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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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3A - Andrea, IZ1MHY will be active as 3A/IZ1MHY from Monaco on 6-7 February. QSL via home call. [TNX IW1DQS]

9M2 - Wolfgang, OE1WWL will be active as 9M2/OE1WWL from Langkawi Island (AS-058) on 24-28 February. He plans to operate some SSB using 10 watts and a wire. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

9U - Henry/DL2RSI (9U1RSI), Helmut/DL3KBQ (9UXEV, no number in the call), Peter/DH2KI (9U1KI) and Juergen/DJ2VO (9U1VO) will be active from Bujumbura, Burundi from 22 February to 6 March. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes with 100 watss and verticals. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX NG3K]

9Y - Mike, DF8AN will operate mainly CW as 9Y4/DF8AN from Tobago (SA-009) on 8-22 February. QSL via DF8AN, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

BY - David, BA4DW will be active as BA4DW/4 from Changxing Island (AS-136) on 11-19 February. He will operate holiday style with 100 watts and wire antennas. QSL via home call. [TNX BA4DW]

C2 - Dieter, DJ2EH, and his wife Anneli,DL8NBH will be active as C21DL and C21YL from Nauru (OC-031) until 14 February. Look for activity on 160-6 metres CW, with some RTTY and SSB. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX DX Newsletter]

C6 - Drew, N2RFA will be active as C6ABB from Nassau, Bahamas (NA-001) on 8-18 February. He plans to operate on 17, 20, 40 and 80 metres, and as "there is very little digital activity in the Bahamas", he will also operate some PSK31, RTTY, and SSTV. QSL via home call. [TNX N2RFA]

CE_ssh - Once again the XR9JA activity from Greenwich Island, South Shetlands (AN-010) [425DXN 976] has been postponed owing to a change in the Chilean Navy ship schedule. The team now expects to arrive on 10 February and to be QRV on the 12th until 26 March. QSL via CE5JA, direct or bureau. Further information on www.qrz.com

CN - Mat, MJ0ASP will be active as CN2MR from Morocco between on 18-26 February. He will operate CW only on 40-10 metres, with an emphasis on 30, 17 and 12 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX MJ0ASP]

EI - Olivier, ON4EI (EI8GQB) will be active as EJ8GQB from Bere Island (EU-121) on 21-29 March. He will operate SSB and RTTY on 160-10 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via ON4EI, bureau preferred. Further information can be found at www.qrz.com/db/ej8gqb [TNX ON4EI]

F - Kurt, ON4CB and Francois, ON4LO will operate on all bands SSB as F/OR9W/p from Tombelaine Island (EU-156) on 23-25 July, IOTA Contest included. QSL via ON4CB, direct or bureau. [TNX ON4LO]

FG - Michel, F6GWV and Gildas, F6HMQ will be active as TO2T from

Guadeloupe (NA-102) from 24 February to 8 March. QSL via F6HMQ. [TNX F6HMQ]

GM - MM0DGR/p will be operating from the Loch Lomond National Nature Reserve on 6 February. Look for activity on 20, 30 and 40 metres BPSK63, CW and SSB. QSL via MM0DFV, bureau preferred. [TNX MM0DFV]

HC - Rick, NE8Z will be active from Ecuador between 8 and 24 February. He expects to operate on 80-10 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31 as HC1MD (from Tumbaco, Pichincha Province), HC1MD/HC1 (from Mount Pichincha) and HC1MD/HC4 (from Punta Blanca, Manabi Province). QSL via K8LJG. [TNX NE8Z]

HI - Fabio, IK4QJF will be active as HI3/IK4QJF from the Dominican Republic from 20 February to 5 March. He will operate SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX IK4QJF]

J3 - Bill, K4LTA will be active as J37BO from Grenada from 11 February to 3 March, including a Multi-Single entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest as J38A along with NK4N. QSLs via K4LTA. [TNX QRZ-DX]

J6 - Bob, G3PJT will be active as J6/G3PJT from St. Lucia (NA-108) on 5-16 March. Main activity will be concentrated during the RSGB Commonwealth Contest, outside the contest he will operate holiday style mostly on 80 and 30 metres CW. [TNX G3PJT]

J7 - John, K3TEJ will be active as J7N from Dominica (NA-101) from 24 February to 11 March. Activity will be on all HF bands, mostly CW and RTTY, but will also include participation in the CQ WW 160-METER SSB and the ARRL DX SSB contests. QSL via K3TEJ. [TNX K3TEJ]

OZ - Eight operators from the Grantham Amateur Radio Club will be active as OZ/G0GRC from Fyn Island (EU-172) on 18-23 June. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; the QSL route for direct requests is via G0RCI. [TNX G0RCI]

PJ - Roger, N4RR will operate RTTY and CW as PJ4/N4RR from Bonaire (SA-006) on 10-15 February. He will participate in the CQ WW WPX RTTY Contest (13-14 February) as PJ4R. QSL both calls via N4RR. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

VE - John, KL7JR will be active as XK1RST from Yukon on 11-14 February. He plans to operate SSB on 80-10 metres from Destruction Bay or Jacquot Island in Kluane Lake (not IOTA). QSL via KL7JR. [TNX dx-world.net]

VK - The Yarra Valley Amateur Radio Group (www.yarravalley.ar.org.au) will operate field station VI3KIAH from Kinglake, Victoria on 7 February. The suffix KIAH is an Aboriginal word meaning 'beautiful place', and the purpose of this activity is to acknowledge the efforts of all who fought and were involved the Black Saturday fires on 7 February 2009, and the services provided by radio amateurs. This was Australia's worst ever natural disaster, 173 people died as a result of the fires and 414 were injured. QSL via VK3YVG. [TNX www.southgatearc.org]

VK - Bill, VK4FW will operate mostly CW as VK8MM from Groote Eylandt (OC-141) on 14-20 February. After that, he will be active for a few days from his daughter's home in Nhullunbuy (mainland Australia). QSL via VK4FW. [TNX QRZ-DX]

VP5 - Alex, PY2WAS will be active as VP5/PY2WAS from Providenciales, Caicos Islands (NA-002) on 20-23 May. He might be joined by Ivan, PY1YB. Expect activity in 80-10 metres SSB and CW. QSL via PY2WAS,

direct or bureau. [TNX PY2WAS]

VP5 - Jim, WB2REM and Glenn, KD2JA will be active as VP5/WB2REM and VP5/KD2JA from Providenciales (NA-002), Caicos Islands on 10-17 June. They will operate CW and SSB on 160-6 metres, and will participate in the ARRL June VHF Contest as VQ5M. Operation for the contest will be on 6 meters SSB and CW only. QSL via KD2JA. [TNX WB2REM]

XU - XU7KOH will be active again from Koh Russei (AS-133) on 12-16 February (operated by ON6NP, ON6TZ and XU7ACY) and 19-23 February (operated by ON6NP, ON6TZ, XU7ACY and F5PAC). QSL via ON7PP. Logs will be posted on www.xu7tzg.be after the operations. [TNX ON7PP]

YN - Cal WF5W (YN2EA), Mike K5UO (YN2UO), Keith NM5G (YN2MG) and Doug WB5TKI (YN2TKI) will be active from Nicaragua on 4-9 March. They plan to operate SSB, CW and RTTY on 160-10 metres, and to participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest as YN2EA (Multi-Single). During non-contest periods, they will have two stations active on all modes and bands. QSL for all callsigns via W5PF and LoTW. Further information and log search (available after the trip) can be found on the Texas DX Society's website (www.tdxs.net). [TNX W9DX]

ZK3 - Bill, N7OU and Bob, W7YAQ will be active as from Tokelau (OC-048) from 17 February to 10 March (exact dates may change a little depending on boat schedule), including an entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest. They will operate mostly CW, with some RTTY and SSB, on 160-10 metres using verticals and 100 watts. Before (10-16 February) and after (11-15 March) that trip, they will be active from Apia, Samoa (5W). QSL via home calls. [TNX The Daily DX]

ZS8 - Pierre, ZS1HF has announced he will be active as ZS8M from Marion Island (AF-021) "from the end of April once the 'SA Agulhas' has returned to Cape Town". Pierre says he is taking up "the position of radio/electronics technician for a year". Further information is expected in due course.

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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15TH IOTA DINNER ---> The 15th Annual Islands On The Air (IOTA) Dinner will be held on Friday, 16 April 2009, at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center, in conjunction with the 61sh annual Visalia International DX Convention (http://dxconvention.org/). For additional information regarding this event, please contact Ray Benny, N6VR (rayn6vr@cableone.net) or Will Costello, WC6DX (wc6dx@sbcglobal.net). [TNX N6VR]

DXCC NEWS ---> The following operations have been approved for DXCC credit: D44TXF, D44TXI, D44TXO, D44TXP, D44TXQ, D44TXR and D44TXS (Cape Verde, March 2009). If you had one of these operations rejected on a recent application, please send a note to dxcc@arrl.org to have your record updated. [TNX NC1L]

EPC WW DX CONTEST ---> The European PSK Club invites amateur radio operators all over the world to participate in the second EPC WW DX Contest, to be held on 27-28 February (from 12 UTC to 12 UTC). Object of the contest is to work as many stations as possible using the BPSK125 mode. Complete information can be found at www.epcwwdx.srars.org

QSL VIA UZ1RR ---> The QSL route for UT6UE/mm and UT6UF/mm is via UZ1RR, direct only (Vladimir A. Stepanenko, P.O. Box 28, Chernihiv-postamt, 14000, Ukraine). Andrej e Yurij are on a 16-month voyage on sailing yacht "Kupava" (http://uarl.com.ua/news/antarctida/index.htm)

TOP LISTS ---> The latest Topband, Topmode and Toplist listings are now available at http://www.425dxn.org/awards/toplist/index.html. Please note that QSOs confirmed through LoTW or included in on-line logs are eligible for listing. Send send your scores, as well as any request for further information, to Erminio Pandocchi, I2EOW (i2eow@fastwebnet.it)

+ SILENT KEYS + Recently reported Silent Keys include Norman Fitch (G3FPK), John Dunlop (GM0WDF/GM6LNM), Robert J. King (K5IY), Terry P. Morton (KJ6OW), David Charles Blanchard (N3II), Rudol'f A. Yanson (RW0IZ), Viktor T. Korostyljov (UN7QB), Judge L. Bodycote (W1PEA), Kenneth M. Smith (W7HRY), James M Durante (W9NB), Alonso Ulloa Mireles (XE1ZZA) and Francisco Lopez Diaz (XE2NLD).

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8GT, 3D20CR, 3D2A (OC-121), 3D2JS, 3D2KJ, 3D2MJ,3V3S, 4K4K, 4L/UU4JMG, 4S7KKG, 4U1UN, 4U1WB, 4U64UN, 4W6AL,5H3RK, 5N0HQ, 5N0OCH, 5N7/5N0OCH, 5R8HX, 5R8IC (AF-090), 5T5BV, 5U5U, 5Z4/RW1AU,7P8AO, 7P8CF, 8R1PY,9G5TT, 9G5XX (AF-084), 9J2BO, 9J2CA, 9J2VB, 9J3A, 9L7NS, 9M2AX, 9M6OO, 9U0VB, 9V1VV, 9V1YC, 9X0VB, 9Z4AM, A65BE, A65DLH, A92GR, AI5P/VK9N, AY0DX, BA4TB/5 (AS-137), BG5BMV/5 (AS-141), C4I, CE0Y/JJ2NYT, CE0Y/SM6CUK, CN8TW, CO7PH/p (NA-201), CP6IB, CT9L,D2CQ, D2EB, D2NX, DP1POL, DT5A (AS-081), E51JD (OC-013), E51QQQ (OC-014), EA9IE, ES1WN, ET3JA, ET3SID, EX2A, EX8AD, EX8MJ, EY7AF, FG5/F2PI, FH/DJ7RJ, FJ/WQ2N,FK/NA8O,FK8HN, FM/JE1JKL/p, FM5AA, FM5LD, FO/DJ7RJ (OC-027), FO/JJ2NYT (OC-046), FO8RZ, FP/G3ZAY, FR/F5UOW, FS/K1XM, FS/W6IZT, FT5GA, FT5WO, FT5YJ/P (AN-006), FY/IW1BND, GD6IA, GI5K, H40FN, H44MS (OC-047), H44MY (OC-192), HC8/DF8AN, HC8GR, HQ2GL, HS0ZBS, HS0ZCW, IS0GQX, IS0HQJ, J37T, J49Z, J5V, J79WE,JD1BIE, JD1BLY, JD1BMH,JD1BMM, JT1AA, JT1BE, JT1CO, KG4SS, KH0/KI6TIU, KH7XS,KP2/NY6X, LU/F6BFH (SA-049), LU1ZA, LU1ZV, N5BEK/TI7, OH0/PA3ALK, OH0/PB5A, OJ0J, OX2A, OX3DB, OY2J, OY3AA, P29NI, P29VCR, P29VCX, P29VLR, P4/W1XP, P43JB, PJ5/AH6HY, PW2IO (SA-071), PW6C (SA-062),PX8W,PZ5RA, PZ5Z, R0L (AS-066), R1FJM, S79NS, S92LX, SD2O (EU-135), SU1KM, SU9NC, SV2ASP/A, SV8FMY, T2G, T30IW, T32CXX, T32DAS, T47C (NA-086), T6YA, T88DX,T88GH, TF3CW, TF4M,TG9ADM, TL0A, TO5T,TO7RJ, TR8JD, TS7C (AF-073), TX5SPA, TX5SPM, TY1MS, TY5WP, UA2FW, UK8AR, UN6LN, UN7AB, UN7QF, V63PR (OC-010 and OC-011), V73NF, VE8RCS/VY0 (NA-008), VK6IOA (OC-211), VK7GK, VK9XX, VP2ETN, VP2MNK, VP2MPL, VP2MUH, VP2MUM, VP2MXO, VP2V/DL7VOG, VP2V/NY6X, VP8BUG, VP8YLB, VQ9LA, VU2PAI, VX8X (NA-192), VY0O (NA-230), W2VJP/KH2, WP3C, XU7KOH, XU7MDY, XV2JR, XV2RZ, XV3RRC (AS-157), XV7RRC (AS-162), YI9AJ, YI9NIC, YJ0AQY, YJ0NA,YJ0PX, ZD7FT, ZD8N, ZD8Z, ZF1A, ZF1DX, ZF2AH, ZK1CG, ZP8VAO, ZY0T.

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