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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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5B4 - Celebrating the Christmas season, Alex 5B4ALX) is active as 5B4XMAS until 31 December. He operates SSB, CW and digital modes on all bands. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via IZ4AMS (more information on http://www.5b4alx.cloud/).

6W - Once again Earl, WA3DX will be touring Senegal between 25 December and 12 January and will be active holiday style as 6W1/WA3DX from Dakar, as 6W7/WA3DX from Mbao, as 6W6/WA3DX from Kaolack and the Saloum Islands (not IOTA). He will operate SSB, PSK and SSTV on 40-10 metres. QSL direct to WA3DX. [TNX DX News]

A7 - A team from the Qatar Amateur Radio Society will be active again as A70X from Al-Safliyah Island (AS-088) on 1-6 January. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. [TNX NG3K]

DU - Dindo DU1UD has announced his intention to operate as DU1UD/8 from Mapun Island in the Cagayan De Sulu Group (OC-105, the most wanted IOTA group in the Philippines) during the "first or second quarter of 2018". He will also make a return visit to the Tawi Tawi Group (OC-174) during the same period. His duration of stay is as always dependant on local conditions and safety. Further information will be announced in due course. [TNX M0OXO]

E5_sc - Mauri, AG1LE has been active again as E51DXX from Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cook Islands since 10 December, and will remain there until 29 December. QSL via home call.

G - The Welland Valley Amateur Radio Society will host a series of special event stations in 2018 to mark the end of World War I, and in remembrance of the millions who were killed or wounded. A total of twelve special call signs have been applied for and will be put on air during the year: GB1GW (January), GB1FWW (February), GB2GW (March), GB2FWW (April), GB4GW (May), GB4FWW (June), GB5GW (July), GB5FWW (August), GB6GW (September), GB6FWW (October) and GB8GW (November), plus GB0AD on 10-11 November to mark Armistice Day. See http://www.qrz.com/db/GB1GW for QSLling options and details about the certificates available for contacting the special callsigns.

H40 - Cezar, VE3LYC will be active from Taumako Island (OC-179), Temotu for at least five days in early May 2018 [425DXN 1386]. He plans to operate CW and SSB on 40-10m. Bookmark http://oc-179.weebly.com for more information and updates.

H44 - Shane, VK4KHZ is active again as H44DA from Busuone on Malaita Island (OC-047), Solomon Islands until early January. "My primary interest is still 6m SSB", he says, "and when 6m is quiet I will most likely be on HF (10, 15, 20, 40, & 80m) or on SO50 satellite". This is not a DXpedition, but Shane's annual holiday: "I will be operating the radio only as time permits and when doing so, training the locals in the operation of the equipment so please be patient and courteous". QSL direct only to VK4KHZ.

KH1 - KH1/KH7Z is the callsign for the Dateline DX Association's DXpedition to Baker Island (OC-089) [425DXN 1374]. The 15-operator team (9V1YC, AA7A, AA7JV, HA7RY, JN1THL, K6MM, K6TD, KN4EEI, N1DG, N4HU, N4XP, N6HC, N6MZ, ND2T and WJ2O) will be QRV on 160-6 metres CW, SSB and digital modes for ten days in late June. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (direct or bureau), LoTW or direct to K4TSJ. This will be the first DXpedition to this Most Wanted DXCC Entity since 2002, and the FWS ruling that allowed this trip prevents another DXpedition for ten years. The team will contribute 50% of the expected budget of USD 400,000; see http://www.baker2018.net/ for more information and donation instructions.

OZ - Thomas, DL7UZO and his wife will be active as 5P9Z/p from IOTA group EU-171 from 28 December to 4 January. They will operate CW, RTTY and SSB on 160-10 metres (see http://5p9z.com/home/ for more information). QSL via Club Log's OQRS or direct to Thomas Schlitt, Buschallee 82, 13088 Berlin, Germany; bureau cards can also be requested by email (dl7uzo[@]gmx.de). [TNX DX World]

P2 - Haru, JA1XGI (http://island.geocities.jp/P29vacation) will be active again as P29VXG from New Britain Island (OC-008) on 1-7 February. Main activity will be on 160, 80, 40, 30 and 20 metres CW, with a special focus on Europe and North America on 160m. QSL via JA1XGI and LoTW; log search and OQRS on Club Log (search for P29VXG/2018).

PJ7 - Vadym, UT6UD will be active as PJ7/UT6UD from Sint Maarten (NA-105) from 30 December to 13 January. He will be QRV on 160-17 metres CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW, or direct to home call (see qrz.com for PayPal instructions). [TNX NG3K]

T8 - Ryosei, JH0IXE will be active again as T8CW from Koror (OC-009), Palau from 27 December to 5 January. QSL via JA2KCT (bureau) or JH0IXE (direct), LoTW and eQSL; logsearch on http://t8cw.idou.net.

T8 - Nobu, JA0JHQ (http://pandasan.jimdo.com/) will be active again as T88PB from Koror (OC-009), Palau on 27-31 January. Main activity will be on 80 metres CW and during the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest. QSL via JA0JHQ, bureau or direct, and LoTW.

VU - Once again the West Bengal Radio Club will provide assistance during the Ganga Sagar Mela on Sagar Island (AS-153). This is the annual gathering of Hindu pilgrims to take a holy dip in the Ganges, where the river merges with the Bay of Bengal. Expect some activity on the HF bands as AU2WBR between 1 January and 31 March. QSL via VU2NRO.

XF4 - Mark, XE1B will be active as 4B4B from Socorro Island (NA-030), Revillagigedo on 1-15 March. He will operate SSB on 160-6 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS or direct to home call.

YO - The club station at the Children's National Palace in Bucharest will use special callsign YP2018HNY from 15 December until 15 January to celebrate Christmas and the New Year. QSL via YO3KPA, direct or bureau. Logsearch on Club Log.

ZC4 - ZC4A will be active again from the UK Sovereign Base Areas on Cyprus on 24-31 January, including an entry in the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest (26-28 January). Two or three stations will operate CW with some SSB and digital mode on 160-10 metres. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

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

LOTW & WAZ AWARD ---> ARRL and CQ Magazine announced on 14 December that "participants in the Worked All Zones (WAZ) award program will soon be able to use the Logbook of the World (LoTW) system to apply for the WAZ award and its endorsements". It will be possible "to use LoTW logs to generate lists of confirmed contacts to be submitted for WAZ credit. Standard LoTW credit fees and separate CQ award fees will apply. Implementation, documentation, and internal testing of the link between LoTW and WAZ is complete. ARRL and CQ are now assembling a team of external 'beta testers' to assure that the link is ready for widespread use. A separate announcement will be made when LOTW's support for CQ WAZ is available to everyone".

QSL HR2J ---> Javier Pinel, HR2J passed away in late November. Mike, AJ9C used the callsign HR2J in 2016 during the CQ WW DX CW Contest: he has the log and will answer direct requests (no bureau cards) for QSLs from that contest only. HR2J used LoTW, and his latest upload was on 21 November. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

QSL VK9AR ---> Craig, VK5CE has received the blank cards for VK9AR (OC-216) and VK9AR/6 (OC-234), and will process them in a few days' time. Those who want to get their cards in time for the January 2018 IOTA Annual Update should use Club Log's OQRS by 17 December, as that will be Craig's "QSLing cutoff before xmas break".

QSL VIA UA1QV ---> Mike, UA1QV has uploaded to Club Log and enabled the OQRS for a large number of logs. Search for D3AA, D3AM, 8Q7QV, RI1PA (this was from EU-085), R1QAP, RA1QKI/1/EU-102, RA1QKI/1/EU-160, UA1QV/1/EU-085, UA1QV/1/EU-102, UA1QV/1/EU-160, UA1QV/1/EU-188, UE1QAA/1 (this was from EU-102), UE1RCV/1/EU-188, UE1RFF/1/EU-086, UE1RFF/1/EU-102. See UA1QV on qrz.com for traditional QSLling (direct only) instructions.

YOTA 2018 ---> The South African Radio League (SARL) will host the 8th edition of the Youngsters on the Air (YOTA) Camp in August 2018. This annual event brings together young people from IARU Region 1 member societies for a week, creating an opportunity to learn all about different nationalities and cultures, foster international friendships and goodwill, and learn new amateur radio skills.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 4S7VBG/p (AS-171), 5N7Q, 5T5OK,

5T9VB, 6W/UA4WHX/p (AF-078), 7V7V, 7V9A (AF-094), 8Q7VB, A5A, AL3/AA7CH (NA-042), B7CRA (AS-143), C21JY, C31CT, C93PA, CN2VB, CT8/UA4WHX, DU9/SP5APW (OC-235), E44WE, GM/DH5JBR/p, H40GC, J5T, LB0OG/p (EU-079), LU8DPM, MI6JVC, NL6/AA7CH (NA-157), OJ0JR, P29LL, PZ5V, R24RRC (AS-044 and AS-114), R66IOTA (AS-066), R71RRC (AS-071), RI0C (AS-069), RI0LI (AS-022), RI0ZF (AS-039), S21ZAS (AS-127), SU9VB, TA0/DL7UCX, TI5/N5BEK, TX5EG, TZ4AM, VE3OP/VE2 (NA-038), VK5CE/8 (OC-198), VK9VKL, VP8LP, WB8YJF/p (NA-067), ZL4YL.

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