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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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3B7 - Seb, F5UFX and other seven operators (F2DX, F4BKV, F4FET, F4HAU, F5CWU, F5PTM and F6AGM/FM5CD) will be active from the Saint Brandon Islands (AF-015) for two weeks in April 2018. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-6 metres with seven stations (one for 6m). Bookmark http://www.saintbrandondx.com for more information and updates.

5T - The Czech DXpedition Team (OK1BOA, OK1CRM, OK1FCJ, OK1GK, OK2ZA, OK2ZI and OK6DJ) and guest operators 5T0JL and 5T2AI will be active as 5T5OK from Mauritania between 16 and 28 September. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW and eQSL; traditional cards via OK6DJ (direct or bureau). See http://www.cdxp.cz/ for further information and QSLling policy.

C6 - C6ACC (QSL via K8CC and LoTW), C6ALY (QSL via K6KLY), C6ATA (QSL via K2KW and LoTW) will be active from FL15wc on Eleuthera Island (NA-001), Bahamas on 7-16 June. Main activity will be on 50, 144, 220, 432 and 1296 MHz, but they will also operate on the HF bands. [TNX NG3K]

DL - Stefan, DF8HS will be active from Fehmarn Island (EU-128) from 16 June to 1 July. QSL via bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

DL - A team of seven operators (DD2HZ, DJ7AO, DJ7RK, DK3KH, DL3HBZ, DL6HBQ and DL9HDA) will be active as DL0DFF from Hallig Hooge (EU-042) on 22-24 June. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 80-10 metres and 2m. QSL via DL3HBZ (direct or bureau); OQRS on Club Log. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

EL - In collaboration with the Liberian Radio Amateur Association, a team consisting of Richmond EL2BG, Dickson EL2DT, Jeremy EI5GM, Dave EI9FBB and Col MM0NDX will be active as 5L3BI (requested callsign) from Baiyah Island (AF-111, new one for IOTA) [425DXN 1360] in early November. The tentative dates are around 1-4 November, but "time on the island will be limited and definitely weather dependent". They will operate CW and SSB using verticals and amplifiers. The log will be uploaded to Club Log after the activity. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS (direct or bureau); traditional requests go to M0OXO direct only. Bookmark https://af111new.com/ for updates and information on how to support the DXpedition. [TNX MM0NDX]

F - For the 66th year the Association des Radioamateurs de la Sarthe (F6KFI) will operate a special event station for the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Look for TM24H on 4-18 June, with activity on all bands and modes. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. [TNX F8REF]

FO - TX5JF is the callsign that Jean-Pierre, F6CTF is using from French Polynesia until early August [425DXN 1359]. His plans are to be

QRV on 80-10 metres with a focus on 40m, and to operate "fixed from Tahiti and /mm from around the archipelago". QSL via eQSL or direct to F6CTF.

HI - Didier, F5PLR will be active as HI9/F5PLR from Las Terrenas, Dominican Republic (NA-096) between 6 June and 4 July. He will be QRV on 30, 20 and 15 metres. [TNX Les Nouvelles DX]

I - Launched in 1904, the 'Elettra' was a two-masted steam yacht that Guglielmo Marconi used as a floating laboratory for many experiments. Part of her keel stands in the grounds of Villa Griffone, at Pontecchio near Bologna, from where ARI Fidenza will be active as IQ4FE during the Museum Ships Weekend on 3-4 June. QSL via bureau to IQ4FE. Other Italian station participating in the event include II1MTN and II0SOM.

I - IK7WDS, IW7DMH, IZ0BTV, IZ7AUH, IZ7LDC, IZ7QSS and IZ8EGM will be active as IL7P from Pedagna Grande (EU-091) on 28-30 July. They will be QRV with two stations, one for the IOTA Contest and one for the non-contest bands (6m included). QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via IZ8EGM (direct or bureau). [TNX IZ8EGM]

KL - Nobu, JA0JHQ (http://pandasan.jimdo.com/) will be active as AH0C/KL7 from near Anchorage, Alaska on 17-19 June. Main activity will be on 160, 80, 40 and 20 metres during the All Asian DX CW Contest (17-18 June). QSL via JA0JHQ, bureau or direct, and LoTW; logsearch on Club Log.

KL - Mikhail, VE7ACN will be active as AL3/VE7ACN from Hinchinbrook Island (NA-042) on 9-15 August, and as NL6/VE7ACN from Kayak Island (NA-157) on 18-28 August. He will be QRV on 40-10 metres (maybe also 160 and 80m). QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via VE7ACN (direct or bureau); he will also upload his logs to LoTW. See https://www.ve7acn.com/ for more information.

OY - Bill, K2HVN will be active as OY/K2HVN from the Faroe Islands (EU-018) on 13-26 June. He will operate CW and some SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

PJ7 - Look for PJ7/K9UK, PJ7/KK9N, PJ7/W9AEB, PJ7/W9KXQ to be active from Sint Maarten (NA-105) on 14-28 June. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 80-10 metres with two stations. A third station will be used by PJ7/W9DR on 6m. QSL via home calls. [TNX NG3K]

SM - SA7AZQ, SA7DNA and SM5VFE are active as 7S9AT from Haradskar Island (EU-177) until 5 June. Look for them on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via SA7AZQ, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

T8 - Ryosei, JH0IXE will be active again as T8CW from Koror (OC-009), Palau on 9-18 June. He plans to operate CW, SSB, RTTY, JT65 and PSK31 on 80-6 metres. QSL via JA0FOX (bureau) or JH0IXE (direct), LoTW and eQSL. Logsearch on http://t8cw.idou.net. [TNX DX World]

V4 - Rich, KE1B and Anna, W6NN will be active as V4/KE1B and V4/W6NN from Nevis (NA-104) from 30 June to 9 July. They will operate all modes on 40-6 metres. QSL via home calls (direct or bureau) and LoTW; logsearch and OQRS on Club Log.

V4 - Once again John, W5JON will be active as V47JA from St. Kitts (NA-104) from 12 July to 5 August. He will operate SSB on 160-6 metres (60m included), with planned activity during the IOTA Contest. QSL via W5JON (direct only) and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

VK - Plans are for Andy, VK5MAV [425DXN 1359] to leave Mackay around 8 UTC on 9 June and reach the Whitsundays Islands (OC-160) a few

hours later: "there I hope to persuade the skipper to throw me to an island to stay overnight on the beach and work on air", Andy says. If he is QRV from OC-160, he will be signing VK5MAV/4 indicatively between the UTC midday and the UTC early evening of 9 June. He is expected to arrive at Marion Reef (OC-267) in the UTC evening of 10 June, and to remain there and be active as VK9MAV until the UTC morning of 16 June. On his way back to Mackay he might operate again from OC-160 for a few hours on 17 June. QSL via Club Log's OQRS; traditional cards should be sent to VK5MAV (direct only) or RN3RQ (bureau). Andy will be able to upload his logs to Club Log on 18 June at the earliest.

VK9M - DL3DXX, LB8DC, N7QT, N9ADG, SM1ALH, SM5AQD, SM5GLC and possibly other two operators will be active as VK9MA from Mellish Reef (OC-072) [425DXN 1343] on 3-16 November. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-10 metres with five stations. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (direct or bureau), LoTW and eQSL; traditional requests via N7QT (direct or bureau). The website for the DXpedition is under construction at https://vk9ma.com/.

W - Harry, W1HMM will be active from Monhegan Island (NA-137) on 9-11 June. He will operate QRP on 40 and 20 metres SSB and digital modes, with "other bands possible depending on propagation". QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

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CQ DX MARATHON ---> The CQ DX Marathon is a year-long DX hunt, with participants competing to see who can work the greatest number of countries ("entities") and CQ zones during the calendar year. Complete results of the 2016 edition are on http://www.dxmarathon.com/Results/2016/Results2016.htm.

MUSEUM SHIPS WEEKEND ---> Organized by the Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station (NJ2BB), this year's Museum Ships Weekend will be held from 00.00 UTC on 3 June until 23.59 UTC on the 4th. Information on the event, including the relevant certificate and the listing of participating ships, can be found at http://www.nj2bb.org/museum/index.html.

W4DXCC ---> Sponsored by the SouthEastern DX and Contesting Organization, Inc. (SEDCO), the 13th W4 DX and Contest Convention will be held at the MainStay Suites Conference Center in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee on 22-23 September. Registration is now opean and complete details can be found at http://www.w4dxcc.com/. [TNX K4SV]

+ SILENT KEY + Floyd Gerald, N5FG passed away on 25 May. Born in 1944 and licensed since 1972, he was an accomplished DXer and the holder of many operating awards, including DXCC Honor Roll #1, 9BDXCC and 5BWAZ (200 Zones). He served in the ARRL DX Advisory Committee (2009-11), as the manager of the ARRL W5 Incoming QSL Bureau (1998-2002) and as the CQ WAZ Award Manager (2004-2014). He was also a Pilot station for several major

DXpeditions, notably BQ9P (Pratas Island 2003), PZ5A (Suriname 2003), ST0RY (Sudan 2003), TO4E (Europa 2003), VK9CD (Cocos-Keeling 2003), VK9XW (Christmas Island 2003), FT5GA (Glorioso 2009), ST0R (South Sudan 2011), EP6T (AS-166, Iran 2015) and most recently S21ZED & S21ZEE (March 2017).

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8MM, 3XY3D (AF-051), 5A1AL, 5U5R, 5U5U, 6V1IS/p (AF-045), 6W2SC, 9G5X, 9Q6BB, A52IVU, A5A, AH2P, C6APY (NA-054), CE0Y/LU9VEA, DU1UD/8 (OC-119), E51WL (OC-082), EA9/DJ6TF, EA9/DL7UFN, EK/RZ3DJ, HH2AA, J5B, J5UAP, J5W, KH2BY, LU1ZI, S01WS, S21ZED, S21ZEE, S79Z, T88XG, T88XH, TY2BP, UK9AA, V31JZ, VP5/VE7ACN, VP6EU, XR5M (SA-061), XX9D, YB9KA (OC-150), ZP4KFX.

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