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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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7X - 7U7C is the special callsign for members of the 7X2VFK Radio Club to mark the 7th African Nations Championship, the biennial football (soccer) tournament organized by the Confederation of African Football to be held in Algeria between 13 January and 4 February.

8P - Chris, WA7RAR will be active as 8P9CB from Barbados (NA-021) on 13-25 January. He will operate SSB and some CW on 20-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, or direct to home call.

9U - Elvira, IV3FSG will be active as 9U5R from Bujumbura, Burundi on 4-27 February. She will be joining Vladimir, OK2WX, who will be QRV as 9U4WX [425DXN 1651]. Usually Elvira operates SSB and digital modes. QSL 9U5R direct to IK2DUW; her log will be uploaded to Club Log.

DL - Active from 1 January to 30 June, DR100XRAY is a special callsign commemorating the 100th anniversary since the death of Wilhelm C. Roentgen (1845-1923), the physicist whose discovery of X-rays in 1895 earned him the inaugural Nobel Prize in Physics (1901) and revolutionized diagnostic medicine. QSL via the bureau, or direct to DJ6SI.

ET - Ken K4ZW, Bob W9XY and Nodir EY8MM will be active from ET3AA, the club station at the Institute of Technology of Addis Ababa University, on 14-21 January. Hopefully they will be granted permission to operate overnight. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via N2OO. [TNX The Daily DX]

F - Michel, F8GGZ and others are using special callsign TM80NT on 4-15 January in commemoration of the 80th anniversary since the passing of Nikola Tesla (7 January 1943). QSL via F8GGZ.

F - Thierry, F4GVO will be active as TM100DOR on 17-31 January. He is a member of the Door County Amateur Radio Club (W9DOR), which celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2023. QSL via LoTW, Club Log, or via home call.

FM - Francis, F6BWJ will be active holiday style as FM/F6BWJ from Martinique (NA-107) from 11 January to 10 March. He will operate CW, PSK and RTTY on 80-10 metres. He will upload his log to LoTW and Club Log. [TNX The Daily DX]

GM - A second attempt at landing on the Isle of Rockall (EU-189) is now planned for late May. Plans are to set sail from Inverkip, Scotland on 26 May. The organizers aim to stay on the island for one week and to raise funds for charity (https://www.rockallexped.com). Weather permitting, Nobby G0VJG and Emil DL8JJ will be active as MM0UKI from the island for 1-2 days with two stations (SSB and CW). Follow Nobby on Twitter (@G0vjg) for updates.

P4 - Jeff, VA3QSL will be active holiday style as P4/VA3QSL from Aruba (SA-036) from 10 January to 8 February. He will operate SSB, CW and

digital modes on 40-6m. QSL via LoTW, or via home call (bureau or direct).

P4 - Mathias, DL4MM will be active again as P4/DL4MM and P40AA (used for FT8/FT4 and during the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest on 27-29 January) from Aruba (SA-036) from 18 January to 2 February. He will operate CW, FT8/FT4, SSB on 160-10 metres, with "special attention" for Japan. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS, or via DL4MM. [TNX NG3K]

T33 - The Daily DX reports that Norbert, DF6FK (T33BB) and Judith, DL2ZAD (T33BA) will postpone their 12-24 January activity from Banaba Island [425DXN 1645] "due to Covid 19". The new dates will be announced in due course.

T8 - Upcoming activities from the Palau Radio Club rental station on Koror (OC-009) include T88AQ, T88RH and T88SM on 13-19 January; T88DK, T88DN, T88ED, T88EF and T88MB on 23-31 January. QSL via operator's instructions.

TA - Celebrating the 100th anniversary since the proclamation of the Republic of Turkey (29 October 1923), the Turkish Radio Amateurs Association (TRAC) will operate special callsigns TC10O, TC100TA, TC100TR and TC100YEAR throughout 2023.

VE - Chris VE3FU as VO2AC and Dave VE3KG as VO2AAA will be active from The lighthouse at Point Amour, Labrador (Zone 2, WWL GO11nl) between 25 and 30 January. Main operation will be during the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest as VO2AC; outside the contest look for activity on 160, 80, 40 and via satellite. QSL VO2AC via LoTW or VE3FU (direct or bureau); QSL VO2AAA via LoTW or direct to VE3KG.

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DX SOUND CLIPS ---> Tom's (K8CX) DX sound clips for 2022 can be found at http://hamgallery.com/dx2022/. The large collection of clips (MP3 format) covers DXpeditions, rare and semi-rare DX. This makes 25 full years of sound clips available.

FT8WW ---> Strong winds were forecast, and Thierry took down the G5RV he uses on 30 and 20 metres. He installed a vertical dipole, and did operate FT8 on 17 metres on 4 January until 18.20 UTC, then he had to QRT and wait for the wind to subside. He was off the air until 6 January at 01.30 UTC, when he resumed operations on 30 metres FT8. As a reminder, usually he does not operate on the HF bands between 5 and 10 UTC. Updates are posted to https://twitter.com/crozet2022.

QSL GALLERY ---> The large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's website has been updated. Seventeen different galleries include 21,009 cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (2013-22), the 62 deleted DXCC Entities, obsolete prefixes, stations from Maghreb from 1945 to 1962,

Allied Forces stations in Germany (1945-80), special stations commemorating ITU and IARU, stations using the United Nations prefix (4U), Antarctic bases and TAAF (Terres Australes and Antarctiques Francaises), amateur radio "globetrotters", the various French DXCC island Entities in the Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean and the Americas (1945-1969), pre-1945 countries, French Departments and CONUS, plus a gallery for cards not accepted by DXCC. Your participation is welcome: http://www.lesnouvellesdx.fr/galerieqsl.php [TNX F6AJA].

TN8K & FT8 ---> Team TN8K has published a comprehensive "FT8/FT4 Operation Guide" which is well worth a reading: https://www.cdxp.cz/. In a nutshell, TN8K will mainly employ MSHV, and will be able to make up to 5 QSOs in parallel using the regular FT8 protocol (not F/H). They will always transmit in the first period (00 and 30 seconds into the minute), and require callers to give their grid locator, as "MSHV will be configured that the distant station will have the priority in the queue".

+ SILENT KEY + Fred Laun, K3ZO (HS0ZAR) passed away on 3 January. Born on 9 December 1937 and first licenced in 1952 as WN9SZR, while working for the United States Information Service he operated from the Dominican Republic (HI8XAL), Thailand (HS3AL, HS5ABD and HS1ABD), Vietnam (XV4AL), Argentina (LU5HFI), Colombia (K3ZO/HK3 and HK3NBB). An account of his terrifying experience in April 1974, when LU5HFI contest station's antennas attracted undue attention, can be found on https://shortwavescatter.blogspot.com/. Best known for his participation in HF DX contests, he was a member of the CQ Contest Committee and was inducted into the CQ Contest Hall of Fame in 1993. A longtime member of the First Class CW Operators' Club (joined as early as 1967) and the A1-Operators Club, as well as a Director of the Yasme Foundation, he was also actively involved in supporting the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand (RAST) and its activities over the decades. "Fred's service to Yasme and other amateur organizations was unsurpassed", Ward Silver, N0AX, recalls, "as were his contributions to amateur radio , for which he cared deeply". See http://hamgallery.com/Tribute/K3ZO/ for K8CX's extensive tribute to Alfred "Fred" Albert Laun, III, K3ZO.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8/DK6SP, 3D2TS, 3DA0AQ, 5B4AMX, 5K0T, 5K0YD, 5R8MM (AF-057), 5R8WG (AF-057), 6Y6N, 7X2TT, 8Q7TD, 9N7WE, CR3SI (AF-047), E51WL, EA9Z, FH/OK1M, FJ/SP9FIH, HH18NOV, HK0/PY8WW, JW0A, KP3RE, OX/DK7PE/p, P29RO (OC-240), PJ2/PH2M, SP9FIH/VP9, TX7G (OC-027), TZ4AM, V31CQ, V47T, V85RH, VK9CM, VP2MOK, WH0RU, XV9HEU, Z61DX, ZC4RH, ZF2CH.

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