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by I2MQP

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PFX	Country	Date	Info	QSL Info
3D2R	Rotuma	Dec 9 - Jan 9	3D2AG will be on from Rotuma all bands barefoot	H.C. dir
4S	Sri Lanka	Dec 12 - Mar 10	DC0KK will be active as 4S7KKG mainly CW and digi	H.C.
5R	Madagascar	Nov 15 - Dec 17	F6ICX will be again active as 5R8IC	H.C.
5V	Togo	Dec 19 - Jan 4	F4FOO will be active as 5V7MA	H.C.
5X	Uganda	Nov 23 - Dec 15	G3RWF will be active as 5XNH	H.C.
6W	Senegal	Dec 4 - Dec 11	AA1AC will be /6W	H.C. dir \$ bur
7Q	Malawi	NOW	G0JMU is active as 7Q7MH HF and possibly 6 meters	G0IAS dir
7X	Algeria	Nov	7U1MA special station by ARA will be on	7X2ARA

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9J	Zambia	2011 - 2012	ZS6RI will be active as 9J2RI during his stay in Zambia	H.C. dir & bur & LoTW
9N	Nepal	NOW	WP4FE is in Nepal for his job and active during free time as 9N1FE	
9U	Burundi	Dec 28 - Jan 4	IV3TMM will be on as 9U3TMM	H.C. bur
9X	Rwanda	Dec 24 - Jan 7	SM6CPY will be active as 9X0PY	H.C. dir & bur
A5	Bhutan	Now - Sep 2013	JA2PSV is active as A52SV on 10-12-15 meters	H.C.
CY0	Sable	Oct 5 - Dec 31	VE1AWW is working in CY0 and will be signing /CY0	H.C.
CY0	Sable	Dec 28 - Jan 6	N0TG WA4DAN AA4VK N1SNB will be /CY0	
D2	Angola	NOW - Jun 2012	MM0SSG is in D2 signing D2SG when free from his job	FM4FDM
DP0	Antartica	December	DL5XL & DL1LLL will be on as DP0GVN	DL5XL
FH	Mayotte	Now - Mar 1	F6GNT will be on as FH8NX	H.C.
E4	Palestine	Dec 16 - Dec 28	HB9IQB has a license for this period and will sign /E4	H.C. dir & bur
ET	Ethiopia	Dec 8 - Dec 13	Ethiopia 2011 group will be on all bands and modes signing ET3AA, see below	N200
FR	Reunion	Now - Jan 10	F6CAM is now /FR	H.C.
FS	St.Martin	Now - Dec 12	DL2RUM is now /FS	H.C.
FY	French Guiana	Jan 2 - Jan 7	TO5G from SA-020	F5KDR dir & bur
HH	Haiti	Nov 26 - Jan 9	HB9AMO will be /HH2	H.C. & LoTW
II	Antartica	Now - Feb 15	IWOHEU is on as II0ZM from Terra Nova mainly 20 & 40 SSB	
J6	St. Lucia	Dec 4 - Dec 11	W3FF N7UN WD9CMD N7BF WF2S K9CJM AA4OC WU1B will be also in the contest	H.C.
KH2	Guam	Dec 12 - Dec 14	JA1XGI as W8XGI/KH2	H.C. bur & dir & LoTW
KH4	Midway	NOW - May 2012	W5FJG is /KH4 for at least one year	N7RO

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KL7	Alaska	Jan 5 - Jan 8	Russian Robinson Club will activate NA-240	
KP2	Virgin Islands	Dec 7 - Dec 13	WA0ROI is on /WP2	H.C. & LoTW
OR	Antartica	Nov 16 - Feb 28	ON5TN will be on as OR4TN	H.C.
P2	Papua	NOW	SQ5RGR is qrv as P29FM	SQ1K
P4	ARUBA	Dec 9 - Dec 31	P41HQ will be on Read below	I2MQP
PJ2	Curacao	Nov 24 - Dec 13	PA0VDV will sign /PJ2 mainly CW	H.C.
PJ2	Curacao	Now - Dec 13	K2PLF is /PJ2	H.C.
PJ4	Bonaire	Jan 8 - Jan 22	PA8A will sign PJ4B	H.C. dir
R1	Antartica	2011	RD1AV is on signing RI1ANC all bands SSB & CW	RN1ON
ST	Sudan	NOW	S53R is on as ST2AR	H.C. dir
T5	Somalia	NOW	PA5M is active as 600M mainly CW	PA7FM
T8	Palau	Dec 7 - Dec 16	UA4CC will use T8CC & T88UU	H.C. bur & dir
TN	Congo	NOW - 2012	TN9SN is active for one year	IZ1BZV
V2	Antigua	Dec 9 - Dec 11	K6IF will be on as V25R also in the contest	H.C.
V3	Belize	Dec 16 - Dec 27	5B4AIF as V31NB SSB	EB7DX
V5	Namibia	Nov 17 - Dec 14	DJ4SO will be /V5	H.C.
V5	Namibia	Dec 2 - Jan 16	DJ2BQ will be /V5	H.C.
V5	Namibia	Dec 26 - Jan 16	DH3WO & DJ2HD will be on /V5	H.C.
V6	Micronesia	Dec 5 - Dec 12	KL7MF and K7JA are on as V63QQ and V63RR	K7JA
VK0	Macquarie	Oct 31 - Mar 2012	VK0KEV is on mainly SSB & RTTY Try 20 meters from 05.30 to 08.45	JE1LET

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VP5	Turks	Now - Dec 14	W5CV is on /VP5	H.C.
XV	Vietnam	Nov 1 - Dec 12	OH4MDY will be on as XV2RZ	H.C dir
YA	Afghanistan	2011	K9GY as T6MO W6EOD as T6SH WB8LES as T6LB	
ZD9	Gough Island	Sep 2010 Sep 2011	SZ1LF will be on Gough signing ZD9GI	ZS1A dir & bur
ZK2	Niue	Oct 21 - Dec 31	GM3WOJ will sign ZK2V	N3SL
ZS	Antartica	NOW	ZS6KX is active /7 from AN-016	H.C.

FUTURE OPERATIONS --- OPERAZIONI FUTURE

PFX	Country	Date	Info	QSL Info
3D2	Fiji	Postponed	F8IJV will be in Viti Levu (OC-016) as 3D2JV and will try also a few days from Rotuma. Details will follow	
3D2	Fiji	Mar 15 - Mar 21	JA1NLX will be on as 3D2YA from OC-156 mainly CW	H.C. dir & LoTW
6W	Senegal	Jan 20 - Feb 3	F6BLP will be again on as 6W7SK	H.C. dir & bur
6W	Senegal	Feb 25 - Mar 6	F5RAV as 6V7T	H.C. Dir
8Q	Maldives	Jan 25 -Feb 5	CX3AN and CX4CR will be 8Q7HU from AS-013	
A3	Tonga	Mar 7 - Mar 24	A35YZ by DL7DF and other 9 operators working all bands and modes with several stations	H.C.
A3	Tonga	Apr 2 - Apr 9	JA1XGI will be on as A35XG 20-6 meters	H.C. dir bur and LoTW

C2	Nauru	Postponed to 2012	6 operators and 3 stations will be active as C21AA	VK4FW dir & bur
FH	Mayotte	Mar 21 - Apr 6	DL7BC will be signing/FH possibly with the T07BC call in contest	
FW	Wallis & Futuna	Jan 24 - Feb 23	HA group will be on as FW0R all bands and modes	
FO0	Clipperton	Mar 1 - Mar 31	KK6EK, N7CQQ, AD6E, W6OP, N7XG and N7CQQ will be on as TX5Q	
H40	Temotu	Feb 7 - Feb 20	DG1FK & DK9FN will be on as H40FK & H40FN	DG1FK HA8DD
HK0M	Malpelo	JAN 2012	HK0NA expedition will consists of 12 operators and 3 stations working all bands and modes	
KH5	Palmyra	Postponed to Nov 2012	25 operators will be on from Jarvis Island signing probably N5E	
KL7	Alaska	Jun 28 - Jun 30	K6VVA will be /KL7 activating a new island	
PJ2	Curacao	Mar 12 - Mar 30	DK5ON will be /PJ2	H.C.
PJ4	Bonaire	Jan 12 - Jan 23	PJ4C by the F6KOP team	
PY	Brazil	Feb 3 - Feb 6	6 PY operators will be on as PS5F from SA-088	PP5BZ
T2	Tuvalu	Jan 12 - Jan 26 Delayed to 2012	HA5AO & HA5UK plan to be active as T2HA	HA5AO LoTW bur
T8	Palau	Feb 17 - Feb 21	JA9APS as T88KF	H.C. dir
T32	E.Kiribati	Jan 17 - Feb 2	V01AU as T32AU(QSL via V01MX), N8LJ as T32LJ (QSL via K8ESQ KG8CO as T32CO, K8AQM as T32TR, KB8TXZ as T32TX, AC8W as T32WW, T32XX in contest (QSL via KB8TXZ)	
T33	Banaba	Oct/Nov 2011 Delayed to 2012	HA5AO & HA5UK plan to be active as T33HA	HA5AO LoTW bur
VK	Australia	Apr 18 - Apr 23	VK4LDX will be working from OC-185 as VK8PDX	H.C. dir & bur
VK0	Heard Island	Feb 1 - Feb 18 2013	Big group will be on Details will follow later	
VP6	Pitcairn	Jan 20 - Jan 29	F6BEE G3TXF VE2TZT FM5CD F4BKV as VP6T	LoTW & G3TXF

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YS	El Salvador	Jan 29 - Feb 10	DF7TT,DK8YY,DL2ARD, DL3JJ, DL4JS, DL5SE, DL8ALU, DK4MM, YS1GMV, YS1MAE and YS1ZC will be active as HU2DX	DH7WW
ZK2	Niue	Feb 3 - Feb 17	Big DL group will be on all bands and modes as ZK2C	DL7JAN bur

P41HQ Aruba special activity

Following message has been received from the President of the ARUBA Radio Club

Dear Mario,

It has been a long time since we have had no contact. Please forgive me for that and accept my most warm and fraternal greetings.

I have been very in active in being on the air. However as the president of the Aruba Amateur Radio Club I am still very active. We have been trough rough years here in Aruba with regards to Amateur Radio. We need urgently to have the old laws updated. As result of these old laws, our license is not accepted anywhere else in the World, not even within our own Dutch Kingdom. For over 10 years we have not had one more new local (p43) ham. No exams are nor can be administered.

Our fight for the survival of the hobby is almost reaching his goals, but we need support from around the world. We are organizing a very significant event in order to raise awareness for Amateur Radio in Aruba. We are in the caribbean and are more and more in the Hurricane belt. Amateur Radio is very important for our community, we will not let it die.

We are therefor organizing a special event with a special QSL-card during this coming December. We will be asking for the special event call-sign P41QH. Any Ham transmitting from Aruba will be allowed to use this call sign. We would be honored if you assist us with the QSL-ing. We will request that all QSO's send their qsl card to our minister of communication with the text "Please Support Amateur Radio". We will send you the log and qsl 100% via buro.

Randy D. Geerman: P43W

Malpelo DXpedition 2012 Nov. 28, 2011

Recently three US members (K4UEE, N4GRN and W6IZT) of the Malpelo 2012 DXpedition flew to

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Cartagena, Colombia and met with six of their Colombian counterparts. The purpose of the two day meeting was to make some critical decisions about the upcoming DXpedition to Malpelo Island. Also, checklists and inventories were finalized and all team members' responsibilities were assigned.

Since it is highly unlikely that the various Colombian authorities will permit another DXpedition to Malpelo anytime soon; a decision was made to extend the DXpedition to 16-17 days from the previous 12-14 day plan. The approximate dates of operations will be January 21, 2012 through February 5/6, 2012. Four team members will travel with all equipment, radios, antennas and infrastructure to Malpelo in early January. They will be transported by the Colombian Navy. They will arrive about two weeks prior to the rest of the Team and will set up camp, the two operating sites, radios and antennas. They will spend about 30 days on the island. This will allow the rest of the team to begin radio operations immediately upon arrival by chartered vessel.

As mentioned there will be two operating sites, each with a complete complement of antennas and radios with amplifiers. The first operating site will be co-located with the Colombian marine's camp on the east side of the island. It is clear to East Coast USA, EU and Africa. In order to have a clear shot at JA/Asia, the Pacific region and W6/W7; the second operating site will be located near the top of the highest mountain peak on the island. However, to lessen the physical risks to the team members, the operating site will be located on platforms situated below the actual peak. Still, it will be a 45 minute uphill climb to reach the platforms. The antennas for that site will be on the top of the mountain peak. At times, there will be as many as nine stations QRV with the capability of dual mode operations on all bands.

Safety of the team is paramount. We will be installing a winch system to hoist team members and all of our equipment from our chartered ship's Zodiac onto the island. From there, manpower will carry the equipment the 300 meters straight uphill to the marine camp. The trail to the elevated operating site is extremely dangerous. We will utilize harnesses and safety ropes to minimize the risks. This is going to be a difficult and expensive DXpedition. Every effort will be made to maximize QSOs while protecting the safety of the team members. It is a delicate balance.

Your financial support is necessary and gratefully accepted. Contributions can be made via our website at: www.hk0na.com/sponsors We plan periodic press releases with information of interest. Also, watch the website for breaking news.

Thanks,
Jorge Prieto, HK1R
DXpedition leader

Co-leaders:
Bob Allphin, K4UEE
Gregg Marco, W6IZT

ET3, ETHIOPIA (ET3AA Youth Development Project; DX-Pedition 2011).

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Dave Collingham, K3LP, sent the following press release to OPDX on December 4th (edited):

"Members of our team will depart Washington Dullas Airport in Virginia on Wednesday morning, December 7, 2011, headed to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where we will be greeted by Sid May (ET3SID). See <http://www.k3lp.com/et3aa_december_2011.htm> for additional information and updates.

Our team will include David Collingham (K3LP - Team Leader), Paul Ewing (N6PSE), Al Hernandez (K3VN) and Bill Beyer Jr. (N2WB). My good friend Krassy Petkov (K1LZ) informed me today that his participation is not possible due to a serious health issue with his father in Bulgaria. Our prayers are with you Krassy.

The duration of this trip will be 8:30 AM December 8, 2011, through 10:30 PM, December 13, 2011.

The primary goal of the trip is related to Youth Development at the Addis Ababa University - Institute of Technology. Fifty-eight (58) students have been studying to take the US FCC Amateur Radio License exams since my last visit in August 2011. Student numbers taking the tests by type are:

- 58 = Technician License (Element 2) exam
- 44 = General License (Element 3) exam
- 5 = Extra License (Element 4) exam

Our team will administer the examinations in accordance with the ARRL's VEC requirements for Volunteer Examiners (VEs). David Collingham (K3LP) will be the VE Team Liaison on this trip with Paul (N6PSE), Al (K3VN) and Bill (N2WB) participating as Volunteer Examiners.

The tests will be conducted at 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Saturday, December 10, 2011. Another session will be held on Monday, December 12, 2011, for retests and General/Extra Class license exams. Our team members will sponsor and pay 100% of student exam fees.

The other goals with this trip are:

- b) Creation of "University of Addis Ababa - Technology Incubation Program (TIP)"
- c) Low Band Antenna Installation (160 & 80 Meters) at University
- d) Activate ET3AA and ET3SID on 160M thru 6 Meters using CW and SSB

There are only two radios (one at the university and one at Sid's home) for use during this trip. The legal authorization to bring additional equipment into the country requires the Ethiopian government security approval prior to entry. Future trips will involve bring additional equipment that can be donated to students.

Our team will operate from Sid May's QTH using the call sign ET3SID and from the university using the call ET3AA call sign. Look for us on 160 thru 6 Meters using CW and SSB. I'll work with students to install 160 Meter vertical and 80 Meter four square antennas during this trip. All antenna, coax, control cable, four square box, etc. supplies will be donated to the club.

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QSL Manager for ET3AA and ET3SID for this trip only: N200 (Bob Schenck)

Please do not merge other QSL requests for QSO's you've made with ET3SID and ET3AA in the same envelop not related to this trip. Bob will only have the logs for the ET3AA and ET3SID for Dec. 8-13, 2011.
Thank you!

We look forward to working you from Ethiopia.

Sincerely,

David Collingham - K3LP"

Contest, mainly from ARRL Bulletin & WA7BNM

AWA Bruce Kelley Memorial CW Contest: 2300Z, Dec 3 to 2300Z, Dec 4 and 2300Z, Dec 10 to 2300Z, Dec 11

QRP Fox Hunt: 0200Z-0330Z, Dec 7

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NCCC Sprint Ladder: 0230Z-0300Z, Dec 9

ARRL 10-Meter Contest: 0000Z, Dec 10 to 2400Z, Dec 11

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

International Naval Contest: 1600Z, Dec 10 to 1559Z, Dec 11

SKCC Weekend Sprint: 0000Z-2400Z, Dec 11

NA High Speed Meteor Scatter Winter Rally: 0000Z, Dec 11 to 0700Z, Dec 18

CQC Great Colorado Snowshoe Run: 2100Z-2259Z, Dec 11

NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint: 0130Z-0330Z, Dec 14

QRP Fox Hunt: 0200Z-0330Z, Dec 14

CWops Mini-CWT Test: 1300Z-1400Z, Dec 14 and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 14 and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 15

NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint: 1800Z-2000Z, Dec 14

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