A3 - Hal, JR4OZR will be active as A35W from Tongatapu (OC-049), Tonga on 20-26 September. He will operate RTTY and FT8, and will participate in the CQ WW DX RTTY Contest. QSL via JJ2VLY and LoTW, logsearch on Club Log. [TNX The Daily DX]

FP - Look for FP/DH5FS, FP/DK2AB, FP/G3ZAY, FP/G7VJR, FP/M0BLF, FP/M0WUT and FP/M0ZXA to be active from Ile-aux-Marins, Saint Pierre and Miquelon (NA-032) on 18-22 September. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes (FT8 included) on 160-6 metres with four stations. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or via operator's instructions. [TNX The Daily DX]

GU - The NB-DX Team will be active as MU/ON4ANN from Guernsey (EU-114) on 18-24 September. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes with "special attention" for 160, 80, 40 and 30 metres. QSL via M0URX's OQRS (http://m0urx.com/oqrs/) and LoTW. [TNX DX World]

JA - Look for JA8COE/8 and JE8KKX/8 to be active from Yagishiri Island (AS-147) on 16-18 September. QSL via home calls. [TNX JN6RZM]

SM - Frank, DL2SWW was active as SD7W/6 from Orust Island (EU-043) earlier this week; he will operate as SD7W from Oland Island (EU-037) on 19-21 September. QSLs via home call, bureau preferred. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

SV9 - Joerg, DM1OS will be active as SV9/DM1OS from Gavdos Island (EU-187) on 23-25 September. He will operate holiday style around the SSB IOTA frequencies. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

T8 - JA3KIO as T88XA and JA3JND as T88ON will be active from Koror (OC-009), Palau between 20 and 28 September. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau.

UA - Konstantin, R7KF plans to be active as RI0ZF from from Beringa, one of the Komandorskiye Islands (AS-039), indicatively between 16 and 22 September. Actual dates may change subject to weather conditions. This is not a DXpedition, but he will try and be QRV on 30, 20 and 17 metres CW and SSB, running 100 watts to simple antennas and using paper log. QSL via R7KF, direct or bureau. [TNX NG3K]

V3 - Victor, WB0TEV will be active again as V31VP from Belize on 21-25 September. Main activity will be during the CQ WW DX RTTY Contest; before and after the contest he might operate some SSB as well. QSL via Club Log's OQRS or via home call (direct or bureau). He does not use LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

V6 - JR1FKR as V63FKR and JH1MLO as V63MLO will be active from Pohnpei (OC-010), Micronesia between 27 September and 2 October. They will operate SSB and RTTY. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. They do not use LoTW.

VU - AT7M is the callsign for the IOTA DXpedition to the St Mary Islands
A large team will operate "all modes with multi TX" from 30 September to 1 October (less than 48 hours). QSL via VU3NPI. [TNX VU2UR]

XW - Champ, E21EIC will be active again as XW1IC from Laos on 21-25 September. He will be QRV on 80-6 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW DX RTTY Contest, possibly on 20 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW; traditional cards via E21EIC. [TNX DX World]

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5L3BI (AF-111) ---> "The wet season is in full force in Liberia this year", the 5L3BI team reported on 13 September. "This makes any road travel tricky and potentially dangerous, which in-turn has so far prevented Richmond EL2BG and Dickson EL2DT from making a 2nd recce trip to Baiyah Island (AF-111). Since we believe roads conditions may never fully recover between now and the end of October, we have recently managed to (thankfully) reserve seats on a MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship International) flight which will take most of the team directly to Greenville Sinoe airstrip. From there we will meet Richmond EL2BG who will have made the treacherous road journey south in his 4x4 vehicle. With the new and additional cost of flights to/from Sinoe region from Monrovia we do still seek generous donations from the IOTA and DX community. Considering a donation? Please visit https://af111new.com/support/". [TNX DX World]

ENIGMA RELOADED ---> The 4th "Enigma Reloaded" event will take place on 22-30 September. Complete information on the event and the associated award is available at http://www.enigma-reloaded.it/.

IOTA: NEW WEBSITE ---> The new website is at https://www.iota-world.org. For the time being all user logins have been suspended until the website is released on 16 September at 8 UTC. Registered users on rsgbiota.org will NOT have to re-register on IOTA World, because they will be able to log in with the same credentials as they used on the old website. A choice of languages is available by selecting one of the flags. The point of contact for help and comments is at info[@]iota-world.org.

IOTA: DATABASE HOUSEKEEPING ---> "Parallel with launching the new IOTA website and operating programme we are carrying out some long overdue housekeeping on user records on our database. We have migrated all these from the previous RSGB IOTA website to our new site. The following will affect chasers who have not entered a score or updated an existing one on
their record since August 2007, the date we went online. We have several thousand records falling into this category and it does not make sense to retain them. We have with immediate effect moved them to Archives where they will no longer be visible to their 'owners'. Queries about this notice should be sent to info[@]iota-world.org”.

IOTA: REPORTING PROGRAMME GROWTH ---> "In July we celebrated the first anniversary of the introduction of crediting QSO matches with logs on Club Log", G3KMA reported on 12 September. "Introduced on the existing software, it has already been hugely successful in increasing the volume of credits given by 70%, providing evidence that it meets the wishes of a significant part of the IOTA community for this kind of development. Needless to say, it has boosted the financial viability of the programme. Currently some 54% of all credits given so far in 2017 were for QSO matches, a figure that we believe will increase once participants get used to the new software. Paper cards submitted are down 20% suggesting replacement with electronic confirmations which from a very low figure for IOTA Contest matches has spiralled from 4,036 to 32,878 credits. This is just the beginning”.

PDXG QSL MANAGEMENT PLATFORM ---> Developed over the past three years, the Perseverance DX Group's project (http://www.pdxg.net/index.php/news) aims at simplifying the QSL manager's job by automating the back end processes. The platform's exclusive users are Tim M0URX, Charles M0OXO, Pista HA5AO and Gene K5GS, who have uploaded 5,018,167 QSOs from some 800 logs (DXpeditions, contests, active DX stations handled by M0URX, M0OXO and HA5AO) so far. "A QSL manager with one helper can process OQRS requests for the largest DXpedition in one day, an amazing 75% reduction in time and labor. Today the only time consuming OQRS confirmation tasks are stuffing envelopes and affixing labels, a bulk mail franking machine eliminated postage stamps. Other automated tasks include matching donors to the log for special handling and busted call management. A new feature controls sending duplicate QSL cards to the same DXer. Many DXers request a card through OQRS or direct and also send a buro card. The software will not respond to the buro request if a card was previously sent for the same contact(s). With all this extra time on their hands M0URX and M0OXO are available to handle additional DX callsigns and DXpeditions”. [TNX K5GS]

TUNISIA: NEW LICENCING ARRANGEMENTS ---> The Ministry of Communication Technologies and Digital Economy has approved and issued a decree (nr. 3215, 17 August 2017) that organizes amateur radio activity in Tunisia. The decree has appeared in the Official Journal of the Tunisian Republic nr. 71 (5 September 2017). It is now possible for Tunisian hams to apply, pass an exam and get their own amateur radio licences. Those who already have a foreign licence can be granted licences without passing an exam. Resident foreigners can also apply. See https://www.iaru-r1.org/.

WRTC-2022 ---> The 8th edition of the World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC) will be held in Germany in July 2018. Like the Olympic Games, however, "it is important to provide continuity for the WRTC program and give the radiosport community as much time as possible to prepare for each event. Thus, it is appropriate at this time to begin the process of considering where WRTC-2022 will be held and who will make up the organizing committee. The WRTC Sanctioning Committee is responsible for evaluating
requests to host a WRTC event and selecting the winning applicant.
In order to begin the evaluation process, the WRTC Sanctioning Committee
requests any potential sponsor to send a written letter of intent to our
chairman, S50A (Tine Brajnik, Velike Lipljene 24, 1311 Turjak, Slovenia).
The letter should identify the group’s primary leaders and contact
information, along with the general time frame and location for the event.
We will then respond with the WRTC requirements document from which a formal
proposal can be created. The deadline for submitting the letter of intent is
December 31, 2017. Formal proposals will then be accepted until March 1,
2018.
The WRTC Sanctioning Committee stands ready to answer questions and provide
whatever information we can to assist potential hosts in expressing interest
and making an application. It is our plan to announce the selected hosts for
WRTC-2022 during the closing ceremonies of WRTC-2018”. [TNX S50A]
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