via DE0MST, direct or bureau. They also plan to operate SSB as 9A/homecall and homecall/p from Mala Palagruza Island (EU-090, CI-461) and from the islet of Kamik Od Tramuntane (CI-960, new one for the IOCA programme). QSL via home calls. Further information will be available on http://www.inet.hr/9a6aa/iocaplan.htm [TNX 9A6AA]

9K - Celebrating Kuwait's National Liberation Day, special event station 9K48NLD will be active on 20 and 40 metres SSB and CW on 25-26 February from the KARS headquarters. QSL via 9K2RA. [TNX NG3K]

AP - AP2ASHF (the suffix stands for Axel Helmut Scholz, Foreigner) is the callsign issued to Axel, DL7UPN. He expects to visit Pakistan "several times" before June and to operate CW, RTTY and PSK. QSL via DL7UPN. [TNX DX Newsletter]

C5 - Stewart, GW0ETF will be on holiday in the Gambia between 23 February and 8 March and hopes to do some casual operating from the hotel with 100w and a 20m dipole, mainly CW but maybe some RTTY/PSK31. He must apply for the licence upon arrival, and he hopes to get C56/GW0ETF. QSL via home call (QSLling instructions at qrz.com). [TNX GW0ETF]

D4 - A group of seven German operators will be active from Sal Island (AF-086), Cape Verde on 11-25 March as D44TXQ (Helmut/DL3KBQ), D44TXP (Holger/DL1COP), D44TXO (Juergen/DJ2VO), D44TXF (Gerd/DG3KAF), D44TXR (Henry/DL2RSI), D44TXI (Peter/DH2KI) and D44TXS (Franz, DL3PS/HB9EHQ). They plan to operate on 160-10 metres CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31, Hell, Amtor and SSTV, with seven stations running 100 watts into vertical antennas. QSL D44TXS via HB9EHQ, others via home call. [TNX DL3PS]

EA - Celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Louis Braille, special event station EG3LB will be active again on 20-22 February, 27-28 February and 1 March. Expect activity on SSB, CW

and digital modes. QSL via EA3RKR, direct or bureau. [TNX EA3RKR]

EI - The Galway Radio Experimenters Club will celebrate St. Patrick's Day (17 March) operating as EJ4GRC from Inishmore, Aran Islands (EU-006). They will be active on all bands and modes, and a commemorative QSL card will be sent to all stations worked. [TNX EI7DMB]

F - The Council of Europe Radio Amateur Club (TP2CE) will be active as TP60CE from 27 February to 1 March to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Council of Europe. QSL via F5LGF. A logsearch will be available at http://ewwa.free.fr [TNX F6FQK]

FG - Nicolas, F5TGR will be active as FG/F5TGR from Guadeloupe (NA-102) on 15-28 March. He plans to operate CW and SSB on 10-40 metres. QSL via home call, direct ore bureau. [TNX F5TGR]

FG - Patrick, F4EBT will be active as FG/F4EBT from Basse-Terre, Guadeloupe (NA-102) from 21 March to 11 April. He plans to operate holiday style on SSB. [TNX F4EBT]

FH - Phil, G3SWH and Richard, G3RWL will be active from Mayotte (AF-027) between 26 February and 5 March [425DXN 919]. 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 later in the trip. 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]

FM - Dim, UT5UGR is active as FM/KL7WA (QSL via UT5UGR) from Martinique (NA-107) until 24 February. He will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest as FM5KC. [TNX UT5UGR].

FM - Al, F5VHJ will participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (7-8 March) as TO5A from Martinique. QSL via F5VHJ (direct or bureau), or LOTW. [TNX F5VHJ]

J6 - Celebrating the 30th anniversary of their country, all amateur radio operators from St. Lucia are permitted to include the number 30 in their callsigns immediately after the prefix J6 (for instance, J630B = J69B and J630KZ = J69KZ) until 25 February. [TNX The Daily DX]

J6 - John, W5JON will be active as J6/W5JON from Marigot Bay, St. Lucia (NA-108) from 24 March to 2 April, CQ WPX SSB Contest included. He will operate SSB on 160-6 metres, using 400 watts, dipoles and a 3-element yagi for 6 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX W5JON]

JD1_oga- Look for JD1BLK (QSL via JM1LJS), JD1BMH (QSL via JG7PSJ) and JD1BLY (QSL via JI5RPT) to be active from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara from 29 April to 12 May. They plan to operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-6 metres, plus satellite. Logsearches and further information will be available on their individual websites: http://radio-dream.com/jd1blk/e/ (JD1BLK), http://sapphire.ganko.tohoku.ac.jp/jd1bmh/ (JD1BMH) and http://www.ji5rpt.com/jd1/ (JD1BLY) [TNX JI5RPT]

KH6 - Bill, AC0W wil be active as KH6/AC0W from Maui, Hawaii (OC-019) for the ARRL DX SSB Contest (7-8 March), with some possible activity on 10-80 metres SSB a few days before and after the contest. QSL via home call. Bill will upload his log to LoTW. [TNX AC0W]

KH6 - Al, F5VHJ will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (28-29 March) as NH7A from Hawaii. QSL via F5VHJ (direct or bureau), or LOTW. [TNX F5VHJ]

KG4 - Dan, W0CN will be active as KG4CN from Guantanamo Bay (NA-015) from 26 February to 9 March. He will operate SSB and some CW on 160-10 metres, and will participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest. QSL via W0CN, direct, bureu or LoTW. [TNX W0CN]

PY0F - Fabio/PY2AAZ, Anderson/PY2TNT, Alex/PY2WAS and Bob/N6OX will be active as ZY0F from Fernando de Noronha (SA-003) from around 23 UTC on 10 June through around 13 UTC on the 15th. Expect activity on 160-10 metres CW and SSB, plus 60m under a special licence granted by the Brazilian authorities. QSL via PY2WAS, direct or bureau. [TNX PY2WAS]

S0 - A multi-national team of ten operators (namely EA1CJ, EA1KY, EA2RY, EA3EXV, EA5RM, EA7AJR, F9IE, IN3ZNR, UT7CR and UY7CW) will be active as S04R from Western Sahara on 12-17 April. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 160-10 metres with at least three stations. The pilot station will be EA5BZ. QSL via EA5RM. Further information is available at http://www.dxfriends.com [TNX EA5RM]

SV - George/SV1QN, Fotis/SV1AIN, Giannis/SV1GYG and Nikos/SW1GYN will be active as homecall/8 from Zakynthos Island (EU-052) on 23-29 March. They will operate on 160-6 metres all modes. QSL via home calls. [TNX SV9AHZ]

TA - Rene, DL2JRM will be active as TA0/DL2JRM/p from Kekova Island (AS-115) on 23-25 February. He will operate CW on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

UA - Look for special callsigns UE3YAR (QSL via RV3YR) and UE3YRA (QSL via RA3YC) to be aired until 24 February for the AFARU (Armed Forces Amateur Radio Union) and RDA activity programmes. [TNX RV3YR]

VE - Heinz, VA7AQ will be active as VE9/VA7AQ from Grand Manan Island (NA-014) on 20-25 March. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX VA7AQ]

VE - Cezar, VE3LYC will try to operate from the Fox Islands (NA-186) between 31 March and 3 April. This IOTA group was activated only once and very briefly by WT2O/VE8 sixteen years ago, and sits at #1 on the Most Wanted NA-IOTA List. He will operate SSB and CW with 100 watts and a multi-band vertical antenna, with a focus on 20, 30 and 40 metres. Information about callsign and QSLing (direct and bureau) will be posted on QRZ.com before the expedition. The islands are polar bear resting areas, and a special permit has been obtained for this operation from the Manitoba Conservation Authority. Cezar will be accompanied by two professional guides for the duration of his stay. Costs of this operation are considerable and both group and individual donors are sought and will be graciously acknowledged. [TNX VE3LYC]

VK - Chris, G0WFH will be active as VK7ACG from Tasmania (OC-006) from 19 October to 17 November. He will operate SSB on 160-10 metres, with a focus on the low bands. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX G0WFH]

VK9L - The Oceania Amateur Radio DX Group will operate as VK9LA (http://www.odxg.org/vk9la.htm) from Lord Howe Island (OC-004)

from 23 March to 3 April, CQ WW WPX SSB Contest included. A large group of operators (IZ3ESV, K5YY, N2OO, N2OZ, SQ8X, SQ9DIE, SV2KBS, VK1TX, VK3HJ, VK3QB, VK4FW, VK4IO, VK4VCH, VK5CP, VK5PO and W5SL) will be active on 160-6 metres CW, SSB and RTTY, with seven HF stations plus one for 6m, monoband yagis, monoband verticals and a quantity of wire antennas for the low bands. QSL via VK4FW.

VK9M - AA7JV and HA7RY will be active as VK9GMW from Mellish Reef (OC-072) between 22 March and 6 April (actual operating dates are subject to change due to weather). This will be "another low-key, simple DXpedition", with a strong focus on the low bands (although George and Tomi intend operate on all HF bands). QSL direct to HA7RY. The logs will be uploaded to LoTW. Please visit http://www.vk9gmw.com for further information, including detail on how contribute to the DXpedition. [TNX AA7JV]

VP2M - Bob, AA1M (VP2MPL) and Mike, W1USN (VP2MPR) will be be active from Montserrat (NA-103) from 25 February to 7 March. They plan to operate CW, SSB and PSK31. QSL via home calls. [TNX AA1M]

W - Fred, N5IVZ will be active from South Padre Island (NA-092) on 28 February, from 14 UTC to 23 UTC. QSL via home call, direct only. [TNX VA3RJ]

ZF - Bob, K3UL will operate mainly CW as ZF2UL from the Cayman Islands (NA-016) from 28 February to 7 March. He will be active holiday style, but he plans to spend at least two nights on the low bands. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

PACIFIC TOUR ---> Yuji, JH2BNL (V63AR, V73J, NH0AA) and Mine, JA2NQG (V63WW, V73M, AH0F) will be active from Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, Palau and Guam as follows:

04-06 March	Chuuk	(OC-011)	V63AR, V63WW and V63C (club call)
06-09 March	Pohnpei	(OC-010)	V63AR, V63WW and V63P (club call)
09-11 March	Kosrae	(OC-059)	V63AR, V63WW and V63T (club call)
11-14 March	Majuro	(OC-029)	V73J and V73M
14-16 March	Palau	(OC-009)	T8 callsigns TBA
17-19 March	Guam	(OC-026)	NH0AA/KH2 and AH0F/KH2

They plan to operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-10 metres. QSL via home calls; the QSL route for the three V6 club calls is via JH2BNL. [TNX JA2NQG]

PACIFIC TOUR ---> Hrane, YT1AD and David, K3LP are planning two DXpeditions to three DXCC Entities: Tokelau (ZK3) & Central Kiribati (T31) to take place in April or September 2010, and Conway Reef (3D2C) for late September 2011. In order to organize these operations, Hrane and Miki (YU1DW) will be travelling to a few South Pacific islands between 20 April and 7 May this year, and be active as follows:

22 April	Samoa	5W8A (YT1AD) and 5W0DW (YU1DW)
22-24 April	American Samoa	KH8/N9YU (YT1AD)
25 April	Fiji Islands	3D2AD (YT1AD) and 3D2DW (YU1DW)
27-29 April	Western Kiribati	T30M (YT1AD) and T30DW (YU1DW)
4 May	Fiji Islands	3D2AD (YT1AD) and 3D2DW (YU1DW)

More information will be available at http://www.yt1ad.info/t31 [TNX YT3W]

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****

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A DIFFERENT KIND OF AMATEUR RADIO COMPETITION ---> The overall Amateur Radio population has diminished dramatically, and the group at Radio Arcala (OH8X) is poised to try some new methods to attract young people congregating in many non-traditional hangouts such as Virtual World on the internet.
The overall Radio Arcala strategy is spelled out on the OH8X Webpages but one of the key buttons - "On Young People's Terms" - is still to be drafted. Radio Arcala challenges members of our fraternity of all ages to draft the text for this button in a way that is both appealing and informative enough to encourage today's youth to take the step we once took. Please submit your paper (no more than 250 in length in English or Spanish) by email no later than 15 March to oh8x@sral.fi (English) or yv5amh@iaru-r2.org (Spanish). Details on the project can be found at http://www.radioarcala.com
[TNX OH2BN]

APPEAL FOR HELP ---> Abubaker, DL1AL (5A1A) sumitted "a very large number" of 5A1A QSL cards for ARRL awards, but they got lost between Germany and the US. "In an effort to rebuild my cards to apply for various awards, as well as to create a QSL album of contacts from Libya, I need your help", he says. "Please check your logs and if you worked 5A1A from 1995 onward, would you please send me a card to confirm the contact? You may send the card via the German bureau to DL1AL (my German callsign) or to my address in Germany".

ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST (CW) ---> Object of the contest is for W/VE amateurs to work as many stations in as many DXCC countries as possible on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 metre bands, while foreign amateurs (also including KH6, KL7, CY9 and CY0) work as many W/VE stations in as many of the 48 contiguous states and provinces as possible (full rules can be found at http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2009/intldx.html. This year's event will run from from 00.00 UTC on 21 February through 24.00 UTC on the 22nd. Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxc2009.html - good contest to you all!

K5D ---> The logsearch is now up and running on DXpedition's website (http://www.kp5.us/). It currently covers the period from 16 UTC on 13 February until 01.10 UTC on the 20th (67277 QSOs). The team now has "a more robust internet connection and the gap between uploaded logs should begin to shrink". The online lookup "cannot correct any problems we discover in the logs. Those will be dealt with when we're off island. In short, if you cannot find a Q in the online log, work us again just to be certain!"

LOGS ---> A logsearch for J20SE's recent operation is now up and running at http://www.ik3ges.it/iv3fsg.htm, and the QSL cards are being printed. [TNX IK3GES]

QSL 3V8SS ---> Antonio, IZ8CCW is the new QSL manager for 3V8SS, effectibe 1 January 2009. He is trying to get a hold of old logs. [TNX IZ8CCW]

WINQSLPOLICY ---> Manfred Meier, DF6EX (author of WINQSL and WIN-QSL-Collector) has just started a new project called WINQSLPOLICY. This application shows "where you can expect a return of QSL-cards via Buro, via Direct of if you just worked a Dollar-IRC-Collector". The database currently contains more than 10,000 entries, and club-licences are free of charge. Detail can be found on www.winqsl.de/qslpolicy. [TNX DF6EX]

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3A2MD, 3B8CF, 3B8GT, 3D2AG/p, 3V8BB, 4A3A, 4K9W, 4S7NE, 4W6R, 4Z5J, 5H1C (AF-032), 5N/LZ1QK, 5R8FU, 5R8IC (AF-090), 5U5U, 5W0UK, 5Z4/9A3A, 6V7D, 7P8DA, 7W0AD, 7Z1SJ, 8P5A, 9L1X, 9M6/N2BB, 9M6XRO/p, A25/DL7DF, A45WD, A5100A, A71AN/p, AT3ANT, BD7MVZ, BG1DRJ/2 (AS-158), BG7MVZ, C21XF, C31CT, C57R, C6AQQ, C6AXD, C94KF, CE0Y/N6NO, CP4BT, CP6AA, CW2C, CX7TT, D2QMN, D60VB, DL4JS/6W, DS1REE, DU1ZV, DV5PO, E51CUK, E51KAJ, E51QQQ, E76AQ, E77DX, E79D, EA6VQ, EK3SA, EK6TA, EL2DX, EP3HF, EP3SMH, ER/RW3AH, ER4DX, ER4ER, EY8/K4ZW, FJ/G3TXF, FK8CP, FK8DD, FM1HN, FO/DJ7RJ, FO/KM9D, FY1FL, H44MY (OC-192), H44TO (OC-192), HH4/AF4Z, HI0C, HI3T, HI3TEJ, HI8ROX, HK1AT, HK1X, HK3CQ, HP1/LA5IIA, HQ8R, J3/DL5AXX, J3/DL7VOG, J3/DM2AYO, J39BS, JD1BMM, JT1Y, JX9JKA, KG4SS, KH6LC, KL1V, KL7J, KP2/NY6X, KP2/W3AVO, KP2HC, LX1NO, OA4BHY/2 (SA-075), OH3OJ/p (EU-101), OK1CZ, OK1DQT, OL0A, OM7CW, P40L, P40W, PJ2T, PJ7/W6JKV, PY0FF, R1FJT, RW0CN, S53MM, S79NS/p, SU1KM, SV3RF, SV8/HA6PS (EU-174), SV9/DL5AXX, T04X, T30XX, T47C (NA-086),T88CJ, TF3CW, TF3SG, TR50R, TT8JT, UA2FW, V31XX, V4/AH6HY, V5/HB9PHJ, VK9DWX, VP9GE, VQ5FOC, VU2BGS, VU2UR, VU4MY, VU4RG, VU7SJ, XU7ABN, YT5Z, YU1AB, YU8SM, YW1TI, Z29KM, Z360M, ZB2FK, ZC4LI, ZK3AH, ZK3MW, ZP0R, ZP6/IZ1GLO, ZY0K.

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