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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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8R - Tom, KC0W will be active as 8R1/KC0W from Guyana from 10 May to 8 June. He will operate CW only on 40-10 metres, and put "a strong emphasis" on working Japan. QSL via KC0W (direct only) and logsearch on Club Log. He does not use LoTW.

9H - Mek, SQ3RX will be active again as 9H3SQ from Malta (EU-023) on 15-24 May. He will operate mainly CW with some SSB and RTTY on 40-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW, or via home call (direct or bureau). [TNX DX World]

CN - Bernhard, OE9SBD will be active as CN2SB (QSL via home call) from near Marrakech, Morocco on 4-16 May. He will operate CW on 20 and 10 metres. Active from Agadir will be Andy, DL3YM on 5-12 May; he will operate CW only as CN2YM (QSL via home call) on a spare time basis.

D2 - The IOTA DXpedition to Tigres Island (AF-108) [425DXN 1348] has been rescheduled for late 2017, owing to circumstances beyond the team's control - "namely the Angolan licensing authority (INACOM) completely changing the way you have to apply for a license, making it more difficult than ever before. The license paperwork has been received and accepted, however no license has yet been issued". [TNX DX World]

DL - Look for Walter, DL3LBP to be active as DL3LBP/p from Helgoland Island (EU-127) on 14-21 May. QSL via DL3LBP (direct or bureau), LoTW and eQSL. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

DL - ON4MW, ON6OM, ON6ZV and ON7EG will be active as DL/OO6P and DL/ON4IPA from Fehmarn Island (EU-128) on 17-23 June. They will operate SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and PSK63 with two stations. QSL via ON6ZV, direct or bureau. See http://www.qsl.net/on6om/EU-128 for more information. [TNX NG3K]

HA - Istvan, HA0KA and several others operators will be active as HG0WFF from the Protected Area of Lazberc (HAFF-0028) on 10-12 May, and from the Aggtelek National Park (HAFF-0001) on 12-14 May. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on the HF bands. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via HA0HW (direct or bureau). [TNX HA0HW]

HC - HC2AO, R4WAA, RZ3FW will be active as HD2RRC/4 from Salango Island (SA-033), and as HD2RRC/p from Puna Island (SA-034) between 21 and 30 May. They will be QRV mainly on 40, 30 and 20 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via RZ3FW. [TNX DX News]

HR - John, AD8J will return to Dunbar Rock near Guanaja Island (NA-057), Honduras on 13-27 May and be active holiday style as AD8J/HR9. He operates mainly CW, and this trip "will have more operation on 80 and an attempt at 160m". QSL via LoTW or direct to home call.

JA - Look for JI5RPT/1 and JI5USJ/1 to be active from Shikine Island (AS-008) on 20-21 May. They will operate CW, RTTY and PSK31 on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via home calls. [TNX JI3DST]

OJ0 - ON5TQ, ON6QO, ON2KMJ and ON8VP will be active as OJ0V from Market Reef (EU-053) on 1-6 July. They will operate CW and SSB on 80-6 metres. QSL via ON5TC, direct or bureau; logsearch on Club Log. [TNX DX World]

RI1F - The RI1F DXpedition team is now expected to leave Murmansk on 27 September, and to reach Victoriya Island [425DXN 1351] after three or four days, depending on sea conditions. R9LR plans to take VHF EME equipment with him for tropo and moon operation, as the 4-6 October timeframe "should be good for it". Logsearch on Club Log has been activated (search for RI1F/EU-190). This island is a "new one" for IOTA (EU-190), but DXCC wise is part of Franz Josef Land. Bookmark https://www.qrz.com/db/ri1f for updates.

SM - Olof, G0CKV will be active as SM5CKV/p from Harstena Island (EU-177) from 25 July to 5 August, including participation in the IOTA Contest. QSL via M0OXO'OQRS (http://www.m0oxo.com/oqrs/). [TNX NG3K]

SV - Once again Laci, HA0HW will be active as SW8WW from Thassos Island (EU-174) from 24 May to 11 June, possibly including an entry in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. He will operate mainly CW, with some SSB and RTTY/PSK, on 40-6 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via HA0HW (direct or bureau). [TNX HA0HW]

T8 - Akira JH0CKF as T88MZ (QSL via Club log's OQRS, LoTW, eQSL or home call), Kunio JA8VE as T8VE (QSL via home call) and Kay JJ0RIK as T8KA (QSL via home call) will be active from Koror (OC-009), Palau on 12-19 May. They will operate CW and SSB on 80-10 metres. [TNX The Daily DX]

TR - Roland, F8EN will be active as TR8CR from Gabon from 18 May to 3 June. He will operate CW only on 30 and 20 metres. QSL via F6AJA; logsearch on http://lesnouvellesdx.fr/voirlogs.php. [TNX F6AJA]

V3 - Mike, VO1OK will be active as V31OK from Belize on 5-14 May. He will start 5 May from Belize City, and then will move to Caye Caulker (NA-073) on 10-14 May. QSL via home call and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

V6 - Hid JA3KGF (V63GF), Tosy JA3FGJ (V63GJ), Sanny JJ3CIG (V63SS) and Mami JP3AYQ (V63YL) are planning to be active as V6J from Mwokil Island (OC-226), Micronesia. The ship is due to depart Pohnpei in late June, actual dates will be given as soon as known. They will operate CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK and JT65 on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 metres. While on Pohnpei (OC-010) they will be using their personal V6 callsigns. QSL V6J via JP3AYQ (direct only, or via Club Log's OQRS), QSL others via home call. Updates will be posted to https://www.qrz.com/lookup/V6J.

W - Twelve operators from the NASA Wallops Amateur Radio Club, will be active from Tangier Island (NA-083) on 13 May from 15 to 20 UTC. QSL via W4WFF. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

XW - Champ, E21EIC will be active as XW1IC from Laos on 8-10 May. He will concentrate on working RTTY on 20, 17 and 15 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW; traditional cards via E21EIC. [TNX The Daily DX]

YJ - Geoff, ZL3GA will be active again as YJ0GA from Efate (OC-035), Vanuatu on 6-13 July. He will operate holiday style, but "with a real effort to look for western Europe around local sunrise and sunset on 20 and 30m". He will also "do more RTTY this time (and

JT65 if condx really get bad!)". QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or via home call (direct or bureau). [TNX NG3K]

ZA - Alfredo, IK7JWX and his friends (I0SNY, I8LWL and IK8GQY) will be active as ZA/IK7JWX from Sazan Island (EU-169) for 6-8 days between 10 and 20 June. They will operate SSB and digital modes on the HF bands with a couple of stations. QSL via IK7JWX (direct or bureau); logsearch and OQRS on Club Log. Updates will be posted to https://www.qrz.com/db/zaik7jwx. [TNX IK7JWX]

PACIFIC TOUR ---> F1TCV, F6BCW, F6DTZ and others will be active as TX5EG between early June and early September as follows:

11-19 June	King George Islands (OC-131), French Polynesia
29 June-17 July	Huahine (OC-067), French Polynesia
29 July-6 August	Marquesas Islands (OC-027)
15 August-5 September	Moorea (OC-046), French Polynesia

They expect to spend 65% of the time on CW, 25% on SSB and the remaining 10% on RTTY/PSK, and to be QRV on 80-12 metres with two stations. QSL via F6BCW, direct or bureau.

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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3Y0Z: BOUVET 2018 ---> The 3Y0Z DXpedition team has added a propagation page to their website: http://www.bouvetdx.org/propagation/. It displays a series of videos showing propagation predictions during their anticipated stay on Bouvet Island (January-February 2018). The predictions were created using the work of Stu, K6TU, and are based on the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration's estimate of average sunspot numbers for January of 2018.

425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The April 2017 issue is now available for download at http://www.425dxn.org/index.php. [TNX IZ3EBA]

INDEXA NEWSLETTER ---> The Spring 2017 edition of the International DX Association's Newsletter (INDEXA) is now available for download at www.indexa.org/newsletters.html. This issue contains the story of EP2A (Iran 2016). [TNX K8YC]

CLUB LOG'S MOST WANTED LIST ---> The latest Most Wanted List, generated on 1 May is available at https://secure.clublog.org/mostwanted.php. The information is derived from QSOs uploaded to Club Log (currently 427 million log entries available for analysis) and, to improve quality, only QSOs that have QSLs confirmed are considered to be worked. The most wanted charts are rebuilt once per month, on average.

QSL GALLERY ---> The large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's web site has been updated. Fifteen different galleries include 14,671 cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (2004-16), the 64 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].

SG3TXF/1 ---> Nigel, G3TXF attended the SSA Annual Meeting on Faro Island (EU-020); on 29 and 30 April he made a few hundred CW QSOs operating as SG3TXF/1 from the SL1FRO club station. QSL via Club Log's OQRS: https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/SG3TXF/1.

YASME FOUNDATION GRANTS ---> On 1 May the Board of Directors of the Yasme Foundation announced several grants in furtherance of Yasme's goal of encouraging youth participation in amateur radio and operating activities.

* Three grants have been made to support the attendance of two Ethiopian, two Tunisian and two Kosovar amateur radio operators at the 2017 YOTA conference (www.ham-yota.com) that will take place next August in England.
* The Board has also made a grant to Kevin Richardson (G0PEK) and his daughter Lauren (M6HLR) for the purchase of ADRF and HF, VHF and UHF portable radio equipment in support of their activities to encourage youth involvement in amateur radio in the United Kingdom.
* Earlier this year the Board made a grant to facilitate the attendance of Dr. Tamitha Skov at this year's Dayton Hamvention Contest University (www.contestunviversity.com) session. A Research Scientist at The Aerospace Corporation in Los Angeles, Dr. Skov is one of the Professors at the 2017 CTU and her talk is entitled "The Wonderful World of Space Weather". [TNX W6SZN]

YASME FOUNDATION NEWS ---> At its annual meeting held at the International DX Convention in Visalia, the Board of Directors of The Yasme Foundation elected the following directors and officers: Ward Silver N0AX (President and Director), Ken Claerbout K4ZW (Vice-President and Director), Rusty Epps W6OAT (Treasurer and Director), Kip Edwards W6SZN (Secretary and Director), Hans Blondeel Timmerman PB2T, Martti Laine OH2BH, Fred Laun K3ZO and Bob Vallio W6RGG (Directors). The Board welcomed Ken Claerbout, K4ZW, as the new Vice-President and expressed its appreciation to Fred Laun, K3ZO, for his many years of service to Yasme as Vice-President and for his willingness to remain on the Board as a Director.
The Yasme Foundation (http://www.yasme.org/) is a not-for-profit corporation organized to conduct scientific and educational projects related to Amateur Radio, including DXing and the introduction and promotion of Amateur Radio in developing countries. [TNX W6SZN]

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8CF, 3W1T, 5A1AL, 5U5R, 6V1IS/p (AF-045), 9N7EI, A70X (AS-088), B90IARU, C5GCJ, E51AMF, E51DWC, E51KTA, EA9KB, EK/RZ3DJ, KL7/VE7ACN (NA-041), OA1F, P29VXG, RA1ALA/0 (AS-025), RA2FF, RI0FS (AS-062), S01WS, TL0A, TL8TT, TU7C, UA0ZC, UN3M, V31VP, VE7ACN/7 (NA-061), VK5CE/3 (OC-196), VK5CE/p (OC-228), VK6NX (OC-164), VK6NX/p (OC-183), VP6EU, VR2KF, XV9NPS, XX9D, ZS9V (AF-064), ZZ8P (SA-072).

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