Tony, IK8VRH will be working in Kenya from 8 May until April 2012. Requested callsign is 5Z4RH (to be approved by the Communications Commission of Kenya). Information on a new amateur radio shack for rent at a tourist resort in Malindi will be available in late June. [TNX IK8VRH]

Special event station 7U3GDW ("Great Desert of the World") will be active from Djelfa, Algeria for the International Amateur Radio Meeting that will take place on 17-22 May. QSL via 7X2DD. Further information on the event, hosted by the Radio Club of Djelfa (7X2VFK), can be found at qrz.com under 7U3GDW.

Kiko/9A4KW and Felix/9A5BS will operate SSB and CW on 80, 40 and 20 metres as homecall/p from Nature Park Zumberak-Samoborsko gorje on 1 May. Koki/9A2TN, Tiho/9A7GAE and six teen-age members of Radio Club Osijek (9A1BOP) will be active as 9A1BOP/p from Nature Park Kopacki rit on 5 May. They plan to operate mainly SSB on 80, 40 and 20 metres. Franjo/9A2MF, Daki/9A2WJ and Emir/9A6AA will be active as homecall/p from National Park Krka on 7-8 May and from Nature Park Lake Vrana on 9 May. They plan to operate SSB, CW and PSK31 on 40, 30 and 20 metres. Information on the Croatian Flora Fauna Program can be found at www.9aff.com [TNX 9A6AA]

Gustavo, CO2NO will be active through May every odd day on 20 metres BPSK31 (14070 kHz), and on 40 metres BPSK31 and JT65A (7038-7040 kHz) starting at 3 UTC. QSL direct to HA3JB. [TNX HA3JB]

CO2NO, CO2WL, CO2IZ and CO2WF will participate in the Volta Contest (8-9 May) as CO2FRC. QSL via bureau. [TNX HA3JB]

A large group of operators from the Algarve STAR DX Team will activate six different lighthouses on 15-16 May. Special callsigns to be used are CQ72LHA (Ponta do Altar), CQ72LHM (Cabo de Santa Maria on Culatra Island, EU-145), CQ72LHP (Ponta da Piedade), CQ72LHR (Vila Real de Santo Antonio), CQ72LHV (Cabo de Sao Vicente) and CQ72LHZ (Alfanzina). QSL for all callsigns via CT2HTN, direct or bureau. Further information can be found at www.algarvedx.com [TNX CT1GFK]

JA2NQG, JH2BNL and JI2UAY will be active from Wallis Island (OC-054) on 14-24 July. Requested callsigns are FW5M, TO2BNL and FW5FM respectively. They will try to go and operate from Futuna (OC-118) during their stay in FW. QSL via home calls. They will also be active from from Fiji (3D2) on 13-14 July (callsigns unknown). [TNX NG3K]

Kevan, 2E0WMG will be active from Lundy Island (EU-120) on 5-8 May. This will be a battery-powered activity, and operating times will be limited as well as his power. He plans to operate SSB mainly on 80, 40, 20 and 17 metres with about 20W. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX VA3RJ]
GM - Five members of the Camb-Hams plan to activate the Monach Islands (EU-111) for 24 hours from approximately 14 UTC on 5 May. If the weather is bad the trip could be delayed for up to 48 hours. Callsign will probably be GM3PYE/P and QSL manager will be M0VFC. The team plan to have two stations QRV simultaneously. [TNX G3ZAY]

GM - Doug, GM0ELP (CW) and Simon, M0GBK (SSB) will be active as MM3T from the Isle of Bute (EU-123) on 24-25 July for the IOTA Contest. QSL via eQSL only, as "we do not have paper QSL cards" (but IOTA chasers will be able to claim credit online once the contest logs are uploaded to www.rsgbiota.org in 2011). [TNX rsgbiota.org]

H40 - Jacek, SP5DRH (H40KJ) and Jerzy, SP3BQ (H40BQ) will be active from Pigeon Island (OC-065), Temotu Province on 7-22 October. They will focus on 160 and 80 metres CW, with operations on the higher bands (including some digital modes activity on 20 and 30 metres) depending on propagation. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. Further information can be found at www.sp5drh.com/h40 [TNX SP5DRH]

HB0 - Johannes, DF5AU will be active as HB0/DF5AU from Liechtenstein on 8-12 May. He will operate CW and SSB on the HF bands, with a focus on 80 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX DF5AU]

KH5 - Founded by Eric Scace (K3NA) and Carsten Esch (DL6LAU) in 2007, Radio Expeditions, Inc is a permanent, non-profit organization of volunteers whose first project was the 2008 VP6DX record breaker expedition to Ducie Island. The second project is a DXpedition to Jarvis Island (OC-081), which is planned to take place between 17 November and 1 December (depending on weather and sea conditions). The dates were chosen to maximize propagation openings on both low and high bands to Europe. A large group of operators will staff 12 stations on CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-6 metres. Applications for the required government permits have been submitted to the US Fish & Wildlife Service. No individual contributions are being solicited until the permits have been received. [TNX DX World]

KP4 - The Puerto Rico Amateur Radio League (www.prarl.org) will operate special event station K4C from 4 July to 1 August to celebrate the XXI Central American and Caribbean Games that will take place in Mayaguez. QSL via KP4ES.

OA - Hans, OE3NHW has been in Peru since mid-March, and will remain there until the end of June. He operates as OA6/OE3NHW from the Andes and as OA4/OE3NHW from Lima. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [TNX DX Newsletter]

OE - Special callsigns OE50AMRS, OE50XAM, OE50XCL, OE50XCW, OE50XLC, OE50XMA and OE50XRM will be activated on all bands and modes from 1 September until 31 December to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Austrian Military Radio Society. QSLs via OE4RGC (all of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau). [TNX OE1MHL]

OZ - Al, LA9SN will be active as OZ/LA9SN/p from Laeso Island (EU-088) on 19-24 May. He will operate CW and SSB on the HF bands, running high power from his car. QSL via home call. [TNX LA9SN]

OZ - DG3XA, DH8HD, DL4HG, DL7AT and DO3HJW will be active as OZ/DA0T/p from Mando Island (EU-125) on 22-27 July. They will operate SSB and CW and will take part in the IOTA Contest. QSL via DA0T, bureau preferred. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

PA - Jelle, PD5JFK and Bernard, PD7BZ will be active as PD6MILL from windmill "De Eendracht" on 8-9 May for the Dutch National Windmill
Weekend (www.wota2010.tk). They will operate SSB and digital modes on 10, 20 and 40 metres, and on 2 metres SSB. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards should be sent to PD7BZ. [TNX PD7BZ]

PA - Frans, PC2F will be active as PC100AR from 29 May to 26 June to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Alfa Romeo, the famous Italian automaker founded on 24 June 1910. QSL via PC2F, direct or bureau. [TNX PC2F]

S7 - Marq, CT1BWW will be active as S79BWW from Mahe (AF-024), Seychelles on 17-31 July. He plans to operate CW, SSB and possibly RTTY on 80-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Further information can be found at www.ct1bww.com/s79bww/ [TNX DX World]

TA - Celebrating the 150th anniversary of Sile lighthouse, the TC Special Wireless Activity Team (www.tcswat.org) will operate SSB, CW, PSK and RTTY as TC150SLH on 1-9 May, 24-25 July and 21-22 August. Information on the relevant award can be found at qrz.com under TC150SLH.

TK - Five members of the Valle Brembana DX & Contest Team (namely Claudio/IK2AOO, Diego/IW2MZX, Andrea/IZ2AJE, Enzo/IZ2GLU and Fabio/IZ2GMT) will be active as TK9E from Corsica (EU-014) on 26-31 May, including activity during the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 80, 40, 30, 20, 17, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via IZ2GLU, direct or bureau. [TNX IZ2GMT]

UA - Valery, RZ9DX is now active as RZ9DX/0/A from the Medvezh'i Islands (AS-005), length of stay unknown. So far he has been active on 20 metres CW and SSB, but reportedly he intends to fix antennas for other HF bands. [TNX DX World]

UA - A very large number of Russian stations using special prefix RP (where the letter P stands for "pobeda", i.e. "victory") are expected to be QRV on 1-10 May to celebrate the 65th anniversary of the end of World War II. The Michurinsk Contest Group will be active as RP3RQ, RP3RTG, RP3R2K and RP65RTK (QSL for all callsigns via RN3RQ; e-mail rn3rq@tamb.ru for information on the relevant free or charge award). The long list (in Russian) of stations expected to participate in the Victory-65 Memorial can be found on the Russian Amateur Radio Union's web site (www.srr.ru/CONTEST/pobeda_65_calls_req.pdf)

UN - Vadim, UN7FW has been granted permission to operate as UP25F until 30 November. The special callsign is for the 25th anniversary of Vostochny opencast coal mine in Ekibastuz, Kazakhstan. QSL via IK2QPR. [TNX IK2QPR]

UR - Celebrating the 65th anniversary of the end of World War II, ten members of the Radio Amateur Association of the Ukrainian State Centre of Radio Frequencies will operate under special callsigns on 1-15 May: EM65E (QSL via UR5EDX), EM65IM (QSL via UT5IM), EM65JX (QSL via UU0JX), EM65L (QSL via UR5LO), EM65MP (QSL via UR3MP), EM65P (QSL via UT4PR), EM65QX (QSL via UR4QX), EM65TO (QSL via UR7TO), EM65UZ (QSL via UT3UZ) and EN65L (QSL via UT5LO). [TNX UT3UZ]

V8 - Yoshi, JJ8DEN has been active as V85/JJ8DEN from Brunei (OC-088) for a few days. From 30 April to 7 May he and some local operators will go and operate as V84PMB from Palau Muara Besar (OC-184), with expected activity on 160-6 metres SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK31.
QSL this operation via JJ8DEN (direct only). He will then return to OC-088 until 10 May. [TNX The Daily DX]

VE - The NA-128 Contest Group will operate as XL2I from Isle-aux-Coudres (NA-128) on 23-25 July, IOTA Contest included. Several stations will be active on 80-6 metres SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via VE2CQ, direct or bureau.

VK - Gerard, VK4TGL will be active from Moreton Island (OC-137) on 8-15 May. He will operate holiday style using a lightweight QRP CW rig and concentrating around the QRP frequencies on 40, 30, 20 and 17 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

W - John, K8LJG will be active as K8LJG/4 from Amelia Island (NA-138) on 1-25 May. He will operate CW and SSB around the IOTA frequencies on 20-10 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX NE8Z]

W - Lindy, WW5AA will be active as WW5AA/4 from Dauphin Island (NA-213) on 9-10 May. He expects to operate on 160, 80, 40, 20, 17 and 15 metres, and possibly on 12 or 10 metres, as time permits. QSL direct to WW5AA. [TNX The Daily DX]

ZF - Sam, W5CU will be active as ZF2CU from Grand Cayman Island (NA-016) on 1-8 May. He plans to operate mainly CW on 40, 30 and 20 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

ZS8 - Pierre, ZS1HF is now on Marion Island and is active sporadically as ZS1HF/8 until around 12-15 May ("no QSL cards will be issued under this callsign", he says). After the SA Aughulas departs from the island, he will use ZS8M on SSB and digital modes. "Operating times will be after work and during weekends".

TYRRHENIAN SEA CRUISE ---> HA0HW reports that Tomi, HA4DX will be cruising the Tyrrhenian Sea between 15 and 22 May. He plans to stop and operate from Corsica and a few Italian islands as follows:

15 May IA5/HA4DX Elba Island (EU-028)
16 May IA5/HA4DX Capraia Island (EU-028)
17-18 May TK/HA4DX Giraglia Island (EU-164)
19 May IA5/HA4DX Elba Island (EU-028)

===========================

*** 4 2 5  D X  N E W S ***

**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****

===========================

Edited by I1JQJ & IK1ADH
Direttore Responsabile I2VGW

EPC-FYCM ---> A large number of EPC-suffixed special or club callsigns will be aired between 1 and 30 June to celebrate the 4th anniversary of the European PSK Club. The list of stations participating in the "EPC Fourth Year Celebration Month" can be found at www.eu.srars.org [TNX MM0DFV]

LOGS ---> On-line logs for the recent T32CI, T32MI, T32SI and T32VI IOTA operations can be found at t32line.webnode.com

QSL 4X6HP ---> EA7FTR is not the QSL manager for Yuli, 4X6HP. Cards should be sent direct (Yuli Kaplan, Even Ezra 38/12, 46504 Herzliya, Israel) or via the IARC bureau. Yuli also uploads his log to LoTW on a regular basis.
A large collection of QSL cards of Polish amateur radio stations, split into 14 separate galleries, can be found at qsl.eham.pl

The amateur radio and DX community worldwide mourns the loss of Vinson C. Thompson (K5VT), MD, who passed away on 24 April at 67 years of age, after a short battle with acute myeloid leukemia. A founding member of the Voo Doo Contest Group and a long time member of the ARRL DX Advisory Committee, Vince was a well-known DXpeditioner, who operated from many rare locations. A memorial web page can be found on the Central Arizona DX Association's web site (www.cadxa.org).

Other recently reported Silent Keys include Alf Wilson (5B4AFB), Jay S. Stevens (AC8L), George E. Jensen (K0VPR), Paul T. Varney (K8PV), DM Hemayet (S21DM), Charlie Edwin Johnson (VE7WO), Allen W. Moore, Jr. (W3QO), Bernie J. Sasek (W7KQ) and George Goldstone (W8AP).

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8CF, 3B9WR, 3DA0VB, 4J3M, 5E50SA, 5H3EE, 5H3VMB, 5H3VMB/5, 5Z0H, 6W1SJ, 7P8AO, 7Q7VB, 8P9NX, 8P9RY, 9J2FM, 9J2VB, 9L1TB, 9M6JC, 9U0VF, 9UXEV, 9X0LX, 9X0VB, 9Y4VU, A25NW, A65BM, AP2NK, BD1TCC, BG5BNJ/5 (AS-141), C31CT, C31PP, C56KR, C6AMS, C6AUM, C6AWS, C91VB/6, C08LY, CR3E, CT3NT, CV5A (SA-030), CX7CO, D2CQ, D2EB, D44TD, D44TXP, D60VB, E51WVA, E74A, EA91B, EK6LP, ET3SID, EY8MM, FG8AR, FJ/VE3EY, H40FN, H44MY, HC2SL, HC8A, HC8GR, HH4/K4QD, HR2/NP3D, HT2N, HVOA, J28AA, J37BO, J39BS, J6/N7UN, J88DR, JT1CO, KP4S, LX30AL, OD5/DL6SN, P29CS (OC-069), P29TL, P40A, P40LY, P40V, P40YL, P49V, PJ5NA, PJ6/W61ZT, PV1S (SA-077), PX0F, PY1INEZ/p (SA-077), RIAND, RA0CL, RU0LL, S54E, ST2AR, SV2ASP/A, T77C, T88SM, TR8CA, TX3A, TY6A, UA02S, V21ZG, V51VV, VK9X/G6AY, VK9XX, VP2MPL, VP5/W5CW, VP5/W5SL, VP6DB, VP8LP, VP8NO, VP9400HW, VQ9LA, VU2PAI, VU2RBI, W4/VG3RA (NA-069), XR02A, XW3DT, XX9TLX, YN2NW, Z2/UA4WHX, Z21BB, ZC4TS, ZS2DL, ZZ6Z.
MAILING LIST

Please visit the "Mailing List" page at http://www.425dxn.org and follow the step by step subscribe/unsubscribe instructions or contact the Mailing List Administrator Stefano Turci, IK4WMH (ik4wmh@425dxn.org)

*****************************************************************************
Direttore Responsabile
Gabriele Villa, I2VGW
Giornalista Professionista - Tessera n. 071675
Ordine Nazionale dei Giornalisti
Roma, Italia
*****************************************************************************

425 DX NEWS HOME PAGE: http://www.425dxn.org
425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE: http://www.425dxn.org/monthly

*****************************************************************************
425 DX News is a free of charge weekly bulletin edited by Mauro Pregliasco, I1JQJ and Valeria Pregliasco, IK1ADH

Its contents may be used, reproduced and distributed in part or full provided that "425 DX News" or "425DXN" receive proper credit

Contributors are invited to send their DX information to Mauro Pregliasco, I1JQJ (425dxn@alice.it)
The deadline is 12 UTC on Fridays

*****************************************************************************
Direttore Responsabile
Gabriele Villa, I2VGW
Giornalista Professionista - Tessera n. 071675
Ordine Nazionale dei Giornalisti
Roma, Italia
*****************************************************************************