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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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3B8 - Nigel, G3TXF is active as 3B8/G3TXF from Mauritius (AF-049) until 21 March. He will participate in the RSGB Commonwealth (BERU) and the Russian DX contests. QSL via LoTW and Club Log's OQRS.

3D2/R - Tony, 3D2AG expects to be active again as 3D2AG/p from Rotuma (OC-060) between 30 March and 28 April. Actual dates will depend on the ship schedule. He plans to operate CW, SSB, RTTY, JT65 and FSK441 on 160-6 metres, 60m included. QSL via 3D2AG; see qrz.com for updates and PayPal instructions. [TNX The Daily DX]

8P - Dick, G3RWL will be active again as 8P6DR from Barbados (NA-021) from 23 March to 20 April. He will operate CW and RTTY on 80-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred) and LoTW, or via home call. Email requests (g3rwl[@]amsat.org) for bureau cards are welcome.

9M2 - Rich, PA0RRS will be active again as 9M2MRS from Penang Island (AS-015), West Malaysia from 1 December to 30 January 2018. He will operate CW, RTTY, PSK, JT65 and JT9 plus SSB on request on the HF bands. QSL via PA0RRS, direct or bureau, eQSL and LoTW. Logsearch and OQRS on Club Log. [TNX PA0RRS]

9N - Kazik, SP6AXW will be active holiday style as 9N7XW from Nepal on 15-31 March. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

C6 - Bob, K6UDA will be active as C6AKA from San Salvador Island (NA-001), Bahamas on 11-18 March. Main activity will be on 40 and 20 metres. QSL via LoTW. [TNX DX World]

EA - For the fourth year in a row, special callsign EH3DWN will be active on 15-21 March to commemorate the World Down Syndrome Day. QSL via eQSL and LoTW. See http://eh3dwn.mikedeltavictor.com/ for logsearch and other information.

F - Charente DX Groupe's (http://www.charentedxgroupe.fr/) members F5LOW, F5MNK, F5NBQ, F6HKA and ON4ZD will be active as TM2H from Houat Island (EU-048) on 8-14 April. QSL via Club Log's OQRS or via ON4ZD.

FO - Max, IZ2ZTQ will be QRV as FO/IZ2ZTQ from his sailing yacht 'Y2K' between 1 May and 31 July. He will be QRV on 40, 30, 20, 17, and 15 metres SSB, PSK, RTTY and JT65. Port of calls will include Fatu Hiva (Marquesas Islands, OC-027), Rangiroa (OC-066), Bora Bora (OC-067) and Tahiti (OC-046). As per IOTA rules, 'contacts with maritime mobile stations near islands, whether or not they operate with a /mm callsign, will not be accepted. This applies also to stations on board boat in harbour or anchored close to shore'. QSL via IZ2ZTQ (bureau) or IZ2LSP (direct).

GJ - Kazu, M0CFW will be active again from Jersey (EU-013) on 17-19 March. He will participate in the Russian DX Contest (from 12.00 UTC on 18 March to 11.59 UTC on the 19th) as MJ5Z; outside the contest he will be QRV as MJ0CFW. QSL via LoTW and Club Log's OQRS.

[TNX NG3K]

GM - Dave, GM0LVI will be active as GM0LVI/p from the Isle of Barra (EU-010) on 16-22 April. QSL via GM0LVI, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

H40 - Sigi, DK9FN is active again as H40FN from Nendo Island (OC-100), Temotu until 24 March. QSL to Siegfried Hari, Postfach 1224, 63488 Seligenstadt, Germany. The deadline for Sigi to receive your cards is 31 December 2017, after that he will close the log (as he has already done for his past H40FN operations from 1998 to 2014).

HP - HP1RIS and HP1MAC will be active as H91IT from Taboga Island (NA-072), Panama on 14-16 April. They will operate SSB and CW on 40-10 metres. QSL via HP1RCP, direct only. [TNX NG3K]

HS - E20HHK, HS3NBR, HS8JCV, HS9HK and HS9STL will be active as E20HHK/p from Lipe Island (AS-126) on 10-13 March. QSL via E20HHK, direct or bureau; logsearch and OQRS on Club Log. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

I - Special callsign II0CXX is in use until 31 May in remembrance of the 30th anniversary of the death of Arthur A. Collins (W0CXX), founder of the Collins Radio Company. Activity will be on Saturdays during the Collins Collectors Association of Europe (CCAE) Net, at 10 UTC on 7165 kHz. QSL direct to Fabio Bonucci, Via delle Sterlizie 10, 00053 Civitavecchia RM, Italy.

J5 - Josep, EA3BT and Nuria, EA3WL will be active as J5B and J5W respectively from Rubane Island (AF-020), Guinea-Bissau on 7-15 April. They will operate SSB, CW and RTTY on 40-6 metres (possibly also 80m) with two stations. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via EA3BT (for both calls); realtime logsearch on http://www.qsodirector.com/

OE - Special event stations OE40SO, OE40WG, OE11WG and OE11SO will be active on 14-26 March to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Special Olympics World Winter Games, whose 11th edition will take place in Schladming, Ramsau and Graz. Also, Austrian amateurs may use the OE2017 prefix during that time frame. More information on the event and the award can be found on http://oe6.oevsv.at/. The Special Olympics World Games are an international sporting competition for athletes with intellectual disabilities.

PA - Hans, PA7HPH will be active as PF38T from Texel Island (EU-038) from 31 March to 7 April. QSL via home call.

PJ7 - Ed, WA1ZAM will be active again as PJ7PL from Sint Maarten (NA-105) from 18 March to 3 April. He will operate mainly SSB and RTTY on 30-10 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via WA1ZAM. [TNX NG3K]

S7 - OK1FFU, OK1JKT, OK1NY, OK1RI, OK1VVT and OM5AW will be active as S79Z from Mahe (AF-024), Seychelles on 6-18 April. They will be QRV on 160-10 metres CW and SSB, as well as on 2m and 70cm EME. QSL via OM2FY and LotW. [TNX NG3K]

T2 - Tim, NL8F will be active again as T2TT from Tuvalu (OC-015) between 23 March and 13 April. He will operate SSB and JT65 on 80-10 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest on 80m. QSL via N7RO. [TNX The Daily DX]

V3 - Victor, WB0TEV will be active again as V31VP from Belize on 24-28 March. He will operate mainly SSB and RTTY on 80-10 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via Club Log's OQRS or via home call (direct or bureau). [TNX DX World]

V4 - Thaire, W2APF will be active holiday style as V47JR from Nevis

Island (NA-104) from 19 March to 1 April. He will operate CW and SSB on 80-6 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]

VK - Chris, VK3FY will be active as VK3FY/p from Phillip Island (OC-136) on 11-13 March. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS.

VK9X - Cliff, VK9VKL (http://vk9vkl.island.cx/) is a newly licensed operator resident on Christmas Island (OC-002). He made his first QSO on 25 February. Cliff is "still getting the hang of things", and needs "to spend time making a better DX antenna". QSL via LoTW or direct to Cliff Tindall, P.O. Box 752, Christmas Island WA 6798, Australia.

VP5 - Look for VP5/W9AV and VP5/W6RI to be active holiday style from Providenciales (NA-002) on 18-21 March. They will operate CW and SSB on 160-10 metres. QSL via LoTW or direct to home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

W - Look for W0FK/4 to be active holiday style from Longboat Key (NA-034) on 18-31 March. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

YN - Ken KD2KW (YN2KW), Marty W5MF (YN2MF), Keith NM5G (YN2MG) and Bill K5WL (YN2WL) will be active from near Granada, Nicaragua on 20-27 March. They will operate SSB, CW, RTTY and other digital modes, and they will also have "equipment to make some satellite contacts as time and weather permit". The trip will include participation in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as YN2KW (Multi-Single). QSLs via N5ET. [TNX NG3K]

ZF - John, AD8J will be active holiday style as ZF2AG from the Cayman Islands (NA-016) on 11-18 March. He will operate mainly CW on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 metres. QSL via LoTW or direct to home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

ZF - Kan, JJ2RCJ will operate RTTY as ZF2CJ from Grand Cayman Island (NA-016) on 20-24 March. QSL via home call (direct) or LoTW.

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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AN INTERVIEW WITH W9WNV ---> "We are all powered by dreams of distant lands, rare DX, and the urge to compete and stand up at the podium. Those dreams are often inspired by those whom we admire and want to be on par with - or even more.

Don Miller, W9WNV, was once a DX hero and a CQWW Contest SOAB dual record holder (CW/SSB) but suddenly left the industry. On DXpeditions, Don was eagerly followed by most of the DXing world. Martti, OH2BH wanted to emulate his efforts a nd become of his kind. What did Don do to create this following?

It was Christmas 2016 when Don Miller, W9WNV, and Martti Laine, OH2BH, Gathered at Martti's Finland home at his 7 0th anniversary party. This meeting brought back reminiscences of the days when our industry was still young and provided an interesting playing field for the evolution of our great DX passion.

During this meeting in Finland, Don was caught on video talking about his

earlier operations and his operating methods. Many aspects of how we operate now were pioneered by Don Miller. Split operation, "5NN," pileup management techniques; looking back, many of these techniques were first implemented during Miller's operations". Don talks about some of these issues in a YouTube video (5 parts): go to https://www.youtube.com/ and search for 'W9WNV in Helsinki'. [TNX OH2BH]

PDXG QSL MANAGEMENT PLATFORM ---> Members of the Perseverance DX Group (PDXG) are collaborating with M0URX and M0OXO to design and develop a cloud based QSL Management Platform aimed at simplifying the QSL manager's job. "The complexities of handling tens of thousands of QSL cards, e-mails, Not in Log/busted calls requests, returned postal mail pieces and a host of other tasks which were done manually for so many years needed to change". The project began in September 2014 and now the system is fully operational: see http://www.pdxg.net/ for a summary of information. [TNX K5GS]

RSGB COMMONWEALTH CONTEST ---> The 80th edition of the Commonwealth (BERU) Contest (https://berucontest.wordpress.com) will be held on 11-12 March, from 10 UTC to 10 UTC, on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres CW. Only operators located within the United Kingdom and Crown Dependencies, Commonwealth or British Mandated Territories are eligible to enter.

RT9K/9 ---> After reaching Dikson Island (AS-005), the RT9K/9 team has had to abandon their plans for activation of other four IOTA groups in the Kara Sea (AS-054, AS-121, AS-104, AS-068), as ice conditions prevent them from going further. The Arctic "showed its severity and unpredictability", UA9OBA says. Another attempt should take place next year.

YE0S ---> The 20-27 March peration from Sebira Island (OC-177) [425DXN 1341] has been cancelled.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 4J90HAM, 4U0WFP, 5T5TI (AF-050), 6Y4K, 7P8GOZ, C6AUX, D66D, EI11WAW, EI22WAW, EI33WAW, EI44WAW, EI55WAW, EI66WAW, EI77WAW, EI88WAW, EI99WAW, H40GC, H44GC, H74B (NA-013), H74W (NA-013), JY9FC, OX3XR, P4/DL4MM, PY0F/PP1CZ, PY0F/PY7RP, RI0FS, S01WS, T31T, TL8TT, TM1CEZ (EU-157), TU5MH, UK9AA, V26M, VE9AA, VK9NZ, VX2100, XR18CE, XU7MDC, XX9TKB, XX9TXN, YB8O (OC-208), YB8OUN/p (OC-213), YJ0WW, YV1KK, ZC4A, ZF2LC, ZF9CW.

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