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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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5W - Bill/N7OU and Bob/W7YAQ expected to leave Samoa for Tokelau [425DXN 979] on 18 February, but the voyage has been cancelled due to a developing tropical depression. While stuck in Apia they continue to operate as 5W0OU and 5W0YA, including an entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest. "After the contest we will dust off the microphone", they say.

7P - Pista, HA5AO will be active again as 7P8AO from Lesotho on 8-22 March. He plans to operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 80-10 metres running 300 watts into a wire vertical antenna. QSL via HA5AO. Logsearch and further information at ha5ao.novolab.hu [TNX HA0HW]

8Q - Alex, UX4UL will be active as 8Q7IA from the Maldives (AS-013) until 18 May. He operates CW, SSB and BPSK on 40, 20 and 17 metres. QSL via UY5ZZ. [TNX UY5ZZ]

8Q - Joerg, OE6VHF will be active as 8Q7JK from the Maldives from 23 February to 5 March. He will operate holiday style on 40-10 metres, with an emphasis on 40 and 17 metres SSB. QSL via home call, bureau preferred.

9V - Bob, 9V1QQ says he will be operating in the ARRL DX, CQ WPX SSB and CQ WPX CW contests using his contest callsign of S65Q. QSL via home call.

C3 - A group of operators from Spain and Andorra will be active as C37NL on 26-28 February for the CQ WW 160-Meter DX SSB Contest. This operation is a joint effort between the Andorran Amateur Radio Union (URA) and the Spanish "Grupo Contest URE Soria & URASO" ((www.uraso.es/andorra160). QSL via C37URA. [TNX EA1DVY]

C6 - Marc, K1CTT will be active as C6ALT from Eleuthera (NA-001), Bahamas from 26 February to 10 March. He will operate holiday style on 40, 20, 17 and 15 metres SSB. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

CE - Hector (CE3FZL), Ricardo (CE3HDI), Hugo (CE3BBC), Cristian (CE3PCN) and Esteban (XQ7UP) will operate CW and SSB as XR2A from the lighthouse at Punta Angeles (ARLHS CHI-001) on 26-28 February. QSL direct to CE3BBC. [TNX CE3FZL]

CX - The Radio Club Uruguayo will be active as CW3R the lighthouse at Punta Negra (ARLHS URU-015) on 26-28 February. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 80-10 metres with at least two stations. QSL direct to Radio Club Uruguayo, P.O. Box 37, 11000 Montevideo, Uruguay. [TNX CX3AL]

CY0 - The October 2009 DXpedition to Sable Island (NA-063) that had been placed on hold [425DXN 957] is being been rescheduled to take place in this year's September-October time frame. The operators will be Murray/WA4DAN, Randy/N0TG, Rick/AI5P, Ron/AA4VK. Updates and further information at www.cy0dxpedition.com [TNX N0TG]

D4 - Massimo, IZ4DPV will be active as D44AC (QSL direct only) from Sao

Vicente Island (AF-086), Cape Verde from 21 February to 9 March. He will participate in the CQ WW 160 SSB and ARRL DX SSB contests as D4C (QSL via IZ4DPV).

G - The Cray Valley Radio Society (www.cvrs.org) will be active on 20 February with the special callsign GG100RE on behalf of the Royal Eltham Guides for World Thinking Day on the Air. Two stations will be active mainly on 20, 40 and 80 metres. QSL via G4DFI, direct or bureau. [TNX 2E0RCV]

G - Special event station GB75RDF will be active for two weeks starting on 24 February during a re-enactment of the experiment that discovered RDF (Radar) on 26 February 1935. QSL via G1BHR, direct or bureau.

G - In recognition of the historic events that took place in 1935 and 1940 which played a significant part in Britains war effort, Bawdsey Manor (Bawdsey Research Station) will be activated on three separate occasions during 2010. Look for special event station GB75BRS to be active on 26-28 February, followed by GB70BRS on 5-6 June and 18-19 September. They will be on the air HF, 6m and VHF, operating CW, SSB and possibly some digital modes too. QSLs via G8BHC, bureau preferred. Further information can be found at www.bawdseyresearchstation.org.uk [TNX M0SDY]

G - Promoting geological heritage to the general public, special station GB6GEO will be on the air from "Kent's Cavern", England's oldest "home" situated in the English Riviera (Torbay), for the 3rd Geoparks Communication Weekend on 22-23 May. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; the QSL route for direct cards is via G3VOF. Details on this event, as well on the relevant certificate, can be found at qrz.com under GB6GEO. [TNX G3VOF]

GM - MM0DGR/p will be operating from Langside Wood, Blawhorn Moss National Nature Reserve on 20 February. Look for activity on 20m SSB, 30m BPSK63 and CW, 40m SSB. QSL via MM0DFV, bureau preferred. [TNX MM0DFV]

HK - Lothar, DK8LRF will be active as HK3JCL from Colombia from 20 February to 4 April. He will operate SSB, Pactor, RTTY and PSK31 mainly on 20 and 40 metres. QSL via DK8LRF, bureau preferred. [TNX DX Newsletter]

I - Special station II0METEO will be operated between 22 and 28 February for this year's Antarctic Activity Week (see below). Activity will take place from the Italian Air Force Base "Mario De Bernardi" at Pratica di Mare, which hosts the National Centre for Aeronautical Meteorology and Climatology. QSL via IK2IWU. [TNX IK2IWU]

KH2 - Look for Tokyo International Amateur Radio Association's members AB2ST, K0EN and KG6WTW to be active /KH2 from Guam (OC-026) from 25 February to 1 March. Activity will be on all bands with a focus on Europe. QSL for all via JF1TEU, direct or bureau. [TNX dx-hamspirit.com]

KL - The tentative dates for the announced expeditions to IOTA groups NA-235 and NA-239 [425DXN 973] are as follows:

18-25 August	KL7RRC	Chirikof Island (NA-235)
26 August-1 September	N6PYN/KL7	Seal Islands (NA-239)

The team now includes Elena/RV3ACA, Merle/N6PYN, Yuri/N3QQ and

Yuri/UA9OBA. QSL via UA9OBA (Russia and Europe) and N7RO (rest of the world). Bookmark www.na-234.com for updates.

LU - The Grupo DX Norte will operate as LW5DFR/D from Martin Garcia Island (SA-055) and lighthouse on 26-28 February. QSL via LW4EF.

LZ - The Balkan Contest Club will operate as LZ132GO on 1-31 March to commemorate the 132nd anniversary of the end of the Russo-Turkish War, which established Bulgaria as an autonomous principality. QSL via QSL via LZ1ZF. Information on the "St. Teodosii Tyrnovski" Award can be found at www.balkanclub.org/awards.htm [TNX LZ1ZF]

ON - Special event station ON30ON will be active during the months of March, April, September and October to celebrate the 30th edition of the Belgian "ON Contest". QSL via bureau or direct to ON4CAS. Information on the relevant award can be found at users.telenet.be/egbert.hertsen/on30on.html [TNX ON4CAS]

OZ - Roald, OZ1BLO and Karl, LA8DW will be active from Laeso Island (EU-088) from 28 March to 3 April. QSL via home calls, bureau preferred. [TNX LA8DW]

PY - PY6HD, PY6RT and PY6AWU will be active as ZZ6Z from Santa Barbara Island, Abrolhos Archipelago (SA-019) on 25-28 February. Look for them on 80-10 metres SSB. The Brazilian Navy schedule might affect the dates. QSL direct to PY6HD. Further information at qrz.com under ZZ6Z. [TNX PT7WA]

PY - Orlando/PT2OP, Vieira/PY1LVF and Lima/PY1NEZ will be active as PV1S, PT2OP/p, PY1LVF/p and PY1NEZ/p from Santana Island (SA-077) and lighthouse on 25-28 February. They plan to operate CW and SSB on 80-10 metres. QSL PV1S and PT2OP/p via PT2OP, QSL PY1LVF/p and PY1NEZ/p via PY1NEZ, direct or bureau. The very same operators will also be active as ZX1MH (QSL via PT2OP), PT2OP/p, PY1LVF/p and PY1NEZ/p from Forte Marechal Hermes in Macae, mainland Brazil, on 1-2 March. [TNX PY1NEZ]

PY - Nine Brazilian operators will be active as ZV7C from Cabo Branco lighthouse (ARLHS BRA-015) on 26-28 February. They will operate CW, SSB and PSK on 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80 metres. QSL via PT7JP. [TNX PY1NEZ]

S2 - The 21-25 February S21DX activity from St. Martin's Island (AS-127) [425DXN 969] has been postponed until further notice because of a bureaucratic hiccup. Updates will be posted at iota.s2dx.org

VK9X - Phil, G3SWH and Jim, G3RTE will be active from Christmas Island (OC-002) on 20-27 February [425DXN 963]. They will both use the single callsign of VK9X/G6AY, and they will operate CW only on 80-10 metres (no activity on 160 metres). Propagation permitting, they plan to have two stations on the air for as many hours every day as is possible. QSL via G3SWH, direct or bureau (requests for bureau cards can be submitted by using the relevant form on Phil's website). Please visit www.g3swh.org.uk/christmas-island.html for log search and further information. [TNX G3SWH]

W - The Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club, K6PV will be active from Santa Catalina Island (NA-066) on 25-28 February. They plan to operate mainly on 20 metres SSB, but may be available to CW, RTTY and/or PSK31. QSL via K6PV, direct or bureau. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

ZA - Franck, F4DTO and Patrick, F4GFE will be active as ZA/homecall

from Elbasan, Albania on 15-24 April. They plan to operate SSB and some CW on 40-10 metres using 100 watts and monoband dipoles. QSL via home calls, bureau preferred. [TNX F4DTO]

ZL8 - The core team of the very successful DXpeditions to Norfolk Island in 2007 (VK9DNX) and Willis Island in 2008 (VK9DWX), plus a few high experienced operators, will be active as ZL8X from Raoul Island, Kermadec Islands (OC-039) in November. According to the preliminary schedule, thirteen operators (namely DJ5IW, DJ7EO, DJ9RR, DK1II, DL1MGB, DL3DXX, DL5CW, DL5LYM, DL5XL, DL6FBL, DL8OH, DL8WPX and SP5XVY) expect to be QRV from 19 November to 5 December with seven high power stations on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and RTTY. Further information, including log search and an Online QSL Request System (OQRS) for either bureau and direct cards, can be found at www.kermadec.de [TNX DL1MGB]

SOUTH PACIFIC TRIP ---> Hugh, K6HFA plans to operate from several South Pacific islands between 3 March and 26 April as follows:

3-10 March	Samoa (5W)	OC-097
12 March-2 April	Tonga (A3)	OC-049, OC-123 and OC-064
6-12 April	Wallis (FW)	OC-054
13-21 April	Tuvalu (T2)	OC-015
23-26 April	Fiji (3D2)	OC-016 or OC-156

He will operate CW , SSB and maybe RTTY on 80, 40, 30, 20, 17, and 15 metres, with 100 watts and a vertical. Further information is expected in due course. QSL via home call. [TNX K6HFA]

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ANTARCTIC ACTIVITY WEEK ---> The Worldwide Antarctic Program has announced that the seventh Antarctic Activity Week will be held from 22 to 28 February. The aim of this annual event is to promote worldwide interest in the Antarctic continent. Several special event callsigns from around the world are expected to take part in this year's AAW. Participating stations (QSL via operator's instructions) are announced from the following countries:

Austria	OE3AGA/AAW, OE3AIS/AAW, OE3HM/AAW, OE3KKA/AAW, OE3RPB/AAW, OE3SGA/AAW, OE3WWB/AAW
Balearic Is	AO6ANT
Bulgaria	LZ07ANT
Canada	VB3ANT, VG3AAO, VG3WAP, VG7AAW
England	GB0ANT
France	TM7AAW, TM7WAP
Germany	DA0ANT
Italy	IA0AAW, IA0ANT, II0AAW, II0METEO, II0WAP, II2ANT, II3ANT, II5ANT, IP3ANT, IR1ANT, IR1SMG, IR2WAP, IU2ANT, IU8ANT
Lithuania	LY10ANT
Romania	YQ2ANT
Slovenia	S50ANT

Spain AO1ANT
Switzerland HB9ICE
Ukraine UT1KY/WAP
USA K4A, K4K, N5T/ANT, N8A, W6A, WK3N/AAW
Complete information on the AAW can be found at www.waponline.it

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/2010/intldx.html. This year's event will run from from 00.00 UTC on 20 February through 24.00 UTC on the 21st. Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxc2010.html - good contest to you all!

HOLYLAND CONTEST ---> The Holyland DX Contest 2009 results can be found on the IARC website (www.iarc.org/?page_id=982), along with the rules for this years' event (from 21 UTC on 16 April through 21 UTC on the 17th). [TNX 4Z4KX]

LIGHTHOUSE WEEKEND ---> The second South American Lighthouses Weekend will be held on 26-28 February. A listing of partecipating stations and further information on the event can be found at www.grupodxbb.com.ar/faros2010.htm

NAQCC ---> The NAQCC (North American QRP CW Club) welcomes all who want to help support CW and have at least some interest in using QRP from time-to-time. Lifetime membership is free and open to licensed radio amateurs or SWLs worldwide. Complete information can be found at home.windstream.net/yoel/ [TNX VA3RJ]

QSL YP1WFF ---> Please note that the QSL route depends on the activation date. Details can be found on the WFF (World Flora Fauna) Romanian Programme's website at wff-yo.blogspot.com [TNX YO3JW]

QSL Z37M ---> All of the direct QSL requests for contacts made during last year's CQ WW DX SSB Contest have been processed and mailed. The remaining QSOs have been confirmed via the bureau system. [TNX IZ8CCW]

QSL VIA NI5DX ---> Buzz, NI5DX is the new QSL manager for Tom, 9M6TMT and Abdul, 9M6RHM. He already has the logs for 9M6TMT and is awaiting cards being sent; no log information has been transferred yet for 9M6RHM, but will be shortly. [TNX K1XN]

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8GT, 3D20CR, 3V3S, 4S7KKG, 5B/HG3IPA, 5H3EE , 5H3VMB, 6W/EI6DX , 7X4AN, 8R1PY, 9G5TT, 9H4JX, 9L7NS, 9M2/UA6AF (AS-046), 9M6/JA3AVO, 9M6/LA7XK, 9M6XRO, 9M8Z, 9N7RB, A61KM, A7/M0FGA,A92GR, AY0DX, B7P, BA7IO/4 (AS-136), BU2AQ, C21DL, C57R, CE0Z/SM0CUK, CP4BT , CP8XA, D2CR, DQ11APOLLO , EA6SX, EL5BK, ET3JA, EU8SD, FJ/DJ2VO, FK8CP , FO/N6JA, FT5GA, FW5RE, H44MS, HS0ZCY, HV5PUL, JD1BMM,

JT1R, JY5CC, KP4WW, LO2F, LR4E, N3MK (NA-083), OX3DB, OY2J, OY3AA, P29NI, P29VCX, P29VLR, PE7T/VK9X, PJ4/PE2MC, PZ5RA, R4/UT5UDX, RA2FF, S58N , SH3O, SU9ZZ, SV2ASP/A, SV9/HG4UK/p, T2UF, T31DX, T32BJ , T6YA, T70A, T88IW, TF4M, TG9NX, TI2JCY, TI8II, TL0A, TO5DX, TO7RJ, TO8YY, TR50R, TX5C, TX5SPA, TX5SPM, UA0FO , UN6G, UP6P, V26MN, V31WV, V73NS, VE3DZ/VP9, VK6IOA (OC-211), VK9WW, VK9XX, VP2MNK , VP2V/KN5H , VP8BUG, VP8SDX, VR2009EAG, VR2UW, WH6R, XU7AEA, XU7AEB, XU7EEE, XV3RRC (AS-157), XV4D, XW1B, YS4/N0AT, YS4/W0OR, YS4U, ZB3R, ZF1DX.

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