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The deadline is 12 UTC on Fridays

- 3A - Jose, EA5IDQ will be active as 3A/EA5IDQ from Monaco on 28-30 December. He will operate SSB and RTTY on 40-10 metres. QSL via EA5IDQ. [TNX NG3K]
- A6 - Andy, DL3YM will be active as A6/DL3YM from Dubai, United Arab Emirates from 23 December to 5 January. He will operate CW on 40-10 metres. QSL via DL3YM and LoTW. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. [TNX DX Newsletter]
- CE0Y - A team of six Japanese operators (namely JA3ARJ, JA3IVU, JH3LSS, JI3DNN, JA3AVO and JH3PBL) will be active holiday style as XR0YJ from Easter Island (SA-001) on 10-16 January. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 80-6 metres, plus 160m if possible. QSL via JA3AVO (QORS for direct and bureau cards on Club Log) and LoTW. Further information at <http://www.nakade.jp/ce0y.htm>.
- FG - Jean-Pierre, F6ITD will be active as FG/F6ITD and TO6D from Guadeloupe (NA-102) from 27 January to 30 March. He will be QRV on SSB and digital modes on the HF bands and 6 metres from two locations, Basse Terre and La Desirade. QSL via home call and LoTW; logsearch on Club Log. [TNX Les Nouvelles DX]
- JD1_oga - Once again Harry, JG7PSJ will be active as JD1BMH from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara from 28 December to 10 January. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-10 metres. QSL via JD1BMH (bureau) or JG7PSJ (direct). Logsearch and other information can be found at <http://sapphire.es.tohoku.ac.jp/jdlbmh/>.
- OH - Santa Claus at OH9SCL in the capital of Lapland, and OF9X, Santa's communication arm, will again be active on all bands CW, SSB and RTTY between 19 and 31 December, particularly during the weekends. This Christmas, Santa "welcomes you and your children to join him in the spirit of World Vision to bring Christmas also to needy children on all continents and this year specifically in Albania". See <http://qrz.com/db/of9x/> for further information. Additionally, contacting both OH9SCL and OF9X this Christmas will earn you an attractive Santa World Vision Award at no cost following your email request to [of9x\[@\]sral.fi](mailto:of9x[@]sral.fi). [TNX OH2BH]
- PJ2 - Look for Carlos, PJ2/HK4CM and Herbert, PJ2/HK4RB to be active from Curacao (SA-099) on 21-28 December. They will be QRV on 80-10 metres. QSL via home calls, LoTW and eQSL. [TNX rsgbiota.org]
- S7 - Eric, OE4AAC will be active holiday style as S79AC from Mahe and Praslin (both counts for IOTA AF-024), Seychelles from 17 January to 10 February. He will operate CW on 40-10 metres. QSL via OE4AAC, an QORS will be available. [TNX NG3K]
- T8 - Ryosei, JH0IXE will be active as T8CW from Koror (OC-009), Palau from 25 December to 4 January. He will operate CW, RTTY, SSB, JT65 and PSK31 on 160-6 metres. QSL via JA0FOX (bureau) or JH0IXE (direct), LoTW and eQSL. [TNX The Daily DX]
- UA_ant - Nick, RW6ACM will be active as RI1ANZ from Progress Station, Antarctica starting on 22 December. QSL via RN1ON, direct or

- bureau, LoTW and eQSL. [TNX DX World]
- V2 - Kei, KG2A will be active again as V25A from Antigua (NA-100) on 25-30 December. He will be QRV holiday style on 40-10 metres, maybe also on 160 and 80. QSL via KG2A, direct only. [TNX DX World]
- V5 - Dietmar, DL3DXX will be active as V5/DL3DXX from Namibia on 19-29 December. He will operate mainly CW with a focus on 160 and 80 metres. QSL via home call, preferably thorough the OQRS on Club Log. [TNX DX Newsletter]
- VP5 - Steve, VE3OC will be active again as VP5/VE3OC from the Caicos Islands (NA-002) on 19-26 December. QSL via home call (direct only), LoTW and eQSL. "If you worked me on my last trip in April 2014 and did not receive LOTW or eQSL confirmation, my apologies", he says. "The logging computer and some of my equipment was lost when my car was broken into".
- VP8_ant- The "James Clark Ross" is due to be at Rothera Base, Adelaide Island (AN-001), Antarctica on 27 December [425DXN 1227] for four nights. Mike, GM0HCQ/VP8CMH says to be "confident that I will be able to get ashore in the evenings" and be active as VP8ROT. Usually he is QRV "from about 00.00 UTC for three hours or so". He will operate CW and SSB, "possibly on alternate evenings". QSL via GM0HCQ (direct only), LoTW and eQSL. Other amateur radio operators at the base are Danny McFadden, EI8JU (VP8DOU), who "will be there for the next year or so", and Cathy Colless, M0RTW, who is there for the Antarctic summer season. Follow the ship itinerary and Mikes' daily updates at www.gm0hcq.com.
- VP8 - The Intrepid-DX Group has announced plans for a major DXpedition to take place in early 2016. On 8 January a team of fourteen (JH4RHF, K1LZ, K3LP, K3VN, K4ZLE, K6TD, K9CT, N2WB, N6HC, N6PSE, NA6M, RA9USU, VE7CT and WD5COV) will depart the Falkland Islands on the RV Braveheart and embark on a 32-day voyage encompassing South Sandwich and South Georgia Islands. Plans are to be QRV on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and RTTY with six stations for eight days from each location, weather and sea conditions permitting. The primary focus is "completing eight days of activation at South Sandwich Island as it is most needed by the global DX community. If we are delayed in getting to or leaving South Sandwich, we will sacrifice time at South Georgia". QSL via N2CW, direct or bureau (preferably through the OQRS on Club Log). The budget for the DXpedition is USD 425,000, and donations are gratefully accepted. Bookmark www.intrepid-dx.com/vp8/ for further information and Updates; go to <https://plus.google.com/+Intrepid-dx/posts> for a preview video. [TNX N6PSE]
- XE - Markus, DJ4EL will be active as XE1/DJ4EL between 21 December and 4 January. He will be QRV on 20-10 metres SSB. On 2-4 January he will visit La Malinche National Park. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX DX Newsletter]
- YB - Iwan, YC8UTI is active on 15 metres CW from his home station on Karakelong Island (OC-209). QSL via YB3MM; logsearch on OQRS on Club Log. If you use the OQRS (preferred method), please also send your paper QSL via the bureau: Iwan needs your QSL not only for his collection, but also "for upgrading his license to YB level (extra)". [TNX YB3MM]
- YB - Imam, YB4IR will be active as YB4IR/8 from Yamdena Island (OC-224) on 27-31 December. QSL via home call, direct or bureau (see qrz.com for the link to Club Log's OQRS for direct cards).

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DXPEDITION OF THE YEAR POLL ---> The DX-World.net 2014 DXpedition of the Year poll is now open at <http://dx-world.net/>. The Northern California DX Club sponsors all trophies, which will be presented to the Top 5

DXpeditions. The survey runs until 23:59 UTC on 1 January 2015, the results will be published the next day.

K1N: INTERVIEW WITH W0GJ ---> In his first of three scheduled exclusive interviews for the Documentary Archives (DokuFunk), Glenn Johnson, W0GJ, co-Team Leader of the forthcoming K1N Navassa DXpedition, explains how and under which conditions the activation was made possible; he discloses the team's working schedule and strategy ("not make the people who chase all of the band slots very happy, but our goal is to get everyone in the log") and how they plan to cope with deliberate interference (DQRM). A second interview is scheduled during the operation, and a third one, a sum-up, afterwards. The audio file can be found at www.dokufunk.org/navassa-e. [TNX OE1WHC]

POSTAL RATES (FRANCE) ---> Effective 1 January 2015, the new postal rates for Priority Mail International items (up to 20g) mailed from France to European destinations will be EUR 0,95, and to the rest of the world will be EUR 1,20. [TNX F6AJA]

QSL VIA M0URX: 2015 BUREAU POLICY ---> "Whilst I can still receive QSL cards for call signs that are RSGB members or affiliated call signs to the society," Tim M0URX says, "I am not permitted to receive QSL cards as 'QSL via M0URX' if the call sign is not an RSGB member or affiliated call sign. The only RSGB members that I look after and that do collect incoming QSL cards are G1VDP, M0URX, OY1OF and PJ4DX". For all other callsigns, and especially all DXpeditions, you must refrain from sending traditional paper cards through the bureau system; instead use Tim's OQRS facility (www.m0urx.com/oqrs/) and select the bureau option. All of outgoing bureau cards are sent to all IARU world bureaux every four months (in February, June and October) at Tim's expense, and not via the RSGB Bureau.

W1AW WAS ---> Look for ARRL Centennial stations W1AW/3 from Pennsylvania and W1AW/0 from Iowa to be on the air starting at 00.00 UTC on 24 December until 23.59 UTC on the 30th. These will be the final W1AW portable activations of the ARRL Centennial Year. During 2014, W1AW has visited all 50 states at least twice, as well as some US territories. Complete information on the ARRL Centennial QSO Party can be found at www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party.

+ SILENT KEYS + Carl Cook, AI6V (P40V and P49V) became a Silent Key on 15 December, just two days before his 75th birthday. Over the years he operated from various locations around the globe, including a DXpedition to Clipperton Island (F00XX, 1986). His search for a good contest site ended in Aruba, where he built two contest stations, won several contests in various categories and set many records. He was inducted into the CQ Contest Hall of Fame in 1997.

Jorg "Joe" Puchstein, DL8WPX (ex Y54PL, Y41RM and Y21RM, aka YB6AVE from Sumatra and YB1AQS from Java) passed away suddenly on 16 December at 54 years of age. In the 1990s he participated in several DXpeditions, e.g. VK9LM (Lord Howe, 1991 and 1996), FK/DJ5CQ (1994), VK9XY (Christmas Island, 1995 and 1996), VK9CR (Cocos/Keeling, 1995 and 1996), S21XX (1997), P29VXX (Misima Island, OC-117 in 1997) and ZL7DK (1998); more recently he was a team member of VK9DNX (Norfolk Island 2007), VK9DWX (Willis Islands 2008) and VK9DLX (Lord Howe 2014). An enthusiastic contester, Joe was a driving force behind CN8WW, the four-time M/M winner and world-record holder in the CQ WW DX Contest (1999-2000), and was actively involved in the DR1A M/M contest station. He was also a member of the WAE DX Contest Committee for several years.

 QSLs received direct or through managers: 2SZ, 3B9FR, 4V1JR, 5H3CJ, 6M6M, 7O2A, 7X4RJ, 9M2SE (AS-072), 9N7BM, AP2TN, BA5CA, BY4IB (AS-146), C21GC, CE8/UA4WHX, CO6LC, D3AA, DP0GVN/p, E30FB, E51AAR, EX8M, FK8DD, FO8WBB, FR/DJ7RJ, FR5EC, FS/EI9FBB (NA-199), GB2NZ, H44KW, HB0/DL5YM, HG3IPA, HV0A, JT1AA/3, JX9JKA, JY9FC, KG4RX, KH2JU, KH6CC, KH6ZM, OP8VP, OZ8X, P29NI,

P29VCX, P40JW, PC5M, PJ4DX, PJ5/OL8R, PJ7/K5WE, PQ5M (SA-027), R10X (AS-064), SU8JOTA, T30D, T30TS, TC3AFT, TG9AJR, TG9IIN, TM14JEM, TX5Z, TX7G, TY1AA, V3A, V44KAI, V85TL, VK9AN, VK9EC (OC-003), VK9EX (OC-002), VK9XSP, VP2EIM, VP2V/SP7VC, W4D, W4PL (NA-112), XT2AW, YB8RW/p (OC-208), YB9/HA3JB, YB9GV, YP0F (EU-191), ZD8O, ZK3E, ZL4AA, ZL7X, ZM90DX, ZS8Z, ZW5W (SA-088).

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