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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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CE0Z - XR0ZA is the final callsign issued to Toshi, JA8BMK [425DXN 976] for his current activity from Juan Fernandez (SA-005), until 2 February. QSL via JA8BMK.

CE0Z - Al, LA9SN (www.la9sn.com) will be active as CE0Z/LA9SN from Robinson Crusoe Island, Juan Fernandez on 10-23 March. He plans to operate mostly CW on 80-10 metres. QSL via operator's instructions. [TNX LA9SN]

DL - The city of Essen and the Ruhr have been designated "European Capital of Culture" for 2010 and three special callsigns (DR2010L, DR2010O and DR2010N) will be activated through the end of the year to celebrate that event. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. Further information, including the rules for a short term award, can be found at www.dr2010o.de [TNX DF1DV]

E7 - Mario, DJ2MX will be part of the E7DX (QSL via E77E) contest team for the CQ WW 160-Meter CW event. Before and after the contest he will operate CW and SSB on 160-10 metres as E73DX (QSL via DJ2MX, direct or bureau. If QSLling direct, please use his new POB address: Mario Lovric, P.O. Box 801143, 81611 Muenchen, Germany). [TNX DJ2MX]

F - Francois, F8DVD will be active as TM7AAW on 13-28 February, including the 7th Antarctic Activity Week (22-28 February). He will operate from his home QTH in Macon, France. QSL via home call, direct or bureau . Further information at tm7aaw.monsite.orange.fr [TNX F8DVD]

FO_aus - The German team (DL1AWI, DL3APO and DL5XU) started activity from Raivavae, Austral Islands [425DXN 976] without essential parts of their equipment, which were lost in transit. The missing items (including the antennas, an amplifier and a mast) are being recovered, but on 21 January they were still waiting for the antennas to arrive and were still using wires. They have been granted a special callsign (TX3D), which will be in use from 23 January through the end of the expedition. QSL FO/DL3APO via DL3APO, QSL TX3D via DL1AWI. Updates can be found at dl9awi.de/FO.htm [TNX FO8RZ]

GM - MM0DFV and GM0WRR will be active as MM0DGR/m from the Braehead Moss National Nature Reserve on 23 January. They will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK on 80-10 metres. QSL via MM0DFV, direct or bureau. [TNX MM0DFV]

HL_ssh - Lee, DT8A [425DXN 969] tested his R7 antenna on 21 January and made a few QSOs with stations in Europe, North and South America. He is stationed at the Korean Antarctic base King Sejong on King George Island , South Shetlands (AN-010), and hopes to have more time to spend on the bands. QSL via HL2FDW. [TNX DT8A]

I - Paolo, IK2QPR reports he will be active as IU2ANT on 15-28 February, including the 7th Antarctic Activity Week. He will operate from his home QTH in Mantova, Italy. QSL via home call.

J3 - Ulf, DL5AXX will be active as J38XX from Grenada on 10-23 February. He plans to concentrate on the low bands and to participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest. QSL via home call, direct or bureau (the OQRS for bureau cards can be found at www.dl5axx.de/dxlog). A logsearch will be available at www.clublog.org [TNX DL5AXX]

J6 - The "Buddies in the Caribbean" DX group, which specializes in 100 watt or low power radios and the Buddipole portable antenna system, is off again to a new DXpedition. K8EAB, KB9AVO, KC4VG, N7UN, NE1RD, W3FF, W6HFP, WG0AT and WZ1P will be active from St. Lucia (NA-108) on 2-10 February. They plan to operate CW, SSB and digital modes as J6/homecall. QSL via home calls, direct, LoTW or eQSL. The group has weblog at caribbeanbuddies.blogspot.com and a website at sites.google.com/site/caribbeanbuddies/home [TNX N7UN]

J7 - Gaynell, KK4WWW is back to Dominica for a mission trip until 4 February. She is active as J79WWW as much as possible during her spare time. QSL via N4USA. [TNX WO2N]

KH0 - Mega, JA3EGZ will be active as KH0/JA3EGZ from Saipan (OC-086) on 3-8 February. He plans to concentrate on 40 and 80 metres. [TNX JA3BXF]

ON_ant - Karel, OR4TN (ON5TN) has extended his staying in Antarctica [425DXN 970], and will remain at Princess Elisabeth Station until 25 February. Updates on his activity can be found at www.qrz.com/db/or4tn. QSL via ON5TN. [TNX ON5NT]

PA - PI65RTD and other 17 callsigns with special prefix PA65, PD65 and PH65 will be aired on bands and modes until 30th April to celebrate VERON Rotterdam's 65th anniversary. Information on the relevant award can be found at www.65years.webklik.nl

SM - Jan, SM3CER and Jorgen, SM3FJF will be active from SI9AM (King Chulalongkorn Memorial Amateur Radio Society, www.si9am.se) in Ragunda on 5-6 February. They plan to operate CW and SSB on 80-17 metres. QSL via SM3CVM, direct or via bureau. [TNX SM3CVM]

SP - Mariusz, SP5XSL will be active as SP80XSL from 1 February to 30 April to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Polish Amateur Radio Union (PZK). QSL via home call. Information on the commemorative award issued by PZK can be found at www.qrz.com/db/sn80pzk [TNX SP5XSL]

T8 - Mike, JA6EGL and Hiro, JA6KYU will be active as T88SM and T88HS respectively from Koror Island (OC-009), Palau on 10-16 February. They plan to operate CW and SSB on 80-10 metres. QSL via home calls, direct only. [TNX JN6RZM]

V3 - Art, NN7A will be active as V31JZ/p from the Turneffe Islands (NA-123), Belize from 24 February to 3 March. He will be running 100 watts into vertical and wire antennas from a cottage on the beach. Operation will be mostly CW on 40-17 metres, with some 80 and 160m as well as some SSB on 20 and 15 metres, conditions permitting. This will be Art's fourth trip to the Turneffe Islands. Previous trips were in 1996, 1999 and 2000. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. There will be no on-line logs, and email contact will not be possible while on the island. [TNX NN7A]

VP2M - Nick, G4FAL will be active as VP2MCC from Montserrat (NA-103) on 10-17 March, including an entry in the RSGB Commonwealth Contest (13-14 March). The contest is for operators located within the Commonwealth or British Mandated Territories, so Nick says he "will be keen to work other stations" outside the BERU event. Activity is likely to be restricted to 80-10 metres CW, however if he can organise an aerial for 160m then he may be able to try some morning greyline contacts with Europe on CW on 15 or 16 March. QSL via G4FAL (direct or bureau) and LoTW. [TNX G4FAL]

W - Members of the Camden County Amateur Radio Society, KB4CC (www.ccars.org) will be active from Cumberland Island (NA-058) 30-31 January. They plan to operate SSB and CW on 20 and 40 metres. QSL via KB4CC. [www.rsgbiota.org]

XU - Wim, XU7TZG is active again as XU7KOH from Koh Russei (AS-133) until around 1 UTC on 25 January. Look for him on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 metres SSB and PSK31. QSL direct to ON7PP. [TNX F5NQL]

YN - Stan/AC8W (YN2WW, QSL via K8DD), Hank/K8DD (YN2DD, QSL via K8DD), Jim/KB8TXZ (YN2TX, QSL via KB8TXZ) and Lee/N8LJ (YN2LJ, QSL via K8ESQ) will be active from Nicaragua on 16-25 February, including a Multi-Single entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest (20-21 February) as YN2WW. Before and after the contest they will be active on all bands. In particular, look for YN2DD on 17m CW and RTTY, YN2WW on 30m, YN2LJ on the low bands CW and YN2TX on SSB. [TNX K8DD]

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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IOTA BASH ---> The sixth annual IOTA Bash will be held on 26-27 March at the QTH of AD5A, Mike Crownover in Boerne, Texas. The agenda is being finalized and will include presentations on some of the most recent IOTA expeditions and a nice social programme. Details will be available on the IREF website (www.islandradio.org).

LOGS ---> A logsearch for D2CQ is now available at algarvedx.com/logonline. The QSL manager (CT1IUA) reports that the first 200 direct cards were posted on 19 January.

MOST WANTED SURVEY ---> The DX Magazine's annual Most Wanted Survey was conducted in September-October 2009 [425DXN 957]. The top 10 DXCC Entities are North Korea (P5), Navassa KP1), Marion (ZS8), Bouvet (3Y), Yemen (7O), Heard (VK0), Crozet (FT5W), Glorioso (FT5G), Amsterdam & St. Paul (FT5Z), South Sandwich Islands (VP8/S). Give a look at the 100 Most Wanted listing, which also shows the results of the 2008 survey for comparison, at www.dxpub.com/dx_news.html. The complete breakdown by continent is available in the January/February 2010 issue of "The DX Magazine"; a breakdown by mode as well as a listing for the low bands will be published in the March/April issue.
Les Nouvelles DX's relevant QSL Gallery (lesnouvellesdx.fr/galerieqsl.php) has been updated and now includes more than 300 cards for the Top Ten Most

Wanted for the past eight years (2002-09).

MS0INT ---> The web site for the 18-21 June IOTA expedition to Eilean Mor, Flannan Isles (EU-118) [425DXN 969] is now up and running at www.ms0int.com/index.php. Five operators (EA1DR, EA2TA, EA3NT, MM0NDX and SM0MDG)will be active on 80-10 metres CW and SSB with two simultaneous stations on the air. QSL via M0URX, direct or bureau (QSLling instructions on the web site).

NOT THE MANAGER ---> Ted, SP4GFG says he no longer is the QSL manager for 9K2/SP4R.

OH8X INVITATION ---> Radio Arcala (www.radioarcala.com), OH8X will host four or five younger contest types participating as a multi team in the ARRL DX (CW) Contest (20-21 February). The event will start Thursday evening on the 18th and finish on Monday the 22nd. SSB/WARC operating will also be available on those days, including on a limited scale during the contest weekend. Drop a note and explain your desire as well as your potential as an operator on a multinational CW team: send your email to team leader Marius Hauki, LB3HC (mhauki@gmail.com) and he will give you more details. Please contact Marius no later than 30 January. [TNX OH2BN]

OPERATOR NEEDED ---> John, VE8EV is about to start planning for an IOTA trip to the rare Northwest Territories' Inuvik Region East Group (NA-182) in late April. "While another SSB-only solo operation would be OK", he says, "I'm thinking it might be fun to bring along a good CW operator. Ideally the 2nd operator would also be able to coordinate fundraising and not be afraid of a little winter camping in the Arctic". If you have a serious interest in participating, please contact John (ve8ev@arrl.net). [TNX www.islandchaser.com]

QSL VIA W3HNK ---> The new QSL route for UU4JMG and 4L/UU4JMG is via W3HNK. "Joe should have the logs any day now", The Daily DX reports, "and plans to have QSLs in several weeks". Joe is now handling also the QSL chores for HH2JR and WP4HSZ.

QSL VK6IOA ---> Alan, VK4AAR says that the QSL cards for the recent IOTA operation by VK6IOA (OC-211) have arrived from the printer. He hopes to clear the backlog by this weekend; requests arriving after that will be attended to within 24 hours, as per Alan's standard policy.

+ SILENT KEYS + Recently reported Silent Keys include Antun Kvakan (9A4EQ), Vadim A. Mohov (RU1AP), Aleksandr V. Ivanov (UA3GGQ), CQ Magazine columnist David L. Ingram (K4TWJ) and Spanish amateur radio doyen Rafael Van Baumberghen Yanes (EA4CH).

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8CF, 3D20CR, 3D2KJ, 4K8M, 4S7EA, 4U1ITU, 5K0T, 5N0OCH, 5R8GZ, 5R8IC (AF-090), 5T5BV, 5W0KH, 6Y1LZ, 6Y5/K4BAI, 7P8BA, 7P8CF, 8P9SS, 8R1PY, 9G5TT, 9G5XX (AF-084), 9H4JX, 9L1NH, 9L1X, 9N7RB, 9V1YC, A61BK, AI5P/VK9N, AL7R, AP2TN, BA4TB, C21TI, C31CT, C4I, C91LW, CO6RD, CO7PH/p (NA-201), CR2X, CU2A, CU2X, CX5BW, DS1REE, DT5A

(AS-081), E51NOU, E71A, E73MMM, E7DX, EA9/OL8R, EA9IE, EA9LA, EL8RI, EP3BN, EX8M, EY7AF, EY8MM, FH/DJ7RJ, FK/AI5P, FK8CP, FK8HN, FM/K9NW, FM5LD, FO8RZ, FP/KV1J, FR/F5UOW, FR5ZL, FS/W6IZT, FT5GA, FY/IW1BND, GW3YDX, H44MY (OC-127), H44MY (OC-149), H6VA, H7/K9NW, H7A, HC2AQ, HC8GR, HG1S, HI3A, ID9N, IO5O, J20SE, J28JA, J28KO, J5V, J79WW, J79ZG, JD1BMM, JK2VOC/BA4TB, JX9JKA, K4L (NA-141), K8CC/C6A, KH0/JK2VOC, KH7B, KH7XS, KH8/N9YU, KL7RA, KL7RRC/p (NA-233), KP2/KZ5D, KP2YL, KP4AO, KV4FZ, LU1ZA, LU1ZV, MS0WRC, OD5NJ, OD5PL, OH0/DK1MAX, OH0PM, OH0R, OJ0B, OY9JD, P29NI (OC-205), P29VLR (OC-231), P29VCX (OC-102, OC-116, OC-240), PA6Z, PJ2/K9NW, PJ5/AH6HY, PJ6/K2KW, PS0F, PW6C (SA-062), RA9LI/0 (AS-086), RX9FM, ST2KSS, SV2ASP/A, T27OU, T30IW, T32CXX, T32DAS, T77C, TA3D, TF4M, TL0A, TN5SN, TO7RJ, TX5C, TX5SPA, TX5SPM, TY1MS, TY5WP, TZ6JA, UK8AR, UN7QF, UP0L, UT2FF/A, V25Z, V5/DJ2HD, V73NF, V73ZZ, V88/SM3TLG, VE9DX, VK9GMW, VK9XW, VP2MUM, VP2MXO, VP2V/DL7VOG, VP8YLG, VP9KF, VQ9JC, VY0O, WH6R, WP4L, XU7KOH, XV2JR, XV2RZ, XV4D, XW1B, YB9/DL5CO, YJ0PX, YN2GY, YN4SU, ZD7FT, ZD7X, ZK1CG, ZK2BJ, ZK2DL, ZL/AI5P, ZP6/N3BNA, ZX5J, ZY0T.

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