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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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* TO ALL OUR READERS *

* WARMEST THOUGHTS AND BEST WISHES *

* FOR A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY *

* AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR *

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9A - Tom, 9A2AA enjoys operating from Croatian islands and has activated more than 500 of them ("exactly 523") so far. For this reason he has been granted permission to use special prefix callsign 9A500AA from 1 January through 31 December. QSL 9A2AA. [TNX 9A2AA]

GJ - ON4PQ, ON5HC, ON5MF, ON7PQ and ON7USB will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 80-10 metres as MJ/OP9X/p from Les Minquiers (EU-099), Jersey from 31 March to 7 April. QSL via ON4PQ, direct or bureau. The web site for the operation is at http://www.eu099.be [TNX ON4PQ]

HS - Joerg, DL1MJF will be active again as HS0ZGQ from Thailand from 30 December to 25 January, including a one week side trip to Koh Samui (AS-101). He will operate CW and SSB on 40-10 metres using 100 watts and a dipole. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

KL - Yuri/UA9OBA, Merle/N6PYN and Yuri/N3QQ plan to operate as KL7RRC from Chirikof, Semidi Islands (NA-235, new one) in late July or early August. This will be a "typical Russian Robinson Club operation" for about one week, depending on weather conditions. After the Chirikof operation is completed they might go and operate as N6PYN/KL7 from the Seal Islands (NA-239). Further information is expected in due course. [TNX www.islandchaser.com]

OH - Celebrating her 20th anniversary in amateur radio, Anne, OH2YL will be active again as OG20YL from 30 December to 3 January. She will operate CW on the HF bands. QSL via home call. [TNX OH2YL]

PA - Celebrating the 600th anniversary of the charter that granted city rights to Purmerend, special event station PC600P will be active on 1-27 January, 1-28 May and 1-28 September. QSL via PA3HGP. All of the QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL after each activity period, and will be confirmed automatically via the bureau after the last activity period. Local operators are expected to operate under special prefix callsigns (i.e. PA600MIR, PA601FR, PA602SWL, PA603HGP, PD602YL, PE603HG, etc) during the same time frames. Information on the relevant short time award will be available at http://hamradio.nikhef.nl/afdeling/waterland/ [TNX PA0MIR]

PJ4 - Hennie, PE1MAE will be active again as PJ4/PE1MAE from Bonaire (SA-006) for a couple of months starting around 10 January. He will operate SSB mainly on 40 metres around 00.00 UTC. QSL via

PA2NJC, direct or bureau. [TNX PA2NJC]

PY0F - Fred, PY2XB will be active as PY2XB/PY0F from Fernando de Noronha (SA-003) from 23 January to 3 February. He will operate on all bands CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK, and will participate in the CQ WW 160M DX Contest (CW) as PQ0F. QSL via PT7WA, direct or bureau. [TNX PT7WA]

V8 - Jan, DL7JAN will be active as V88/DL7JAN from Bandar Seri Begawan, the capital city of Brunei (OC-088), from 22 February to 3 March. He plans to operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX http://dx-hamspirit.com/]

VK - The VK6IOA expedition to the Houtman Abrolhos (OC-211) [425DXN 964] has changed destination, and will be going to the Wallabi group instead of Robertson Island. The operators (Wally/VK6YS, Nigel/VK6NI and Bruce/KD6WW) expect to be QRV by 4 UTC on 31 December. They plan to have three stations active at the same time. QSL via VK4AAR. The web page for the expedition can be found at http://www.westozdx.net/index.html

VK - VI2AJ2010 is the very special callsign to be used by Scouts under the guidance of Fishers Ghost Amateur Radio Club members (VK2FFG) during the 22nd Australian Jamboree (4-14 January). QSL via operator's instructions. [TNX VK2IA]

VP2M - Mike, W1USN will be operate mainly SSB and PSK31 as VP2MPR from Montserrat (NA-103) from 28 February to 13 March. Bob, AA1M will operate mostly CW as VP2MPL on 3-11 March. QSL via home calls. [TNX AA1M]

XE - Celebrating the Centennial of the Mexican Revolution and the Bicentennial of Mexico's Independence, the Radio Club Queretaro (XE1RCQ) will operate as 4A1B from 1 January to 31 December. QSL via LZ3HI. The logs will be uploaded to LoTW.

YI - YI9PSE will be active from Erbil, Iraq [425DXN 971] on 3-11 April. Paul, N6PSE and others (for the time being AH6HY, JH4RHF, K3VN, N2WB, N6NU, N6OX, NI6T, W8HW and YI1UNH) plan to operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-10 metres with at least three stations at the same time. QSL via N6NKT. Further information can be found at http://www.yi9pse.com/ [TNX http://dx-hamspirit.com/]

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5R8IC ---> A few pictures of Eric's (F6ICX) latest activity as 5R8IC (AF-090) can be found at http://f6kbk.free.fr/5r8ic/5r8ic.htm; a log search (including his activity in 2008) is available at http://logsearch.de [TNX F6GCP]

CAROLINA DX ASSOCIATION ---> At its annual meeting held on 9 December, the Carolina DX Association (http://www.cdxa.org/)elected the following officers to serve for 2010: Ted Goldthorpe/W4VHF (President), Paul Ponak/AD4IE (Vice President), Cliff Wagoner/W3ZL (Secretary-Treasurer), John Scott/K8YC (Newsletter Editor), Dick Williams/W3OA (Contest Manager),

Joe Simpkins/K4MD and Paul Sturpe/W3GQ (Cluster Managers), Wayne Setzer/WB4BXW (Webmaster). [TNX K8YC]

OH CONTEST/DX CONFERENCE ---> The 15th annual CCF (Contest Club Finland) and OHDXF (OH DXFoundation, http://www.ohdxf.fi) Contest & DX Conference will be held at the Islande Hotel in Riga, Latvia on 22-24 January. Further information, prices and registration details are available at http://www.contestclubfinland.com/CCF/

QSL C4SV ---> The Cyprus Amateur Radio Society (CARS) QSL bureau is receiving significant numbers of QSLs for C4SV. The QSL manager for C4SV is SV2DGH, and QSLs should be sent to him at via the RAAG (SV) QSL bureau. C4SV QSLs should NOT be sent to the CARS bureau. At best, QSLs sent to the CARS bureau will suffer significant delays. [TNX 5B4AHJ]

WILLIS ISLAND ---> Dave, VK9WBM [425DXN 970] has been on Willis Island for a while and is experiencing unexpected problems. "I am slowly getting on HF", he says, "but I am not there yet. I cannot erect a mast, the soil is coral rubble and sand and will not hold a guy peg. The soil is a bone dry insulator and I have been unable to get any viable earth. The longwire has worked 2 stations and is to be removed and replaced with a balanced antenna. This will take a bit of work as I have no ATU except the Icom AH4, an unbalanced only auto ATU. On 6m I am unable to mount the beam anywhere useful. It can only point out to the ocean. I have built a 300ohm slim jim and worked about 40 stations, mainly VK2 but with some VK3,4,5 and one ZL2. Listen for me in the afternoons on 6m, between 0400z and 0900z". When he is "reliably on HF", he anticipates it "will be 40m and harmonics only". [TNX MM0NDX]

+ SILENT KEYS + Recently reported Silent Keys include Fritz Zwingli (HB9RE), Roberto Rossi (I5RRE), Giuseppe Montuschi (IK4EPI), Gary D. Poorman (K4VT), Henry W. Herman (W3UJ) and Fred "Angus" Small (ZL3FS).

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3A2MD, 3D20CR, 3D2GM, 3D2KJ, 3D2MJ, 3D2NB, 3X5A, 4J3M, 4S7NE, 4U1ITU, 4X/N2TA, 5F1ROM, 5H3EE, 5H3VMB/5 (AF-074), 5K0T, 5N0OCH, 5Q1A, 5W0KH, 5X1VB, 6Y1V, 6Y5WJ, 7P8MM, 7P8VB, 7Q7HB, 8P9SS, 8R1PY, 9H3DB, 9J2FM, 9M6DXX/p (OC-133), 9M6JC, 9M6XRO/p (OC-133), A52FJJ, A71BU, A92GR, AI5P/VK9N, AP2TN, BA4TB, BD4QH, BU2AQ, BW3/DJ3KR, C37URE, C6ATA, C91VM/5 (AF-088), CE1/K7CA, CE2/K0MD, CM6RCR, CP4BT, CX5BW, CX7CO, DU3NXE, E51NOU, EA9/OL8R, EA9EU, EE9K, ER8C, ES1LBK, EY8MM, FK8CP, FM5LD, FO/F6CTL, FO/G3BJ, FO5RH, FP/KV1J, FT5GA, GJ2A, H44MY (OC-127), HH7/N3BNA, HI8RV, HV0A, HZ1AN, IM0A (EU-165), IY1NGM, J20VB, J68JA, J79ZG, JD1BMM, K5D, KH7XS, KL7RRC/p (NA-233), KV4FZ, LA2NK (EU-044), LX/PA6Z, OJ0B, OX3R, P29NI (OC-205),P29VCX (OC-102), P29VLR (OC-231), P49Y, PJ4A, PY0FF, PZ5M, S04R, ST2R, SU8LH, SY2A, T27OU, T2G, T30GM, T77NM, T88CW, TK9X, TM0M, TN5SN, TO4X, TO8YY, TX5SPA, TX5SPM, TY1MS, TZ6JA, UA9UZZ, UU4JDD/p (EU-180), UU4JDD/P (EU-180), V47NT, V51AS, VK9DWX, VP2MDG, VP2MNK, VP2MXO, VP2V/DL7VOG, VP2V/KG9N, VP2V/KN5H, VP2VVV, VP8DIF, VP8YLC, VP9KF, VQ9LA, VQ9RD, VR2009EAG, W3FO/KH2, WN1Y/NH2, XE2WWW, XE2YBG, XV2RZ, XV4D, YJ0CCC, YN2N, YW5F, Z21BC, ZA0/IK7JWX, ZB2EO, ZB2FK, ZC4VJ, ZD7X, ZK2BJ, ZL7/N7OU.

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