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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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* TO ALL OUR READERS *
* WARMEST THOUGHTS AND BEST WISHES *
* FOR A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY *
* AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR *
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3B7 - Members of the OM7M Contest Club and the Czech DXpedition Group (namely Ruda OK2ZA, David OK6DJ, Sylvia OM3KAP, Rudy OM3PC, Martin OM4MM, Joe OM4MW and Lubo OM5ZW) will be active as 3B7M from the St Brandon Islands (AF-015) from 24 February to 5 March. They will operate CW, SSB, FT8/FT4 and RTTY on 160-6 metres with four stations around the clock. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via OK6DJ. See https://3b7m.com/ for their QSLling policy and other information.

9U - Vlad, OK2WX will be active as 9U4WX from Burundi on 4-27 February. He will operate CW and SSB on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via IZ8CCW. The complete log will be uploaded to LoTW after 5-6 months. More information on https://www.mdxc.support/9u4wx/.

A4 - A450RS is the special callsign for the Royal Omani Amateur Radio Society to celebrate its 50th anniversary. It was established on 23 December 1972 under the patronage of the late Sultan Qaboos bin Said al Said, A41AA. QSL via EC6DX.

EA - Members or URE La Vega will be active as EH7JCB on 20-30 December to mark the 120th anniversary since Julio Cervera Baviera, an early pioneer in the development of radio, founded the Spanish Wireless Telegraph and Telephone Corporation. QSL via eQSL, or via EA7KET.

HC - John, N9EAJ plans to renew his HC1FIT callsign and be active again from a mountaintop location near the city of Otavalo, in the Imbabura Province of Ecuador, from 29 December to 22 January. He will operate SSB and some CW on 40-10 metres. QSL direct to N9EAJ. [TNX The Daily DX]

HH - HH75RCH is the special callsign for the Radio Club d'Haiti, established on 29 March 1948, to celebrate its 75th anniversary. Look for activity from 1 January to 1 May. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via N2OO.

I - Throughout 2023 ARI Fidenza will use a series of special callsigns dedicated to a specific Italian city or site related to Guglielmo Marconi's experiments and achievements: II4TRN (January), II4STL (February), II4ANC (March), II4BRI (April), II4GNV (May), II4SSM (June), II4SPZ (July), II4GAR (August), II4CGD (September), II4SML (October), II4CLT (November) and II4CDV (December). QSLs via IQ4FE,

bureau or direct. See http://www.arifidenza.it/ for detailed information about the "Marconi Was Here!" award.

J3 - Mike, M0MDS will be active as J38TB from Grenada (NA-024) on 21-30 December. He will operate FT8, SSB and slow CW mostly on 40, 20 and 17 metres. QSL via home call.

JA - Take, JI3DST will be active from Tanega, Osumi Islands (AS-032) From 25 December to 10 January. He will operate SSB and CW as JI3DST/6, JJ5RBH/6 and JS6RRR/6, and will use JI3DST/p, JJ5RBH/p and JS6RRR/p on FT8. The QSOs will be made available for both Club Log and LoTW Matching on the IOTA website.

SP - Special stations SP90ENIGMA (QSL via SP3PGR) and SP90ENG (QSL via SP3PDO) are active until 15 January to mark the 90th anniversary since Polish cryptologists first broke the Enigma cipher.

UA - Special callsigns R2023NY and UE23NY will be active from 28 December to 8 January for the annual "Russian New Year" radio marathon organized by the Miller DX Club. QSLs via RQ7L.

UA_ant - Alex UG1A (ex RD1AV), Ivan UB1AQB and Zachar (ex UH4NAE) will be active from Vostok Station, Antarctica (AN-016) as RI1ANC until March 2024, and as RI30ANT (30th anniversary of the Russian Robinson Club) from 1 January to 31 March 2023. In their spare time, they will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on various bands. QSL RI1ANC via RN1ON (Club Log's OQRS for bureau cards only), QSL RI30ANT via RZ3EC. [TNX RN1ON]

VU - Special event station AT22ICJ is active until 27 December during the 25th edition of the International Cultural Jamboree being held in Moodbidri (near Mangalore, southwest India). Look for activity on the HF bands SSB, CW and FT8. QSL only via LoTW.

VU - The Erode Amateur Radio Club (VU2EOD) will conduct a Field Day operation on 24-25 December, and be active as AT2EOD on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10m SSB and FT8, and via QO-100. QSL via LoTW and eQSL.

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3Y0J --- > The fundraising has been extremely successful, and the team has reached 100% funding of their 715,000 USD budget. Additional donations will help reduce the operators' fees. Also, "only upfront supporters will receive the benefits of being prioritized during the QSL/LoTW process".
The team will assemble in London, and on 11 January they will depart from RAF Brize Norton with a military flight to Port Stanley (Falkland Islands), where they will arrive on 12 January in the evening. Departure for Bouvet is now expected on 14 January; depending on weather and sea conditions, the voyage will take 11 to 14 days. It will be possible to follow the vessel on https://share.garmin.com/3y0j

CROZET 2022-23 ---> Thierry, F6CUK has been at Alfred Faure station on Ile

de la Possession, Crozet Islands since 20 January. "No traffic will start before the weekend", he says. "I also had contact with the IPEV [the French Polar Institute, Ed.], it should be fine and the measurement fields are opposite the base", he adds. "The famous Absolute Measure lasts about 20 minutes so it's about 4.5 hours total, but I think there is a way to see it in detail. Anyway I have to see the manager and the two technicians who will take the measurements to define an action plan". The callsign will be known after the first QSO, so bookmark http://crozet2022.r-e-f.org/news.html for the official announcement. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via F6EXV (direct and bureau); the complete log will be uploaded to LoTW a few weeks after Thierry returns home (late May-early June).

DX MENTOR RECOGNITION PROGRAM ---> The Southwest Ohio DX Association, SWODXA announces the DX Mentor Recognition Program "to recognize and reward amateur radio operators who have played a key role in helping other amateur radio operators achieve DXCC" (note that "those amateurs receiving the mentoring must be under 30 years of age during the calendar year for the award"). The award will be presented at the SWODXA DX Dinner, held annually in conjunction with the Dayton Hamvention. The judging committee will be staffed by SWODXA representatives, as well as a representative from both the Northern California DX Foundation (NCDXF) and the International DX Association (INDEXA). See https://www.swodxa.org/DX-Mentor-Program/ for more information and the application form.

MARCONI CLUB'S QSO PARTY DAY ---> The 5th edition will be held on 7 January from 7 to 21 UTC, on 80, 40 and 20 metres CW. Complete rules can be found on http://www.ariloano.it/marconiclub/. ARI Loano Marconi Club is a member of the International CW Council (https://internationalcwcouncil.org/) which "promotes and aids in the retention and growth of International Morse Code as a mode of communication between amateur radio operators". [TNX IK1QBT]

THE 2023 DX ULTRA-MARATHON ---> The True Blue DXers Club announces the 2023 DX Ultra-Marathon, a year-long operating event to be run from 1 January through 31 December 2023. Launched in 2021 and intended to promote everyday activity on CW and SSB, this initiative's aim is to get people on the air and contact as many different stations as possible, on as many bands as possible, in as many DXCC Entities and WAZ Zones as possible over the duration of a full year. Participation is open to all amateurs: you do not need to sign up for TBDXC membership, but you have to register for the marathon; see https://www.tbdxc.net/marathon for information.

YASME EXCELLENCE AWARD ---> Established in 2008 by the Yasme Foundation (https://www.yasme.org/), the Excellence Award is presented to individuals and groups who, through their own service, creativity, effort and dedication have made a significant contribution to amateur radio. The contribution may be in recognition of technical, operating or organizational achievement, as all three are necessary for amateur radio to grow and prosper. The latest recipient, announced on 15 December, is the CW Operators Club, widely known as CWops (https://cwops.org/). The Award "recognizes the contributions to amateur radio by CWops in support of training and on-the-air activities that promote Morse/CW operation, leading to more interest in and sustained CW activity around the world".

YOTA CONTEST 2022 ---> The third session of this year's YOTA Contest, organized by the IARU R1 Youth Working Group in cooperation with the Hungarian Amateur Radio Society (MRASZ), will take place on 30 December (1200-2359 UTC) on the five classic bands CW and SSB. Everyone can work everyone. The complete rules can be found on https://ham-yota.com/contest.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8/DK6SP, 4S7AB, 5W1SA, 7O/DL7ZM, 7U60I, 7X4AN, CR3SI (AF-047), DU1IST, E20AX/p (AS-107), E51WL (OC-082), FK8IK, FO/F6BCW (OC-027), FY5KE, HQ9X, PF6SKCC, TO2DL, TX7G (OC-027), VK9CM, Z68XX, ZC4RH, ZW200ESQ.

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