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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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3B8 - Mart, DL6UAA will be active again as 3B8MM from Mauritius Island (AF-049) from 27 March to 11 April. He will operate mainly CW and digital modes on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW. Logsearch on http://3b8mm.host4free.de/search.html.

3C0 - YL1ZF, YL2GM and YL2KL were not able to fly to Annobon on 6 March [425DXN 1400], and remained active as 3C3W from Luba on Bioko Island (AF-010), Equatorial Guinea until 6 UTC on 9 March (30,323 QSOs). Tickets wer bought to Annobon for 10 March, with return flight on the 24th. When there, they will be signing 3C0W. Please note that contacts made with 3C0W on 2 March around 0040Z-0140Z (7019 kHz) and on 3 March around 1220Z-1320Z (21029 kHz) were actually made with 3C3W. The confusion originated from a "wrong CW macro". Bookmark http://www.lral.lv/3c0w_3c3w/index.html for updates. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (direct or bureau), or via YL2GN.

6W - Elvira, IV3FSG will be active as 6W/IV3FSG from Senegal starting on 9 March. Usually she operates SSB and digital modes in her spare time. QSL via IK3GES and logsearch on Club Log. [TNX IK3GES]

9Y - Rich, KE1B and Anna, W6NN will be active as 9Y4/KE1B and 9Y4/W6NN from Tobago (SA-009) on 19-31 March, including activity during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. They will be QRV on 40-10 metres. QSL via home calls (direct or bureau), LoTW and eQSL; logsearch and OQRS on Club Log.

A5 - Zorro JH1AJT, Jin JF1IST and Champ E21EIC will be active again as A5A from Bhutan on 14-18 March. Activity will be on 160-6 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via JH1AJT; logsearch and OQRS on Club Log. [TNX DX World]

DL - A large group of operators will be active as DA0HEL from Helgoland Island (EU-127) on 8-18 March. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 160-17 metres. They might be active also as DL0IH from nearby Helgoland Duene. QSLs via DF6QC, direct or bureau. [TNX DX Newsletter]

EI - Olivier, ON4EI will be active again as EI8GQB from Fethard, Ireland (EU-115) on 18-28 March using an hybrid wind-solar power system from his caravan. He will participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as EI7T (the Tipperary Radio Club's special call, as he cannot use EI1A any longer). QSL EI8GQB via LoTW or via PA3249 (direct or bureau), QSL EI7T via LoTW. See www.qrz.com/db/EI8GQB.

GI - GB1SPD, GB5SPD and GB9SPD are threes special callsigns that will celebrate St Patrick's Day from Northern Ireland. The St Patrick's Day on the air event will run from 12 UTC on 16 March until 12 UTC on 18 March. See http://stpatrickaward.webs.com/ for details.

GJ - Kazu, M0CFW will be active again from Jersey (EU-013) on 16-18 March. He will participate in the Russian DX Contest (from 12.00

UTC on 17 March to 11.59 UTC on the 18th) as MJ5Z; outside the contest he will be QRV as MJ0CFW. QSL via LoTW and Club Log's OQRS. [TNX NG3K]

HS - HS8JCV and other operators will be active as HS8JCV/p from Lipe Island (AS-126) from 29 March to 2 April. QSL via HS8JCV. [TNX DX World]

J6 - Steve, WF2S as J68SL (mainly FT8) and Ralph, K1ZZI as J6/K1ZZI (mainly CW) will be active from Gros Islet, St. Lucia (NA-108) on 13-22 March. QSLs via LoTW or home calls; J68SL will be also available via Club Log's OQRS. [TNX The Daily DX]

OE - Celebrating the 100th anniversary since the proclamation of the Republic of Austria, OE amateurs may replace their current prefix with OE100 from 11 March to 13 November. For instance, OE1SGU will be active as OE100SGU, OE3DMB as OE100DMB, OE4VIE as OE100VIE and OE8AIR as OE100AIR. See qrz.com for QSLling instructions.

PJ4 - 20-year-old Philipp, DK6SP and 17-year-old Jamie, M0SDV will be active as PJ4/DK6SP and PJ4/M0SDV from PJ4DX's QTH on Bonaire (SA-006) from 16 March to 2 April. They will operate mainly CW and SSB with some digital modes on 160-6 metres, and will participate in the CQ WPX SSB Contest as PJ4V (QSL via M0URX's OQRS) along with PJ4DX, PJ4KY and PJ4NX. During their stay on Bonaire there is also a trip planned to another DXCC in the Caribbean. QSL via home calls. [TNX DX World]

PJ4 - John, KK9A will be active as PJ4/KK9A from Bonaire on 19-23 March. He will operate CW and SSB on 160-10 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as PJ4R. QSL via WD9DZV. [TNX NG3K]

PJ5 - Look for PJ5/SP2FUD, PJ5/SP2GCJ and PJ5/SP9FIH to be active from Sint Eustatius (NA-145) on 12-28 March. They will operate SSB, CW, RTTY, PSK and FT8 (probably DXpedition mode), and will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as PJ5F, PJ5T and PJ5Z. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via home calls. Expect updates to be posted to http://pj5.dxpeditions.org.

SM - Jef, DD2CW and Dirk, ON3UN will be active from SI9AM (the King Chulalongkorn Memorial Amateur Radio Society, www.si9am.com) in Ragunda on 20-26 March, including an entry in the CQ WPX SSB Contest QSL via SM3FJF, direct or bureau.

T2 - Tony, 3D2AG will be active again as T2AR from Tuvalu (OC-015) tentatively on 1-8 April. In his free time he will operate SSB, CW and digital modes (RTTY, JT65, FT8). QSL direct to 3D2AG; PayPal instructions on https://www.qrz.com/db/3d2ag. He does not use LoTW or Club Log.

VK9L - Chris VK3QB, Brenton VK3YB and Luke VK3HJ will be active as VK9LI from Lord Howe Island (OC-004) on 11-18 May. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 160-17 metres. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS or via VK2CA.

VP2E - Jim, WB2REM will be active as VP2EGO from Anguilla (NA-022) on 17-24 March. He will operate SSB, CW and FT8. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or direct to WB2REM. [TNX The Daily DX]

XE - Celebrating the spring equinox, which was important in Mayan culture, a group of operators will be active again as 6E3MAYA on 17-21 March from different archaeological sites in the Mexican states of Yucatan, Campeche, Tabasco, Chiapas and Quintana Roo. The activity will be on 80-6 metres SSB, CW, digital modes and

satellite. QSL via XE3N and LoTW. [TNX XE3N]

XT - Harald, DF2WO will be active again as XT2AW from Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso from 19 March to 15 April. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes (especially FT8) on 160-10 metres. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW. [TNX DX World]

Z6 - A Czech team (OK1BOA, OK1CRM, OK1FCJ, OK1GK, OK2ZA, OK2ZC, OK2ZI and OK6DJ, plus OK1GK, OK2ZC and OK2ZI) will be active as Z66D from Kosovo between 14 and 22 April. They will operate SSB, CW, RTTY and FT8. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, eQSL or via OK6DJ (direct or bureau). See https://www.qrz.com/db/Z66D for QSLling policy.

ZF - Look for ZF2NR (QSL via LoTW or K0NR) and ZF2PF (QSL via LoTW or KB9DPF) to be active from the Cayman Islands (NA-016) on 10-17 March. They will operate SSB and FT8 on 40-10 metres and some FM satellites. [TNX The Daily DX]

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Access to the main functions of www.425dxn.org is provided by the 425DXN App for Android. It is available on Google Play - free of charge, no ads. Enjoy!

3Y0Z ---> "The 3Y0Z team members are safely home", Bob, K4UEE reported on 5 March. "We have been home about two weeks now, after 31 days aboard our vessel M/V Betanzos.

We have been to Bouvet Island, and as a result, we have a better appreciation for the challenges we face. It is a dark, dismal and dangerous place. Yet, when the sun shines, it is magnificent.

The most difficult thing to reflect upon is the final day offshore, when we saw the island, crystal clear in calm winds, less than a mile away. The conditions were perfect for our first reconnaissance flight and possible landing of men and camp infrastructure. But, during the violent night before, the Captain had made the decision to abort. In retrospect, his call was clairvoyant. The mechanical, propulsion failure on the ship that occurred would have brought disaster, if it resulted in some of our men being stranded ashore.

We are sure you are wondering what happens now? Well, we are not the kind f people to give up. The same thing happened when we were trying to activate Peter I in 2005. We came back the following year and with DAP's (the vessel owner) help, we got it done.

We are optimistic about a fair settlement and a resulting refund of some of our money paid to DAP for this recent attempt to activate Bouvet. That money, and what we still have in the bank will allow us to begin making plans to try again.

We have begun the difficult task of looking for a suitable vessel, and would hope to go back to Bouvet in the next year or two. Obviously, we will keep you informed.

Thank you for the hundreds of favorable and encouraging comments from our financial supporters and sponsors. No one has asked for any of their contributions back, and, in fact, many have offered additional support for

the next chapter in this book. We are hopeful that those of you who have invested in this project will see fit to 'roll over' your financial support to the next attempt.
So, if we can pull all the moving parts together, we are going to try it again. Hopefully, this time, with a different outcome".

CASS AWARD ---> The annual Cass Awards (http://www.cassaward.com/) honour the wisdom and spirit of Cass WA6AUD (SK) and encourage DXpeditions to maximize the number of DXers worked with a Plaque for the single-operator DXpedition that works the most unique callsigns within 2 weeks or less, and a Plaque for the "unlimited" DXpedition that works the most unique callsigns.
The 2017 Single-Operator Cass Award has been won by Janusz Wegrzyn, SP9FIH: "By working 10,087 unique stations during his one-man DXpedition to Palestine as E44WE, Janusz demonstrated an outstanding effort to log as many DXers as possible".

CLUB LOG'S MOST WANTED LIST ---> The latest Most Wanted List, generated on 8 March, is available at https://secure.clublog.org/mostwanted.php. The information is derived from QSOs uploaded to Club Log (currently 483.9 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.	BV9P	PRATAS ISLAND
3.	FT5/W	CROZET ISLAND	8.	KH7K	KURE ISLAND
4.	CE0X	SAN FELIX ISLANDS	9.	KH3	JOHNSTON ISLAND
5.	BS7H	SCARBOROUGH REEF	10.	VK0M	MACQUARIE ISLAND

QSL GALLERY ---> The large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's website has been updated. Sixteen different galleries include 15,566 cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (2008-17), the 62 deleted DXCC Entities, obsolete prefixes, stations from Maghreb from 1945 to 1962, Allied Forces stations in Germany (1945-70), special stations commemorating ITU and IARU, stations using the United Nations prefix (4U), Antarctic bases and TAAF (Terres Australes and Antarctiques Francaises), the various French DXCC island Entities in the Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean and the Americas (from 1945 to 1970), pre-1945 countries, French Departments and CONUS, plus a gallery for cards not accepted by DXCC. Your participation is encouraged: http://www.lesnouvellesdx.fr/galerieqsl.php. [TNX F6AJA].

RSGB COMMONWEALTH CONTEST ---> The 81st edition of the Commonwealth (BERU) Contest (https://berucontest.wordpress.com) will be held on 10-11 March, from 10 UTC to 10 UTC, on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres CW. Only operators located within the United Kingdom and Crown Dependencies, Commonwealth or British Mandated Territories are eligible to enter.

VK5MAV/9 ---> Andy, VK5MAV will be active as VK5MAV/9 from Cato Reef (OC-265), Australia on 11-16 April [425DXN 1399]. A propagation prediction tool has been added to http://vk5mav.wixsite.com/dxpedition/ as a guidance for island chasers and Andy himself alike.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B9FR, 3C0L (AF-039), 3C1L (AF-010), 3W9CW, 5B4AGN, 6O6O, 6Y0HM, 7X5KBS, 9G5W, 9U4M, BV1EK, C21VE, C81G (AF-061), D2EB, E31A, GW3YDX, HK0/OZ1AA, J28PJ, J5T (AF-020), J68GD, JT5DX, OY1OF, P29LL, P29VXG (OC-008), PJ4/K4BAI, PJ4A, PS0F, RI1F (EU-190), S01WS, SU9JG, T88PB, TK/S57C, TR8CA, TY2AC, VK8NSB, VP2MDG, VR2/KC0W, VU2USA, VY0ERC (NA-008), XW4XR, Z21LS, ZC4A.

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