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5V - Franco, I1FQH will be active again as 5V7V from Kpalime, Togo on 4-11 March. This time he will focus on 80 and 160 metres, and will not be QRV higher than on 30 metres. He will operate mainly CW. QSL via EA5GL.

CT8 - Jaime, CU3AK will be active as CU8/CU3AK from Flores Island (EU-089), Azores on 3-4 March. He will be QRV in his spare time in the afternoons. QSLling instructions on qrz.com. [TNX Mediterraneo DX Club]

D2 - Eight operators will be active from Tigres Island (AF-108, new one for IOTA), Angola during the first half of June. Complete details will be released in April. [TNX DX World]

DL - Look for DB1WA, DK6HM, DL1MRD, DL4APT, DM4DL and DM5HF to be active as DR0F from Neuwerk Island (EU-127) on 3-6 March. QSL via DM4DL, bureau preferred. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

E5 - Frank, DJ5NQ is active holiday style as E51ANQ from the QTH of E51AND on Rarotonga, South Cook Islands (OC-013) on 1-24 March. He operates mainly CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX DX Newsletter]

GI - GB1SPD and GB5SPD are two special callsigns that will celebrate St Patrick's Day from Northern Ireland. QSLs direct (see qrz.com) or via the bureau. The St Patrick's Day on the air event will run from 12 UTC on 16 March until 12 UTC on 18 March. More information can be found on http://stpatrickaward.webs.com/.

HS - Look for E20HHK/p to be active from Lipe Island (AS-126) on 11-12 March QSL via home call, direct or bureau; logsearch on Club Log.

JA - Take, JI3DST will be active as either JI3DST/5 (CW and SSB) and JS6RRR/5 (RTTY and FM) from Shodo (AS-200) on 17-21 March. He will be joined by Fusao, JA5DUR, who will be QRV as JA5DUR/5. QSL via home calls, bureau preferred.

LY - LY27W is active on 1-31 March (QSL via LY5W), and LY27A will be Active from 11 March to 11 April (QSL via LY5A) to mark the 27th anniversary of the Act of the Re-Establishment of the State of Lithuania (11 March 1990). [TNX NG3K]

PZ - G4BVY, G4CLA and G4XUM are active as PZ5K from Suriname until 7 March, including participation in the ARRL DX SSB Contest. More activity is expected to take place later this year. QSL via G3NKC, Club Log's OQRS and LoTW.

UA - The RT9K/9 team ecountered some problems and are behind schedule. On 3 March they were making their way to Dikson along the Taymir Peninsula. Announced plans were for the team to be QRV from Helland-Hansen Island (AS-054), Tyrtov Island (AS-121), Nansen Island (AS-104) and the Scott Hansen Islands (AS-068) with three stations on 40-10 metres CW, SSB and digital modes. Follow the expedition progress on http://yanaorgo.ru/s/02_17/page-18.html.

V6 - Kaku, JA6REX will be active again as V633KS from Chuuk (OC-011), Micronesia from 19 March to 3 April. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-10 metres, with a focus on Europe on the low bands. QSL via home call, direct or bureau; logsearch and OQRS on Club Log.

VK - Craig, VK5CE has announced that he will be active as VK5CE/9 from Ashmore Reef (OC-216) for four days between 6 and 12 November, as well as from the Rowley Shoals (OC-230) for five days "the week before that". These island groups count for Australia DXCC wise, but were activated only once for IOTA, respectively in 1996 and 1999. Craig plans to operate SSB and "very slow CW" on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (two separate entries will be created, VK5CE/9_OC216 and VK5CE/9_OC230), or via home call. See https://ashmorereef.wordpress.com for more information and updates.

YS - Martin DL5RMH and Juan TG9AJR, along with YS1MS and other members of the Club de Radioaficionados de El Salvador, will be active as YS1YS on 10-13 March. Plans are to operate SSB, CW and RTTY and to concentrate on 160, 80 and 40 metres during the night hours. QSL via LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

ZF - Colin, G4CWH will be active as ZF2CA from the Cayman Islands (NA-016) on 9-13 March, including participation in the RSGB Commonwealth (BERU) Contest. He will operate CW and SSB on 160-10 metres. QSL via G4CWH and LoTW. [TNX DX World]

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AFRICAN TOUR ---> Peter, HA3AUI [425DXN 1335] has been active as 6W2SC from Senegal since 17 February, and as J5UAP from Guinea-Bissau since 25 February. During the first half of March he will remained based in Senegal "with some daily trips to J5". During the second half of the month he will be based in Guinea-Bissau. QSL via HA3AUI (direct) and LoTW, logsearch on Club Log and http://cqafrica.net.

ARRL DX SSB CONTEST ---> Object of the contest is for W/VE amateurs to work as many stations in as many DXCC Entities as possible on the 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 metre bands, while DX stations (also including KH6, KL7, CY9 and CY0) work as many W/VE amateurs in as many of the 48 contiguous states and provinces as possible (complete rules on www.arrl.org/arrl-dx). This year's event will run from 00.00 UTC on 4 March through 23.59 UTC on the 5th. Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxs2017.html - good contest to you all!

IOTA HONOUR ROLL ---> "The 2017 Honour Roll and Annual Listings have been posted on the IOTA website (http://www.rsgbiota.org/info/). Together the two main listings show growth of 8.4% over the same listings in 2016. 207 record-holders have scores of 1000 or more IOTA groups, an increase of 11.3%, and 552 have scores of at least 750 groups, the number required for

the IOTA Plaque, up by 6.4%. Scores at the top continue to close with 35 record-holders breaking through the 1100 mark. Congratulations to joint leaders 9A2AA, I2YDX and I8ACB on 1118 groups out of a possible 1123 and indeed to all who have joined the IOTA family or updated in the last year". [TNX G3KMA]

IREF ---> The Island Radio Expedition Foundation (IREF) was founded in 1999 for the sole purpose of providing financial assistance for expeditions to rare IOTA groups (i.e. confirmed by 15% or less of island chasers). The organization is truly international in scope and a seven person Board (N5UR, NI5DX, W9DC, K9AJ, G3NUG, CT1EEB and JA9IFF) decides on grants. IREF has provided about $75,000 in funding since its inception. "IREF hasn't had to solicit support in over a decade, but the contribution landscape seems to be changing", IREF President Mike Crownover (AD5A) says, and the Foundation "has recently had to reduce our grant amounts because of a shrinking treasury". With the advent of OQRS, "it is much easier for individuals to direct their dollars specifically to expeditions they work", but when using OQRS, "you only support expeditions you work, contributing to IREF who supports rare expeditions might provide enough support for expeditioners to go to that next one you need". To contribute via PayPal, go to www.islandradio.org and click on the "Join" tab. IREF is also in need of a webmaster: "if you are so inclined and have the expertise", please contact AD5A or AB5EB.

OH2BH'S BIRTHDAY ON THE AIR (BOTA) ---> "The OH2BH 70th Birthday Anniversary tour was to include ten stops. They've taken Martti to the countries and islands that once affected him greatly along his road to becoming such a well-known figure in the DX and Contest communities. But he missed one of them. EA8BH, the Canary Islands will now be aired post festum in the ARRL DX Contest this coming weekend (4-5 March). You can complete your BOTA hunt with EA8BH. The list of 2016-17 BOTA events includes CU2KG/CR2X, CT3BH, OH0B, OJ0B, ZA/OH2BH, Z68BH/Z60A, V26BH, J70BH, OF9X and EA8BH. Contacts with these ten stops give you 5 points each, while working OH2BH/OH70BH during 2016 adds 25 points to your point account. There is a surprise prize for the winner and a signed certificate for high scorers". [TNX OH2BH]

QSL GALLERY ---> The large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's web site has been updated. Fifteen different galleries include 14,507 cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (2004-16), the 62 deleted DXCC Entities, obsolete prefixes, stations from Maghreb from 1945 to 1962, Allied Forces stations in Germany (1945-70), special stations commemorating ITU and IARU, Antarctic bases and TAAF (Terres Australes and Antarctiques Francaises), the various French DXCC island Entities in the Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean and the Americas (from 1945 to 1970), pre-1945 countries, French Departments and CONUS, plus a gallery for cards not accepted by DXCC. Your participation is encouraged: www.LesNouvellesdx.fr. [TNX F6AJA].

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******* QSL ROUTES *******
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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
3B9FR	M0OXO	ET3AA	N2OO	R2017WG	RQ7L
3D2JS	WB2TJO	EX2V	RW6HS	R75IAS	R1AC
3D2TS	FK1TS	FG4KH	F1DUZ	R80UPOL	RW3FS
3E1L	HP1RCP	FG4NN	NI5DX	R870O	RK3AW
3V8ST	LX1NO	FM1HN	W3HNK	RA17WG	RQ7L
3W1T	RW6HS	FM5BH	W3HNK	RD0B/p	RD0B
3W2MAE	DL5MAE	FP5BZ	F5TJP	RD17WG	RQ7L
3W3B	E21EIC	FR4PV	F1UIJ	RG17WG	RQ7L
3Z75AK	SP9PGE	FT3YL	F6KPQ	RG61PP	RZ3LC
4E1ADW	9V1KG	GB4R	M0DOL	RJ17WG	RQ7L
4K9W	DL6KVA	HF0A	SP9YI	RL17WG	RQ7L
4L/4X6TT	N4GNR	HF60IU	SP2IU	RN17WG	RQ7L
4L/EA3HSO	N4GNR	HH2AA	NR6M	RN5M/6Y5	LY5W
4L1MA	ON4RU	HP3SS	AC2OV	RQ17WG	RQ7L
4M6CQ	YV6BXN	HZ1BL	IZ8CLM	RW2F	UA2FM
4V1TL	W3HNK	II1MNA	IQ1GE	RX17WG	RQ7L
4X/EA3HSO	N4GNR	II1TON	IQ1TO	SU9JG	EA5GL
4X4NJ	WA4WTG	II2ANT	IK2QPO	SX5R	SV5DKL
5H3EE	DL4ME	II3MNA	IQ3TS	T42A	RW6HS
5R8SV	G3SWH	II8POLE	IK8FIQ	T88DT	JH1OLB
6W1SU	M0URX	IR1ANT	I1HYW	TI3/N8JAJ	K8EF
6Y1M	S54G	IR2XIR	9A8MDC	TI5W	W4FS
7X2JV	SM4VPZ	IR4ANT	IU4DTT	TI8/AA8HH	K8DV
8J60JARE	JG2MLI	IR8AAW	I8QJU	TM14AAW	F8DVD
8P5A	NN1N	IS0/OM8A	OM2VL	TM14WAP	F8DHE
8P9AL	KG9N	J28PJ	F1TMY	TM40ULIS	F6CKE
8Q7HA	9K2HS	J43TR	SV3DCX	TO1A	F5HRY
8Q7LH	DK8ZZ	J5UAP	HA3AUI	TO3Z	F6HMQ
9G1SD	AB0GC	J75Y	K1LI	TO7A	UT5UGR
9H3DF	G3XTT	J79XBI	SM5DJZ	TX5T	M0URX
9H3FC	G4UDG	JW6VDA	OH6VDA	TZ5XR	F5MXH
9M4IOTA	9M2OOO	KG4ZK	W4ZYT	UK8FF	W3HNK
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9V1YC	W5UE	KH7Q	AH6NF	V21ZG	DL7AFS
9X2CW	SM1TDE	KP2M	NZ4DX	V31MA	M0OXO
A41NN	A61BK	LM80Q	LA9VDA	V31YB	N4GNR
AH2R	JH7QXJ	LM80REX	LA9VDA	V31YN	DJ4KW
AO3ANT	EA3EGB	LU1ZI	LU4AA	V3M	W0MU
AO4HAG	EA4GKV	LZ180VL	LZ1ZF	V3T	WC0W
AO5ANT	EC5EA	LZ303MA	LZ1KCP	V51WH	DK2WH
AO5WAP	EA5DM	MD2C	MD0CCE	V63SC	JM1LBO
AP2NK	W3HNK	MX0SNB	M1GEO	VE100VIMY/VE9	N7RO
C5YK	ON7YK	NP2J	K8RF	VE100VIMY/VY0	N7RO
C6ABD	HB9GIU	NP2X	K5WW	VI8BOD	M0URX
C6ANA	N5NHJ	NP3A	WD8CW	VK2ANT	VK2FR
CE0Z/DF8AN	DF8AN	NP3X	EB7DX	VK2DX	W3HNK
CE2AWW	N7RO	OC4FB	OA4O	VP2MMF	K1XX
CF7AAW/1	VE7IG	OC4FS	OA4O	VP2MVV	N2ZN
CN2FD	PD2FD	OC4PE	OA4P	VP2V/K6TOP	NR6M

CN8KD	EA5XX		OD5SK	IZ8CLM	VP5K	K0PC
CO2YT	RW6HS		OD5ZZ	NI5DX	VP5M	K4QPL
CO8ZZ	DK1WI		OE88WAP	OE3KKA	VP6EU	DK2AMM
CP4BT	DJ2BW		OE89ANT	OE3AIS	VX3100	VE3XN
CR3W	DL5AXX		OE90AAW	OE3SGA	VY0ERC	M0OXO
CT9/UA9CDC	G3SWH		OH0Z	W0MM	WP2AA	WD9DZV
CW4MAX	EA5GL		OP17HC	ON7PP	WP3C	W3HNK
CW5B	CX2ABC		P33W	UA3DX	WP3R	W3HNK
CX2AQ	EA5KB		P40R	NE9U	XF2L	XE1SOV
D44CG	SM0HCI		PA1MUC	DL3LUM	XK150YUKON	KC1CWF
D4C	HB9DUR	[d]	PA2017BP	PA3EFR	XR1B	CE1ANF
D4C	IK2NCJ	[b]	PA6ANT	PA3FOE	XT2SE	IK3GES
DM1517L	DL5AWI		PH17ANT	PA0RDY	XU7TZG	ON7PP
DM500RT	2E0SDV		PJ2ND	K8ND	XV1X	RW6HS
DR160TESLA	DK8ZZ		PJ2T	W3HNK	YO13IPA	YO3AS
DY1T	DU1IVT		PJ4X	K1QX	Z21GC	K3IRV
E73EPA	E73E		PJ7TM	K2GSJ	ZF1A	K6AM
E7DX	E77E		PQ7L	PT2OP	ZF2AM	K6AM
ED8URT	EA8URT		PS2T	K3IRV	ZF2FB	W9XS
EF6T	EA3AIR		PT1BR	PY4VG	ZF2MJ	N6MJ
EG1ACG	EA2FC		PT5E	PP5BLU	ZF2SC	KA9P
EG1RIO	EA1WD		PT5N	PP5RLC	ZF9CW	K5GO
EG1WAP	EA1GIB		PT6T	PY6UN	ZM1A	ZL3CW
EG5ANT	EA5KB		PW2D	M0OXO	ZM2B	ZL2BR
EG5WAP	EA5DY		PW5N	PP5VB	ZM4T	ZL3IO
EG7DCA	EA7URS		PW5T	PP5NY	ZS8Z	ZS1LS
EG8FLL	EA8URE		PX2CA	PY2VOX	ZV1M	PY1MT
EG8IND	EA8URA		PZ5K	G3NKC	ZW2R	PY2LCD
EH5ANT	EC5JC		R108M	RK3LC	ZX7DX/P	PT7ZT
EH5WAP	EA5FL		R12APR	R3LO	ZZ2S	PY2DPM
EH7PDL	EA7URA		R1934G	R3LC	ZZ5FI	PY2AE

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