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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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5X - Nick, G3RWF will be active again as 5X1NH from Fort Portal, Uganda between 21 January and 20 March. He will operate CW and digital modes, with some SSB. QSL via home call and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

5Z - The new dates for the 5Z0H expedition to Kenya [425DXN 963] are 12-25 February, including activity from the islands of Wasini (AF-067) and Lamu (AF-040), as well as participation in the ARRL International DX Contest (CW). Enrico/5Z4ES, Frank/IK8TEO, and Antonio/IK8VRH will operate SSB, CW and RTTY on all bands. QSL via IK8VRH (direct, bureau and LoTW). The website for the operation is at www.ddxc.it

7P - Art, ZS6BQI will be active as 7P8BA from Lesotho on 14-18 January. He plans to operate mainly CW and digital modes on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

C6 - Randy, W6SJ will be active holiday style as C6AWS from Grand Bahama Island (NA-080) on 5-10 February. Randy will try to operate on 12, 17 and 30 metres when he can. QSL via home call. [TNX W6SJ]

CT8 - OH2BO, OH2PM, OH2MM, OH2BH (CU2KG) and OH8NC (CU2KH) will put the Azores on 160 metres and above with new vertical and beverage antennas starting 16 January. The activity will include CQWW 160M CW and ARRL CW/SSB contests, using the callsign CR2X. There will also be some activity before and after the contests. Additionally, CU2CE and CU2DX and others are due to take part in WPX SSB. QSL CR2X and CU2KG via OH2BH, QSL CU2KH via OH8NC. [TNX OH2BN]

D2 - Paulo, D2CQ (CT1ITZ) will be back to Porto Amboim in February, this time with a 5-band beam. He expects to be working in Angola for the next few years. QSL via CT1IUA (he has the paper logs and is entering them into an electronic log, then he will start sending cards out). [TNX K1XN]

E5 - Dick, AD7AF (E51WWA) will operate from the Cook Islands between 12 January and 20 February. He will be active from Rarotonga (OC-013, South Cooks) on 12 January-1 February, and again on 17-20 February, as well as from Manihiki (OC-014, North Cooks) on 3-15 February, possibly under another callsign. He will operate barefoot with vertical dipole and horizontal wire antennas, on 40-10 metres CW, with some SSB and digital modes as propagation conditions allow; activity on 80m will be depend on antenna possibilities. QSL via AD7AF and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

FO - Jacques/F6BEE, Nigel/G3TXF and Gilles/VE2TZT will be joining Phil/FO8RZ (F5PHW) on 9-24 February for an expedition to Tahiti (OC-046), French Polynesia that will include participation in the CQ WW WPX RTTY and ARRL CW DX Contests. They will be active as TX4T on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and RTTY, with a focus on 160 and 80 metres. Plans are to have two complete stations QRV

simultaneously. QSL via G3TXF, direct or bureau. The logs will be uploaded to LoTW. Further information can be found at www.fo2010.org [TNX dx-hamspirit.com]

J2 - J28AA is the new callsign issued to Darko, E70A (he formerly held J28OO). The QSL route is still via K2PF (direct) or LoTW. [TNX K2PF]

J7 - Seth, SM0XBI will be active again as J79XBI from Dominica (NA-101) from 8 January through March. He will operate SSB on all bands. QSL via SM0XBI, direct or bureau (but LoTW preferred). [TNX SM0CCM]

JD1_og - Look for JM1YGG/JD1 (QSL via home call), JA2ZL/JD1 (QSl via home call), JD1BMV (QSL via JK1EBA) and JD1BNB (QSL via JA3MCA) to be active from Chichijima, Ogasawara (AS-031) on 6-14 February. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 80-12 metres. QSLs direct or bureau. [TNX JA3MCA]

SP - Special event station 3Z0FCH will be active until 30 June to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Fryderyc Chopin, the great Polish composer and virtuoso pianist. QSL via SP7PAD, direct or bureau.

SV5 - Willi, DJ7RJ will be active from Kos Island (EU-001) from 24 February until 17 March. He will operate CW and SSB on 160-6 metres, with a focus on the low bands. QSL via home call. [TNX AA1M]

TA - The European Capital of Culture is a city designated by the European Union for a period of one calendar year during which it is given a chance to showcase its cultural life and cultural development. Instanbul is one of the three cities designated for 2010, and the TC Special Wireless Activity Team will conduct a year long celebration by using thirteen TC2010 prefixed special callsigns from several different locations. The first activities will be by TC2010CCE, TC2010CCA and TC2010CCI on 15-18 January. Detailed information on the event and the relevant award can be found at www.ta0u.com [TNX www.southgatearc.org]

UA_ant - Alex, RV1ZC has left Vostok Station (R1ANC) and is onboard the research vessel "Akademik Fedorov", which is due to call at Leningradskaja Station, Antarctica sometime between 10 and 15 January. He hopes to be able to operate as R1ANL for about ten hours on 20 metres CW and SSB, using 100 watts and a vertical. QSL via RN1ON, direct or bureau. The ship's course can be tracked at www.sailwx.info [TNX RN1ON]

VE - Cezar, VE3LYC has secured the callsign VY0V for his attempt to operate from East Pen Island (NA-231, new one). The operation is scheduled for 3 days between 26 and 31 March [425DXN 966]. Cezar is looking for any possible donations towards the cost of this difficult project. Support can be sent to him by PayPal at tiberius.trifu@gmail.com. More information about his preparations and QSLing will be posted on the VY0V page at QRZ.com [TNX VE3LYC]

W - Wade, AA8LL will be active as AA8LL/4 from Key Largo (NA-062) on 15-19 January. Holiday style operating will be mostly CW and RTTY on 80-15 metres with 200 watts and wires. QSL via AA8LL, direct or bureau. Wade will upload his logs to LoTW and eQSL. [TNX AA8LL]

XX9 - Georg, DK7LX has been active as XX9TLX from Coloane Island (AS-075), Macau since 8 January. He says that the "duration of this activity is open and fully flexible". Plans are to operate

mainly CW on all bands, 160m excluded. There will be no on-line logsearch. QSL via DK7LX , direct or bureau.

TRIP TO AFRICA ---> Peter, HA3AUI is going back to Africa. He will be active in his spare time as either 6W2SC (from Senegal) and J5UAP (from Guinea-Bissau) from 15 January until 31 March. Peter plans to operate mainly Digital modes (other modes on request) on 160-10 metres. QSL via HA3AUI, direct or bureau. His website is at cqafrica.net [TNX NG3K]

TRIP TO AFRICA ---> Laci, HA0NAR and his wife Susan will be visiting Senegal and Guinea-Bissau between 30 January and 13 February. Look for 6W/HA0NAR until 6 February (with a side trip to IOTA group AF-078), and for J5NAR on 7 -13 February (with a side trip to IOTA group AF-093). Expect activity on the HF bands CW, SSB and RTTY, with a focus on the low bands during operations from the mainland. Activity on 6 and 2m will depend on the local situation. QSL via HA0NAR, direct or bureau. [TNX HA0NAR]

TRIP TO SOUTHEAST ASIA ---> Eddy, ON4AFU will be active as HS0ZJF from Thailand between 12 January and 8 March, including a side trip to IOTA group AS-101 on 15-31 January (HS0ZJF/8). On 2-15 February he will be active as XU7AFU from Cambodia. Eddy operates CW only. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX NG3K]

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The latest issue (December 2009) is now available at www.425dxn.org/monthly/index.html. Articles and pictures should be sent to Nicola Baldresca, IZ3EBA (iz3eba @ iz3eba.it)

CDXC 2010 CHALLENGE ---> The aim of the Clipperton DX Club 2010 Challenge is to contact as many DXCC Entities as possible on different bands and modes over the period 1 January-29 August. The challenge is open to all operators, whether CDXC member or not. Three categories are available (HF, 6m and 2m). Complete details can be found at www.cdxc.org [TNX F5CWU]

CWOPS ---> The CW Operators' Club (CWops) is a newly formed, activity-oriented club for Amateur Radio operators who are Morse Code (CW) enthusiasts. International in scope, membership and management, its focus is the use of CW, whether for contesting, DXing or ragchewing. To celebrate the beginning of the club, a 9-day Birthday Party event will be held on 6-14 March. Look for CWops members to call CQ CWT particularly around 008, 018, 028, and 038 on each band. Complete information can be found at www.cwops.org [TNX N1DG]

DX SOUND CLIPS ---> Tom's (K8CX) DX sound clips for 2009 can be found at hamgallery.com/dx2009/; the collection of 146 DX clips covers all the major DXpeditions, plus rare and semi-rare DX.

EA SPECIAL PREFIXES ---> Spain has revised the criteria for allocation of special callsigns. Special prefixes ED, EE and EF are for contest operating: applicants may choose the suffix (1, 2 or 3 letters) for 26 major contests; for other contests, the suffix must coincide with the licensee's regular suffix. Special prefixes EG, EH, AM, AN, AO are for non-contest events, with up to 3-letter suffixes. [TNX EA9IE]

MONGOLIAN RTTY DX CONTEST ---> The Mongolian Amateur Radio Society (MARS) invites licensed amateurs and SWLs to participate in the Mongolian RTTY DX Contest, to be held on 80-10 metres on 9 January (from 00.00 UTC to 23.59 UTC). Please e-mail jt1kaa@gmail.com for further information. [TNX MARS]

NO LONGER POB ---> Effective 1 January, rental fees for Post Office Boxes in Italy have raised dramatically. The following QSL managers who had a POB address now require mail to be sent to their home addresses:
IT9DAA Corrado Ruscica, Via Capitano Salemi 41, 96019 Rosolini SR, Italy
IZ8CCW Antonio Cannataro, Via Don Minzoni 24, 87040 Marano Marchesato CS, Italy

NY6X/KP2 AND Z38C ---> The USA W6 Bureau continues to receive QSL cards for NY6X/KP2, as well as Z38C and other Macedonia cards for NO6X.
Please note that NY6X is JN1RVS, and QSLs should go to his Japanese call sign. Cards received by the W6 Bureau for NY6X are destroyed.
As for NO6X, this callsign was reissued in 2003, and the previous holder is now ND6A. According to qrz.com, Z38C after 2004 is via HA1RS. Any Z3 card received by the W6 Bureau for NO6X is destroyed. [TNX WC6DX]

PIRATE ---> Once upon a time, the 4K2 prefix was used by stations from Franz Josef Land. However, the 4J-4K callsign prefix blocks have been allocated to Azerbaijan for quite a number of years now. With reference to 4K2JF/p (recently reported on the bands as operating from FJL), Natig Gasimov, 4J5T, President of the Federation of Radio Sport of Azerbaijan, says that this callsign "has never been issued by the Ministry of Communications of Azerbaijan".

POLAR CHALLENGE ---> Updated scores for the Arctic and Antarctic Challenges are now available on the French Polar Team's website at www.french-polar-team.fr [TNX F5PFP]

QSL 8Q7CE ---> The new QSL route for 8Q7CE (8-25 January, operated by YO8TLC, see 425DXN 974) is via EB7DX.

SFDXA ---> At its January meeting, the South Florida DX Association (www.qsl.net/k4fk) elected the following officers for 2010: Ed Callaway, N4II (President); Bill Dzurilla, NZ5N (Vice President); Dave Novoa, W4DN (Secretary); Bruce Phegley, W4OV (Treasurer); Al Maslin/N3EA, Don Search/W3AZD, Jim Settle/KG4VPC and Ray Smolenski/N4RU (Directors). [TNX N4II]

VE POSTAL RATES ---> Canadian postal rates will rise again on 11 January. The new base prices for standard letter items are as follows:

Canada	Up to 30g	CAD 0.57	31g-50g	CAD 1.00
U.S.A.	Up to 30g	CAD 1.00	31g-50g	CAD 1.22

International Up to 30g CAD 1.70 31g-50g CAD 2.44
Stamps are subject to taxes. Actual rates can be calculated through the "Find a Rate" on-line service provided by Canada Post (www.canadapost.ca).

WCA ---> The World Castles Award is for working stations operating from castles located in Belarus, Belgium, Czech Republic, England, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italia, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Slovakia, Switzerland, the Netherlands and Ukraine. Eighteen national castel programmes are considered by WCA. Complete information can be found at www.wcagroup.org [TNX RN1CW]

WIA AWARDS REVISED ---> Eddie DeYoung, VK4AN (WIA Awards Manager & Awards Committee Chairman) reports that the Wireless Institute of Australia's Awards Programme has been extensively revised to make it "more relevant and desirable to today's award hunters". Complete details can be found at www.wia.org.au/members/awards/about

YASME EXCELLENCE AWARDS ---> Two years ago the Directors of The Yasme Foundation announced the establishment of the Yasme Excellence Awards, to be given "for service and dedication to amateur radio as recognized by the foundation's Directors". The awards are given from time to time as the board feels appropriate. The winners for 2009 are Jamie Dupree (NS3T), Bob Bruninga (WB4APR), George Wallner (AA7JV) & Tomi Pekarik (HA7RY), Don Hill (AA5AU), Nodir Tursoon-Zadeh (EY8MM) and and Rich Strand (KL7RA). Complete details can be found at www.yasme.org

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QSLs received direct or through managers: 3D20CR, 3D2KJ, 3D2MJ, 3D2NB, 3DA0VB, 3V8BB, 4L0A, 4L3Y, 4S7NE, 4U1UN, 4W6AL, 4X4DZ, 5B4AIF, 5H3VMB/5, 5R8IC, 5W0KH, 5X1NH, 6Y1V, 7P8AO, 7P8BA, 7P8MM, 7Q7VB, 8P9NX, 8P9SS, 8R1DB, 8R1PY, 9G5TT, 9G5XX, 9J2VB, 9K2GS, 9L0W, 9L1NH,9M2AX, 9M6BG, 9M6XRO, 9N7JO, 9U0VB, 9X0VB, 9Y4D, 9Z4FZ, A61AB, A92GE, AA1AC/VP9, AH6NM, AI5P/VK9N, AL7R, AT9RS (AS-177), BA4TB, BY4USA, C21TI, C37URE, C56W, C6ANM, C91LW, C91VB/6, C91VM, CO6RD,CR2X, CT8/DL7JAN, CT9/DF1LON, CU2A, CU2EQ, CU2X, CU3EQ, CU3HQ, CY0X, D20VB, DP1POL, E51CUK, E71A, EA9/OL8R, EA9IE, EK6TA, EL2DX, EL8RI, EU7SA, EX7MA, EY8MM, FG5FR, FH/DJ7RJ, FJ/WQ2N, FK/AI5P, FK8CP, FM5AA, FM5BH, FM5WE, FO/G3BJ, FO5RH, FO8RZ, FR1AN, FS/W6IZT, FT5GA, H44MY (OC-127), HD2A, HS0ZEE, ID9N, J28KO, J68V, JT1CO, JY4NE, K5D, K8CC/C6A, K9AJ/VY0 (NA-185), KD6WW/VY0 (NA-185), KH7C, KL7RRC/p (NA-233), KP4AO, LO2F, LU/F6BFH (SA-008), LU/F6BFH (SA-049), LX/PA6Z, MD0CCE, N4UM (NA-062),NP2N, OJ0B, OY2J, P29NI (OC-205), P29VCX (OC-102, OC-116, OC-240), P29VLR (OC-231),P49Y, PJ2/K8ND, PJ4A, PJ7/K1XM, PS2T,PT5A, PX8W, R1FJM, RX9FM, SU8LH, SV1CQN, SV2ASP/A, SY2A, T30AW, T30GM, T30IW, T88CW, T8CW, TF8GX, TN5SN, TO4X, TO5RZ, TO7RJ, TO8YY, TX5SPA, TX5SPM, TY1MS, TZ6JA, UA0ZAL (AS-039), UA2FFW, UA9SC, UP0L, V26B, V31UB, V5/DJ4SO, V51AS, V63TO (OC-167), VK9LA, VK9XW, VP2EBY, VP2MDG, VP2MNK, VP2MUM, VP2MXO, VP2V/DL7VOG, VP2VI, VP8YCE, VP8YLG, VP9KF, VQ9JC, VQ9LA,VU2MTT, VY0O (NA-230),XU7ACY, XU7KOH, XV2RZ, XV4D (AS-128), YJ0CCC, YJ0PX, YO9HP, YW5F (SA-058), ZA0/IK7JWX, ZB2FK, ZC4VJ, ZD7X, ZK2BJ (OC-040), ZK2DL, ZL/AI5P, ZY0F, ZY0T.

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