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by **I2MQP**

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RED = Important operation **GREEN** = Details not yet fixed

ON NOW OR WITHIN NEXT WEEK -- IN ARIA OR A 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
3B8	Mauritius	Jan 23 - Feb 8	3B8HC will be on during HB9ARY holiday	NI5DX
3B8	Mauritius	Feb 11 - Mar 1	OE4AAC will operate signing 3B8HD	H.C. dir & bur
3D2	Fiji	Feb 13 - Feb 19	DF6PW will sign 3D2PW	H.C. bur LoTW
3W	Vietnam	Now - Feb 6	SM3NFB is active as XV3TH	H.C.
4S	Sri Lanka	Jan 15 - Apr 3	DC0KKG by DC0KK mainly RTTY	H.C.
4S	Sri Lanka	Now - Apr 15	UX4UL is on CW & digi	UY5ZZ
5H	Tanzania	Jan 26 - Feb 10	WS5K will be on as 5H2SF	
5V	Togo	Feb 10 - Feb 22	ON6DX will be again active as 5V7TH	

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5Z	Kenya	Now - Feb 29	WF3U operates /5Z4	H.C. dir & bur LoTW
5Z	Kenya	Jan 23 - Feb 7	DF3FS will be on /5Z4 holiday style CW & SSB	H.C. dir & bur
6W	Senegal	Jan 1 - Mar 4	EA1HFI is on /6W during free time from his job. End of operations could be extended to April	H.C. dir & bur LoTW
6W	Senegal	Feb 10 - Mar 1	F6HMJ will be /6W	H.C.
7P	Lesotho	FEB	7P8C will be a big group expedition. More details follow	
8T	Antartica	Now - Dec 2016	VU3BPZ is active as BT2BH	I1HYQ
9K	Kuwait	Feb 2016	9K55NLD call will be in use	9K2NO
A3	Tonga	Jan 15 - Feb 15	KC0W will be on low bands for Europe	H.C. dir
C5	Gambia	Feb 12 - Feb 19	G4DJX will sign C5DX	LoTW
C6	Bahamas	Feb 8 - Feb 18	N2RFA as C6ABB digi only	H.C & LoTW
C6	Bahamas	Nov 15- Mar 16	9H5G will operate as C6ATS and will try to activate NA-048-054-113-80-001	M0OXO
CE	Chile	Jan 29 - Feb 6	CE5COX will operate as XR400CH and XR400JA from SA-031. XR400CH via CE3AA XR400JA via CE5JA	
CE	Chile	Feb 1 - Feb 6	3G9JA will be active from SA-031	CE5JA dir & bur
CE0Y	Easter Isl.	Feb 10 - Feb 14	W7YAQ will be /CE0Y	LoTW
CN	Morocco	Now - March	F5LYF will be on as CN2JJ	H.C.
DP	Antartica	Nov - Feb	DP1POL base will be active thanks to DL5XL	DL1ZBO and LoTW
DU	Philippine s	Feb 13 - Feb 14	DX3R group will be in the contest	LoTW
E5	S. Cook	Jan 22 - Feb 7	ZL1BQD will be QRV sd E51RJR	H.C.
ET	Ethiopia	Jan - Mar	ET7L will be used by an UR team	US0LW OQRS LoTW
FJ	S.Barthelemy	Jan 28 - Feb 9	N9SW will be on /FJ	H.C.
FS	St. Martin	Feb 2 - Feb 10	WZ1P, W3FF, KC4VG, W6HFP, W7ZT, K8EAB, KB9AVO and WG0AT will be /FS 40-10 meters all modes.	H.C.

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FO	F.Polynesia	Feb 6 - Feb 7	W7YAQ will be /FO	LoTW
FK	N.Caledonia	Jan 30 - Feb 15	F9IE will be on for a few days	H.C.
H4	Salomon	Jan 19 - Apr 14	DL2GAC will be on as H44MS	H.C. dir & bur
H4	Salomon	NOW	H44TM & H44MK are now in OC-149 for 10 days	
HC	Ecuador	Jan 16 - Feb 6	NE8Z, Rick Dorsch will be on as HC1MD and as HC1MD/HC2	K8LJG dir & LoTW
HH	Haiti	Jan 1 - Apr 30	Haiti Radio Club will use the call 4V1TL	W3HNK dir
JD	Ogasawara	Feb 13 - Feb 22	JD1BOW by JA0JHQ all bands CW & digi	H.C.
KH0	Mariana	Feb 10 - Feb 15	JA1NVF & OH7WV as N0J	JJ2VLY
OX	Greenland	Feb 11 - Feb 18	OX3LX from NA-151	OZ1PIF
P4	Aruba	Feb 2016	DL2RMM will operate as P40MM	H.C. bur
PJ2	Curacao	Now - Feb 15	DH6TJ will be /PJ2	H.C. dir & LoTW
PJ2	Curacao	Jan 19 - Feb 9	DL9NBJ will be /PJ2	ClubLog
T6	Afghanistan	Jan 8 - Mar 31	T6SM by DL3ASM mainly CW	H.C.
T8	Palau	Feb 3 - Feb 5	JH0CKF as t88MZ	H.C. OQRS
T8	Palau	Feb 5 - Feb 12	DF9LJ as T88EU focus to Europe	LoTW
V3	Belize	Feb 2 - Mar 15	VE3AXT will be on as V31AX	M0URX
V4	St.Kitts	Feb 5 - Feb 25	K1KA will sign V47KA	H.C.
V4	St.Kitts	Feb 4 - Feb 11	NN7A will sign V31JZ/p from NA-180	H.C. dir & bur
V4	St.Kitts	Feb 13 - Feb 21	K8AQM will be on as V47TR	H.C.
V5	Namibia	Jan 9 - Feb 18	DC8QT, DD8ZX & DJ9KM will be /V5	H.C.
VP8	S.Georgia	Feb 1 - Feb 10	Large team is on as VP8SGI	Club Log
VP8	Falkland	Feb 14 - Feb 19	N6PSE K3LP RA9USU JH4RHF K1LZ WD5COV K9AJ K4ZLE DL6KVA AA7A N4RR W5XU W6DR W7XU; focus on 160m as VP8IDX	N200 OQRS LoTW

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VP8	S. Shetland	Feb 15 - Mar 5	LU1ZI will be on 801 to 10 meters all modes	LU4AA
W	U.S.A.	Feb 12 - Feb 17	DF8DX will be signing KT3Q/6 from NA-066	H.C. dir bur LoTW
XV	Vietnam	Now - Feb 6	SM3NFB will sign HV3TH	H.C.
XZ	Myanmar	Feb 14 - Mar 15	Expedition planned from AS-182, AS-183 and AS-184. Period could shift to April 15 - May 15	
YA	Afghanistan	Feb - Oct 2016	KG7QCY will be on as T6PB mainly CW	

TOP 10 DX NEXT DAYS

PFX	5/2	6/2	7/2	8/2	9/2	10/2	11/2	12/2	13/2	14/2
3D2									X	X
4S	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5H	X	X	X	X	X	X				
5V						X	X	X	X	X
A3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
CE0Y						X	X	X	X	X
FS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
H4	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
VP8S	X	X	X	X	X	X				
NA-151							X	X	X	X
SA-031	X	X								

FUTURE OPERATIONS --- OPERAZIONI FUTURE

PFX	COUNTRY	DATE	INFO	QSL Info
1S	Spratly	Apr 19 - Apr 29	DF8AN will be on all bands mainly CW	H.C.

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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
3W	Vietnam	Mar 5 - Mar 18	3W2BR by DK2BR during his holiday in AS-130	H.C. dir
3W	Vietnam	Oct 29 - Oct 30	N0ODK will be in the contest signing 3W2DK	H.C.
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.
5Z	Kenya	Mar 26 - Mar 28	TA1HZ will be /5Z	LZ3HI dir LoTW
6Y	Jamaica	Mar 5 - Mar 6	6Y6Y team will be in the contest	LoTW
7P	Lesotho	Jun 5 - Jun 8	F6GNZ will be on as 7P8VR	
8Q	Maldives	Jun 20 - Jun 28	DK1HW will sign 8Q7HW	H.C.
8R	Guyana	Apr 11 - Apr 24	W1CDC will sign 8R1A all bands mainly CW	H.C. dir & bur
9K	Kuwait	Mar 26 - Mar 27	9K2OD will be in the contest as 9K2K	LoTW
9M8	E. Malaysia	Apr 29 - May 1	9M8RC group will be on from OC-165	9M8KIF dir
A2	Botswana	Apr 13 - Apr 19	A25UK group will be active all bands and modes	M0OXO OQRS
A3	Tonga	Feb 18 - Feb 24	W5MJ K5NA K5DU ZS6RJ VA7DX VE7KW W5PF will sign A35T allbands/modes	CLUB Log
A9	Bahrain	Apr 28 - May 1	A9 group will be on from AS-202 using the call A92HI	A92AA
C6	Bahamas	Feb 20 - Feb 21	N4BP (C6AKQ), NX4N (C6AWW) and K1FQL (C6AQL) in the ARRL DX cont	
C6	Bahamas	Mar 3 - Mar 7	AG2K will be on as C6AKE including ARRL contest	LoTW
C6	Bahamas	Jun 23 - Jul 8	VE3IKV will be active as C6AUX	H.C. dir

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CN	Morocco	Mar 25 - Mar 29	DF8AN has received the callsign CN2AY and will be on mainly CW	H.C. bur & dir
CT9	Madeira	Mar 11 - Apr 7	DL3KWR will sign /CT9	H.C. dir & bur
CY	St. Paul	Aug 19 - Aug 29	CY9C will be on by a 9 operators group	WA4DAN OQRS
D2	Angola	NOW	CS7ACE is starting to be active as D2ACE	H.C. dir
D4	Cape Verde	Mar 5 - Mar 6	IZ4DPV will be in the contest as D4C	HB9DURdir IK2NCJbur
E4	Palestine	May 8 - May 15	E44QX by DL7JAN, DL5YWM and DF8DX	DF8DX
EA8	Canary Islands	Mar 5 - Mar 6	S59M will be in the contest as ED8W	W3HMK
F	France	May 1 - May 7	4 ON operators will be on from EU-081 signing TM6U	ON8AZ bur
FG	Guadeloupe	Feb 26 - Mar 14	F6HMQ will be on as TO66R and /FG	H.C.
FH	Mayotte	Mar 18 - Mar 24	F2DX will be /FH	OQRS
FJ	St. Barthelemy	Jun 17 - Jun 29	W9DR & W9AEB will be /FJ	H.C.
FM	Martinique	Feb 6 Feb 15	SP5ES will be /FM	H.C: dir bur LoTw
FO	F.Polynesia	Aug 17 - Aug 28	DL2AH will be on from OC-063 as TX2AH	
FO	Marquesas	Mar 2 - Mar 15	DK2AMM, DL6JGN, GM4FDM and PA3EWP will be active as TX7EU	DK2AMM OQRS
FP	St. Pierre	Mar 17 - Mar 29	KV1J will be /FP	H.C dir bur LoTW
FR/J	Juan de Nova	Mar 29 - Apr 11	FT4JA Operation will take place	
FS	St. Martin	Jun 2 - Jun 21	K9EL will be /FS	H.C
FT4X	Kerguelen	Nov / Dec	An expedition is planned for the last part of the year	
FY	F. Guyana	Feb 20 - Feb 21	F5HRY will be in the contest as TO1A	H.C: & LoTW
GD	Isle of man	Mar 15 - Mar 23	GW4SKA will sign GD4SKA	OQRS M0OXO
GU	Guernsey	Apr 9 - Apr 16	6 operators will be on as GP4BRS	DJ6OI LoTW ClubLog
H44 H40	Solomon Temotu	Sep 25 - Oct 25	LZ1GC plan to be on as H44GC & H40GC. More details will follow	
HB0	Liechtenste in	Apr 15 - Apr 18	EA5IDQ will be /HB0 SSB & RTTY	H.C dir & bur OQRS

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HK0	S.Andres	Mar 6 - Mar 21	An 8 members SP team will be on as 5J0P 6 meters included	SP6IXF OQRS pls
HK0	S.Andres	March/April	N4THW is planning an expedition to NA-133	
HR	Honduras	Feb 15 - Feb 25	AA4W will sign /HR8	H.C.
J6	St. Lucia	Feb 20 - Feb 26	J64SLI will celebrate the independence anniversary	WB5Q
J7	Dominica	Feb 17 - Feb 23	WJ20 will be on as J79E before his trip to Heard (ARRL DX Included)	N2ZN
JA	Japan	Apr 8 - Apr 9	JA8COE will be /6 from AS-056	H.C. bur OQRS
JX	Jan Mayen	Apr - Oct	LA9JKA will be on as JX9JKA	H.C. dir only
KG4	Guantanamo	Feb 19 - Mar 4	W4WV as KG4WV and W6HGF as KG4HF	H.C.
KH8	American Samoa	Feb 15 - Feb 22	K8GU/3 will be on and will try also 80 meters	H.C dir & bur LoTW
KP2	US Virgin Island	Mar 5 - Mar 6	KK9A will be in the contest signing WP2AA	WD9DZV
LA	Norway	Jun 11 - Jun 18	DK3PZ will be in EU-055 signing /LA	Bur
P4	Aruba	Feb 20 - Feb 21	W2GD will be in the contest as usual signing P40W	N2MM dir & LoTW
P4	Aruba	Feb 28 - Mar 13	WA2NHA will be on /P4	
P4	Aruba	Mar 2016	PA7DA will be on HF /P4	H.C.
P5	N.Korea	Feb 2016 ???	3Z9DX is planning and expedition Details still not available,	ClubLog
PJ2	Curacao	Mar 16 - Mar 28	DD5ZZ will be on /PJ2	H.C. Dir & bur
PJ6	Saba	Feb 17 - Feb 22	PJ6A team will be in the contest. 5 operators will sign /PJ6 out from the contest	
PJ7	S.Naarten	Feb 16 - Mar 12	AA9A as PJ7AA	H.C.
PY	Brazil	Feb 18 - Feb 21	PT2OP will operate from SA-047	H.C. dir & bur
S7	Seychelles	Sep 24 - Oct 8	DL2SBY as S79KB	H.C. Dir & OQRS
S9	Sao Tome	Feb 25 - Mar 25	S9BK will be used by HB9BEL	H.C.
SV	Greece	Jun 10 - Jun 24	PA1FJ will be /SV8 from EU-049	H.C.
SV9	Crete	Jul 2 - Jul 8	OK6DY will be /SV9	

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T32	E. Kiribati	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
T8	Palau	Feb 15 - Feb 20	WB5GSA will be on as T88SA. Dates are not yet sure	
T8	Palau	Mar 9 - Mar 15	JA0EKI as T88XH	
T8	Palau	Mar 17 - Mar 21	DL2KUH and JP1RIW will sign T88KU & T88KH	H.C: bur LoTW
T8	Palau	Apr 13 - Apr 18	JA6EGL as T88SM	H.C.
T8	Palau	May 1 - May 5	JJ2RCJ will be on as T88RF	H.C. bur dir LoTW
TF	Iceland	Feb 26 - Mar 1	DF8AN will be /TF	H.C. dir & bur
V2	Antigua	Feb 21 - Mar 4	OH2IS will be on as V26IS	H.C. dir bur LoTW
V3	Belize	Feb 2 - Mar 16	VE3AXT will be on as V31AX	M0URX
V4	St.Kitts	Feb 13 - Feb 21	K8AQM will be on as V47TR	H.C.
V4	St.Kitts	Feb 22 - Mar 1	W2APF will operate as V47JR	H.C. dir
V4	St.Kitts	Mar 24 - Apr 12	W5JON as V47JA	H.C. dir
V6	Micronesia	Feb 19 - Feb 24	JA7HMZ as V63DX	H,C, dir
VE	Canada	Jul 27 - Aug 2	VA2SG will sigm XM2IOTA from NA-038	VE2TLH dir ClubLog
VK	Australia	Mar 1 - Mar 8	VK5MAV & VK5CE will be /6 from OC-243	H.C. dir & bur OQRS
VK0	Heard	Mar 6 - Apr 20	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)	KY6R
VK9C	Cocos Keeling	Mar 14 - Mar 26	VK9CK will be the call of a large LA group	LA6OP dir & bur
VK9C	Cocos Keeling	Sep 20 - Oct 4	8 operators are planning an expedition	VK6IR
VK9N	Norfolk	Apr 23 - May 2	VK4ADC will be on as VK9NU	H.C. dir & bur

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VK9N	Norfolk	May 20 - May 31	VK9NT by a VK group	LoTW
VK9L	Lord Howe	Apr 15 - Apr 20	G7VJR will be /VK9L	M00XO LoTW
VP2M	Montserrat	Feb 20 - Feb 25	NE9U, KK9K and Jim will be in the contest as VP2MWA & VP2MRF	
VP6	Pitcairn	Sep 3 - Nov 25	DL2AH as VP6AH	DL2AH
W	U.S.A.	Feb 2 - Feb 29	WA2USA will be /4 from NA-085	
W	U.S.A.	May 14 - May 21	K5TEN will be again on from NA-085	H.C. dir & bur
YN	Nicaragua	Feb 20 - Mar 5	W1USN & AA1M will be on as YN5RN & YN5PL	H.C. dir bur LoTW
YV	Venezuela	Feb 18 - Feb 21	Grupo DX Caracas will sign YW6Z	W4SO dir
ZF	Cayman Islands	Feb 20 - Feb 21	ZF1A will be in the contest	K6AM dir LoTW

SPECIAL CALLS AND PREFIXES

PFX	Country	Date	Info	QSL Info
4J	Azerbaijan	All 2016 All 2016	4KRA29 & 4JRA29 4J90, 4K90, 4J1926 & 4K1926	
4X	Israel	Mar 3 - Mar 6	4X429DS	N4GNR
9A	Croatia	All 2016 All 2016 All 2016	9A1700SBD 9A70CVW 9A50CBM	9A4J 9A6Z OQRS
CE	Chile	Now - Feb 29	XR4SURF	XQ4NUA
DL	Germany	May 1 - Apr 30 All 2016 All 2016 All 2016 All 2016 All 2016 All 2016 All 2016 All 2016 All 2016 All 2016 All 2016	DM700BURG DF90KWTJ DP65HSC DL40RCE DG500BIER DF90KWTJ DB40HEB DK50WEPO DM0MORSE DQ200RHH DL0VBG	DF1XC DL2APJ DL5DCL Bureau DL2APJ Bureau Bureau Bureau Bureau Bureau Bureau

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EI	Ireland	All 2016	EI1916E	EI3GC
F	France	Feb 2016 Jan 15 - Jul 14 Feb 12 - Feb 13 Jan 24 - Feb 7 Jan 31 - Feb 14 Feb 1 - Feb 15	TM13AAW TM50KD T30CE TM39PVJ TM39TJ TM6C	F8DVD F5KKD F5LGF F8GGZ F8GGZ F6KMB
GI	N. Ireland	Dec 2016	GB50MU	MN0VFW
JA	Japan	Now - Sep 19	8N1KCJ, 8N2KCJ, 8N3KCJ, 8N5KCJ, and 8N8KCJ	JO3OMA
JA	Japan	Dec 25 - May 27 Jan 10 - Feb 11	8J2SMT 8J8SSF	Bur Bur
JA	Japan	2015 - 2016	90 YEARS OF JARL Jun 12 2015 - Dec 07 2015 8J190Y Nov 09 2015 - Mar 31 2016 8J290Y Jun 12 2015 - Mar 30 2016 8J490Y Sep 01 2015 - May 31 2016 8J590Y Jun 12 2015 - Jun 30 2016 8J690Y Jun 12 2015 - Jun 30 2016 8J790Y Oct 10 2015 - Jun 30 2016 8J890Y Jun 12 2015 - Jun 30 2016 8J090Y	
LX	Luxembourg	Jan 1 - Jun 30	LX95J	Bureau
LY	Lithuania	Feb 2016	LY16W	LY5W
LZ	Bulgaria	Jan 2016	One special call per month LZ389SGB, LZ300MSP, LZ1700SIP, LZ1867SEI, LZ425STA, LZ1886PGS, LZ1043PMU, LZ304MED, LZ935MWC, LZ960SPA and LZ463PP.	Bureau
OH	Finland	All 2016	OH70AG	OH6AG
PA	Netherland		PG16ANT	PA0RDY
PY	Brazil	Feb 6 - Feb 9	PQ2 prefix will be in use	
SM	Sweden	Now - Mar 31	SK70HW	SK7HW
SP	Poland	All 2016 Jan 1 - Jun 30 Jan 1 - Mar 31 Jan 2016 Jan - Oct 22 Now - Jun 1 Feb 7 - Feb 20	SN800L SN0WIN HF360JG 3Z6DOBREZEN HF60KAG SP90TPBA SN51EQB	SP4RKZ SP9MZX SP9KAJ SP6PAZ SP9KAG SP3LD SQ7EQB
SP	Poland	Jan 1 - Dec 18	3Z35RTTY, HF35PBW, HF35RTTY, and SO35RTTY	

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SV	Greece	Jan 22 - Feb 5	SX8KAP	Bur LoTW
TF	Iceland	2016	TFTOIRA	TF3IRA
UA	Russia	Jan 1 - Apr 1 Mar 1 - Mar 31	R70RAA R44YETI	UA3RF RL5G
UR	Ukraine	Jan 1 - Jun 30	EM10UFF	UR7UT

W7AUM's Caribbean Tour:

Charles, W7AUM, and his 91 year-old father plan a tour of the Caribbean with the following itinerary and callsigns (running a KX3 and wire antennas):

C6A/W7AUM Jan. 30, Half Moon Bay (NA-001)

VP5/W7AUM Jan. 31 Grand Turk (NA-003)

W7AUM/HI9 Feb. 01 Samana (NA-096)

PJ4/W7AUM Feb. 03 Bonaire (SA-006)

PJ2/W7AUM Feb. 04 Curacao (SA-099)

QSL via W7AUM

DXCC APPROVED OPERATION.

Sharon Taratula, ARRL Awards Branch Manager, reports that the following operation is approved for DXCC credit:

TT8AMO -- Chad; 2015 Operation

Contest, mainly from ARRL Bulletin & WA7BNM

Iranian Ham Radio Contest: 0000Z, Feb 1 to 2359Z, Feb 11

CWops Mini-CWT Test: 1300Z-1400Z, Feb 3 and 1900Z-2000Z, Feb 3 and 0300Z-0400Z, Feb 4

NCCC RTTY Sprint: 0145Z-0215Z, Feb 5

QRP Fox Hunt: 0200Z-0330Z, Feb 5

NCCC Sprint Ladder: 0230Z-0300Z, Feb 5

YLRL YL-OM Contest: 1400Z, Feb 5 to 0200Z, Feb 7

Triathlon DX Contest: 0000Z-0759Z, Feb 6 (CW) and 0800Z-1559Z, Feb 6 (SSB) and 1600Z-2359Z, Feb 6 (RTTY)

Vermont QSO Party: 0000Z, Feb 6 to 2400Z, Feb 7

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10-10 Int. Winter Contest, SSB: 0001Z, Feb 6 to 2359Z, Feb 7

F9AA Cup, CW: 1200Z, Feb 6 to 1200Z, Feb 7

Black Sea Cup International: 1200Z, Feb 6 to 1159Z, Feb 7

FYBO Winter QRP Sprint: 1400Z-2400Z, Feb 6

Minnesota QSO Party: 1400Z-2400Z, Feb 6

AGCW Straight Key Party: 1600Z-1900Z, Feb 6

British Columbia QSO Party: 1600Z, Feb 6 to 0400Z, Feb 7

FISTS Winter Slow Speed Sprint: 1700Z-2100Z, Feb 6

Mexico RTTY International Contest: 1800Z, Feb 6 to 1759Z, Feb 7

North American Sprint, CW: 0000Z-0400Z, Feb 7

ARRL School Club Roundup: 1300Z, Feb 8 to 2359Z, Feb 12

NAQCC CW Sprint: 0130Z-0330Z, Feb 19

QRP Fox Hunt: 0200Z-0330Z, Feb 10

Phone Fray: 0230Z-0300Z, Feb 10

CWops Mini-CWT Test: 1300Z-1400Z, Feb 10 and 1900Z-2000Z, Feb 10 and 0300Z-0400Z, Feb 11

RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data: 2000Z-2130Z, Feb 10

VK0EK DXPEDITION NEWS (Heard Island Expedition Newsletter Vol. 2 No. 1).

The current Heard Island Expedition Newsletter (Vol. 2, No. 1 -- dated January 15th) is now out. Individuals may have already received this because they subscribed to it, or they made a donation to the expedition, or they are a team member or a corporate sponsor, or Bob, KK6EK, just happens to know you and think you would like to have it. This issue goes to 1458 different people.

Bob also informs [edited], "There is no charge or obligation for this we just want to help you make a QSO with VK0EK, or to collaborate in the scientific work. Future Newsletters will be issued now and then, when we have something to say, probably every few weeks. If you missed a previous Newsletter and would like to have a copy, you can find a link on p. 4 <http://www.heardisland.org/HD_pages/HD_newsletter_back_issues.html>

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to download the back issue.

The expedition is scheduled to begin in early March 2016, and end in late April. You can see the current status of the project on the main website <www.heardisland.org>, and on the blogsite <www.vk0ek.org>.

I hope you like this Newsletter and find it useful. If you have suggestions, comments, subjects you would like to see addressed, etc., or wish to be removed from the distribution list, please write to me.....

Bob, KK6EK -- Organizer/Expedition Leader"

For more details on the mailing list for the newsletter, go to:

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FT4JA JUAN DE NOVA DXPEDITION

(Press Release dated January 26th) from OPDX

Thank you for your engagement! -- We are extremely happy to receive donations for our project. Everybody is now well aware that the countries of the Top 10 DXCC are not easy to activate, sometimes because of difficult access, sometimes because of the political situation or the extremely high budget required to organize an expedition.

Juan de Nova has long been on the list of these islands activated regularly by scientists, mostly members of the French meteorological agency and occasionally by soldiers. The last major activity was in 2003 from the nearby island of Europa. Almost 13 years of silence to an island in the Indian Ocean, close to other very common entities DXCC list. That's right, this little island is located about 100km from the western coast of Madagascar. So why is it complicated and expensive to go?

Well, first of all, it's a question of authorization. Like other islands JDN is administered by the French Southern and Antarctic Lands prefecture, which is in charge of these territories. Most of them are classified as nature reserves to maintain these places as wild as possible. Moreover, it is no coincidence that these places are often considered reference (level 0) in terms of human impact. Millions of birds can breed and nest in peace, like turtles. It would be nonsensical to allow streaming missions. After our operation since 2014 Tromelin TAAF accepted our application for authorization, possibly because of mutual trust and positive relationships established during these years of preparation . For our part, we do our best not to be a "weight" to these people and ensure immediately take into account all the remarks and recommendations of the different services involved.

From one place to the other, the constraints are different and we had to rethink a number of aspects of the operation. Air transport used in

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2014 was not possible, mainly because of the volume and weight to carry. The assistance received (transport crates) for Tromelin was not possible this year.

Therefore, we had to settle for maritime solution by soliciting a ship allowed to park in the lagoon and to transport our team and our equipment. With the various tourist taxes, this represents about 70% of the total budget. The cost of our energy independence is also important because we have to route multiple generators and proper electrical installation and motor fuel (10-15%). For an operation of this magnitude, these costs are difficult to compress, especially need respect us a precise schedule of load, which we will waive do not.

On the other hand, we tried to best optimize our costs and makes as much as possible to use the material available from each of us or loaned by our generous sponsors. Although the team (10 operators) finance a good part of the expedition - which is quite logical, we launched an appeal to amateur radio associations around the world as well as from DX'ers. It is indisputable that this mobilization has led to progress in the organization and that without it, our expedition would have remained at the planning stage.

To you, contributors, sponsors or members of associations/clubs/foundations that help us, we take you hat off. However, it is important that the mobilization will continue on different continents to continue to support the team's efforts.

We can only be proud and happy to so many brands of sympathy and generosity.

Who says the Ham Spirit no longer existed?

VP8SGI SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS.

Members of the Intrepid-DX

Group are now active as VP8SGI from South Georgia Island as of about 1500z, January 29th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Reports from Antonio, EA5RM, VP8STI/VP8SGI Chief Pilot, on Sunday stated that the VP8SGI team is running with six stations at the same time. Good reports are coming from EU and NA after their first day of operation. Paul, N6PSE, describes South Georgia Is. as an amazing, very beautiful, windy and cold place. They are surrounded by Penguins and young Seal pups. Check their Web site for photos. The team did report that the biggest problem for them is the out of turn calling (specially from EU and NA). So PLEASE, let's help them run the pile-up. The VP8SGI team will depart from South Georgia on February 8th. PLEASE NOTE: QSL VP8SGI via KU9C,

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ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW. As this was being written, the VP8SGI team made 13342 QSOs with 6425 Unique callsigns per ClubLog as of 2035z, January 30th: <https://secure.clublog.org/charts/?c=VP8SGI>

Breakdown by modes are 9852/CW, 957/RTTY and 2533/SSB. Break-down by percentage by Continents are 1.7/AF, 0/AN, 9.8/AS, 45.6/EU, 35.0/NA, .5/OC and 7.4/SA. For more details on the stations layouts and other detailed information, see: <http://www.intrepid-dx.com/vp8>

VP8STI DXPEDITION WRAP-UP

. Members of the Intrepid-DX Group went QRT as VP8STI from Southern Thule Island (AN-009) at 2025z, January 25th. If you have been following OPDX's special bulletins from Antonio, EA5RM, VP8STI/VP8SGI Chief Pilot, the team had very trying times during their last few days (70 MPH winds; blizzard-like conditions; antennas damaged by the high winds; team to abandon its equipment/belongings and return to their transport vessel [R/V Braveheart]; their skipper, Nigel Jolly, declared an emergency on January 25th at 2120z, ordering the VP8STI team to cease all operations and come back to the ship because a large ice floe broke away due to the storm and threatened to block the entrance to the bay where the team had camped, raising the possibility that the ship might not be able to retrieve the operators], but all the operators are safe and are now active from South Georgia Island as VP8SGI (see above). QSL VP8STI via N2OO, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW. ClubLog's OQRS is now active. The VP8STI team made 54642 QSOs with 17337 Unique callsigns per ClubLog as of 2025z, January 25th: <https://secure.clublog.org/charts/?c=VP8STI>
Breakdown by modes are 14058/SSB, 37382/CW, 3201/RTTY and 1/PSK31. Break-down by percentage by Continents are 1.6/AF, 0/AN, 6.7/AS, 55.5/EU, 30.4/NA, .9/OC and 5.0/SA. For more details and possible updates, see: <http://www.intrepid-dx.com/vp8>

LAST MINUTE ADDED NOTE: Bob, N2OO, VP8STI QSL Manager, informs that any log inquires should be send to <vp8sti_logresearch@yahoo.com>. Non-log issues can continue to go to his regular email address.

Note from the editor

VP8S operations Bravo Bravo Bravo Thank You very much

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