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*** SPECIAL NOTE FROM EDITOR (Tedd, KB8NW): My family (wife/OPDX's chief proof-reader Linda, son Teddy [TJ] and his wife Jessi, daughter Katie and her husband Kevin and son Lliam and daughter Lilly Grace), and I (KB8NW) would like to wish all DXers, Contesters and OPDX readers a very "Happy Holiday, Merry Christmas and Season's Greetings". Thanks to the many individuals who sent holiday wishes to my family and me.....
73 and Have a Great Holiday de Tedd KB8NW

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 13th/December, through Sunday, 20th/December there were 225 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5R, 5T, 5W, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, CY0, D2, D4, D6, DL, DU, E4, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FR, FT/x, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J5, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/m, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, P5, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PJ7, PY, PY0S, PZ, S0, S5, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TR, TT, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP2V, VP6, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XW, YA, YB, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3C, EQUATORIAL GUINEA (Update). Ken, LA7GIA, who was expected to be active as 3C7GIA from Malabo Island (AF-010) between November 12-23rd, and then postponed it (not canceled), announced his plans to activate 3C Equatorial Guinea in March 2016. Activity dates are between March 4-13th. Operations will be on 40-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. There is a slight chance for 80m depending on conditions. Equipment will be a TS-480SAT with an Ameritron ALS 500m into a Mosley Mini 32 ASP (2 element beam 20/15/10m), Mosley TW 22 M (2 element beam 17/12m), Hygain AV640 and G5RV 80-10m wire antennas (backup). QSL via LA7GIA direct ONLY (SAE + 3 USDs). Please note, NO IRC, NO Bureau QSL. Bureau QSL will not be answered. For updates, check:

<http://la7gia.com/3c7gia/index.html>
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/KennethOpskar>

3D2, FIJI. Hardy, DF6PW, will be active as 3D2PW (pending) from Mango

Bay, between February 13-19th (2016). Activity will be holiday style with a focus on 30/17/12 meters using the CW mode with 100 watts into wire antennas. QSL via LoTW or DF6PW by the Bureau.

3D2/P, ROTUMA (Reminder). Antoine, 3D2AG, will once again be active as 3D2AG/P from Rotuma Island between December 20th and January 18th (2016), pending shipping schedule. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. Operations will be entirely Solar-Powered using Sustainable Renewable Energy while running barefoot with 100 watts into a Spider-beam and wire antennas. He mentions, "This will be a one-man DXpedition so not on the air at all times. As I will have no internet or phone connection while in Rotuma, please check cluster for spots. Operating at or close to the usual DX frequencies; also will try and cater for novice station band restrictions by listening split above xx.025 for CW. QSL via his home callsign direct only. Also, watch QRZ.com for update by Antoine.

3W, VIETNAM (IOTA Op). Herbert, DK2BR, will be active as 3W2BR from Con Son Island (AS-130) between March 5-21st (2016). Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using SSB, RTTY and PSK31. Equipment is an Icom 706 MKIIG into verticals. QSL via his home callsign direct only.

4X, ISRAEL. Bodo, DF8DX, who was recently active as HL5ZEB/1 from Seoul, will be active as 4X/DF8DX from Israel between December 22-27th. Activity usually will be on 40-10 meters using 100 watts into a vertical antenna. QSL via DF8DX, by the Bureau or direct.

5W, SAMOA. Haru, JA1XGI, who was recently active as E51XGI from Rarotonga Islands, will now be active as 5W0XG from Samoa between April 12-20th. Activity will probably be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. Look for more details to be forthcoming on his Web page. QSL via JA1XGI.

60 METERS NEWS. From "60m DX News", Salvador, C31CT, reports: Andorra C3 Sad news -- Dear friends, I want to inform you, that yesterday the 9th December, the URA communicated to us prohibition to work on 60 M. Only Associated ARDAM members like C31VM, C31CT, C31VQ and C37AC all of us have showed interest in activating mentioned band, So, I can easily understand why URA didn't show any interest to allow at least some channel, considering IARU has not forbidden anything, achieving good results for all amateur radio for future 2017 year. From ARDAM we are very sorry by the Amateur Radio and worldwide hobby.

6Y, JAMAICA. Lester, W8YCM, is currently on his annual trip to Negril, Jamaica (NA-097), and will be active as 6Y5/W8YCM until January 16th. Activity has been mainly 17 meters (watch around 18157 kHz) on SSB. QSL via his home callsign.

9M6, EAST MALAYSIA. Tak, JR1EFG, will be active as 9M6/JR1EFG from East Malaysia between December 22-26th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign, direct only (see QRZ.com).

C6, BAHAMAS. Drew, N2RFA, will once again be active as C6ABB from Cable Beach, Nassau, Providence Island (NA-001, WLOTA 1115) between February 8-18th (2016). Activity will be on 75/40/20/17/12/10 meters. He plans to operate on some of the Digital modes (JT65, PSK31, RTTY and possibly SSTV). QSL via his home callsign, direct or LoTW and also eQSL.

CARIBBEAN TOUR. Rob, N6GT, (along with his XYL) will be visiting two islands in the Caribbean for the Christmas holiday. Operations will be very limited (he states, "trip's not all about radio"), but the tentative schedule is as follows:

December 17-20th - From a deserted stretch of beach on Barbuda;
callsign V26GT

December 23-26th - From St. Peter's, Montserrat; callsign VP2MGT

Activity will be on 40-10 meters (depending on conditions) using CW and the Digital modes (PSK31 and RTTY). Equipment will be a modest setup: FT-817 (5w) into a yo-yo dipole. QSL via N6GT, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

DU, PHILIPPINES (IOTA Op). Bodo, DF8DX, will be visiting the Philippines between April 9-24th. He plans to activate some IOTA island as DU1WQY/*. Islands mentioned are OC-042, OC-130 and possibly others. Look for possible updates. QSL via DF8DX, direct, by the Bureau or the LoTW.

E51, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS. Henrik, OZ6TL, will once again be active as E51TLA from Raratonga Island (OC-013) between December 19th and January 9th. He told OPDX that this is his 12th visit to the islands. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands, usually mainly CW and RTTY on 30 and 20 meters. QSL via his home callsign or LoTW.

E51, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS. Hardy, DL7LL, will be active as E51TLA from Raratonga Island (OC-013) between December 20-28th. Bands and modes were not provided. QSL via DL7LL.

FG/TO6, GUADELOUPE. Jean-Pierre, F6ITD, will once again be active as FG/F6ITD from Guadeloupe and two of its islands between January 20th and March 28th (2016). Islands mentioned are Basse Terre Deshaies (main island, between January 20th and February 2nd) and La Desirade Island (between March 3-8th). Both are IOTA NA-102. Activity will be on all HF bands using SSB and the Digital modes. Look for him to use the callsign TO6D during the weekend and Contests. QSL via his home callsign, direct or LoTW (preferred). Logs will be uploaded to ClubLog and LoTW.

FT4JA JUAN DE NOVA DXPEDITION (Press Release dated December 18th)[edited]:
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 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).

HP3, PANAMA. Dave, WJ20, will be active as HP3/WJ20 from Panama between January 7-12th (2016). Activity will be focused on the low bands using mainly CW. QSL via N2ZN.

IOTA NEWS.....

- AS-074. Members of the Kuala Lumpur DX Team will be active as 9M2SI from Indah Island, Selangor, West Malaysia, between December 25-27th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW and SSB. Operators mentioned are Faiz/9M2AIS, Kayrol/9M2000, Wan/9M2VDX, Zanirul/9M2PRO, Mal/9M2EDU, Aimil/9M2AUR, Rosli/9M2RHQ, Fazli/9M2FDO, Fazzuan/9M2FZK, Ahmad/9M2AGC, Mohd/9M2AIM, Shark/9W2YND, Hasya/9W2HSY, Mohd/9W2FEJ, Nazari/9W2NDQ, 9W2BMW and Zamri/9W2NMX. QSL via 9M2000 direct.
- AS-090. Han, DS2G00, will once again be active as DS2G00/2 from Taeijak Island between December 26-28th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. Equipment will be a TS-570DG transceiver and wire verticals. QSL via his home callsign.
- NA-066. Bodo, DF8DX, will possibly be active as KT3Q/6 from California State South IOTA Group sometime during his visit to the area between February 12-17th (2016). QSL via DF8DX, direct, by the Bureau or the LoTW.
- OC-243. Operators Andy/VK5MAV, Craig/VK5CE and possibly one more will be active as homecall/6 from Breaksea Island between March 1-8th. Their planned activity is to have two stations active simultaneously, on 40/20/15/10 meters. Andy will be on CW and Craig on SSB. QSL via their home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or via ClubLog's OQRS. See QRZ.com for more details or visit: <http://oc243.blogspot.com.au>

IY7, ITALY (Update/Special Event). Fred, IK7JWX, and members of the ARI Lecce will continue to use the special callsign IY7LE until December 31st. Activity will on PSK, RTTY and 20/15/10m. Activity is to commemorate Guglielmo Marconi's 120th anniversary of his first wireless message sent in 1895. QSL via the Bureau, direct or eQSL.

J6, ST. LUCIA. Bill, K9HZ, will once again be active as J68HZ from his villa at Labrelotte Bay, Castries, St. Lucia (NA-108, WLOTA L-1336) between December 19th and January 3rd. Activity is usually on 160-2 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. There will be a special emphasis on 160 and 80 meters on all modes. His equipment will consist of an Elecraft K3, a 3 element beam for 20-6 meters and wire antennas for 160-30 meters. QSL via his home callsign. He does use the LoTW, ClubLog and eQSL.

J7, DOMINICA. Walter, HB9MFM, is once again active as J79WTA from Dominica until January 30th (2016). Activity will be on 160-6 meters using SSB and the Digital modes. He plans to focus on 60m. QSL via his home callsign.

JD1, OGASAWARA. Harry, JG7PSJ, will once again be active as JD1BMH from Chichijima Island (AS-031) between December 30th and January 9th (2016). Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via the Bureau to JD1BMH or direct to JG7PSJ. Visit his Web page for more details at:
<http://sapphire.es.tohoku.ac.jp/jd1bmh>
Also, on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/jd1bmh>

P4, ARUBA (Update). Jaap, PA7DA, will be active as P4/PA7DA from Aruba Island (SA-036) between March 12-24th (2016). Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands. Jaap states, "It will be a low-cost activation, using FT897 100 Watts into a HyEndFed wire antenna." QSL via PA7DA by the Bureau. For updates, watch: <http://pa7da.jouwweb.nl/p4-aruba>

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 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.

PJ6, SABA. Operators Roger/G3SXW, Rob/GM3YTS, Bob/K4UEE, Tim/K5AC, Jeff/NM1Y and Gregg/W6IZT will be active as PJ6A from Jolieville, Saba Island (NA-145) during the ARRL CW DX Contest (February 20-21st) as a Multi-Op entry. QSL PJ6A via N4NX. Before and after the contest (they will be there between February 17-22nd) the operators will be signing PJ6/homecall and will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. They'll be using their Elecraft K3's, transmitting into a Battle Creek Special on 160 meters, wire beams on 80 and 40 meters and a Yagi on 20-10 meters. QSL PJ6/W6IZT via N7XG. All other PJ6/homecalls are via their home call.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (December 21-27th)....
Dec/21st AN Dec/24th AN Dec/26th AN
Dec/22nd AN Dec/25th AN Dec/27th HN
Dec/23rd AN

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

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NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
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AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE <http://www.bandconditions.com>:

The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPP, QRPE and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software predictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (December 20th) www.qslinfo.eu

3V8YOTA via OM2FY	DF60OVGZ via DL2MIJ	OD5RI/YOTA via OM2FY
4U20B via 9A2AA	DM750FOR via DL9UJF*	OF9X via OH2BH
7Z1SJ via EA7TFR & HZ-B	DQ40AIX via DJ9KR	OL15YOTA via OM2FY
9A15YOTA via OM2FY	EK90IARU via EK1KE (d)	P40S via K9QVB
A91YOTA via OM2FY	ER18KDR via ER3GS	ST90IARU via S57DX
B90IARU via BA4EG	HB9ATMA via HB9FAX	TM57XMAS via F-11734
CN2LW via EA7FTR	HF2016HNY via SQ2JK (B/d)	TZ9A via F4WBN (d)
CN90IARU via EB7DX	II2IGTO via IQ2MI	VP90IARU via OM2FY
CO90IARU via W3HMK	J6/WB90TX via WB90TX (direct)	W6W via NA6MB
CQ790IARU via CT1REP	KP2/AG1LE via AG1LE	Z60IARU via Z62FB (d)
CQ90IARU via CT3KN	KP2/N1MD via N1MD	

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only (*) QSL not necessary

MOLUCCAS IOTA TOUR QSL/DETAILS/PICTURES. Budi, YF1AR, informs that a log search, ClubLog OQRS and pictures are available at the following URLs:

- <http://www.qrz.com/db/YF1AR>
- <http://www.yflar.com/2015/10/yflar8-oc-272-barat-daya-islands.html>
- <http://www.yflar.com/2015/10/yflar8-oc-246-leti-and-sermata-islands.html>
- <http://www.yflar.com/2015/12/yflar8-oc-271-babar-islands.html>
- <http://www.yflar.com/2015/12/yflar8-oc-157-banda-islands.html>

NEW ADDRESS FOR FO5RH: Alain Claverie, B.P. 51690, 98716 Pirae, Polynésie Française.

TX3X QSL CARD STATUS. The TX3X Team reports, "The TX3X QSL went to the printer earlier this week. With the holidays just around the corner we'll post them from the UK in January. We're using a folded four sided color card that will be mailed and a traditional color card for overflow QSOs and the Buro." Here is what the QSLs look like:

- https://scontent-ord1-1.xx.fbcdn.net/hphotos-xpt1/t31.0-8/s2048x2048/12322535_1068029799898307_3945535321251841649_o.jpg
- https://scontent-ord1-1.xx.fbcdn.net/hphotos-xpf1/t31.0-8/s2048x2048/12375024_1068029796564974_3836506196411448381_o.jpg

VU3WDN QSL ROUTE. Alfonso, EA4CWN, informs he is the new QSL Mnager for Dani, ex-5Z4/EA4ATI, and will be soon on the air from India. More details on QRZ.com.

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 4U1WRC, A93JA, E6GG, EA8MT, FS/W9ILY, HK3W, HP1RN, KH2/F3HEC, LA8FTA, OJ0DX, OX3LX, PY3DJB, S79SP, TX3X, UA0CID/P, V73D, VE2MF, VK6LC, VK9WA, YF1AR/8 (OC-272) and ZL90IARU

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 7O1A, DU7ET, DJ9ZB, E51DWC, FM/DL7VOG, IW7EGQ/P (EU-091), JH1AJT, JW2US (EU-063), OJ0B, P40BC, R7AL/0, TT8AMO, TZ4AM, YN2CC and Z21MG

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 2RONOC, 3A/GOVJG, 3DA0PW, 4O/G5LP, 5B4AIZ, 5X1NH, 5Z4LS, 6Y5/G3SWH, 7Q7GM, 8P6DR, 8P9PW, 9G5XA, 9H3XV, 9J2BO, 9L5A, 9M6BAA, A22GH, A65BD, C91WW, CN2MR, CT7/G3ZAY/P (EU-145), G100RSGB, GB50RSARS, GB75RH, GD4EIP, GD00UD, GH4FOC, GJ2A, GJ6UW (EU-013), GM4SSA (EU-012), GO8KGC, GR3SVK, GU4YOX, GU0SUP, H44KW (OC-047), J8/G4DVB, J88DR, KH6ZU, KP2/M1DDD, MT0SCG (EU-116), P29NI (OC-099), P29VPB (OC-069), S79GM, S79K (AF-024), T32C, TF4X, VK9X/G6AX, VP5/G0UNU, VP8SDX, ZB2/GM4FDM and ZD8RH

TX3X DXPEDITION ARTICLE. An excellent article on the TX3X Chesterfield Islands DXpedition with pictures written by Gene, K5GS, is now available to read on the Mediterraneo DX Club Web page at:

<http://www.mdxc.org/tx3x-chesterfield-islands-october-1-12-2015-gene-spinelli-k5gs/>

V2, ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA. Laci, OM3AG, will be active as V25LK from Antigua (NA-100) between December 23rd and January 10th (2016). Activity will be holiday style on 20/17/15/12/10 meters using CW (preferred) and SSB. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct.

V2, ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA (Update). Ismo, OH2IS, will be active as V26IS from St. John, Antigua Island (NA-100), between February 22nd and March 3rd (2016). Activity will be on 40-10 meters using mostly CW with some SSB. Equipment is a Kenwood TS-480HX with 200w into DX Sr portable vertical antenna, Full-Wave Loop for 30m and up + ladder line, fishing poles and a 40m dipole. QSL via his home callsign, direct, the QRS on ClubLog or LoTW.

V3, BELIZE. Operators Gerd/DJ4KW and XYL Gisela/DK9GG will once again be active as V31YN and V31GW, respectively, from Consejo Shores between January 9th and February 21st (2016). Activity will be on 160-10 meters including the 30/17/12m bands using CW and RTTY. They will only operate with 100 watts max. See their equipment and QTH at:

<http://echo34.de/Mitglieder/V31YN/Information>

QSL via their home callsigns, direct or by the Bureau or LoTW. For more details about their operation, see:

<http://www.qslnet.de/member/dj4kw/v31yn.htm>

V5, NAMIBIA (Update). Heli, DD0VR, will be active as V5/DD0VR from Namibia between December 11-30th (maybe 31st) Activity will be limited to his spare time because he is on holiday with his XYL Bigi, DE3BWR. Heli will use a KX3 with the HL-1.1KFX amplifier by Tokyo High Power with 500 watts or the RZ3AH PA with GMI-11tube with 350 Watts out -- QRO SSB. For CW, he will only operate with 1-5 watts (G-QRP-Club -- NR. 7073). His antenna is a vertical. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

V5, NAMIBIA. Operators Werner/DC8QT, Georg/DD8ZX and Klaus/DJ9KM will be active as V5/DC8QT, V5/DD8ZX and V5/DJ9KM from Omaruru, Otjikoko Guestfarm, Namibia, between February 09-18th (2016). Activity will be holiday style with a focus on 160-10 meters and if possible on 6m. Operating modes are SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via their home callsigns.

XW, LAOS. Ken, K4ZW, will once again be active as XW4ZW from Laos between January 15-24th (possibly a shift a day or two). Activity will be on all bands, but with a focus on the lower bands and CW only. QSL via K1SE direct (with SAE/SASE). Log will be uploaded to LoTW and ClubLog. Ken states, "All Bureau cards received will be answered, but it is time consuming and expensive. Please note that I receive cards from the Bureau on average once or twice per year. It takes up to 1 year to answer the cards. You will need to be patient."

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To read (callsign was incorrect):
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