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>>> REMINDER: 425 DX NEWS IS MOVING TO GOOGLE GROUPS <<<

The mailing list for 425 DX News is in the process of migrating permanently to Google Groups. Current subscribers to [425ENG] will NOT be added automatically to the new mailing list. You will have to subscribe by going to http://groups.google.com/group/425eng
During the transition period, 425 DX News will be sent to either the old and the new mailing lists, in order to give our readers enough time to resubscribe. Effective 1 JULY 2010, the old mailing list will cease to exist, and only those who have joined the group will continue receiving 425DXN. Inquiries should be sent to Steve, IK4WMH (steve[at]ik4wmh.net).

4J - Depending on local conditions, Serge 4J5A, Natig 4J5T, Alex 4J6WMF, Boris 4K4K and Igor 4K6OF will be active as 4J0WFF from either Absheron and/or Gala Reserves on 11-14 June. They plan to operate CW, SSB and PSK on 40-10 metres. QSLling instructions at qrz.com [TNX 4J5T]

4O - 9A6XX, 9A8MM, DJ4MZ, DL2MLU and DL6RAI will participate in the IOTA Contest (24-25 July) as 4O1OTA from Sveti Nikola (EU-163), Montenegro. QSL via IK2ILH. [TNX NG3K]

9H - Markus, OH1MN will be active as 9H3MK from Malta (EU-023) from 19 June to 3 July. He will operate holiday style on 80-6 metres SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX VA3RJ]

C5 - Arliss/W7XU and Ed/W0SD, along with their wives Holly/N0QJM and Edith/W0OE, will be active from The Gambia (grid square IK13ql) from 26 June through 5 July. Requested callsign is C5E (to be released upon arrival). The primry focus will be on 6 metres (50103 kHz), and they will have a beacon on during all sporadic E hours listening for stations calling. "We have lost many contacts in the past on six meters as signals have faded out before we get a report", W0SD says, "so it is very wise to concentrate on sending 'just' our signal report rather than you grid square". There is some HF SSB and CW activity planned for late night non-Sporadic E hours, while RTTY (17 and 20 metres) will be concurrent with the 6m operations. QSL via W7XU. [TNX W0SD]

DL - Ric, DL2VFR will participate in the Green Day event [425DXN 996] from Nature Parks Luneburger Heide (DF0WFF, 12 June) and Sudheide (DL2VFR/p, 13 June). He will operate CW only with 70 watts and a vertical antenna. QSL via bureau. Information about the German World Flora & Fauna Award (WFF) activities can be found at www.wff44.de [TNX DL2VFR]

DU - Gerard, F2JD is back to Manila (OC-042), Philippines for at least

six months. He will be active as DU1/G0SHN on all bands and modes, and will try to go and operate from a few IOTA groups. QSL via F6AJA. [TNX F6AJA]

EI - Members of the Dalkey Island Contest Group (namely EI2CA, EI7CC, EI7CD, EI8BP, EI8CC and EI8CE) will again take part in the IOTA Contest from Clare Island (EU-121) using the callsign EJ1DD. QSL via EI7CC. [TNX EI7CC]

F - The Association Mosellane des Radio Amateurs will be active as TM70LM from Hackenberg (12-13 June, QSL via F8KGY) and Bambesch (26-27 June, QSL via F8KOI), two of the many ouvrages (fortifications) of the Maginot Line. [TNX F8REF]

F - The 23-25 July F/OR9W/p operation from Tombelaine Island (EU-156) [425DXN 979] has been postponed to 12-14 August. QSL via QSL via ON4CB, direct or bureau. [TNX Southgate ARC]

G - In June 1920 world renowned opera singer Dame Nellie Melba appeared on a pioneering radio show from Marconi's factory (callsign MZX) in Chelmsford. To celebrate the 90th anniversary of that historic broadcast, the Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society (G0MWT) will be active as GB90MZX on 12 and 15 June. [TNX Southgate ARC]

GM - GB4DTD (Dawn to Dusk) is the callsign Bob, GM0DEQ will be using while operating from several Scottish islands in various IOTA groups on 14 June using a sea plane as transport. He will operate SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via GM0DEQ. Further information can be found at www.gdram.com

GM - MS0INT, the IOTA expedition to the Flannan Isles (EU-118) [425DXN 969], is confirmed to take place on 18-21 June, weather permitting. Col, MM0NDX and other five operators (EA2TA, EA3NT, F4BKV, IZ7ATN and SM0MDG) will be active from Eilean Mor on 160-6 metres SSB and CW, with at least two simultaneous stations and special attention to be paid to Asia. QSL via M0URX, direct or bureau. QSLling instructions and other information can be found at www.ms0int.com

HR - HR2AW, HR2CSB, HR2DX, HR2H, HR2J, HR2MS and HR2PAC will be active as HQ3C from Cayo Pequeno, Cayos Cochinos (NA-160) on 18-20 June. The plan to operate on the HF bands SSB and some digital modes. QSL via HR2RCH, direct or bureau. [TNX HR2RCH]

I - Sea conditions permitting, Claudio, IZ1DNJ will be active as IZ1DNJ/p from Gallinara Island (EU-083) on 19 and 20 June. He will operate on 40-10 metres during daylight hours, as he will not be able to stay overnight.

I - Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the National Aerobatic Patrol (the Tricolour Arrows aerobatic team of the Italian Air Force), special callsign II3PAN will be in use from 1 September until 31 October. QSL via IV3IUM, direct or bureau. Information on the Relevant award at www.iv3ium.it/freccetricolori/index.htm [TNX IV3IUM]

I - A team from ARI Vinci (I5FCK, I5HQG, IK5GFC, IK5UIK, IK5YOJ, IK5ZUB, IZ5AJP, IZ5BRO and IZ5EBL) will be active as IA5/IQ5LV from Pianosa Island (EU-028, IIA LI-016) on 3-5 September. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on all bands, including 50, 144, 433 and maybe 1200 MHz. [TNX IZ5EBL]

KH2 - Dave, N2NL is returning to Guam (OC-026) on 17 June, and will

remain there for three years. He plans to be active on 160-6 metres as either KH2/N2NL and NH2T (in contest, starting with the RSGB IOTA event on 24-25 July). QSL via W2YC and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

KP2 - Icko, JA1BPA will be active on the HF bands as KP2/JA1BPA from St. Croix, Virgin Islands (NA-106) for the WFF Green Day (12-13 June). All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

SV - Giannis, SV2FPU and others will be active as J48S from Guruni lighthouse on Skopelos Island (EU-072) on 19-26 June. They plan to operate on 160-6 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK (announced frequencies on qrz.com under J48S) with a large number of antennas and a focus on Asia and the Americas. QSL via SV2FPU, direct or bureau. [TNX SV2FPU]

UA - Vlad, RZ1OA and Dima, UA1OLM will operate as RZ1OA/1 and UA1OLM/1 from Sosnovets island (EU-161) on 18-22 June. QSL via RZ1OA.

VK - Craig, VK4LDX (VK8PDX) will be active as VK4LDX/p from Magnetic Island (OC-171) on 24-25 July. His main purpose is to participate in the IOTA Contest, using 100 watts into verticals for 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres SSB as a SOAB LP 24-hour entry. He hopes to set up early on Saturday to operate from 00.00 UTC using PSK on 20 and 15 metres; then he should be on the ANZA DX Net (05.15 UTC on 14183 kHz) and after that he should be back to 20 and 15 metres PSK until around 11.00 UTC. Updates will be posted to vk4ldx.blogspot.com. QSL via home call. [TNX VK4LDX]

VP2M - Graham, M0AEP will be active again as VP2MDD from Montserrat (NA-103) from 14 June through 12 July. He will concentrate on 6 metres, but he will also operate on 10-80 metres (60m included). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX W8GEX]

W - A group of operators from the Stamford Amateur Radio Association will be active as W1EE/p from Sheffield Island (NA-136) on 13 June. QSL via W1ASB. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

W - Dave, AC0QG will be active as AC0QG/5 from South Padre Island (NA-092) on 19-21 June. He will operate mainly PSK31 on 17, 20 and 40 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX www.rgsbiota.org]

W - Look for Dragan, K0AP/4 and Vlado, N3CZ/4 to be active from Fripp Island (NA-110), South Carolina on 3-10 July. They will operate holiday style on 80-6 metres mainly CW and SSB, with a possibility for RTTY/PSK. [TNX N3CZ]

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DRCG LONG DISTANCE CONTEST ---> The final run of the ANARTS WW RTTY Contest took place in June 2009. The DL-DX RTTY Contest Group (DRCG) has decided to continue this popular contest with some rule changes and a new name: DRCG Long Distance Contest (DLDC). It will be held on 12 and 13 June during three separate 8-hour periods: 0800-1559 UTC (Saturday), 0000-0759 UTC (Sunday) and 1600-2359 UTC (Sunday). Complete information can be found at www.drcg.de [TNX DX Newsletter]

MALYJ VYSOTSKIJ ---> On 27 May an agreement on the lease of the Russian part of the Saimaa Canal zone to Finland was signed in Lappeenranta, Finland by the Prime Ministers of the Republic of Finland and the Russian Federation. The new 50 year agreement supersedes the initial lease of 1963 which is due to expire in 2013. The new lease no longer includes Malyj Vysotskij Island, the present R1MV DXCC entity. The coming into effect of the agreement is subject to ratification by the parliament of Finland and the Russian duma later this year.
[TNX OH2BN]

QSL ZS1REC ---> As of January 2010 the new QSL manager for Raoul, ZS1REC is Robert, W2ARP. [TNX W2ARP]

QSL ZS8M ---> The POB number has changed and the new address is as follows: Pierre D. Tromp, P.O. Box 1151, Worcester, 6850, South Africa. Those who have already sent a request to POB 1481 do NOT need to resubmit. Further QSLling information on qrz.com under ZS8M.

SANTA BARBARA NAVAL CONTEST 2009 ---> Owing to serious family problems, the Manager for the ARMI International Naval Contest "Santa Barbara" has been unable to adjudicate last year's edition. Those who took part in the contest are requested to submit again their log and Summary Sheet to s.barbara[@]aribassolazio.it (deadline for submission: 20 September). The 6th edition of this contest will be held on 4-5 December; information can be found at www.aribassolazio.it/sbarbara-contest.html [TNX IW0HP]

T31UR & T31X ---> "We are Ukrainians, persistent people": according to the Pacific Odyssey's web site (www.uz1hz.com/pacificodyssey.html), the team has found a new boat for the voyage from Apia (Samoa) to Kanton Island (Central Kiribati), which is expected to start on 8 September.

+ SILENT KEYS + Recently reported Silent Keys include David Rollitt (G3XYP), Giampiero Pozzi (IK1ZNN), Yury F. Rakcheyev (RU4AY) and Aleksandar Gligorcuk (Z32CB).

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