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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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3C - Ken, LA7GIA (http://la7gia.com/) will be active as 3C7GIA from Malabo, Bioko Island (AF-010), Equatorial Guinea on 4-13 March. He plans to be QRV on 80-10 metres CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via LA7GIA and LoTW; logsearch on Club Log. [TNX DX World]

4S - A group of ten German operators (DJ9KH, DK1AX, DK1MA, DL2AWG, DL2HWA, DL2RNS, DL3HRH, DL4SVA, DL7VEE and DM2AYO) will be active as 4S7GWG and 4S7RTG from Bentota, Sri Lanka (AS-003) on 2-18 March. They will operate SSB, CW and RTTY on 40-6 metres (maybe also on 160 amd 80m) with two stations. QSL 4S7GWG via DL2AWG and LoTW, QSL 4S7RTG via DL7VEE and LoTW; logsearch and OQRS on Club Log. More information at http://4s.mydx.de/ [TNX NG3K]

5V - Wim, ON6DX will be active as 5V7TH [425DXN 1289] from Togo on 11-23 February. Due to the high demand for QSOs on the low bands, he will try and be QRV also on 80 and 160 metres (CW only); on the other bands he will operate SSB, CW and RTTY typically during the local morning and evening hours. QSL via ON6DX, direct or bureau, and LoTW; logsearch and OQRS on Club Log. [TNX NG3K]

6Y - Masa, JA0RQV (http://blog.goo.ne.jp/rqv) will be active as 6Y5/JA0RQV from Jamaica (NA-097) from 21 February to 17 April. This will be a business trip, and he will be QRV on 160-6 metres CW and SSB in his spare time and during the weekends. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS for direct and bureau cards (www.m0oxo.com/oqrs/), and LoTW.

9M8 - The new dates for 9M8RC's activity [425DXN 1291] from Satang Besar (OC-165), East Malaysia are from 30 April to 2 May. The new QSL route is direct to 9M8WAT. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

A2 - Nobby G0VJG, Nick G4FAL, Tony G4DLD, Edd GM0WED and Giles M0TGV will be active as A25UK (www.a25uk.com) from Botswana on 13-19 April. They will operate SSB, CW and RTTY on 160-10 metres. QSL via M0OXO (OQRS for bureau and direct cards on www.m0oxo.com); logsearch on Club Log. [TNX NG3K]

BY - Zhao, BD7IHN will be active as B7/BD7IHN from Nan'ao Island (AS-129) between 13 and 19 February. He will mainly CW on 30 and 20 metres; activity is likely to be limited to his early morning and evening hours. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

C6 - Bob N4BP (C6AKQ) and Martin K1FQL (C6AQL) and will be active from Freeport, Grand Bahama (NA-080) on 16-23 February, including participation in the ARRL DX CW Contest. QSL C6AKQ via LoTW or N4BP (direct), QSL C6AQL via LoTW only. [TNX The Daily DX]

C6 - John, C6ATS will try and be active from the Anguilla Keys, part of the Cay Sal Bank Group (NA-219) "at some point late next week". Updates about "how his progress is going and on which date(s) we expect him to be QRV if the landing is at all possible" will be posted by his QSL manager - see www.m0oxo.com and @charlesm0oxo on

Twitter. [TNX M0OXO]

CX - The Radio Club Uruguayo will be active as CW1C from the lighthouse at Fortaleza del Cerro on 19-21 February for the South American Lighthouses Weekend. Plans are to have at least three stations active on 40-10 metres CW, SSB and digital modes, plus 2m and 70cm. QSL via CX1AA, diret or bureau. [TNX CX3AL]

DU - Bodo, DF8DX will be active from three IOTA groups in the Philippines in April. He plans to operate as DU1WQY/1 from OC-128 (9-14 April), as DU1WQY/8 from OC-130 (14-19 April), and as DU1WQY from OC-042 (19-24 April). QSL via DF8DX, direct or bureau (he welcomes email requests for bureau/direct cards, see qrz.com for instructions and PayPal details).

EA - Grupo Los Tortugas ("The Turtles") will operate CW only as EG1TOR (Cantabria), EG2TOR (Bilbao), EG3TOR (Barcelona), EG4TOR (Madrid), EG5TOR (Valencia) and EG7TOR (Jaen) on 13-29 February. QSL via LoTW only. The groups promotes CW with special attention to novice operators; for that reason they will transmit at a maximum speed of 18 wpm or even slower if requested. Information on the Tortugas Award can be found at https://www.qrz.com/db/eg1tor.

EA - Manu, EA1GIB will be active as EG1PAA from Arousa Island (EU-080) during the 13th Antarctic Activity Week on 22-28 February. QSL via EA1GIB, direct or bureau.

FG - Once again Philippe, F1DUZ will be active as FG4KH from Guadeloupe (NA-102) from 17 February to 30 March. He will be on 2m EME and TEP but also on the HF bands SSB especially during the main contests. QSL via F1DUZ, direct or bureau. [TNX DX Coffee]

FG - Alex, IW5ELA will be active holiday style as FG/IW5ELA from Guadeloupe (NA-102) from 28 February to 9 March. He will operate CW and some SSB on 40-10 metres. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau, logsearch on Club Log. [TNX IW5ELA]

FM - Albert, F5VHJ will participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (5-6 March) as TO5A from Martinique (NA-107). QSL via WA6WPG (USA) or F5VHJ (others), and LoTW; OQRS on Club Log. Outside the contest he will be QRV as FM5KC (QSL via F5VHJ and LoTW). [TNX F5VHJ]

HK0_sa - Jean, VE2FDJ is active as 5J0JC from Providencia (NA-049) until 18 February. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

I - Look for Giovanni, IA5/IK3JLV and Cale, IA5/IW3ILP to be operate CW from Capraia Island (EU-028) on 10-13 March. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX IK3JLV]

J3 - Bob, G3PJT will be active once again as J34G from Grenada (NA-024) on 10-24 March. He will operate mainly CW on 80-10 metres, and will participate in the RSGB Commonwealth (BERU) Contest (12-13 March). QSL via G3PJT (direct only; bureau cards should be requested by email) and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

J7 - Dave, WJ2O (www.wj2o.com) will be active as J79E from Dominica (NA-101) on 17-24 February, including an entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest. He will operate CW only, and will concentrate on 30, 17 and 12 metres outside the contest. QSL direct to N2ZN. [TNX DX News]

JD1_mt - Take, JG8NQJ expects to be back to the weather station on Minami Torishima (OC-073) from mid-March to mid-May. He operates CW only as JG8NQJ/JD1 in his spare time. QSL via JA8CJY (direct) or JG8NQJ (bureau).

JD1_oga- Masaru, JE4SMQ (JD1BMT) and Hiroyuki, JI3XTZ (JI3XTZ/JD1) will be active from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara on 19-22 February. They will be QRV on 40-6m CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via home calls. [TNX DX News]

PJ6 - Look for PJ6/G3SXW, PJ6/GM3YTS, PJ6/K4UEE, PJ6/K5AC, PJ6/NM1Y and PJ6/W6IZT to be active from Saba (NA-145) on 17-22 February. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-10 metres, and will participate in the ARRL CW DX Contest (20-21 February) as PJ6A. QSL PJ6/W6IZT via N7XG; QSL PJ6A via N4NX; others via home calls. [TNX The Daily DX]

PY - ZV451RIO will be active from 22 February to 6 March to celebrate the 451st anniversary of the foundation of Rio de Janeiro. Activity will be on 80-10 metres CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via PY1AA, LoTW and eQSL.

S9 - Bruno, HB9BEI will be active as S9BK (requested callsign, licence to be issued upon arrival) from Sao Tome (AF-023) from 25 February to 7 March and again on 12-24 March, and from Principe (AF-044)on 7-12 March. He will operate SSB and digital modes on 40-10 metres. QSL via HB9BEI. [TNX DX World]

V2 - Ismo, OH2IS will be active as V26IS from Antigua (NA-100) between 21 February and 4 March. He will operate CW and some SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call (direct), and LoTW; logsearch and OQRS on Club Log. [TNX DX World]

VE - Mike, VE7ACN will be active as VE7ACN/7 from Gabriola Island (NA-075) on 19-21 February. QSL via home call, direct or bureau; OQRS on Club Log. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

VK9N - A team of five operators (VK2CA, VK3GK, VK3HJ, VK3QB and VK3YB) will be active again as VK9NT from Norfolk Island (OC-005) on 20-31 May. They plan to operate SSB, CW and RTTY on 160-10 metres with 2-3 stations. QSL via VK2CA (direct or bureau) and LoTW; logsearch and OQRS on Club Log. More information at http://vk9nt.odxg.org/vk9nt2016/.

VP8 - The VP8STI/VP8SGI team members are arriving at Stanley, Falkland Islands will be active as VP8IDX for about a week. Do not expect them to deploy all the antennas and equipment used on South Sandwich and South Georgia. QSL via N2OO; OQRS on Club Log. [TNX DX World]

VP8 - Gerry, G3WIP (aka VK4BGL and VK0GB) will be working at the King Edward Memorial Hospital in Stanley, Falkland Islands (SA-002) from 15 February to 1 April. In his spare time he will be active as VP8PDP on 20, 17, 15 and 10 metres SSB. QSL via G3ZQQ. [TNX The Daily DX]

XW - Bruce, 3W3B will be active again as XW4XR (QSL via E21EIC and LoTW) from Laos on 12-24 February. He will operate RTTY and CW on 80-10 metres. Champ, E21EIC will be active as well, on 12-16 February as XW1IC (QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW), CQ WPX RTTY Contest included.

XZ - The IOTA DXpedition to Myanmar, which was planned for February/ March or April/May [425DXN 1275], has been postponed until after the summer, while waiting for the new government to be installed and the new administration to complete the transition.

YB - Look for Lufthansa Amateur Radio Club Frankfurt's members DK7TF, DF1FF and DH6ICE to be active as YB9/homecall from Bali Island

(OC-022) from 22 February to 2 March. They will operate mainly SSB and digital modes (JT65 included). QSL for all calls via DK8ZZ. [TNX DK8ZZ]

YN - Mike W1USN as YN5RN, and Bob AA1M as YN5PL will be active from Nicaragua from 20 February to 5 March. They operate CW, SSB and some digital modes on 80-10 metres. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

PACIFIC TRIP ---> Uli, DL2AH will be active as TX2AH from Mangareva (OC-063), French Polynesia on 17-28 August, and as VP6AH from Pitcairn Island (OC-044) from 3 September to 25 November. He will operate SSB and digital modes on 40-10 metres. QSL via DL2AH, direct only.

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CLUB LOG'S CROWD-TAGGING ---> Club Log has announced the "World QSL Archive" project, which aims "to create the Largest Digital Archive of scanned paper QSL cards in existence". Nigel, G3TXF has made his collection of 500,000+ cards available for the project. So far some 100,000 QSLs have been scanned, and "we need to tag these cards to the sender's callsign and the corresponding QSOs. We have come up with an original way of doing this which can also be fun. We call this crowd-tagging". Club Log users who are willing to help out are invited to visit the tagging page: https://secure.clublog.org/qslarchive/index.php AND WATCH THE VIDEO (also available by clicking the HELP button on the bottom LEFT side of the screen). [TNX 5B4WN/G0WWW]

INDEXA NEWSLETTER ---> The Winter 2016 Special Issue of the International DX Association's (INDEXA) Newsletter is now available for download at www.indexa.org/newsletters.html. This issue includes a report on K5P, the recent DXpedition to Palmyra. [TNX W3OA]

LIGHTHOUSE WEEKEND ---> The 8th South American Lighthouses Weekend will be held on 19-21 February. Details, including a listing of participating stations, can be found at www.grupodxbb.com.ar.

VK0EK ---> The container carrying the equipment for the expedition has arrived in Cape Town, South Africa, and has been put into storage awaiting arrival of the advance team on 3 March. The Braveheart will arrive two days later, and the full team will arrive on the 7th. They will sail for Heard Island on 10 March, weather permitting. The 9th issue (Vol. 2, No. 2) of the the Heard Island Expedition Newsletter, published on 10 February, can be downloaded at www.heardisland.org/HD_pages/HD_newsletter_back_issues.html.

VP8SGI ---> Stormy weather conditions caused VP8SGI to go QRT from South Georgia at 07:41 UTC on 7 February, one day earlier than planned. The "biggest challenges" the team experienced while on the island were "the high winds which are destroying our antennas and tents" and "the many out

of turn callers that continually call while we are trying to work others". The OQRS on Club Log has been enabled; at QRT time the totals were 82,847 QSOs (56518 CW, 20623 SSB, 5706 Data) with 21,734 unique callsigns. For log inquiries please contact KU9C at vp8sgi_logresearch[@]yahoo.com.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 1A0C, 3B7FA, 3B9EME, 3B9FR, 3D2KM, 3W3MD, 3W3MD/p (AS-162), 3XY5M, 9H6A, A35KL, A71BX, A71EM, B1Z, B4T, C37N, C37NL, CO6HLP, CT9/MJ0ASP, DU7ET, DU9/RC5A (OC-235), EA6SX, FK8IK, GD6IA, HP3/WJ2O, HR1AAB, IS0/YL7A, J6/K4ZGB, KP2M, LU7HF, OR90VL, PX8K (SA-042), R7AL/0 (AS-172), S79OWZ, S9TM, ST90IARU, SV2ASP/A, T2TT, T88RY, TK5MH, TX3X, TZ9A, UK8OK, V73D, VE7ACN/7 (NA-091), VK9WA, VP2ELY, W100AW, YB7SKM, YB8EL, YB9Y, YJ0AFU, YW5Z (SA-059), ZA1E, ZB2CW, ZB2FK, ZD7W, ZD8G, ZD8W, ZW8K (SA-025).

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