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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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3W - HL1AHS and HL1LUA will be active as XV9HL from Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam from 26 February to 6 March. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-10 metres. QSL via HL1AHS.

6Y - Yuri, VE3DZ will be active again as 6Y2T from Jamaica (NA-097) on 13-20 February, including an entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest. QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]

8P - Dick, G3RWL will be active again as 8P6DR from Barbados (NA-021) from 20 March to 29 April. He will operate CW and RTTY on 80-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or via home call.

9X - Christian, M0UPL will be active as 9XSDA (the callsign is correct) from Kigali, Rwanda on 11-18 February. He will operate mainly SSB on 40 and 20 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

CE0Y - Michael, DF8AN will be active again as CE0Y/DF8AN from Easter Island (SA-001) on 21-28 February. This time he will concentrate on digital modes (RTTY, FT8, JT and PSK). He will also be active as CE3/DDF8AN from Santiago (10-11 February) and as CE8/DF8AN from Punta Arenas (11-21 February). QSL via home call, direct or bureau; neither LoTW nor Club Log will be used. [TNX The Daily DX]

CO - T45FM will be QRV again from the lighthouse at Punta Maya on 16-18 February for the South American Lighthouses Weekend. Also expect activity during the ARRL DX CW Contest. QSL via RW6HS. [TNX RW6HS]

FK - Arnaud, JG1XMV will be active again as FK/JG1XMV from New Caledonia between 17 February and 3 March. He will operate SSB on 40-15 metres from Grande Terre (OC-032) Lifou (OC-033) and Mare (OC-033). Updates will be posted on qrz.com under FK/JG1XMV. QSL via JG1XMV (direct or bureau), LoTW and eQSL. [TNX NG3K]

FM - Ismo, OH2IS will be active as FM/OH2IS from Martinique (NA-107) on 18-28 February. He will operate CW, SSB and possibly some FT8 with a focus on the low bands. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS or direct to OH2IS. [TNX The Daily DX]

H4 - Chung, VA7YM will be active as H44YM from Guadalcanal(OC-047), Solomon Islands on 24-27 February and again on 13-16 March, and as H40YM from Nendo (OC-100), Temotu Province between 27 February and 13 March. QSL via EA5GL. [TNX DX World]

HL - Look for Taka, JA8COE to be active as HL4/JA8COE/5 from Namhae Island (AS-081) on 9-11 March. He will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on the HF bands. QSL via JA8COE, direct or bureau, and Club Log's OQRS. [TNX M0OXO]

I - Ninety years ago the airship "Italia" crashed on the ice on its way back from the North Pole, and a small tent dyed red for maximum visibility was the only shelter for the survivors. Commemorating the role of radio (and amateur radio) in rescuing the Red Tent survivors, special callsign II1ITR will be active from 25 May to 25

June. QSL via IZ1ETD , direct or bureau. [TNX IZ1ETD]

JD1_oga- Nobu, JA0JHQ (http://pandasan.jimdo.com/) will be active again as JD1BOW from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara on 21-24 February. Main activity will be on 160 metres CW, and 20 metres FT8 and/or RTTY. QSL via JA0JHQ, bureau or direct, and LoTW.

OA - Dave, WJ2O will be active as OA4/WJ2O from Peru on 13-21 February for the ARRL DX CW Contest. He will operate CW only; before and after the contest he will focus on 30, 17 and 12 metres. QSL via LoTW or direct to N2ZN. [TNX NG3K]

OE - In celebration of World Radio Day (13 February), the International Amateur Radio Contest DX Club based in Vienna, Austria will be active as 4U0R. QSL via UA3DX; logsearch on Club Log.

PJ7 - PJ0DX is the duly authorized callsign for a new contest station located on Sint Maarten (NA-105). Operated by Pat I8QLS, Gino I8ULL, Gianluca IC8WIC, Nino IK8ENH, Marco KC9FFV, Marco PJ7MF/FS4WBS and Pier W1NA, it will debut during the ARRL DX SSB Contest, with some activity (SSB and possibly CW) between 1 and 5 March. QSL via IZ1MHY and LoTW.

PY - Henrique, PU5IKE and other five operators (PP5AI, PP5AX, PP5PG, PT7BI and PU5KDM) will be active as PX5P from the lighthouse on Ilha da Paz (SA-027) on 16-18 February during the South American Lighthouses Weekend. They will be active on 160-10 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via operators' instructions.

PY - The Cabreuva DX Team will be active as ZV1C from Ilha Cedro (SA-029) on 17-18 March. Plans are to operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres, plus 2m and satellite. QSL via PU2VCP, direct or bureau.

TY - Wim, ON6DX (http://www.dxpedition.be/Benin.html) will be active again as TY1TT from Grand Popo, Benin on 20-28 February. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-10 metres. QSL via ON6DX, direct or bureau, and LoTW; logsearch and OQRS on Club Log. [TNX NG3K]

V2 - Paul, VA3ZC will be active as V26PE from Antigua (NA-100) on 13-27 February. He will operate FT8, JT65 and maybe some SSB on 40, 30 and 20 metres. QSL via LoTW or home call.

VK - Andy, VK5MAV will be active as VK5MAV/9 from Cato Reef (OC-265) [425DXN 1393] on 11-16 April. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via RN3RQ. See https://www.qrz.com/db/VK5MAV/9 for more information.

VP2M - George, K5KG, will be active as VP2MKG from Montserrat (NA-103) on 14-27 February. He will operate CW and SSB with a focus on the WARC and the low bands. He will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest with K1XX, K1DG and K1QX (callsign to be decided), and in the CQ WW 160-Meter SSB Contest. QSL via LoTW or direct to K5KG.

YN - Jim, WB2REM and Mark, WY1G will be active as H72DX from Nicaragua from 26 February to 6 March. They will operate SSB, CW and FT8. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or direct to WY1G.

ZF - Adrian, AA5UK will be active holiday style as ZF2AE from Grand Cayman (NA-016) on 1-4 March, and as ZF2AE/ZF8 from Little Cayman (NA-106) on 5-10 March. Activity on the HF bands will focus on the digital modes (FT8, RTTY, PSK and other modes upon request) with some SSB. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or direct to AA5UK.

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3Y0Z: CANCELLED ---> "During the last 72 hours, we continued to experience the high winds, low clouds, fog and rough seas that have prevented helicopter operations since our arrival at Bouvet", the 3Y0Z team reported on 3 February at 20 UTC. "No improvement was predicted in the weather forecast for the next four days. Then, last night, an issue developed in one of the ship's engines. This morning, the captain of the vessel declared it unsafe to continue with our project and aborted the DXpedition". On 5 February the captain decided that "it is in the best interest of safety and expediency to proceed directly to Capetown, South Africa rather than Punta Arenas, Chile". On 9 February the Betanzos was continuing her slow voyage at a reduced speed, with one of her two engines out and still some 1700 kilometres to go. A tugboat is on its way to assist her to the port of Capetown. The team is "deeply disappointed, but safe", and "there is already talk about rescheduling the DXpedition". See http://www.bouvetdx.org/ for updates.

3Y0I ---> DX World has received "info from a Norwegian contact that the 3Y0I license has been renewed. A landing permit has also been issued by the Norwegian Polar Institute. No dates of activity are mentioned but the permit is good until February 2019". DX World also noticed that the 3Y0I website (https://bouvetoya.org/) has been updated with the following blog entry: "Our trip planned originally at the end of 2017 was cancelled at the request of the organizers of the 3Y0Z expedition. Due to the cancellation by the organizers, we are now returning to the implementation of our project and preparations for our trip as a matter of urgency". Plans are for 3Z9DX and a few other operators to spend a couple of weeks on Bouvet Island sometime during the subantarctic summer.

CLUB LOG'S MOST WANTED LIST ---> The latest Most Wanted List, generated on 4 February, is available at https://secure.clublog.org/mostwanted.php. The information is derived from QSOs uploaded to Club Log (currently 477.8 million log entries available for analysis) and, to improve quality, only QSOs that have QSLs confirmed are considered to be worked. The most wanted charts are rebuilt once per month, on average. The top 10 Entities are:

1.	P5	DPRK (NORTH KOREA)	6.	KH1	BAKER HOWLAND ISLANDS
2.	3Y/B	BOUVET ISLAND	7.	BS7H	SCARBOROUGH REEF
3.	FT5/W	CROZET ISLAND	8.	BV9P	PRATAS ISLAND
4.	Z6	REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO	9.	KH7K	KURE ISLAND
5.	CE0X	SAN FELIX ISLANDS	10.	KH3	JOHNSTON ISLAND

FT8 DXPEDITION MODE ---> A "Release Candidate" version (WSJT-X v1.9.0-rc1) of the WSJT-X digimode software is due to be released later this month. It will introduce a new "FT8 DXpedition Mode", whose basic goal is to enable DXpeditions to make FT8 QSOs at the highest possible rates. The DXpedition

station (the "Fox") will be able to transmit up to five signals simultaneously, and contact multiple calling stations (the "hounds") at the same time. The new mode will permit contacts to be completed with as little as one Fox transmission per contact, and sustained rates of several hundred QSOs/hour are expected to be possible. Making FT8 QSOs with KH1/KH7Z (this summer's expedition to Baker Island) will require the DXpedition and everyone trying to work them to use the new version of WSJT-X. A draft of the "FT8 DXpedition Mode User Guide" can be found at http://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/FT8_DXpedition_Mode.pdf.

INDEXA NEWSLETTER ---> The Winter 2018 edition (#120) of the International DX Association's Newsletter (INDEXA) is now available for download at http://www.indexa.org/newsletters.html. "I'm sure you would all rather be trying to bust the pileup at Bouvet at this moment", John, K8YC says, but "overcoming the obstacles of operating from Bouvet will have to wait for another day. Let us then turn our minds to the XX9D DXpedition to Macao with this edition of the newsletter. The route to Macao is far less arduous, and the climate is much warmer. Yet, as we'll learn, some adversity has a way of creeping into any endeavor".

LIGHTHOUSE WEEKEND ---> The 10th South American Lighthouses Weekend will be held on 16-18 February. Details, including a listing of participating stations, can be found at http://www.grupodxbb.com.ar/.

NOMINATIONS: CQ HALLS OF FAME ---> The CQ DX Hall of Fame and the CQ Contest Hall of Fame recognize those amateurs who have made major contributions to DXing and contesting, respectively. The CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame recognizes those who have made major contributions to amateur radio as a whole, and radio amateurs who have made major contributions to society at large. The activities and accomplishments that qualify one for membership in these elite groups involve considerable personal sacrifice and can usually be described by the phrase "above and beyond the call of duty".
Nominations to any of the halls of fame may be made by individuals, clubs or national organizations, and must be submitted by 1 March to be considered. A maximum of two people may be inducted into the Contest and DX halls of fame each year. There is no set maximum for inductees into the Amateur Radio Hall of Fame. Nominations may be e-mailed to hall-of-fame[@]cq-amateur-radio.com (preferred) or mailed to CQ (Amateur Radio, DX or Contest) Hall of Fame, c/o CQ Magazine, 17 West John Street, Hicksville, NY 11801, USA. Be sure to specify for which hall of fame the nomination is made.

NOMINATIONS: CWOPS AWARD ---> The "CWops Award for Advancing the Art of CW" recognizes individuals, groups or organizations that have made the greatest contributions toward advancing the art or practice of radio communication by Morse code. Nominations for this year's award must be received by 12 April. Details can be found at http://www.cwops.org/advancing-the-art-of-cw.html.

VP6D --- > Vadym, UT6UD has joined the team that will be active from Ducie Island (OC-182) between 20 October and 3 November [425DXN 1387]. "Six meter EME was added to the project", the team announced on 8 February. "With planning support from Lance W7GJ, and the 6 meter community, we hope to make the first ever 6m EME QSOs from Ducie Island".
While they are "working with several amateur radio equipment manufacturers

and suppliers who indicated interest in supporting VP6D", the logistics plan is coming together. "Our equipment will be consolidated in Fremont, California for testing, packaging and shipment to the Braveheart in New Zealand. The team has a group reservation for our flight transportation from Papeete to Mangareva and back. Braveheart will pick us up in Mangareva and return us there at the end of the expedition". Detailed antenna plans "are coming together nicely with 2-element vertical dipole arrays on the high bands backed up by a couple of horizontal beams, 4-squares on 30/40 meters and verticals on 80/160 meters. The 160 receiving antenna plans are under development". The fundraising campaign continues - see http://vp6d.com/ for information. [TNX K5GS]

Z60A ---> The first Z60A activation will end on 18 February, the actual day of Kosovo's 10th independence anniversary. As for QSLling, "Club Log OQRS system is set to cover the cost of direct QSL postage (USD 3.00), while also allowing voluntarily, private contributions. All donations small or large are most welcome to support SHRAK, the Kosovo Amateur Radio Association to aid in recruiting additional Kosovar youth and to activate the existing Amateur Radio operators and support their activities.
As many have requested confirmations during the ongoing activation, it has been decided to do an immediate LoTW and fast direct QSL service for those who contribute USD 20.00 or more. This option would not delay any of the traditional QSL options, but just put a priority on those who are willing to help Kosovo Amateur Radio finally move beyond the past ten difficult years". The complete Z60A log will be uploaded to LoTW approximately four weeks after the current activation, to "allow for corrections and checking for potentially busted calls".

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3C0L (AF-039), 3C1L (AF-010), 3XY3D (AF-051), 3XY3D/p (AF-096), 5K1B (SA-078), 9M2MRS (AS-015), 9M8RC (OC-165), 9U4M, CN8IG, D2EB, DU9/R4WAA (OC-175), DU9/RZ3FW (OC-175), H40GC (OC-100), J5T (AF-020), LU8DPM, R24RRC (AS-044 and AS-114), RI1F (EU-190), TZ4AM, VK9AR (OC-216), VK9MA (OC-072), VP8LP, VU7T (AS-011), YC8QT, YF9CDL, Z81B, ZA1WW.

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