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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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4X - Four speciall callsigns are expected to be QRV on 23-25 December from different locations in the Galilee region: 4X2XMAS from Yardenit, 4X3XMAS from the Church of the Beatitudes, 4X7XMAS from Kursi and 4X9XMAS from Tabgha. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. See qrz.com for information about the "Holyland Christianity On The Air" award.

5Z - Sila, AK0SK will be active as 5Z4/AK0SK from Taveta, Kenya between 22 December and 6 January. He will operate SSB on 80-10 metres. QSL via home call and LoTW; logsearch on Club Log. [TNX The Daily DX]

6W - Vlad, UA4WHX has left The Gambia (C50VB) and has been active as 6W/UA4WHX/p from Senegal's IOTA group AF-078 since 16 December. Length of stay and future plans unknown. QSL via UA4WHX, see http://www.qrz.com/db/UA4WHX for instructions.

8Q - Forthcoming holiday style activities from the Maldives (AS-013) include 8Q7ND between 30 December and 5 January (QSL via LZ1COM) and 8Q7AZ on 2-11 January (40-10 metres SSB, QSL via DL8AZ).

CE - A Chilean team (CA5GRF, CE1DY, CE1TBN, CE7KF and CE7PGO) will be active as XR7T from Isla Ascension (SA-043) next moth. Likely dates are 10-17 January. They will operate SSB and digital modes. QSL via CE3OP, direct or bureau, and LoTW. Check Club Log for OQRS.

DU - Robert, DU7ET will be active as 4F7OC from his QTH on Negros Island (OC-129) from 15 December to 15 January. He operates 99% CW, and the special callsign is "to celebrate the honor of being nominated and accepted into FOC". QSL direct only to home call; he does not use LoTW or Club Log.

FG - Jean-Pierre, F6ITD will be active as FG/F6ITD and TO7D from La Desirade, Guadeloupe (NA-102) from 19 January to 9 March. He will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via LoTW (preferred) or direct to home call. [TNX Les Nouvelles DX]

FT_ant - Owing to his busy schedule, Francois, F4HLT does not expect to be QRV as FT3YL [425DXN 1334] before February. He will operate SSB and digital modes on 10, 15 and 20 metres from the Dumont d'Urville Station on Petrels Island (AN-017), Antarctica. He is not experienced in pile-up techniques, so be patient with him. QSL via F6KPQ, Club Log's OQRS and LoTW. Updates will be posted to https://f4hlt.wordpress.com/. [TNX F1NGP]

HC - Emanuele, IK2OHG has been in Ecuador since 6 December and will stay there until 10 January. He is QRV as HC2HGT on 40-10 metres CW, RTTY and SSB. QSL via IK2OHG (bureau preferred), LoTW and eQSL.

HI - Ez, NK4DX will be active as HI3AA from the Dominican Republic on 20-30 December. He will operate CW only. QSL via LoTW or home call.

J6 - Steve, NY3B will be active either as J6/NY3B or with a J6 callsign From Rodney Bay, St. Lucia (NA-108) on 24-31 December. He will operate holiday style mainly on 40 and 20 metres CW with some SSB. [TNX NY3B]

LA - Special callsigns LM80REX and LM80Q (http://lm80rex.no) will used in 2017 to celebrate the 80th birthdays of King Harald V and Queen Sonja. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW; traditional paper cards via LA9VDA.

OH - Santa Radio, OF9X (Old Father Nine Xmas) [425DXN 1335] will be looking specifically for North America contacts on 20 metres SSB (somewhere between 14200-14240 kHz) starting on 16 December at 19 UTC. These operations will be streamed on OF9X's qrz.com page: "if you tell Santa that you see him, he will wave his hand to you personally. After your first QSO with Santa, you are eligible to ask for a live video/audio appointment, during which the Old Father can speak with your children or grandchildren. The appointments will be scheduled for 17, 19, 21, 23 and 25 December". See www.qrz.com/db/of9x for instructions. [TNX OH2BH]

OH - Taking part in the celebrations of Finland's 100th anniversary as an independent state, amateur radio clubs around the country will activate special callsign OF100FI/# (where # is the number of the call area, from 0 to 9) from 1 January to 31 December. QSL via the Finnish Amateur Radio League's (SRAL) bureau.

OZ - Special callsign OZ100DVI will be active from 1 January to 31 December 2017 for the 100th anniversary of the Treaty of the Danish West Indies. In 1917 the Dansk Vest-Indien were sold to the United States and renamed the U.S. Virgin Islands. QSL via OZ1IVA, direct or bureau.

PJ2 - Steve, PJ4DX will be active as PJ2/KH0UN from Curacao (SA-099) on 28-31 December. QSL via LoTW, as he does not plan to have any cards printed for this part-time and short-duration operation.

PY - A Brazilian team (PS8DX, PS8ET, PS8JIF, PT2GTI and PT7BI) will be active as ZZ8P from Ilha dos Poldros (SA-072) on 14-18 January. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on all bands. QSL via PT2GTI, direct or bureau, and LoTW; check Club Log for OQRS.

S5 - Special callsign S557E will be active from 1 January to 31 December to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Radio Club Cerkno (S50E). All contacts will be confirmed automatically via the bureau (in early 2018) and LoTW (on a regular basis); direct cards should be sent to S50O. [TNX S50U]

T8 - Ted, JA7XBG will be active as T88GA from Koror (OC-009), Palau on 25-29 December. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes, with a focus on Europe and North America. QSL via LoTW, or direct to JA7XBG. [TNX The Daily DX]

UA - Special callsigns RA17NY, RC17NY, RK17NY, RM17NY, RO17NY, RT17NY, RU17NY, RW17NY and RZ17NY will be active from all the Russian Federal Districts between 25 December and 14 January for the "Russian New Year 2017" marathon organized by the Miller DX Club. QSL via RQ7L (bureau) or direct using Club Log's OQRS.

UA_ant - Oleg, ZS1OIN will be working at the Molodezhnaya research station, Antarctica from late December through March 2017. He will be active as RI1ANA, but the station has been closed for two years and it might take a while before Oleg can be QRV. QSL via ZS1OIN. [TNX qrz.ru]

XE - XF2L is the callsign that Grupo Puebla DX and AREPAC (Asociacion de Radio Experimentadores de Puebla A.C.) will use in December 2016 and throughout 2017 from IOTA groups NA-221 and NA-224. Operations

will be "on weekends and holidays". QSL via XE1SOV.

XW - Forthcoming operations from Laos include XW1IC on 16-20 December (80-6 metres; QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or E21EIC), XW4XR on 3-21 January (160-10 metres CW, RTTY and JT65; QSL via E21EIC and LoTW) and XW4ZW on 6-16 January (focus on the low bands; QSL via K1SE and LoTW, logsearch on Club Log).

XX9 - Bom, XX9LT and a large team from Germany (DJ9KH, DL2AWG, DL2HWA, DL2RNS, DL3HRH, DL4SVA, DL5CW, DL7VEE, DM2AUJ and DM2AYO) will be active as XX9D from Coloane (AS-075), Macau on 13-26 February. They will operate CW, RTTY and SSB on 80-10 metres (possibly also on 160 and 6m) with three stations around the clock. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and eventually LoTW; traditional cards via DL4SVA (direct or or bureau). See http://xx9d.mydx.de/ for more information. [TNX DX World]

YB - Adhi, YB3MM will be active as YB3MM/1 or YB3MM/p from Sangiang Island (OC-237) on 17-18 December. QSL via Club Log's OQRS.

ZF - Jeff, K5WE will be active as ZF2WE from the Cayman Islands (NA-016) on 21-30 December. He will operate CW and some RTTY on 160-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or via K5WE.

ZS8 - David, ZS1BCE will be working again on Marion Island (AF-021) between late December and May 2018. He plans to be active as ZS8Z in his spare time. He will operate SSB and digital modes on the HF bands. QSL via ZS1LS and LoTW; logsearch and OQRS on Club Log. [TNX DX World]

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INTREPID SPIRIT AWARD ---> The Intrepid-DX Group is seeking nominations for the individual or group that most displayed their "Intrepid Spirit" in 2016, by expressing an unshakable commitment to the Amateur Radio DX Community. The award (http://www.intrepid-dx.com/awards.php) is made in memory of James McLaughlin, WA2EWE/T6AF (killed in Kabul Afghanistan, on 27 April 2011). Intrepid Spirits for purposes of this award are defined as being "bold, courageous, dedicated, innovative, fearless, generous, resolute and visionary in their approach to Amateur Radio". Nominations may be submitted via email to intrepiddxgroup[@]gmail.com and must be received by 31 December 2016. The Board of Directors of the Intrepid-DX Group will evaluate the nominations and the award will be presented at the International DX Convention in Visalia on 22 April 2017. [TNX N6PSE]

IOTA: INCREASES IN CHARGES ---> "Although increases in charges are never welcome", Roger Balister (G3KMA) posted to www.rsgbiota.org on 13 December, "we have come to the conclusion that we have no alternative but to revise some of them upwards to cover increased costs that we are having to meet, following recent significant currency exchange variations in the financial markets". The list of charges applying from 1 January 2017 can be found at https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/charges-en.pdf.

QSL VIA M0OXO ---> Charles, M0OXO is the new QSL manager for Saif, A71AM (aka A71SS and A73A). All logs have now been uploaded to M0OXO's Logsearch & OQRS, and QSL cards will be available in the next few weeks. Traditional Cards should be sent direct only to Charles Wilmott, 60 Church Hill, Royston, Barnsley, S71 4NG, United Kingdom.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 5H3EE, 5H3MB, 5W7X, 6V7S, 7T7T, AD8J/HR9, AT2SL (AS-176), CX6VM, CY9C, E44YL, EK7DX, GB5RC, H84JK (NA-088), K1W (NA-217), KD6WW/VY0 (NA-159 and NA-196), LU1ZI, MD/DL1RTL, OJ0JR, OX3LX (NA-134), PJ2/PA1CC, PS8NF/p (SA-025), R23RRC (AS-091), R3CA/0 (AS-163), T30JY, T30KJ, T30MA, T32FS, T88QR, TY2AC, UE23RRC (AS-142), V26K, V47T, V63FA, V6Z, VK0EK, VP8LP, YE1AR, ZL7G, ZS2I.

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