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3W - Tom, KC0W will be active as 3W9CW [425DXN 1379] from Con Son Island (AS-130) on 16-28 November. He will operate CW only on 80-6 metres. QSL via home call (direct only) and logsearch on Club Log. He does not use LoTW.

4O - Ark, UA4CC will be active again as 4O7CC from Montenegro on 23-30 November, including an entry in the CQ WW DX CW Contest. Before and after the contest he will operate CW, SSB and digital modes (FT8 included) on all bands. QSL via LoTW or home call. [TNX UA4CC]

4S7 - Takayuki, JI1SHQ has moved to Colombo, Sri Lanka in late June and soon he will be active as 4S7TNG. He will operate CW on 30 and 20 metres. QSL via JI1SHQ (bureau).

5T - Fawaz, A92AA and Obaid, A61M will be active as 5T1A and 5T1R from Nouakchott, Mauritania between 20 November and 20 December. QSLs via A92AA. On 1-7 December they will be joined by Ahmed, 5T2AI (9K2AI) and be active as 5T5TI (https://5t5ti.blogspot.com/) from Tidra Island (AF-050). They will operate SSB and FT8 on 40-10 meters. QSL via NI5DX (direct only), plus LoTW; logsearch on Club Log.

5V - John, N9MDH is active as 5V1JE from Lome, Togo until around the end of May 2018. He operates digital modes and some SSB on 80-10m, with a focus on 30 and 20 metres. Plans are to upload the log to LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

5X - Andy, DL3YM will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as 5X8B from Uganda, probably in the SOAB LP category. QSL via LoTW or home call (direct only, as he will confirm all QSOs automatically via the bureau). [TNX DX World]

EA - A team of eight (EA1DFP, EA1ET, EA1RG, EA2DLX, EA2DXW, EA2ELB, EA2RC and EA2VE) will be active "on several HF bands" as EG1ET from Salvora Island (EU-077) on 18-19 November. QSL via EA1ET.

FK - Look for FK/JR3RIU to be active holiday style from New Caledonia on 24-26 November. He will operate CW on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres and will be active during the CQ WW DX CW Contest. QSL via LoTW, or direct only to JR3RIU. [TNX DX World]

FY - Hartwig, DL7BC will be active as FY/DL7BC/p from French Guiana from 26 November to 7 December. He will operate from the QTH of Bruno, FY4VA (DH1BL) near Cayenne. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or via home call (direct or bureau).

HK - Martin, LU9EFO and Camilo, HK3TU have postponed their expedition to IOTA groups SA-040 and SA-093 [425DXN 1382] until sometime in February 2018. [TNX DX World]

JA - Nag, JA7GAX will be active as JA7GAX/6 from Kuro Island (AS-024) on 23-28 November. He will operate CW only on the HF bands and 6m. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX JI3DST]

JA - Take, JI3DST will be active as either JS6RRR and JI3DST/6 from

Miyako Island (AS-079) on 23-28 November. He will operate SSB, CW, RTTY and JT65 on the HF bands. QSL JS6RRR via JS6RRR, QSL JI3DST/6 via JI3DST. [TNX JI3DST]

PZ - Four members (AA7A, G4FON, G4IRN and KY7M) of the Voodoo Contest Group (http://voodoocontestgroup.com/) will be active as PZ5V from Suriname on 19-28 November, including an entry in the CQ WW DX CW Contest. QSL via M0URX's OQRS and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

V2 - Bud, AA3B will be active again as V26K from Antigua (NA-100) on 22-27 November. Main activity will be during the CQ WW DX CW Contest; outside the contest he might give RTTY a try. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, eQSL or via AA3B (direct or bureau). [TNX The Daily DX]

VE - The Halifax Explosion was a maritime disaster in Halifax, Nova Scotia on 6 December 1917. The blast devastated the Richmond district of Halifax, killing 2000 people and injuring more than 9000. Commemorating those tragic events, the Halifax ARC has been issued the special call CK100VDA for the period 2-10 December. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau and LoTW; direct cards should be sent to VA1YL.

VU - Datta, VU2DSI will be active as AU2JCB from 23 November to 11 December to celebrate the birthdate of Indian physicist and radio pioneer Jagadish Chandra Bose. Look for activity on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via VU2DSI (direct). [TNX NG3K]

XE - XE1AY, XE1SGW, XE1SOV, XE1SPM (YL operator), XE1SRD and XE2IUK expect to be active again as XF2L from Isla de Lobos (NA-221) from 30 November to 3 December. QSL direct to XE1SOV (or use PayPal: details on qrz.com); logsearch on the Grupo Puebla DX's website: http://puebladx.org/spcall/XF2L_log.php.

XW - Ken, K4ZW will be active again as XW4ZW from Vientiane, Laos on 3-8 December. He will focus on the low bands. QSL via LoTW or K1SE; logsearch on Club Log. [TNX The Daily DX]

YB - Amir, YB9IPY will be active as YB9IPT/p from Lombok Island (OC-150) on 20-24 November. He will operate SSB on 40, 20 and 15 metres. QSL via IK2DUW. Logs will be uploaded to Club Log. [TNX The Daily DX]

ZC4 - Adrian, G0KOM will be active as ZC4MK from Avdimou Beach, UK Sovereign Base Areas on Cyprus on 5-12 December. QSL via home call, Club Log's OQRS and LoTW.

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3C0L & 3C1L --- > Yuris, YL2GM and Kaspars, YL3AIW have uploaded to Club Log the last part of their 3C1L log, which now contains 43,612 QSOs with 14,811 unique calls. About 1400 QSOs were made on 9-10 October, the rest from 27 October to 12 November. While on Bioko Island (AF-010), Equatorial Guinea they operated CW (77,41%), SSB (17,83%) and RTTY (4,76%). On 13-25 October

they were active as 3C0L from Annobon Island (AF-039). They made 32,447 QSOs with 11,783 uniques on CW (79,87%) and SSB (20,13%). QSL for both operations via ClubLog's OQRS (direct or bureau), or direct to YL2GN; email requests for bureau cards can be sent to yl2gn[@]lral.lv. The logs will be uploaded to LoTW in six months' time.

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

5L3BI --- > The 5L3BI team are now able to share the actual difficulties they encountered during their attempt of activating Baiyah Island (AF-111): "Had we failed? Yes. Had we escaped without any injuries or harm? Yes. Did we make the right decision? Yes. Will we attempt it again in the future? No", they say, because "after experiencing and witnessing so much of local customs, none of the team are prepared to put themselves into this situation again". The full story is well worth a reading, and can be found on https://dx-world.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/5L3BI-story-pdf.pdf.
"We are ever so thankful to those DX Groups, Foundations and individuals who have already requested for us to keep their donations and to use towards the expense of this project. We also invite anyone who has made a donation and would like it returned to please contact us (dxer59[@]gmail.com) in the first instance so we can make arrangements to repay it as soon as possible".

QSL VIA G3SWH ---> Phil, G3SWH reports that "the backlog of all outstanding direct QSL requests for Joe, G3MRC's numerous callsigns (7Q7BP, 5X1P, 9Q5MRC, 9U5MRC, C91MR, C91MR/3, C93MR, C96MR, C97MR, G3MRC, G3MRC/C9, G3MRC/9Q5, 9X5/G3MRC, Z38/G3MRC, 5H/9Q5MRC and ZB2/G3MRC) have now all been processed and mailed. Some of the logs are still on paper and I am working on digitising them with a view to uploading them to Club Log, LoTW and my own web site (www.g3swh.org.uk). This will probably take a few more weeks". Joe's RSGB membership lapsed at the time of his passing (May 2017). Consequently, as the RSGB QSL bureau will not process outgoing cards for non members, paper QSLs for these stations are only available direct with adequate return or via the OQRS on Phil's website above.

QSL VIA SM4VPZ ---> Lily, SM4VPZ is the QSL manager for 5X1JM, 7R7R, 7U9C, 7X2JV, 7X2WEK, 7Y9GH, 7Y9LI, 7Y9OU, 7Y9SE, 7Y9TH and 9N7ZK. QSL direct only (Liliana Aspelin, Hertig Karlsgatan 21B lgh 1201, SE-682 30 Filipstad, Sweden), as she does not use the bureau. See qrz.com for PayPal details.

VK9AR --- > Mike AB5EB (CW), Mike AD5A (CW) and Craig VK5CE (SSB) operated as VK9AR (https://ashmorereef.wordpress.com/) from Ashmore Reef (OC-216) for two days and a half, and logged 8173 QSOs with Asia (50%), Europe (33%) and North America (13%). On the return journey to Broome, there was an opportunity for the bird researchers they were travelling with to do a quick visit to Browse Island (OC-234). The IOTA team "had no choice of the arrival /departure time or length of stay" on the island, but "made the effort to get it on the air with 2 stations for as long as we could". 720 QSOs were logged on 20 and 17 metres between 21.31 UTC on 11 November and 00.40 UTC on 12 November. Unfortunately is was too late in the local morning for Europe, and "only some got in the log". Logsearch and OQRS for VK9AR and VK9AR/6 are now available on Club Log. Both the operations have been approved for IOTA credit.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 4V1G, 5A1AL, 5A5A, 9V1YC, A25BE, A61Q, AL3/AA7CH (NA-042), B7/BD7IHN (AS-094), CP6CL, D2EB, HD2RRC (SA-034), HD2RRC/4 (SA-033), NL6/AA7CH (NA-157), R24RRC (AS-044 and AS-114), R71RRC (AS-071), RI0C (AS-069), RI0LI (AS-022), RI1ON (EU-066), S9YY, ST100S, TZ4AM, TZ4PR, V63YL (OC-010), V6J (OC-226), V73NS (OC-028), VK9CGJ, VK9XGJ, VP5/W5CW, XT2AW, ZD7BR, ZF1A.

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