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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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4K - Furkan, TA7AOF will be active as 4K6/TA7AOF from Baku, Azerbaijan on 7-12 February, with a focus on the CQ WPX RTTY Contest (8-9 February). Outside the contest he will operate some SSB, FT8 and CW. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or direct to home call (see qrz.com for instructions). The log will be uploaded to Club Log.

9A - 9A63AA is the special callsign that Tom, 9A2AA is using until the the end of the year to mark his 63rd year in amateur radio. QSL via home call. [TNX 9A2AA]

C2 - Nobu, JA0JHQ (http://pandasan.jimdo.com/) might be active from Nauru on 13-19 January. He expect his license to be issued upon arrival, and to operate CW and FT8.

C2 - Look for C21AA (QSL via JH3QFL), C21GW (QSL via JR3GWZ), C21MB (QSL via JH3AZC), C21PF (QSL via JA1PFP) and C21VA (QSL via JH3VAA) to be active from Nauru (OC-031) on 5-8 February. C21MB is expected to do 2m EME, while the others will operate mainly FT8 on the HF bands. [TNX The Daily DX]

F - Francois, F8DVD will be active as TM17AAW on 3-17 February, including the 17th Antarctic Activity Week (10-17 February). He will be QRV from his home QTH in Macon, France. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

FG - Jean-Pierre, F6ITD will be active again as FG/F6ITD and TO7D from La Desirade, Guadeloupe (NA-102) from 13 January to 9 March. He plans to operate SSB and digital modes on all bands. QSLs via LoTW (preferred) or F6ITD; logsearch on Club Log. [TNX F6AJA]

FM - Kan, JJ2RCJ will be active as TO3FM from Martinique (NA-107) on 3-8 February. He plans to focus on 80-10 metres FT8 (Fox & Hound on 3565, 7055, 10145, 14095, 18095, 21095, 24915 and 28095 kHz); he might also try 160m "if available". QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, eQSL, or direct to JJ2RCJ.

FR - Roland, F8EN is now expected to be active as FR/F8EN [425DXN 1495] from Reunion Island (AF-016) from 25 January to 19 March. He will operate CW only on the HF bands. QSL via F6AJA (direct or bureau); logsearch on http://lesnouvellesdx.fr/voirlogs.php. [TNX F6AJA]

HR - Dirk, WA4DT will be active as WA4DT/HR9 from Roatan Island (NA-057) from 18 January to 2 February. He will operate CW and FT8 on 40 and 30 metres. QSL direct to home call.

I - Slovenian operators S50X, S51V, S52P, S54W, S56DX, S56N, S57DX and S59A will be active on all bands and modes as IG9/homecalls from Lampedusa Island (AF-019) on 21-27 January. They will participate in the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest as IG9/S59A. QSL via home calls. [TNX NG3K]

I - ARI Bruneck/Brunico (IQ3ED) and other ARI branches in Trentino-Alto Adige will operate special callsign II3BIA on 1-29 February for the

Biathlon World Championships that will take place in Antholz/Anterselva (12-23 February). QSL via the bureau.

J8 - Dave, WJ2O will be active as J8/WJ2O from St. Vincent on 9-20 February, including an entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest. Before and after the contest he will be QRV on the WARC bands and on FT8. QSL via N2ZN. [TNX NG3K]

LU - AMSAT Argentina, LU7AA will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the LUSAT (LO-19) satellite on 18-26 January. Activity on the HF bands will be on SSB, FT8 and QRS CW. QSL direct to LU7AA; more information on http://lu4aao.org/lu7aa/cert_30_aniv_lusat_2020.htm. [TNX LU4AAO]

SP - For nearly 150 years the Polish city of Bydgoszcz (Bromberg) was part of the Kingdom of Prussia and then of the German Empire. Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the the handover of the city to Poland by Germany after World War I, special event stations 3Z100BY, HF100BY, SN100BY and SP100BY will be active on 17-31 January. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS. A certificate will be available; see https://100by.ot04.pl for information.

SP - Celebrating the 90th anniversary of the Polish Amateur Radio Union (PZK) and the 95th anniversary of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU), several Polish special event stations will be active from 1 February to 1 March: 3Z90PZK, HF2020PZK, HF90PZK, SN2020PZK, SN90PZK, SO90PZK, SP90PZK, SQ90PZK, 3Z95IARU, HF95IARU, SN95IARU, SO95IARU, SP95IARU and SQ95IARU. QSL via operators' instructions. An award will be available; see https://90.pzk.org.pl/ for detailed information.

T8 - Look for T88CZ (QSL via JI3DNN), T88DK (QSL via JH3LSS), T88DN (QSL via JA3HJI), T88ED (QSL via JA3IVU), T88EF (QSL via JA3ARJ) and T88MB (QSL via JA3AVO) to be active from Koror (OC-009), Palau on 15-23 January.

TI - Rich, W4GKR will be active holiday style as TI5/W4GKR from Costa Rica from 14 January to 4 February. He will operate digital modes and possibly slow CW on 160-6 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX ARRL DX News]

TI9 - A team consisting of TI2JV, RA9USU, SM6LRR (RM2D) and UA3AB will be active as TI9A from Coco's Island (NA-012) between 1 and 12 February. They plan to operate CW, SSB and possibly FT8 on 160-10 metres with three stations. QSL via UA3DX; the logs will be uploaded to Club Log and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

V3 - Bob, W0YBS will be active as V31CO from Caye Caulker (NA-073), Belize starting around 1 February for three weeks. He plans to be on the island "on a fairly regular basis" thereafter, typically for three weeks at a time. QSL via W0YBS (direct or bureau), or via LoTW.

VE - Chris VE3FU as VO2AC, Dave VE9CB as VO2AAA and Frank VO1HP as VO1HP/VO2 will be active from the lighthouse at Point Amour, Labrador (Zone 2) between 20 and 26 January. They will participate in the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest as VO2AC ("a serious multi-op high power effort"). Expect activity before the contest on 160m CW and FT8 "as they get the wire vertical array and beverage working", with a focus on Asia. If time permits, they will also be QRV on 80, 60 and 40 metres, as well as on the FM satellites from grid GO11. QSL VO2AC via LoTW or VE3FU (direct or bureau); QSL VO2AAA via LoTW

or VE9CB; QSL VO1HP/VO2 via LoTW or direct to VO1HP. [TNX NG3K]

VP5 - Look for VP5/W2TT and VP5/AF3K to be active from Providenciales (NA-002), Turks & Caicos Islands from 26 March to 2 April. They will participate in the CQ WPX SSB Contest as VP5P. QSLs for all callsigns via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via N2OO. [TNX W2TT]

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3D2AG/P ---> An awful family tragedy struck Antoine, 3D2AG, who had been active as 3D2AG/p from Rotuma since 21 December. "I am extremely sad to convey to you that my eldest son aged 11 had a drowning accident yesterday here in Rotuma", he reported to DX World on 10 January. "We found the body early this morning in the deep sea and the burial is tomorrow. Please think of us in your prayers. I am still in shock. All operation is QRT".

DAYTON TOP BAND AND CONTEST DINNERS ---> The 31ST Top Band Dinner will be held on 15 May, followed by the 28th Contest Dinner on the 16th. Both the events will take place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Dayton, Ohio. See https://www.topbanddinner.com/ and https://www.contestdinner.com/ for tickets and other information.

E44RU ---> All of the poles and antennas of the current Russian DXpedition to Palestine were impounded by customs upon arrival, and will only be released when the operators depart. Nonetheless, the team was able to make simple antennas and operate FT8, CW and SSB on 80, 40, 30, 20 and 17 metres so far. E44RU is likely to remain active through 13 January. Two team members (RA1ZZ and R5ECI) will leave Palestine on 11 January; the remaining three operators (R7AL, RW9JZ and UR8IF) will leave on the 14th

SWODXA DX DINNER ---> The 35th DX Dinner, sponsored again by the SouthWest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) and held in conjunction with the 2020 Dayton Hamvention, will be on Friday, 15 May at the Marriott Hotel in Dayton. As in the past, the "DXpedition of the Year", the "IOTA DXpeditioner of the Year" and the inductees into the CQ DX Hall of Fame will be announced during the dinner. Tickets can be purchased on https://swodxaevents.org/; programme details and a list of the door prizes will be on the website as they become available.

WCA HBD ---> The World Castles Award Programme's 11th anniversary will be celebrated during the "WCA Happy Birthday" (WCA HBD) activity weekend on 11-12 January. See http://wcagroup.org/ for more information. [TNX RN1CW]

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3A/IU5AXT, 3A2MA, 4O3A, 4U1UN,

5H3CA (AF-054), 5H3RRC (AF-054), 5K0K (NA-033), 5U9AMO, 8Q7AM, 8R1/AG6UT, A35JP, A61ZX, AH2R, AP2AM, C31CT, C37AC, CM2XN, CT9/DF6QV , ER3KS, ET3YOTA, FO/K4UEE, FO5RH, FW/M0JHQ, HS0ZFV, KH8/K1TF, KL7/K6ZH, KL7RRC/p (NA-210), LZ5R, OJ0DX, PJ5/SP6EQZ, S79W, S9A, SV2RSG/A, T30GC, T6AA, TA0/R7AL (AS-115), TK/S57L (EU-014), TO80SP (NA-032), UA0FAM (AS-062), V26K, V63AR, V6K (OC-059), VP2MDM, VP5/W2LK, VP8LP, VU7RI, XQ3SK, XR0ZRC, XT2BR, XX9O, YC6RMT, YJ0FWA (OC-035), YJ0RRC (OC-104 and OC-111), ZB2BU, ZK3A (OC-048).

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