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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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5R - Look for 5R8GC (QSL via DJ6SI), 5R8UJ (QSL via DF9TM) and 5R8UR (QSL via DL2SWW) to be active from Nosy Be (AF-057), Madagascar until 12 January.

DL - Special callsigns DR500MLE, DR1517LU, DR5LUTHER, DC500LS, DM5LUTHER and DL500ML will be active throughout 2017 to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation initiated by Martin Luther (31 October 1517).

DU - Dindo, DU1UD and Chris, VK3FY are active as DU1UD/p from the Lubang Islands (OC-126) as the 6-8 January DX8DX activity from the Calagua Islands (OC-202) [425DXN 1338] has been cancelled because of heavy seas. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS (direct and bureau); traditional cards should be sent to M0OXO direct only. [TNX M0OXO]

E5_sc - E51ADD is the callsign that Erik, K7ADD will be using from Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cook Islands on 5-9 January and again on 8-18 February [425DXN 1339].Between 11 January and 6 February he will operate as E51AMF from Manihiki (OC-014), North Cook Islands. See https://e51amf.amateurfoundation.org/ for more information.

E5_sc - Also active from Rarotonga will be Dick, AD7AF, who will be QRV as E51WWA between 9 and 26 January. He will operate CW and SSB on 80-10 metres. QSL via AD7AF and LoTW.

G - The Cray Valley Radio Society will be active as GB8KW on 6-8 January, to mark the anniversary f the founding of KW Electronics Ltd in the mid-1950s by the late Rowley Shears, G8KW. Activity will be on 80, 40 and 20 metres. QSL via G0UKN. [TNX M0MCV]

H4 - H44DX is the callsign used by Darren, VK4FEDX when operating from Guadalcanal (OC-047), Solomon Islands. He is now active as H40DA from Nendo Island (OC-100), Temotu Province until 17 January. QSL both callsigns direct only to home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

HH - Dale, N3BNA and Harry, N3FMO will be in Haiti on 13-25 January and might be QRV as HH8/home calls from Jacmel, and as HH2/home calls from the QTH of HH2JR during the last two days of their trip. [TNX The Daily DX]

OA_ssh - OA0MP will be active from the Antarctic base "Machu Picchu" on King George Island, South Shetlands (AN-010) sometime between 9 January and 31 March. Two members of ANTAR XXIV, the 24th Peruvian scientific expedition to Antarctica, will operate the station in their spare time, with main activity on 20 and 40 metres SSB. QSL via OA4O.

PY - Joao, PY2GTA will be active holiday style as PP5/PY2GTA from IOTA group SA-026 on 7-9 January. He will operate from the islands of Campeche during the day, and Santa Catarina in the evening. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

TG - Dick, DJ2EH will be active as TG9/DJ2EH from Guatemala on 10-24

January. He will operate CW, RTTY and some RTTY with a focus on the low bands. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

UA - Moscow celebrates its 870th anniversary this year, as it was first mentioned in historical records in 1147. The Radio Marathon "Moscow-870" will run until 31 December, with a large number of special callsigns expected to be active on all bands and modes. On the air this month will be R870M (1-10 January), R1238M (11-20 January) and R1547M (21-31 January). Detailed information on the event and the award programme can be found at www.moscow870.com.

V3 - Rich, K8NDS will be active holiday style as V31RF from Placencia, Belize from 9 January to 6 February. He will operate SSB on 40, 20 and 17 metres. QSL direct to K8NDS. [TNX The Daily DX]

VE - Fought in France in April 1917, the Battle of Vimy Ridge "awakened a sense of national identity in Canadians" which has been described as "the moment when Canada leapt in spirit from colony to nation". Commemorating the centenary of Vimy Ridge, VE100VIMY/VE1 (Nova Scotia) and VE100VIMY/VY2 (Prince Edward Island) have been QRV since 1 January, and will continue activity until 23.59 UTC on 7 January. The callsign will then be activated from the other Canadian call areas, one week at a time until the end of March as follows:

08-14 Jan	VE100VIMY/VE2	Quebec
15-21 Jan	VE100VIMY/VE3	Ontario
22-28 Jan	VE100VIMY/VE4	Manitoba
29 Jan-04 Feb	VE100VIMY/VE5	Saskatchewan
05-11 Feb	VE100VIMY/VE6	Alberta
12-18 Feb	VE100VIMY/VE7	British Columbia
19-25 Feb	VE100VIMY/VY0	Nunavut
26 Feb-04 Mar	VE100VIMY/VE9	New Brunswick
05-11 Mar	VE100VIMY/VO1	Newfoundland and Labrador
12-18 Mar	VE100VIMY/VY1	Yukon
19-25 Mar	VE100VIMY/VE8	Northwest Territories
25-30 Mar	VE100VIMY/VO2	Newfoundland and Labrador

After the Great War, France ceded to Canada a territory amounting to 107 hectares (250 acres) at the top of the Ridge. This space is now a Parks Canada National Historic site, and on 1-9 April the commemoration will continue there with two stations operating CW, SSB and RTTY on the HF bands.

QSL for all callsigns via N7RO, bureau, Club Log's OQRS and LoTW. A certificate and award program is in place, see www.ve100vimy.ca for details.

VK - VK5CE/3 will be QRV from Gabo Island (OC-196) on 31 January and 1 February [425DXN 1331]. Craig will operate SSB on 15, 17, 20 and 40m, and PSK63 on 30m. An updated schedule for his operation, "based on current band conditions and theoretical forecasts", can be found at https://oc196.wordpress.com/propagation/. QSL via Club Log's OQRS; traditional cards via VK5CE, direct or bureau.

VP8 - Dave, G1OCN (VP8CLE) and his wife Carol, 2E1DQZ (VP8DKW) will be active from various places in the Falkland Islands (SA-002) for three weeks starting in mid January. QSLs direct only to G1OCN; logsearch on Club Log. [TNX DX World]

VU - Once again the West Bengal Radio Club (http://wbradioclub.in/) will provide assistance during the Ganga Sagar Mela on Sagar Island

(AS-153) on 9-17 January. This is the annual gathering of Hindu pilgrims to take a holy dip in the Ganges, where the river merges with the Bay of Bengal. Expect some activity on the HF bands as AU2WBR. QSL via VU2NRO.

XE - On 28 December XF2L [425DXN 1337] was active for a few hours on 17 metres from Isla de Lobos (NA-221). Next operations are being planned to be held during the South American Lighthouses Weekend (17-19 February) from Isla de Sacrificios (NA-224); the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (25-26 March) and CQ WW WPX CW Contest (27-28 May) from Isla de Lobos (NA-221); the IOTA Contest (29-30 July) from Isla de Enmedio (NA-224); the International Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend (19-20 August) from Isla de Sacrificios (NA-224). Activities are subject to weather conditions and to obtaining the authorizations from the National Commission of Protected Natural Areas. QSL via XE1SOV.

ZC4 - Judith, G4IAQ and Dave, G4IAR will be active from Cyprus on 12-24 January. They will be QRV as ZC4JB and ZC4DB from the Sovereign Base areas to which the public have access; when on other parts of the island, they will use 5B/G4IAQ/p and 5B/G4IAR/p. QSLs direct to home calls. [TNX The Daily DX]

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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DAYTON CONTEST DINNER ---> The 25th Dayton Contest Dinner will take place on 20 May at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Dayton, Ohio. Tickets can be purchased only via the Contest Dinner's website: http://contestdinner.com.

DX SOUND CLIPS ---> Tom's (K8CX) DX sound clips for 2016 can be found at http://hamgallery.com/dx2016/. The collection of 226 clips (MP3 format) covers the major DXpeditions, plus rare and semi-rare DX. This makes 19 full years of sound clips available.

IOTA NEWS ---> "This message is for you if you are one of the many chasers who keep an IOTA score in a 'pending application' on the IOTA database and have never made a submission", Roger Balister (G3KMA) wrote on the IOTA website on 30 December. "The Board of IOTA Ltd has decided that it is not in the best interest of the IOTA Programme to continue with a situation where people in this category exceed by a wide margin the number of participants shown in the annual Honour Roll and Annual Listing". Read the complete notice on www.rsgbiota.org, along with the latest progress report (2 January) on the Friends of IOTA appeal ("Half a year after our Appeal, 223 IOTA enthusiasts from 41 DXCCs responded generously by donating £20,423, putting us at 82% of the first goal of GBP 25,000 we need to achieve").

KC4/N2TA ---> This is Mike, RW1AI, operating from Novolazarevskaya Base in Antarctica. He is also active as RI1AND, and expects to remain there until March. QSL for KC4/N2TA via N2TA (see qrz.com).

QSL GALLERY ---> The large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's web site has been updated. Fifteen different galleries include 14,341 cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (2004-16), the 62 deleted DXCC Entities, obsolete prefixes, stations from Maghreb from 1945 to 1962, Allied Forces stations in Germany (1945-70), special stations commemorating ITU and IARU, Antarctic bases and TAAF (Terres Australes and Antarctiques Francaises), the various French DXCC island Entities in the Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean and the Americas (from 1945 to 1970), pre-1945 countries, French Departments and CONUS, plus a gallery for cards not accepted by DXCC. Your participation is encouraged: www.LesNouvellesdx.fr. [TNX F6AJA].

SWODXA DX DINNER ---> The 32nd DX Dinner, sponsored again by the SouthWest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) and held in conjunction with the 2017 Dayton Hamvention, will be on Friday, 19 May at the Marriott Hotel in Dayton. Dinner tickets can already be ordered by going to www.swodxaevents.org; programme details and a list of the prizes will be on the website as they become available. [TNX W8GEX]

YASME EXCELLENCE AWARDS & SUPPORTING GRANTS ---> In 2008 The Yasme Foundation established the Yasme Excellence Awards, to be presented to Individuals 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 recipients, announced on 2 January, are:

* Pekka Ketonen, OH1TV, in recognition of his many innovations, such as the Opposite Voltage Feed concept for amateur radio antennas, and for documenting his work in English to make it widely available.
* Hani Raad, OD5TE, in recognition of his work advancing amateur radio in Lebanon and the Arabic Region and his efforts related to the re-introduction of amateur radio examinations in Lebanon.

The Board of Directors of the Yasme Foundation has also announced a number of supporting grants in furtherance of its goal of supporting the development of amateur radio:

* A further grant to the Radio Club d'Haiti for the acquisition of radios to be used for emergency communications
* A grant to the Mongolian Radio Sports Federation for the acquisition of laptop computers for use in the Federation's High Speed Telegraphy competition
* A grant to the Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired for the acquisition of amateur radio equipment for the station at the new headquarters in San Francisco, California
* A grant to the Amateur Radio Society of Dominica for the acquisition of amateur radio training materials and the donation of a transceiver, power supply, tuner and headset
* A grant to WRTC 2018 for the sponsorship of the Ham Widows' Ball
* A grant to the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand for support of the HS0AC club station

A substantial revision of the YASME Foundation's website (www.yasme.org) has been completed. The new website contains information on Yasme's history, past recipients of the Yasme Excellence Award, prior grants, the Yasme Awards and an updated listing of eligible call signs. The website also makes available complete copies of "The Yasme News" published in the late 1950s by

Dick Spenceley, KV4AA (SK), all prior Yasme press releases and information about the Yasme book authored by Jim Cain, K1TN. [TNX W6SZN]

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******* QSL ROUTES *******
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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER		CALL	MANAGER	
3DA0AY	ZS6AYE	EI22WAW	EI6AL		PA150N	PA9LUC	
3W1T	RW6HS	EI33WAW	EI6AL		PC30EUDXF	PA1AW	
3W3B	E21EIC	EI44WAW	EI6AL		PD30EUDXF	PA1AW	
3Z17HNY	SP6IEQ	EI66WAW	EI6AL		PD75JEEP	PD2RKG	
4K8YL	4K4K	EI77WAW	EI6AL		PF30EUDXF	PA1AW	
4O7CC	UA4CC	EI88WAW	EI6AL		PG150N	PA7DA	
4V1TL	W3HNK	EI99WAW	EI6AL		PH30EUDXF	PA1AW	
4X6TT	N4GNR	EM90WA	UR5WA		PI35ETL	PA1CPA	
5K6RM	HK6RM	EM9WFF	EA5HPX		PJ7TM	K2GSJ	
5P90EDR	OZ1ACB	EO25F	UX0FF		R110B	RZ4AZ	
5R8GC	DJ6SI	EO90WE	US5WE		R19KDR	RQ7L	
5R8IC	F6ICX	EP2LMA	EA5GL		R870M	RK3AW	
5R8SV	G3SWH	EX2V	RW6HS		RA17NY	RQ7L	
5R8UJ	DF9TM	GM4FOC	G3SWH		RC17NY	RQ7L	
5R8UR	DL2SWW	GS8VL	GM4FDM		RK17NY	RQ7L	
5W1SA	JA1DXA	H44LG	JE1LGY		RM17NY	RQ7L	
6E0C	XE1EE	H44MS	DL2GAC		RO17NY	RQ7L	
7Z1HL	DJ9ZB	H44SHD	HB9SHD		RT17NY	RQ7L	
7Z1SJ	EA7FTR	H74B	EA3BT		RU17NY	RQ7L	
8Q7AZ	DL8AZ	H74WL	EA3BT		RU55IA	R2DX	
8Q7ND	LZ1COM	HA44FF	HA5OKE		RW17NY	RQ7L	
9A1700SBD	9A4J	HF800O	SP6PAZ		RZ17NY	RQ7L	
9A57AX	9A5AX	HG30EUDXF	HA0HW		S0S	EA2JG	
9H3IT	IK4ALM	HG44FY	HA8FY		S5100SF	S59DKR	
9J2BO	G3TEV	HG70RADAR	HA8KWG		S557E	S50O	
9J2HN	JR2KDN	HI3DX	HI3B		S560SLODA	S59DRW	
9M2/R6AF/P	R6AF	HI3K	KB2MS		S570ABC	S59ABC	
9M2TO	JA0DMV	HI3Y	RW6HS		SN0ALFA	SP5KAB	
9V1YC	W5UE	HS70A	HS6MYW		SN1WOSP	SP1PMY	
A25SL	N4GNR	HZ1BL	IZ8CLM		SN3WOSP	SP3CGK	
A31MM	EA5GL	HZ1BW	W3HNK		SP0CFF	SP2FAP	
A61AS	YO3FRI	HZ1SK	IZ8CLM		SP9YFF/4	SP9WAN	
A61FJ	LZ1YE	II0EUDX	IS0AGY		SU1SK	SM5AQD	
A61FK	A61BK	JD1BMH	JD1BMH	[b]	T88FY	JK2VOC	
A61HA	A61BK	JD1BMH	JG7PSJ	[d]	T88GA	JA7XBG	
A61Q	EA7FTR	JG8NQJ/JD1	JA8CJY	[d]	T8CW	JA0FOX	[b]
A65DC	IZ8CLM	JG8NQJ/JD1	JG8NQJ	[b]	T8CW	JH0IXE	[d]
A70X	M0OXO	JW2US	LA2US		TG9ADM	EA5GL	
A93JA	KE5JA	KH2L	W3HNK		TM17PGM	F4FCE	
AN5CRM	EA5URL	KH2TJ	W7TR		TM1CEZ	M0OXO	

AO2016DSS	EA2URD	KP4AW	NP3IR	TY2AC	IZ1BZV
AT1BSG	VU2NRO	LA30EUDXF	PA1AW	TY2CD	N4GNR
CN2LW	HB9EOU	LM10HAM	LA2G	TZ4AM	W0SA
CN8KD	EA5XX	LM80Q	LA9VDA	TZ5XR	F5MXH
CO6LC	IZ1GDB	LM80REX	LA9VDA	V53DX	DO4DXA
CO8LY	EA7ADH	LX0RL	LX1KQ	V63AVO	JA3AVO
CP4BT	DJ2BW	LZ552SGO	LZ1KCP	V63PBL	JH3PBL
CP6CL	W3HNK	NP2J	K8RF	VE100VIMY/VE1	N7RO
CX7CO	EA5GL	NP4A	W3HNK	VE100VIMY/VY2	N7RO
D44TBT	SM5EPO	OD5ET	EB7DX	VI50DC	M0OXO
D44TVB	UA4WHX	OE30EUDXF	OE4VIE	VK2DX	W3HNK
DF0WRTC	DJ9MH	OF0RJ	OH0RJ	VK5CE/P	VK5CE
DF90KWTJ	DL2APJ	OF100FI/#	OH2BAD	VY1JA	N3SL
DL1516BIER	DK2HM	OF10A	OH1HS	W2HRU	N2MUN
DL30EUDXF	DJ6SI	OF3077F	OH3JF	XF2L	XE1SOV
DL70NRW	DK7TX	OH0Z	W0MM	XK150YUKON	KC1CWF
DM60KJN	DL3VU	OH20TAR	OH1HS	XQ6OA	CE6WUW
DP1POL	DL1ZBO	OM685RADOLA	OM3CND	XV9NPS	JA2NPS [b]
DU1DL	DK2DJ	ON25CRD/P	ON4CRD	XV9NPS	JA2ODB [d]
DU1IST	JA1HGY	ON30EUDXF	ON6CC	XW4XR	E21EIC
DU1UD/p	M0OXO	OT50DST	ON4QM	YB9KA	HA3JB
DU3LA	W3HNK	OX5M	OZ0J	YP5XMAS	YO9FNP
DX8DX	M0OXO	OY1OF	M0URX	YV1KK	OH0XX
E77DX	E77E	OZ90EDR	OZ1ACB	YW315MCY	YV4AA
EF2AKZ	EA2URC	P49MR	VE3MR	ZL17NY	ZL1SLO
EI11WAW	EI6AL	P49X	W0YK	ZS6CCY	K3IRV

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