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# DX ITALIA

## DX NEWS

by **I2MQP**

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**ON NOW OR WITHIN NEXT WEEK -- IN ARIA ORA O ENTRO UNA SETTIMANA**

| PFX       | COUNTRY   | DATE            | INFO  | QSL                       |
|-----------|-----------|-----------------|---|---------------------------|
| 3B8       | Mauritius | NOW - Apr 6     | G8AFC is now on /3B8 20, 10 & 6 meters  | H.C. dir                  |
| 3D2/<br>R | Rotuma    | Dec 20 - Jan 20 | 3D2AG has confirmed his expedition but start date could be later              | H.C. dir                  |
| 3V        | Tunisia   | Now - Jan 9     | 3V8HQ Club will sign TS4NP  | Bureau                    |
| 4S        | Sri Lanka | Jan 3 - Jan 8   | EA3Bt & EA3WL will be on as 4J7JTG & 4S7NTG. Will also try to activate AS-171 | EA3BT dir & bur & ClubLog |
| 5W        | Samoa     | Jan 1 - Jan 7   | G4BUO will be on signing 5W0UO  | H.C.                      |
| 5Z        | Kenya     | Now - Early jan | M0LEP will be /5Z and will operate also 5Z90IARU                              |                           |
| 6W        | Senegal   | Dec 26 - Jan 12 | VA3DX will be active /6W1, /6W6 & 6W7   | H.C.                      |

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| <b>6W</b>   | <b>Senegal</b>    | Jan 3 - Jan 31  | F6BLP will be on as 6W7SK holiday style 160 to 6 meters                                     | H.C dir & bur LoTW |
| <b>6Y</b>   | <b>Jamaica</b>    | Now - Jan 16    | W8YCM is now /6Y5   | H.C.               |
| <b>7P</b>   | <b>Lesotho</b>    | Jan 4 - Jan 7   | DD0VR will be on holiday style as 7P8VR   | H.C dir & bur      |
| <b>8P</b>   | <b>Barbados</b>   | Dec 15 - Jan 5  | J69AZ will sign 8P9JB   | H.C. dir           |
| <b>8T</b>   | <b>Antartica</b>  | Now - Dec 2016  | VU3BPZ is active as BT2BH   | I1HYQ              |
| <b>C6</b>   | <b>Bahamas</b>    | Nov 15- Mar 16  | 9H5G will operate as C6ATS and will try to activate NA-048-054-113-80-001                   | M00XO              |
| <b>CY0</b>  | <b>Sable</b>      | Nov 28 - Jan 31 | VA1AXC will be /CY0 after his work duties   | JE1LET dir         |
| <b>DL</b>   | <b>Germany</b>    | Dec 19 - Jan 11 | DF8HS will operate from EU-128  | H.C: bur           |
| <b>DL</b>   | <b>Germany</b>    | Dec 23 - Jan 2  | DL1WH will be /p from EU-047  | H.C. dir & bur     |
| <b>DP</b>   | <b>Antartica</b>  | Nov - Feb       | DP1POL base will be active thanks to DL5XL  | DL1ZBO and LoTW    |
| <b>E5</b>   | <b>S. Cook</b>    | Dec 14 - Jan 8  | SM6WET will be on as E51WET   | H.C. dir           |
| <b>E5</b>   | <b>S. Cook</b>    | Dec 19 - Jan 9  | OZ6TL will spend his holiday as E51TLA  | H.C.               |
| <b>EK</b>   | <b>Kyrgyzstan</b> | Now - Jan 8     | HB9DUR is signing /EX   | H.C. ClubLog       |
| <b>FR</b>   | <b>Reunion</b>    | Dec 16 - Jan 8  | F5UOW will be /FR during spare time   | LoTW               |
| <b>FT4X</b> | <b>Kerguelen</b>  | Now - Jan 15    | F4EGX is now active as FT4XU till Dec 15. Will be again after a few days till middle of Jan | F1ULQ              |
| <b>HP</b>   | <b>Panama</b>     | Jan 7 - Jan 12  | WJ2O will sign /HP3   | N2ZN               |
| <b>J6</b>   | <b>St.Lucia</b>   | Dec 19 - Jan 3  | K9HZ will sign J68HZ  | H.C. LoTW ClubLog  |
| <b>J7</b>   | <b>Dominica</b>   | Now - Jan 30    | HB9MFM is on as J79WTA  | H.C. dir & bur     |
| <b>JA</b>   | <b>Japan</b>      | Dec 25 - Jan 4  | JS6RRR will be on from AS-079. Will also use 8N3KCJ/6                                       | J13DST bur         |
| <b>JD</b>   | <b>Ogasawara</b>  | Dec 30 - Jan 9  | JG7PSJ will be on saignin JD1BMH  |                    |
| <b>PJ4</b>  | <b>Bonaire</b>    | Jan 7 - Jan 22  | PA8A will sign PJ4B   | H.C. dir           |
| <b>PY</b>   | <b>Brazil</b>     | Jan 2 - Jan 9   | ZP9MCE will be on /PP5 from SA-026  | ZP9MCE Paypal      |
| <b>PY</b>   | <b>Brazil</b>     | Jan             | ZY2QG group will be on from SA-   | PY2DS dir          |

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|            |                              |                 | 071   | & bur                  |
| <b>T8</b>  | <b>Palau</b>                 | Dec 24 - Jan 7  | JH0IXE will be on all bands                                   | H.C. dir<br>JA0FOX bur |
| <b>T8</b>  | <b>Palau</b>                 | Jan 7 - Jan 14  | JA6EGL as T88SM, JA6KYU as T88HS,<br>JA6UBY as T88RR          | H.C.                   |
| <b>T8</b>  | <b>Palau</b>                 | Jan 7 - Jan 14  | JH7IPR will sign T88UW  | H.C. dir<br>bur & LoTW |
| <b>UT</b>  | <b>Ukraine</b>               | Dec 31 - Jan 9  | DK2HM will be /UT on 40 & 20                                  | H.C-                   |
| <b>V2</b>  | <b>Antigua</b>               | Now - Jan 10    | OM3AG is on as V25LK  | H.C.                   |
| <b>V2</b>  | <b>Antigua</b>               | Jan 6 - Jan 14  | GW4DVB will sign V25GB  | H.C. dir &<br>bur      |
| <b>V3</b>  | <b>Belize</b>                | Jan 3 - Jan 12  | K7YB will be on as V31YB                                      | H.C.                   |
| <b>V3</b>  | <b>Belize</b>                | Jan 9 - Jan 21  | DJ4KW will sign V31YN   |                        |
| <b>V5</b>  | <b>Namibia</b>               | Dec 10 - Jan 10 | DD0VR will be /V5   | H.C. dir &<br>bur      |
| <b>V5</b>  | <b>Namibia</b>               | Jan 9 - Feb 18  | DC8QT, DD8ZX & DJ9KM will be /V5                              | H.C.                   |
| <b>V6</b>  | <b>Micronesia</b>            | Jan 1 - Jan 8   | V63GG by JR2GAG   | H.C. dir &<br>bur      |
| <b>VK</b>  | <b>Australia</b>             | Jan 10 - Jan 17 | G0UIH will be /6 from OC206                                   | G0UIH dir<br>& bur     |
| <b>VK</b>  | <b>Australia</b>             | Dec 29 - Jan 1  | VK2IAY will sign /3 from OC-136                               | G0UIH dir<br>& bur     |
| <b>XW</b>  | <b>Laos</b>                  | Now - Jan 15    | 3W3B is on as XW4XR   |                        |
| <b>YJ</b>  | <b>Vanatu</b>                | Dec 27 - Jan 13 | DL7VOA will sign YJ4AO  | H.C.                   |
| <b>YJ</b>  | <b>Vanatu</b>                | Jan 2 - Jan 10  | VK4AFU will sign YJ0AFU                                       | LoTW &<br>NA5U         |
| <b>Z2</b>  | <b>Zimbawe</b>               | Now - Jan 7     | DE1ZHB will be QRV as Z21LS                                   | H.C.                   |
| <b>ZF</b>  | <b>Cayman</b>                | Dec 31 - Jan 5  | WW4LL will sign ZF2LL   | LoTW                   |
| <b>ZL9</b> | <b>Sub Artic<br/>Islands</b> | Jan 7 - Jan 11  | VE3LYC VK5CE SQ8X KD1CT will be<br>on from the new one OC-286 | OQRS                   |

**TOP 10 DX NEXT DAYS**

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|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| 3D2R  | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X    |
| 4S7   |     |     | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   |     |      |
| 5W    | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   |     |     |      |
| CY0   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X    |
| E5    | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   |      |
| T8    | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X    |
| V2    | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X    |
| V5    | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X    |
| YJ    | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X    |
| OC286 |     |     |     |     |     |     | X   | X   | X   | X    |
| SA026 |     | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   |      |

**FUTURE OPERATIONS --- OPERAZIONI FUTURE**

| PFX | COUNTRY           | DATE            | INFO  | QSL Info       |
|-----|-------------------|-----------------|---|----------------|
| 3B8 | Mauritius         | Feb 11 - Mar 1  | OE4AAC will operate signing 3B8HD                         | H.C. dir & bur |
| 3B8 | Mauritius         | Apr 15 - Apr 18 | M0RCX will be on /3B8                                     | ED7BX          |
| 3C  | Equatorial Guinea | Mar 4 - Mar 13  | LA7GIA had to postpone his expedition as 3C7GIA           | H.C. dir only  |
| 3D2 | Fiji              | Feb 13 - Feb 19 | DF6PW will sign 3D2PW                                     | H.C. bur LoTW  |
| 3W  | Vietnam           | Mar 5 - Mar 18  | 3W2BR by DK2BR during his holiday in AS-130               | H.C. dir       |
| 3X  | Guinea            | Feb 18 - Mar 4  | 3XY1T expedition will take place from AF-051              | I2YSB dir only |
| 3Y  | Bouvet            | 2016 - 2017     | 3Y0F will be the call of the expedition managed by UN7PCZ |                |
| 5W  | Samoa             | Apr 12 - Apr 20 | 5W0XG by JA1XGI   | H.C.           |

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| <b>5Z</b>          | <b>Kenya</b>              | Mar 26 - Mar 28        | TA1HZ will be /5Z   | LZ3HI dir<br>LoTW     |
| <b>7P</b>          | <b>Lesotho</b>            | Jun 5 - Jun 8          | F6GNZ will be on as 7P8VR   |                       |
| <b>A3</b>          | <b>Tonga</b>              | Jan 15 - Feb 15        | KC0W will be on low bands for Europe  | H.C. dir              |
| <b>A3</b>          | <b>Tonga</b>              | Feb 18 - Feb 24        | W5MJ K5NA K5DU ZS6RJ VA7DX VE7KW W5PF will sign probably A35T                                 | M0URX                 |
| <b>C6</b>          | <b>Bahamas</b>            | Feb 8 - Feb 18         | N2RFA as C6ABB  | H.C &<br>LoTW         |
| <b>CE0Y</b>        | <b>Easter Isl.</b>        | Feb 10 - Feb 14        | W7YAQ will be /CE0Y   | LoTW                  |
| <b>CT9</b>         | <b>Madeira</b>            | Mar 11 - Apr 7         | DL3KWR will sign /CT9   | H.C. dir<br>& bur     |
| <b>CY</b>          | <b>St. Paul</b>           | Aug 19 - Aug 29        | CY9C will be on by a 9 operators group  | WA4DAN<br>OQRS        |
| <b>DL</b>          | <b>Germany</b>            | Now - Jan 2            | DL1WH is /p from EU-047   | H.C. dir<br>& bur     |
| <b>DL</b>          | <b>Germany</b>            | Now - Jan 11           | DF8HS is /p from EU-128   | H.C. dir<br>& bur     |
| <b>E5</b>          | <b>N Cook</b>             | Jan 12 - Jan 21        | JA3ARJ, JA3AVO, JA3IVU, JA3UJR, JF3HPN, JH3LSS and JH3PBL will operate. Call will be E51J     |                       |
| <b>EA8</b>         | <b>Canary Islands</b>     | Mar 5 - Mar 6          | S59M will be in the contest as ED8W   | W3HMK                 |
| <b>FG</b>          | <b>Guadeloupe</b>         | Jan 20 - Feb 2         | F6ITD as T06D or /FG from NA-102  | H.C. dir<br>LoTW      |
| <b>FH</b>          | <b>Mayotte</b>            | Mar 18 - Mar 24        | F2DX will be /FH  | OQRS                  |
| <b>FO</b>          | <b>F.Polynesia</b>        | Feb 6 - Feb 7          | W7YAQ will be /FO   | LoTW                  |
| <b>FP</b>          | <b>St. Pierre</b>         | Mar 17 - Mar 29        | KV1J will be /FP  | H.C dir<br>bur LoTW   |
| <b>FR/J</b>        | <b>Juan de Nova</b>       | <b>Mar 29 - Apr 11</b> | FT4JA Operation will take place   |                       |
| <b>FS</b>          | <b>St. Martin</b>         | Feb 2 - Feb 10         | WZ1P, W3FF, KC4VG, W6HFP, W7ZT, K8EAB, KB9AVO and WG0AT will be in FS 40-10 meters all modes. |                       |
| <b>FT4X</b>        | <b>Kerguelen</b>          | <b>Nov / Dec</b>       | An expedition is planned for the last part of the year  |                       |
| <b>H4</b>          | Salomon                   | Jan 19 - Apr 14        | DL2GAC will be on as H44MS  | H.C. dir<br>& bur     |
| <b>H44<br/>H40</b> | <b>Solomon<br/>Temotu</b> | Sep 25 - Oct 25        | LZ1GC plan to be on as H44GC & H40GC. More details will follow                                |                       |
| <b>HB0</b>         | <b>Liechtenstein</b>      | <b>Apr 15 - Apr 18</b> | EA5IDQ will be /HB0 SSB & RTTY  | H.C dir &<br>bur OQRS |

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| <b>HK0</b>  | <b>S.Andres</b>      | <b>March</b>           | A SP team will be on   |                   |
| <b>HK0</b>  | <b>S.Andres</b>      | <b>March/April</b>     | N4THW is planning an expedition to NA-133  |                   |
| <b>HR</b>   | <b>Honduras</b>      | Feb 15 - Feb 25        | AA4W will sign /HR8  | H.C.              |
| <b>J7</b>   | <b>Dominica</b>      | Feb 17 - Feb 23        | WJ20 will be on /J7 befor his trip to Heard  | N2ZN              |
| <b>KH5</b>  | <b>Palmyra</b>       | <b>Jan 11 - Jan 26</b> | <b>Big team will operate several stations signing probably KH5/p</b>   | <b>OQRS LoTW</b>  |
| <b>P4</b>   | <b>Aruba</b>         | Mar 2016               | PA7DA will be on HF /P4  | H.C.              |
| <b>P5</b>   | <b>N.Korea</b>       | <b>Feb 2016</b>        | <b>3Z9DX is planning and expedition Details still not available,</b>   | <b>ClubLog</b>    |
| <b>PJ6</b>  | <b>Saba</b>          | Feb 17 - Feb 22        | PJ6A team will be in the contest. 5 operators will sign /PJ6 out from the contest  |                   |
| <b>PJ7</b>  | <b>S.Naarten</b>     | Feb 16 - Mar 12        | AA9A as PJ7AA  | H.C.              |
| <b>PY0F</b> | <b>F. de Noronha</b> | Jan 19 - Jan 26        | PP1CZ will be /PY0F  | H.C.              |
| <b>S9</b>   | <b>Sao Tome</b>      | Feb 25 - Mar 25        | S9BK will be used by HB9BEL  | H.C.              |
| <b>T32</b>  | <b>E. Kiribati</b>   | Mar 1 - Mar 16         | K8AQM as T32TR, KG8CO as T32CO, K8QKY as T32SB, K8MU as T32MU, AC8W as T32WW, N8LJ as T32LJ, N6FS as T32FS                                     | LoTW              |
| <b>T8</b>   | <b>Palau</b>         | Jan 21 - Jan 26        | JA9FIO as T88UC  | JA9FIO            |
| <b>T8</b>   | <b>Palau</b>         | Jan 29 - Feb 2         | JE6DND as T88HK  | H.C.              |
| <b>UA0</b>  | <b>A.Russia</b>      | Jan                    | Russian team will be on from AS-203  |                   |
| <b>V2</b>   | <b>Antigua</b>       | Feb 21 - Mar 4         | OH2IS will be on as V26IS  | H.C. dir bur LoTW |
| <b>V4</b>   | <b>St.Kitts</b>      | Feb 5 - Feb 25         | K1KA will sign V47KA   | H.C.              |
| <b>V4</b>   | <b>St.Kitts</b>      | Feb 13 - Feb 21        | K8AQM will be on as V47TR  | H.C.              |
| <b>VK</b>   | <b>Australia</b>     | Mar 1 - Mar 8          | VK5MAV & VK5CE will be /6 from OC-243  | H.C. dir & bur    |
| <b>VK0</b>  | <b>Heard</b>         | <b>Mar 6 - Apr 20</b>  | <b>VK0EK will be the call of the expedition by a large group (HB9BXE K2ARB K3EL KM4MXD N6TQ NG2H NP4IW UT6UD VK2BAX VK6CQ WJ20 KK6EK W7XU)</b> | <b>KY6R</b>       |

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| <b>VK9C</b> | <b>Cocos Keeling</b>  | Mar 14 - Mar 26       | VK9CK will be the call of a large group  | LA6OP dir & bur   |
| <b>VK9C</b> | <b>Cocos Keeling</b>  | Sep 20 - Oct 4        | 8 operators are planning an expedition as VK9CK  | VK6IR             |
| <b>VP2M</b> | <b>Montserrat</b>     | Feb 20 - Feb 25       | NE9U, KK9K and Jim will be in the contest  |                   |
| <b>VP6</b>  | <b>Pitcairn</b>       | <b>Sep 3 - Nov 25</b> | <b>DL2AH as VP6AH</b>  | <b>DL2AH</b>      |
| <b>VP8</b>  | <b>South Georgia</b>  | Jan 17 - Feb 27       | Large team will be on as VP8SGI  | Club Log          |
| <b>VP8</b>  | <b>South Sandwich</b> | Jan 15 - Feb 15       | Large team will be on VP8STI   | Clublog           |
| <b>VP8</b>  | <b>S. Georgia</b>     | Feb 1 - Feb 11        | Large team will be on as VP8SGI  | Clublog           |
| <b>W</b>    | <b>U.S.A.</b>         | Feb 12 - Feb 17       | DF8DX will be signing KT3Q/6 from NA-066   | H.C. dir bur LoTW |
| <b>XW</b>   | <b>Laos</b>           | Jan 15 - Jan 24       | XW4ZW by K4ZW  | LoTW              |
| <b>XZ</b>   | <b>Myanmar</b>        | Feb 14 - Mar 15       | Expedition planned from AS-182, AS-183 and AS-184. Period could shift to April 15 - May 15 |                   |

**SPECIAL CALLS AND PREFIXES**

| <b>PFX</b> | <b>Country</b>    | <b>Date</b>  | <b>Info</b>                                    | <b>QSL Info</b>           |
|------------|-------------------|--|--|---------------------------|
| <b>CE</b>  | <b>Chile</b>      | Dec 11 - Jan 31                                    | XR400AA  | XQ4CW                     |
| <b>DL</b>  | <b>Germany</b>    | May 1 - Apr 30<br>All 2016<br>All 2016<br>All 2016 | DM700BURG<br>DF90KWTJ<br>DP65HSC<br>DL40RCE    | DF1XC<br>DL2APJ<br>DL5DCL |
| <b>EI</b>  | <b>Ireland</b>    | All 2016   | EI1916E  | EI3GC                     |
| <b>G</b>   | <b>England</b>    | Dec 28 - Jan 24                                    | GB0HNY, GB2HNY, GB4HNY, GB5HNY, GB6HNY, GB8HNY |                           |
| <b>GI</b>  | <b>N. Ireland</b> | Dec 2016   | GB50MU   | MN0VFW                    |
| <b>HA</b>  | <b>Hungary</b>    | Dec 8 - Jan 2                                      | HG5XMAS  |                           |
| <b>HL</b>  | <b>Korea</b>      | Jan 1 - Jan 27                                     | HL16RI   | Bur                       |
| <b>JA</b>  | <b>Japan</b>      | Now- Sep 19 2016                                   | 8N1KCJ, 8N2KCJ, 8N3KCJ, 8N5KCJ, and 8N8KCJ     | JO3OMA                    |

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| <b>JA</b> | <b>Japan</b>     | 2015 - 2016  | 90 YEARS OF JARL<br>Jun 12 2015 - Dec 07 2015 8J190Y<br>Nov 09 2015 - Mar 31 2016 8J290Y<br>Jun 12 2015 - Mar 30 2016 8J490Y<br>Sep 01 2015 - May 31 2016 8J590Y<br>Jun 12 2015 - Jun 30 2016 8J690Y<br>Jun 12 2015 - Jun 30 2016 8J790Y<br>Oct 10 2015 - Jun 30 2016 8J890Y<br>Jun 12 2015 - Jun 30 2016 8J090Y |  |
| <b>LZ</b> | <b>Bulgaria</b>  | Jan 2016   | LZ1012SGM  | Bur  |
| <b>PY</b> | <b>Brazil</b>    | Now - Jan 12   | ZW400BEL   | QRZ  |
| <b>S5</b> | <b>Slovenia</b>  | Dec 4 - Jan 4  | S508PMC  | S50X   |
| <b>SP</b> | <b>Poland</b>    | Dec 28 - Jan 15<br>Dec 15 - Jan 31<br>All 2016<br>Jan 1 - Jun 30<br>Jan 1 - Mar 31 | 3Z16HNY<br>SN3WOSP<br>SN800L<br>SN0WIN<br>HF360JG  | SP6IEQ<br>SP3CGK<br>SP4RKZ<br>SP9MZX<br>SP9KAJ |
| <b>UA</b> | <b>Russia</b>    | Jan 3 - Jan 6  | RU55IA   | R2DX   |
| <b>VE</b> | <b>Canada</b>    | Dec 13 - Jan 11  | XM7100AS   | VA7DP  |
| <b>VK</b> | <b>Australia</b> | Jan 3 - Jan 13   | VI2AJ2016  | VK2KDP   |

## **Contest, mainly from ARRL Bulletin & WA7BNM**

**Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party: 0001Z, Dec 19 to 2359Z, Jan 3**

**Phone Fray: 0230Z-0300Z, Dec 30**

**CWops Mini-CWT Test: 1300Z-1400Z, Dec 30 and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 30 and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 31**

**AGB New Year Snowball Contest: 0000Z-0100Z, Jan 1**

**NCCC RTTY Sprint: 0145Z-0215Z, Jan 1**

**NCCC Sprint: 0230Z-0300Z, Jan 1**

**SARTG New Year RTTY Contest: 0800Z-1100Z, Jan 1**

**AGCW Happy New Year Contest: 0900Z-1200Z, Jan 1**

**AGCW VHF/UHF Contest: 1400Z-1700Z, Jan 1 (144) and 1700Z-1800Z, Jan 1 (432)**

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**QRP ARCI New Years Sprint: 1500Z-1800Z, Jan 1**

**PODXS 070 Club PSKFest: 0000Z-2400Z, Jan 2**

**WW PMC Contest: 1200Z, Jan 2 to 1200Z, Jan 3**

**Original QRP Contest: 1500Z, Jan 2 to 1500Z, Jan 3**

**ARRL RTTY Roundup: 1800Z, Jan 2 to 2400Z, Jan 3**

**EUCW 160m Contest: 2000Z-2300Z, Jan 2 and 0400Z-0700Z, Jan 3**

**Kid's Day Contest: 1800Z-2359Z, Jan 3**

**ARS Spartan Sprint: 0200Z-0400Z, Jan 5**

## **FT4JA JUAN DE NOVA DXPEDITION**

**(Press Release dated December 18th)[from OPDX]:**

Hi Friends -- In three months, FT4JA will be on the air. The exact dates of the operation were confirmed both by the authorities and by our skipper. We will be there from March 29th to April 11th, 2016. These dates include the unloading and loading phases.

For nearly a year, we have been working in detail on every aspect of the operation. While it is unrealistic to think that we have everything under control in such an adventure, we make sure to have alternative solutions to overcome any deficiencies while controlling our expenses.

In early January, the 4 crates of equipment will be shipped to Mayotte, which will again be our starting point. Part of the team will be on site a few days before loading and a few days after our return to manage, if necessary, last minute details. For now, we are in the process of finishing testing the hardware and are packing it for transport to optimize the time of loading / unloading. Each well-anticipated subject will be extra time at our disposal there.

Our luck with FT4JA is that we are able to rely on a more robust team than last year with Tromelin and over a period of operation extended by a few days. We will benefit from these two "bonuses" by being able to make more contacts and allow more of you to contact us. Furthermore, we officially welcome EA3NT, Christian, who has joined the team. His many experiences on islands around the world, many with members of the group, will be an asset.

Budget -- Judging by the support already received, the popularity of our operation is palpable and shows tremendous expectations. Many clubs and associations have confirmed their support and we thank them. Other solicited clubs are still studying our request.

Our pilot for Asia, Joe, JJ3PRT, has surrounded himself with a team to mobilize the JA community that is fully invested in the project. Arigatoo! The other countries are not far behind. We record a great generosity on the part of hams around the world and cannot but be touched by this needed mobilization.

Remember that anyone with a donation of ?/\$ 25 or more can automatically receive confirmation

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of contacts directly to their mailbox. If the pace of donations continues, and in the absence of unforeseen expenses, we are confident to complete the budget of our operation by April.

Bandplan -- Following the change of dates of the expedition to Heard, most wanted DXCC countries # 4 and # 5 will be on the air at the same time! To minimize problems on the bands, we suggested to the VK0EK team to adopt a common band plan to share the segments on the different bands, taking into account the specificities of each region. Each of us will benefit in terms of clarity and efficiency. It is available on our website. Again, all comments are welcome now through our pilot stations.

50 MHz -- The period during which FT4JA expedition will take place is conducive to 6m. We will be in effect during a period of trans-equatorial propagation (TEP), which suggests many QSO on the magic band. We have planned some 50 MHz high-performance equipment including a dedicated station consisting of a DXBeam 6 element Yagi, an Elecraft K3, and an SPE Expert 1.3 KFA amplifier. The team will also include several operators that usually practice DX on this band and therefore know its subtleties.

The 6-meter station will operate mostly in a CW beacon mode ("CQ FT4JA") whose frequency will be published in our plan. As our satellite internet access will be very limited, we cannot monitor the cluster. We will switch to a transmitting position (CW or SSB only) as soon as we hear someone respond. It is a method that has already proven its worth, particularly on Tromelin. In an attempt to satisfy everyone, and because the technical challenge is very motivating, we also plan to try EME (JT65). Despite limited resources to work stations via the moon, it will be a first from Juan de Nova. It is important for us to satisfy the greatest number, and having real ambitions on 6m is part of the adventure. However, to be consistent with our key objectives, our 6-meter QSOs will be in addition to the rest of the contacts and not to the detriment of our presence on the HF bands.

In conclusion, we wish good luck and good contacts to our friends at VP8STI/SGI and K5P who will open in early January the "party" of the Top 10 DXCC DXpeditions planned for 2016. Soon new information will be provided. Be sure to follow us on our website <<http://www.juandenovadx.com>>, Facebook, Twitter (@juandenovadx).

## **P5, NORTH KOREA.**

As reported last week, Dom, 3Z9DX, is expected to travel to North Korea sometime before Christmas to continue talks with government officials. Well, Dom has been in Pyongyang since December 16th, and is meeting with telecom officials and other representatives. He did bring his equipment into the country and surprisingly was able to begin an operation (demonstration) early Sunday morning on 21222 kHz. Reports indicate he was very weak. The excerpts from "DXNEWS" and "DX-World" reports that Dom made +350 QSOs during his demonstration. His antenna is on a metal fence post 2m above the ground among

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government high rise buildings. The lowest noise level on 15m was 59+10, and on 20m it was 59+30. Dom was surrounded by a lot of people as he operates (officials coming in and out). Dom points out this operation is only a presentation so it's possible a different QTH will be found for the real activity planned for early next year. His equipment will remain in P5 for his potential future activities in January/February. Dom will return home to Poland on December 22nd (DXNEWS) or Christmas Day (DX-World). This all sounds good for possibly opening the door to amateur radio in P5.

## **NCDXF**

Dear Fellow DXer:

NCDXF helps make DX happen. Between Visalia 2014 and Visalia 2015, NCDXF-sponsored DXpeditions put 400,000 QSOs into DXer's logs. During the same period we funded \$175,000 in DXpedition grants. We are proud to be able to offer this enabling financial assistance to bold and talented DXpeditioners who are out there activating the rare ones we all need.

**Here is some great news for 2016.** Five of the ten most-wanted DXCC entities will be activated during the next six months. These are the most expensive sorts of DXpeditions to mount, so it will not surprise you that NCDXF sponsors each of these teams. We granted a total of \$145,000 to these projects.

The mission of NCDXF is to provide necessary financial support for well-organized DXpeditions to rare, difficult, expensive DXCC entities. We pursue this goal by thoroughly vetting each grant application and ensuring, as much as we can, the success of each DXpedition or other project we choose to fund. **During our 43 years of operation we have granted well over \$1 million to hundreds of major DXpeditions.**

*Help us continue the tradition.*

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As most of you are aware, NCDXF is a 501(c)3 entity which means that contributions are tax-deductible for U.S. amateurs. Please consider a contribution to NCDXF when you plan your year-end giving. Also, please consider a bequest to NCDXF whenever you do your estate planning.

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Cupertino, CA 95015-2012

Best wishes for great DX in 2016!

## **VP8SGI/VP8STI DXPEDITION NEWS**

Paul, N6PSE, sent out the following on December 21<sup>st</sup> ( from OPDX)

[edited]: In just two short weeks, members of the VP8STI/VP8SGI team will be meeting the Braveheart in Stanley, the Falkland Islands. All of our plans are going very well. We have raised 73% of the funds needed to complete our Dxpedition. We are very grateful for all Foundation, Club and Individual support.

We have updated our QSL page and OQRS will be live as soon as we complete each activation. We will make every effort to upload our logs to Clublog each day. We expect to have challenges in doing so as at 59 degrees South, Southern Thule Island is outside of the Inmarsat BGAN coverage footprint.

The team is very focused and committed to satisfying the need for contacts with South Sandwich and South Georgia. We ask that everyone follow the DX Code of Conduct. We will not work stations that are calling out of turn. We will be in communications with our Chief Pilot each day and we ask you to work with our team of Regional Pilot stations to help us meet the demand for contacts.

We are very excited to be activating the #3 and #8 most wanted DXCC entities on a combined trip. Adding South Georgia on to our itinerary cost us an extra \$120,000. If you have not already donated, won't you please consider a donation? For our US donors, your end of year donations are tax deductible to the Intrepid-DX Group as we are a 501.C.3.

You can view all details of our Dxpedition at: <http://www.intrepid-dx.com/vp8>  
Please watch for updates and announcements in The Daily DX, DX-World, DX Coffee and DX News. [ed. as well as the OPDX]

Thank you, and Merry Christmas!

Paul N6PSE - Co-Leader, VP8 Team

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**ZL9, NEW ZEALAND SUBANTARCTIC ISLANDS (Update/Rare IOTA). (From OPDX)**

Team Antipodes is scheduled to set sail less than two weeks from now. Cezar is already in New Zealand, and confirms that two full sets of equipment (rigs and antennas) are already with the Department of Conservation office in Invercargill, where the quarantine is scheduled for January 3. All team members will meet in Invercargill on January 2, and in preparation for the quarantine need to treat all clothing and footwear in a trigene solution, a powerful antibacterial. We of us are a little apprehensive that the trigene will affect long term at least some of the materials and metal bits, but there is no way around it. Most of all, we are concerned of all electronic components, including photo/video cameras and laptops, as they will have to be wiped with a cloth soaked in trigene solution too.

If everything goes according to plan and weather cooperates, the team will board Evohe by noon local time on January 4, and attempt landing by mid-afternoon on January 7. It will likely take a few hours before they will be QRV, since landing will require some serious hiking back and forth between the shore and camp. One of their stations will be located inside the Castaway Depot, while the other a few tens of meters away, in a small tent. While the landing and operating permit is very strict in terms of where the radio equipment should be located, the tent allows for some mobility to reduce interference between stations. To reduce it even further, the team will have at their disposal a full set of Dunestar filters.

The list of group and individual donors continues to be updated on a daily basis, and we wish to express our gratitude to everyone who is able to contribute financially to reduce our personal costs. The original budget had to be increased by almost 7%, due to unforeseen costs, to which we had to add another 8% due to the strengthening of the NZD versus the USD during the last few months. Please keep support coming, we do need it dearly!

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a wonderful, Happy and Prosperous New Year 2016!

**ADDED NOTE:** This operation will count under the new DXCC entity name "New Zealand Subantarctic Islands" (the old name - Auckland and Campbell Islands [ZL9]) for DXCC purposes. A Web page has been activated to provide more details and help collect funds for this operation at:

<http://iotahunter.org>

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