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\*\*\*\* DX INFORMATION \*\*\*\*

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- 7P - Look for G8APB (7P8CP), HB9OCR (7P8OC), K5LBU (7P8CF), K5YY (7P8YY), K9APW (7P8AP), N5JR (7P8JR) and ZS6RJ (7P8RJ) to be active from Lesotho from 22 April to 1 May. QSL via home calls. Check qrz.com for QSLing instructions. [TNX Mediterraneo DX Club]
- A3 - Masa, JA0RQV will be active as A35JP/p from Niuatopotapu (OC-191), Tonga from 28 May to 3 June. He plans to be QRV on 80-6 metres CW and SSB, but his operations are likely to be limited "and much depending on the availability of electric power". If the flight is cancelled, he will operate from Vava'u (OC-064) or Tongatapu (OC-049) instead. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW. Updates will be posted to <http://blog.goo.ne.jp/rqv>
- BY - A group of Chinese operators (BA7CK, BA7IO, BA7JA, BA7NQ, BD7YC and BI7IOB) will be active as B7CRA from the rare Paracel/Xisha Islands (AS-143) for about one week sometime between 21 April and 10 May. QSL via BA4EG. Logsearch on Club Log. This IOTA group was activated only once back in September 1999. [TNX NG3K]
- D4 - Joerg, DL3LUM will be active holiday style as D44TXU from Ilha do Sal (AF-086), Cape Verde on 19-25 April. He will operate CW QRP on 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres. QSL via DL3LUM, direct or bureau.
- FK - Cezar, VE3LYC and Johan, PA3EXX are planning an operation to take place as TX4A from the remote Matthew Island (OC-218), New Caledonia for a period of four days during the first part of September. Further information is expected in due course. "This will be not only a very difficult, but also very expensive project. The team is actively looking for financial support from groups and individuals who wish to assist in defraying some of the project costs. Donations can be sent to Cezar by PayPal at [ve3lyc\[@\]hotmail.com](mailto:ve3lyc[@]hotmail.com) or by mail". IOTA group OC-218 was activated only once, by FK5M, back in December 1996. [TNX VE3LYC]
- G - Christian EA3NT, Vincent F4BKV, Gil F4FET and Col MM0NDX will be active as MX0INT from Longstone, Farne Islands (EU-109) on 10-11 May. They plan to operate CW and SSB with 3 or four stations on the HF bands and 6 metres. "At this stage it is likely the activation will be during local daylight hours only", they say, "however we will strive for a longer activation period when actually there, working with island representatives. Please be aware that weather and sea conditions will determine this whole activation". Logsearch and further information can be found at <http://www.invokerteam.com/mx0int/index.htm>; QSL via F5CWU, direct or bureau (OQRS on <http://f5cwu.net/oqrs/>). Follow them on Twitter (@Invoker\_Team).
- GM - A team from the Kilmarnock and Loudoun Amateur Radio Club will be active as MM0KLR from the Isle of Canna (EU-008) on 21-25 April. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-2 metres. QSL via MM0KLR (bureau) or MM0GHM (direct). [TNX rsgbiota.org]
- GM - The Camb-Hams (<http://dx.camb-hams.com>) will be active as GS3PYE/p from the Isle of Lewis (EU-010) from 26 April to 3 May. A large group of operators will be QRV with five stations on 80-10 metres, as well as on 6m, 4m, 2m & 70cm for Satellites and 2m & 23cm for EME. QSL via M0VFC; logsearch and OQRS on Club Log.
- GM - 2E1BVS, G3WFK, G6HFF and G6MML will be active as GB2SOH from Isle

- of Scalpay (EU-010) from 27 April to 9 May. QSL via G6MML, direct or bureau.
- HI - Juergen, DL4SDW will be active as HI3/DL4SDW from Villa Gonzalez, Dominican Republic (NA-096) from 18 April to 15 May. He will operate mainly CW on the HF bands. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [TNX DX Newsletter]
- SM - Fred, SM7DAY will be active as SM7DAY/p from Senoren Island (EU-138) on 21-27 April. He will operate CW, SSB and PSK on the HF bands. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX SM7DAY]
- TK - Alex, IW5ELA will be active holiday style as TK/IW5ELA from Calvi, Corsica (EU-014) from 25 April to 1 May. He will operate mainly CW on 40-10 metres (maybe also 6m). QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]
- VK - The Hellenic Amateur Radio Association of Australia (VK2CL) will be active as AX2CL ([www.ax2cl.blogspot.com.au](http://www.ax2cl.blogspot.com.au)) from Bare Island (OC-001), New South Wales for ANZAC Day on 25-26 April. QSL direct to HAROA, P.O. Box 13, Sans Souci NSW 2219, Australia.
- YB - Din, YB8RW will be active as YB8RW/p from Pulau Tahulandang (OC-210) on 23-28 April. QSL via YB9BU. Other team members include YB8RXA, YB8SFE, YB8UMX, YD8SVX, YD8TWV and YD8UFD. [TNX JN6RZM]

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4K9W: APPEAL FOR HELP ---> "Being an invalid, after the loss of his mother, Vlad needs to arrange a continued care by his own to keep having a more or less normal life and to enjoy our great hobby on air", Axel DL6KVA (Vlad's QSL manager) wrote back in late 2008.

"With all this help from over 700 people and more than EUR 30,000 spent for this", DL6KVA says new, "we got here into 2014". The vital 24/7 care is assured until the end of June, after that "only about 25% of the monthly needed EUR 490,00 are assured". While appreciating one time donations, DL6KVA says that "what really would help is to find about 15 people or so who are able and would like to support Vlad with about EUR 20,00 each on a monthly basis". Full information about this ongoing project can be found at <http://4k9w.blogspot.de/>. Axel's e-mail address (also used for PayPal donations) is [dl6kva\[@\]darc.de](mailto:dl6kva[@]darc.de). [TNX DL6KVA]

BEST COMMUNICATION AWARD ---> The "Best Communication Award" by DX Coffee takes into account the Public Relations side of a DXpedition, i.e. the information (daily reports, pictures, videos, forums, propagation hints, on line logs, operating advice, etc) provided to the amateur radio community through the DXpedition website and other channels. The first award will be presented during the DX Coffee Party on 17-18 May. See <http://www.dxcoffee.com/eng/> for further information. [TNX IZ8IYX]

DXCC NEWS ---> VK9MT (Mellish Reef, 2014 operation) has been approved for DXCC credit. [TNX NC1L]

FT4TA ---> The pilot stations for the FT4TA DXpedition to Tromelin Island (30 October-10 November) are: Col MM0NDX (Chief Pilot), Harumi JR4OZR (Asia/Japan), Bjorn ON9CFG (Europe/Africa), Al ZL2AL (Oceania), Don N1DG (North America East Coast/South America) and Rich KY6R (North America West Coast). The Mississippi River will be considered as the boundary between NA East and West Coasts. The pilots will not have access to the logs; inquiries about that must go to the QSL manager. Detailed information on the pilot stations can be found at [www.tromelin2014.com/pilotes](http://www.tromelin2014.com/pilotes)

J8 ---> Ark, J8/UA4CC and Arunas, J8/LY2IJ made 20,000 QSOs (almost 1000 on 160 metres) during their recent operation from Bequia Island (NA-025).

Logsearch and OQRS are available for both callsigns on Club Log; the logs have been uploaded to LoTW. [TNX UA4CC]

QSL ARRL CENTENNIAL STATIONS ---> QSL cards for contacts made with W100AW, W1AW/x and W1HQ during 2014 will be sent automatically to stations outside the USA via the ARRL QSL Bureau as normal. Arrangements for US stations to have those QSLs delivered via the bureau (a one-time only use of the QSL Bureau for this purpose) can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/AW-BureauQSLs>.

VK9MT ---> VK9MT Mellish Reef was activated on 30 March at 04:34 UTC with ZL4PW first in the log and went QRT on 4 April at 13:53 UTC with JL1MTY closing the log. "Our decision to leave the island didn't come easily", the team reports. The weather had grown progressively worse each day, and "just as the last QSO was made, it became clear we could not remain on the island another day. It was 01:00 (local) when the rain began. The wind was blowing at about 35-40 knots; we had water infiltrating the operating tents and the antennas were taking a severe beating". The operators decided to QRT and spent the next several hours packing equipment using head and hand torches; antennas and tents were taken down at dawn. "Once the storm was officially declared Cyclone Ita there was no question we made the correct decision". The team's goal was 80,000 QSOs in ten days; "in five days we made 40,000 QSOs (61% CW, 30.5% SSB and 8.6% RTTY) which put us on track for the original target". Read the Final Press Release (issued on 17 April) on <http://vk9mt.com/> [TNX K5GS]

W1AW WAS ---> Look for ARRL Centennial stations W1AW/2 from New Jersey and W1AW/1 from New Hampshire to be on the air starting at 00.00 UTC on 23 April until 23.59 UTC on the 29th. Complete information on the ARRL Centennial QSO Party can be found at [www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party](http://www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party).

WORLD CASTLES WEEKEND ---> Organized by the World Castles Activity Group, it will be held on 14-15 June. Several stations are expected to operate from fortresses and castles around Europe. Information on the event can be found at [www.wcagroup.org](http://www.wcagroup.org). [TNX RN1CW]

+ SILENT KEYS + Klaus Behrndt (DJ4SO) passed away on 13 April. A former radio officer in the merchant navy and an active DXer, he operated from various countries (including Antarctica as DPOGVN and several visits to Namibia as V5/DJ4SO). Other recently reported Silent Keys include Angelo Lo Re (I1PYS) and Mike Baker (NL7G).

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\*\*\*\*\* QSL ROUTES \*\*\*\*\*

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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
3D2SE	ZL3TE	EI1Y	EI5JQ	NL8F	K8NA
3Z0WARD	SP6IEQ	EI30T	EI3CTB	OD5RW	K8NA
3Z14EASTER	SP6IEQ	EI6DX	RX3RC	OK8WW	OM2FY
3Z150OSP	SP3PKA	EN0U	UT7UT	OS11M	ON5UK
3Z6QRO	SP6JIU	ER80KEDR	ER1FF	OS14M	ON4MCL
4L8A	K1BV	EV5SL	EV1P	OS16M	ON1DX
7X2BDX	IK2DUW	EV80KEDR	EW7WW	OS19M	ON5JE
9A1WFF/p	9A2MF	GB4T	M0DOL	PA530ROT	PA0ABM
9K2F	9K2HN	HB0/PA2HGJ	PE1FLO	PH38EU	PD7YY or PE1GNP
9K2UU	EA5ZD	HB0/PA2RDK	PE1FLO	PJ4H	DK7AN
9M2TO	JA0DMV	HB0/PA3CNO	PE1FLO	R70KRC	R7AA
9M6/NR1J	JF1SJT	HB0/PA3HK	PE1FLO	R80KEDR	R3AS

A35V N3SL HB0/PE0MGB PE1FLO RW80SV RV9CQ  
 A35X N3SL HB0/PE1FLO PE1FLO S21R N4VA  
 A91WARD IZ8CLM HF0JP2S SP8PZI S79SD F5JSD  
 A92AA IZ8CLM HG100ATOM HA3KNA S79WK OE1MWW  
 AH0J JA1NVF HG140JLO HA8KW SK89WARD SM6JSM  
 C5WP ON7WP HG45HS HA5HS SN150SZ SP7PCA  
 CE0Y/UA4WHX UA4WHX HP1A HP1RCP SN2014JPII SP4ZHX  
 CN2CA PA9M HT5T TI4SU SV0XAF/8 HB9EBC  
 CN8KD EA5XX HZ14WARD HZ7C T88QX DF8DX  
 CO4LS EA7FTR HZ1DG EA7FTR TM02REF F5BBD  
 CO8LY EA7ADH I10SPQR IZ0YCB TM22TSF F6HRO  
 CR500TB CS5NRA I11SWL IW1EHL TM25CFT F5KMY  
 CW4R CX1AA J42AGM SV2DGH TM29UFT F6ICG  
 D8A 6K5YPD J88PI GW4DVB TM8BIRD F5INJ  
 DQ0HARZ DF7AA JD1AAI JA2NQG V26MN DF8AN  
 E20HHK/p E21EIC JW7QIA LA7QIA V47GIW W4GIW  
 EG7MSP EA7RCM JY4CI K2AX VI2ATZ50 VK2ATZ  
 EG7SCM EA7URM JY9ET M0OXO VP2MMN DF8AN  
 EH1ARD EA1AST KG4ZD AF5PM XU7TZG ON7PP  
 EH4GT EA4TE KH8/DL2AWG DL2AWG YF1AR/0 N2OO  
 EH6ARD EA6QY KH8/DL6JGN DL2AWG ZD9M ZS1A  
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