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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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- 5V - Franco, 11FQH 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 encountered 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://ashmoreereef.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 remain 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://cqafrika.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.rsqbiota.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
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3B9FR      M0OXO      ET3AA      N200      R2017WG      RQ7L
3D2JS      WB2TJO      EX2V      RW6HS      R75IAS      R1AC
3D2TS      FK1TS      FG4KH      F1DUZ      R80UPOL      RW3FS
3E1L      HP1RCP      FG4NN      NI5DX      R8700      RK3AW
3V8ST      LX1NO      FM1HN      W3HNC      RA17WG      RQ7L
3W1T      RW6HS      FM5BH      W3HNC      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      W3HNC      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      9M2000      KG4ZK      W4ZYT      UK8FF      W3HNC
9Q6AL      DF9TA      KH6LC      WA6WPG      UP2L      UA9AB
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
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AO5WAP      EA5DM      MD2C      MD0CCE      V63SC      JM1LBO
AP2NK      W3HNC      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      W3HNC
CE2AWW      N7RO      OC4FB      OA4O      VP2MMF      K1XX
CF7AAW/1      VE7IG      OC4FS      OA4O      VP2MVV      N2ZN
CN2FD      PD2FD      OC4PE      OA4P      VP2V/K6TOP      NR6M

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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	W3HNN
CW5B	CX2ABC	P33W	UA3DX	WP3R	W3HNN
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	W3HNN	YO13IPA	YO3AS
DY1T	DU1IVT	PJ4X	K1QX	Z21GC	K3IRV
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E7DX	E77E	PQ7L	PT2OP	ZF2AM	K6AM
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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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