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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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7P - Look for Vaughan, 7P8VRR (QSL via ZS2VR and LoTW) and Quintus, 7P8QM (QSL via ZS2KU and LoTW) to be active from Lesotho on 18-21 August. They will be QRV on 40, 20 and 15 metres SSB.

9G - A team of seven (S54W, S57GM, S57SU, S57UN, S59A, S59ZZ and OZ7AM) will be active as 9G5W from Kokrobite, Ghana on 21-29 November, including participation in the CQ WW DX CW Contest. They will operate SSB, CW, RTTY on 160-10 metres with up to four stations. QSL via Club Log's OQRS; traditional cards via S59ZZ. The log will be uploaded to LoTW after six months.

A2 - Alex, IW5ELA will be active holiday style as A25AL from different locations while visiting Botswana on 7-15 September. He will operate mainly CW. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; send an email to iw5ela[@]gmail.com is you need a direct card. Logsearch on Club Log.

CO - Moses CM2YV, Bob CO2KL, Amed CO2AME and others will be active as T45FM from the lighthouse at Punta Maya during the International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend (ILLW) on 19-20 August. QSL via RW6HS. [TNX RW6HS]

DU - Dale, KE0BRZ will be active holiday style as DU1/KE0BRZ from Palawan Island (OC-128) on 18-22 August. He will operate QRP SSB on 20m. QSL via KE0BRZ (direct), LoTW and eQSL. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

E5_sc - Doug, W6HB will be active again as E51DLD from Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cook Islands from 27 August to 8 September. He will be guest operating from the shacks of E51AND and E51JD. QSL via W6HB. [TNX DX World]

EA - Rene, DL2JRM will be active as EA1/DL2JRM from Arosa Island (EU-080) on 16-18 August He will operate mainly CW on 80-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

EI - The Lagan Valley Amateur Radio Society will be active again as EJ0L from the lighthouse on Arranmore Island (EU-121) on 17-21 August, including participation in the International Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend. QSL direct only to MI0BPB. [TNX The Daily DX]

ES - Look for ES/RX3AMI to be active on 15-31 August during the "expedition of the Russian Lighthouse Society to the Estonian islands and lighthouses" in the Baltic Sea. The planned itinerary includes all of the three IOTA groups allocated to Estonia (EU-034, EU-149 and EU-178) - see https://www.qrz.com/db/RX3AMI. QSL via RX3AMI, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

FY - Christian, F5UII will be active again as FY/F5UII from French Guiana on 14-18 August. In is spare time he will operate SSB and RTTY from the Radio Amateur Club de Kourou's station. QSL via home call, direct or bureau; logsearch https://www.f5uii.net.

G - The Northumberland Special Events Group will be active as GB0BLH from the Berwick Lighthouse on 14-21 August, including activity

during the International Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend. QSL via the bureau or eQSL.

OJ0 - Weather permitting, Martti OH2BH (OJ0BH) and Henri OH3JR (OJ0JR) will be active from Market Reef (EU-053) on 12-19 August. They will operate the new FT8 mode - "already a major breakthrough on the HF bands", it offers "sensitivity down to -20 dB on the AWGN channel," and contacts "4 times faster than JT65 or JT9". They will also hand out the OJ0 multiplier in the Worked All Europe DX Contest (WAEDC) and "appear on a variety of traditional modes in the event of any available audible propagation". [TNX OH2BH]

OX - Bo, OZ1DJJ (http://geronne.dk/index.php/ox3lx/ox3lx-dxped) will be active again as OX3LX from Simiutaq Island (NA-220) on 18-24 August. Bo is QRV in his spare time, typically "around lunch and after dinner". QSL via OZ0J, Club Log's OQRS and LoTW.

OZ - Special callsigns 5P90EDR, OV90EDR, OZ90EDR, OX90EDR (from Greenland) and OZ7D (on JT modes only) are being used [425DXN 1339] to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Danish IARU society, Eksperimenterende Danske Radioamatorer (EDR). On 15 and 19 August the Headquarter station will join the celebrations as OZ90HQ. All QSOs are uploaded to LoTW and eQSL on a regular basis. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS (direct and bureau); traditional cards via OZ1ACB. See www.oz90edr.dk for information about the award programme.

S2 - A team of six operators (Axel DL6KVA, Derek G3KHZ, Steve G4EDG, Tuhin S21ED, Anup S21TV and Hans SM6CVX) will be active (callsigns TBA) from the islands of Bhola (AS-140) and St Martin's (AS-127) during the second half of October. Approximate dates, subject to variation depending on local conditions, are 15-18 October for AS-140, and 21-25 October for AS-127. They will operate CW and SSB on 40-15 metres using vertical dipoles. QSL via SM6CVX (for AS-127) and via G3KHZ (for AS-140), direct or bureau. More information and updates on http://s21iota.weebly.com/. [TNX G3KHZ]

TK - Frans, DJ0TP will be active holiday styel as TK/DJ0TP from Corsica (EU-014) from 15 August to 8 September. QSL va home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX DJ0TP]

UA - The RI0LI team was active from the Medvezh'i Islands (AS-022) [425DXN 1370] on 6-10 August and made about 5,000 QSOs. The three operators now expect to be QRV as RA70AA from GUSMP Island (AS-070) for a couple of days, depending on local and weather conditions. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS, or via R7AA (direct or bureau).

V6 - JA6REX (http://v63.webcrow.jp/index.html) will be active as V63KS from Chuuk (OC-011), Micronesia from 28 August to 4 September. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-10 metres. QSL via home call (direct or bureau) and LoTW; logsearch on Club Log.

VE - VY2PLH is a special callsign dedicated to operations from lighthouses on Prince Edward Island (NA-029). Next activity will take place on 19-20 August from East Point Lighthouse. VY2PLH will operate SSB, PSK31 and some CW on the HF bands. QSL via VY2GF. [TNX Southgate ARC]

W - The Old Barney Amateur Radio Club will be active as W2T from the Tucker's Island Lighthouse in the Tuckerton Seaport (mainland New Jersey) on 19 August, and possibly also on the 20th, from about 13 UTC to 21 UTC. They will operate SSB and some CW mainly on 40 and 20 metres. QSL VIA N2OO. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

YJ - Tony, KQ2I will be active holiday style as YJ0AT from Efate (OC-035), Vanuatu from 28 August to 13 September. He will operate CW on 40-10 metres, with an emphasis on 40m. He should like to receive "real RST signal reports". QSL via NR6M and LoTW; logsearch and OQRS on Club Log. [TNX NG3K]

ZS - "Due to a series of unexpected complications", the ZS9V DXpedition to Robben Island (AF-064, http://zs9v.org.za/) [425DXN 1369] has been moved to 18-20 August. Also, the team now includes four operators only (ZS1V, ZS1VDV, ZS1AN and ZS1A), with expected activity on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres SSB only. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS.

BALKANS TOUR ---> Costa, IZ7GXB (https://balkanstour-iz7gxb.jimdo.com/) will be active from Macedonia as Z38/IZ7GXB (21-25 August), from Albania as ZA/IZ7GXB (25-29 August) and from Montenegro as 4O7GXB (29 August-3 September). His main focus will be on 6 metres SSB (50150 kHz), with some activity on the HF bands (SSB, possibly some CW and RTTY). QSL via LoTW or home call, logsearch on Club Log. [TNX NG3K]

INDIAN OCEAN TRIP ---> Lance, W7GJ will be active as VK9CGJ from Cocos/Keeling (OC-003) between 12 and 28 September, and as VK9XGJ from Christmas Island (OC-002) between 2 and 18 October. This will be a 6m EME DXpedition: "I urge you to gain experience with JT65A", he says, "and especially review the QSO procedure that I use most effectively on these DXpeditions". QSL direct only to home call. See www.bigskyspaces.com/w7gj/ for planned operating schedules and other information.

PACIFIC TRIP ---> Bert, CX3AN will be active as 5W0HA from Upolu, Samoa (OC-097) on 19-26 August, and as YJ0CX from Efate (OC-035), Vanuatu on 26-30 August. He will operate holiday style with 100 watts and dipoles. QSLs via CX3AN. [TNX CX3AN]

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HAMS WITH HEARTS ---> In January 2016, the International DX Association (INDEXA) announced the formation of a new fund within the organization that specifically supports humanitarian projects carried out by Dxpeditions. Bob Schenck, N2OO gave an excellent description of the "Hams with Heart" programme in the June issue of CQ Magazine. The article includes specifics on aid provided by members of the March 2017 S21ZED/S21ZEE DXpedition team. The article is now available on http://indexa.org/newsitems.html. [TNX W3OA]

ILLW ---> The 20th annual International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend will take place from 00.01 UTC on 19 August until 23.59 UTC on the 20th. Complete information on this popular event, including a list of announced

participating stations, can be found at http://illw.net/.

NCDXF & 3Y0Z ---> The Northern California DX Foundation (www.ncdxf.org) has announced a grant of USD 100,000 to the 3Y0Z Bouvet Island DXpedition planned for January 2018. This is the largest contribution in the history of NCDXF. The Foundations' primary purpose is to help fund well-organized DXpeditions to rare, difficult and expensive entities, like Bouvet. During the last 45 years, NCDXF has granted over one million dollars to hundreds of DXpeditions. [TNX W0GJ]

R24RRC ---> Some 3900 QSOs were made from Bol'shoy Shantar Island (AS-044) from 31 July to 3 August. The log has been uploaded to Club Log (search for R24RRC_AS044) and the OQRS has been activated. Traditional cards via R7AL (direct).

+ SILENT KEYS + Jean J. Lewuillon, ON8RA/5T0JL passed away on 8 August. Born in 1928 and first licenced in 1960 as F3JL, he was also active as 9Q5LJ (1965-1967) and 9X5AB (1980-1983). Special callsigns in Mauritania included 5T0ITU, 5T1FOC, 5T1MM, 5T2MM and 5T3MM. A top-notch CW operator, he conducted his personal campaign against split operating: "simplex CW is not a disease, nor a mental defect", he said, "it's the lifestyle of the real telegrapher who does not need subtleties to exercise his art!"
Recently reported Silent Keys also include Heinz Marhoff (DK8DY), Anatoly L. Shikov (ER5AL) and Relen V. Osmolovsky (R6KO, ex UU5JO and UB5JO), one of the doyens of amateur radio in Crimea.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3D2AG/p, 3DA0FA, 3W9FU/p (AS-157), 4O/KC0W, 5C28UA, 5W0COW, 6V1IS (AF-045), 7Q7BP, 9G5X, A35JP/p (OC-123), A71AM, A92GE, C6ADX, C6AJR, C6AKQ, CX2AQ, CX4SS, DU6/JA1PBV (OC-125), E31A, E51DWC, E51WL, EX7MK, FO5RH, FP/KV1J, FW5JJ, HD2RRC (SA-034), HD2RRC/4 (SA-033), JR1LZK/6, JW2US, KG4XP, KH8/KC0W, N2OO/VP9, NP2X, PJ2BR, RI1C/p (EU-133), S21ZED, S21ZEE, SV8DTD, T2COW, TA0/DL7UCX (AS-201), TE8DX (NA-116), TG7/KC0W, TI5/N5BEK, TU7C, VU4YC, VY2SS, YJ0COW, YN2WL, YS1AG, Z35M, Z81D.

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