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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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3DA - Pista HA5AO will be active as 3DA0AO (requested callsign) from eSwatini (Swaziland) during the second half of September. He will operate CW, RTTY, FT8 and some SSB on 80-10 metres. Log search and OQRS will be available at https://www.ha5ao.co. As he did in Lesotho in previous years, Pista continues his humanitarian project work by supporting an orphanage. He will deliver school items and small gifts to the children. More details to follow at a later date. Swaziland was recently renamed "The Kingdom of eSwatini" by King Mswati III to mark the 50th anniversary of independence. The new name means "land of the Swazis". [TNX K5GS]

9H - Henning, OZ1BII (http://www.oz1bii.dk/) will be active as 9H3EE from Malta (EU-023) on 25-28 May. Main activity will be during the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. He will operate CW only. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW, or via OZ1BII. [TNX NG3K]

9X - Harald, DF2WO will be active again as 9X2AW from Kigali, Rwanda on 5-24 June. He will operate CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via LoTW or M0OXO's OQRS. [TNX M0OXO]

CT9 - Tibor, OM3RM will be active as CT9ABN from Madeira (AF-014) on 19-29 May. He will be QRV on 80-10 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest as CR3DX. QSLs via OM2VL. [TNX NG3K]

DU - Press, N6SS will be active as DU6/N6SS from Panay Island (OC-129), Philippines until 17 May. He operates CW and FT8 on 80-10 metres. QSL via home call (neither Club Log nor LoTW will be used). [TNX The Daily DX]

E5_sc - Bruce AD7MM (E51BAS), Doug W6HB (E51DLD), Peter WA6HXM (E51HXM), Marilyn KI7DLK (E51MAS), Bob NC6Q (E51NCQ) and Judy KM6RFE (E51RFE) will be active holiday style from Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cook Islands on 13-25 May. QSL via operators' instructions. [TNX The Daily DX]

EA - Once again the Federacion Digital EA will operate special callsigns AO1EU, AO2EU, AO3EU, AO4EU, AO5EU, AO6EU, AO7EU, AO8EU and AO9EU on 3-9 May to celebrate Europe Day, the anniversary of the Schuman Declaration (9 May 1950) that paved the way to the European Union. See http://www.fediea.org/eudota/ for more information and QSLling instructions. [TNX Southgate Amateur Radio News].

EA8 - The Union de Radioaficionados de Las Palmas (EA8URL) will be active as EG8CID on 10-30 May in celebration of the Day of the Canary Islands (30 May). QSL via LoTW or EA8URL.

F - The Radio Club Ardennais (F4KJP) will be active as TM5SE on 5-6 May (and again during a few more weekends between 2 June and 7 October) in remembrance of Franck Tonna (F5SE), who passed away on 20 December 2017. An antenna manufacturer himself, he was the son of Marc Tonna, F9FT (SK). [TNX F6AJA]

F - Members of the Institut pour le Developpement des Radiocommunications par l'Enseignement (IDRE) and the Castres DX Gang will be active again as TM5FI from Ratonneau Island (EU-095) on 9-16 May. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 80-6 metres. QSL via F5XX, direct or bureau. Logsearch on Club Log. [TNX DX World]

F - Andre F4ELK, Christophe F4ELI, Stephane F5UOW and Jean-Pierre ON7ZM will be active as TM65EU from IOTA group EU-065 on 22-23 June. Islands mentioned are Trielen (DIFM AT-040), Bannec (DIFM AT-037) and Molene (DIFM AT-002). QSL via F4ELK, direct or bureau.

G - The Cray Valley Radio Society will be active as GR9RW on 19-23 May to mark the Royal Wedding between HRH Prince Henry of Wales and Ms. Meghan Markle. Two HF stations and one VHF station will be active and will cover all bands from 80m to 70cm. QSL via Club Log's OQRS or via G4DFI.

H4 - Haru, JA1XGI (http://island.geocities.jp/h44xg/) will be active as H44XG from Guadalcanal (OC-047), Solomon Islands on 21-27 June. He will operate mainly CW and FT8 on 40, 30, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via JA1XGI and LoTW; log search and OQRS on Club Log.

KH1 - Following a successful Visalia DX Convention, the KH1/KH7Z team met in Cupertino to assemble the stations and network in preparation of landing on Baker (http://www.baker2018.net/pages/pretrip.html). The DXpedition is now in the final planning stages and this step was the last before packing and shipping the gear to Fiji.

There will be eight stations in three separate tents for CW, SSB and digital modes. "Although limited to 43 feet, our 80 and 160m antennas are newly designed AA7JV 'fat' verticals, which will sit just inside the high tide mark. The SteppiR verticals for 75 through 10m will also be mounted just inside of the high tide mark, while four 2-element vertical arrays will be mounted away from the water for 15, 17 and 20m. In this way, we can maintain a 24-hour presence on 20m to maximize the number of unique callsigns and enable the most ATNO contacts. We also intend to install a multi-vertical array for 6m at the digital radios". Plans are for KH1/KH7Z to be QRV from 26 June through 7 or 8 July, depending on weather and seas, and to upload the logs to Club Log twice a day to minimize duplicate contacts. This will be another large budget operation, and you can help make it happen by visiting the DXpedition's website and contributing today. [TNX N1DG]

KL - Tim, NL8F and Yuri, N3QQ will be active as KL7RRC/p from Kagamil Island (NA-234) on 23-27 May. This IOTA Group was activated for the first and only time back in 2008. They will operate CW plus some SSB and/or FT8 on 80-17 metres. QSL via N7RO. The log will be uploaded to Club Log after the expedition. See https://na-234.com/ for possible updates. [TNX DX World]

OH - Look for OH1/DL2VFR, OH1/DL2YBG and OH1/DL7UXG to be active from the islands of Reposaari (EU-173) on 20-23 May, and Parainen-Pargas (EU-096) on 23-26 May. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes (RTTY, PSK and FT8). QSL via home calls.

PA - Tony, PD1TV and Henry, PA4HM will be active as PH00GEVEEN on 5-22 May for the annual "Wings and Wheels" event held at Hoogeveen Airfield. They will operate SSB on the HF bands. QSL via the bureau.

PA - Bernard PB7Z, Mark PD0ME and Jelle PD5JFK will be active as

PD18MILL from 'de Eendracht' in Gieterveen for the Mills On The Air event on 12-13 May (see http://www.pd6mill.com/ for more information). All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau, LoTW and eQSL. Direct cards via PD7BZ.

PY - Look for PR5M to be active from Ilha do Mel (SA-047) from 31 May to 3 June. Eight operators plan to be active on 80-10 metres CW, SSB and digital modes with at least a couple of stations. QSL via PP5BZ. The log will be uploaded to Club Log. [TNX The Daily DX]

VP5 - Members of the Jake McClain Driver Memorial ARC will be active holiday style as VP5/KC5WXA from Providenciales, Caicos Islands (NA-002) on 5-14 May. They will be QRV on the HF bands with an emphasis on FT8. QSL via KC5WXA, direct or bureau, and LoTW.

VP5 - Pete, VE3IKV and Bill VE3MMQ (W4TAA) will be active as VQ5Z from Providenciales, Caicos Islands (NA-002) on 1-11 July. They will operate SSB and CW, as well as FT8, MSK144 and JT65, on 6 metres (50107 kHz) and the HF bands from grid FL31vs. QSL direct to VE3IKV. [TNX VE3IKV]

XE - Members of Radioclub Cancun will be active as 6E5RM from 23 May to 1 June during the 5th edition of the Rally Maya Mexico. On 23-24 May they will be QRV as 6E5RM/XF3 from Cozumel Island (NA-090). They will operate SSB, RTTY and FT8 on 80-6 metres. QSL via XE3N.

YJ - Geoff, ZL3GA will be active again as YJ0GA from Efate (OC-035), Vanuatu on 18-25 July. He will operate CW and FT8 with some SSB on 80-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or via home call (direct or bureau). [TNX ZL3GA]

Z6 - Z68AA (QSL via 9A6AA) and Z68RBJ (QSL via 9A5RBJ) will be active from Peja, Kosovo on 14-21 May. Look for activity on 80-10 metres SSB, CW and FT8.

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3Y0I ---> The Rebel DX Group is accepting applications to join their DXpedition to Bouvet Island [425DXN 1397]. "Experienced operators" are invited "to join efforts to activate the 2nd most wanted entitiy during Antarctic summer. More details available on request by email (dom[@]rebeldxgroup.com). Don't forget to attach your ham radio CV". See https://bouvetoya.org/. [TNX DX World]

INDEXA NEWSLETTER ---> The Spring 2018 edition (#121) of the International DX Association's Newsletter (INDEXA) is now available for download at http://www.indexa.org/newsletters.html. "This issue will let us follow Stan Vatev, LZ1GC, as he performs his solo DXpedition to Temotu Province [H40GC] and combine it with a humanitarian mission to help the students of Temotu's JCP College. We are pleased that amateur radio can be a fascinating hobby and at the same time improve the lives of some of the people we touch while

engaged in our activities". [TNX K8YC]

QSL GALLERY ---> The large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's website has been updated. Sixteen different galleries include 15,789 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].

QSL VIA W4DTA --- > Steve, W4DTA is "taking over QSL manager duties for the expeditions of El Grupo DX Caracas", which include YW5DX, YW5LR, YW5N, YW5PI, and YW5X, as well as YX0A and YX0LIX (Aves Island, April 2006). The logs are being uploaded to Club Log and the OQRS has been enabled. [TNX The Daily DX]

+ SILENT KEY + Jean-Pierre Kaeuffer, F5AHO passed away on 29 April. First licenced in 1968 as F1AHO, he participated in the TX5C DXpedition to Clipperton Island (March 2008). Over the years he operated from several IOTA groups in six continents, including island hopping in Canada as VE1/F5AHO, VE9/F5AHO and VY2/F5AHO (NA-010, NA-029, NA-068, NA-081, NA-126, NA-127 and NA-154), in Korea as HL1/F5AHO (AS-081, AS-060, AS-026 and AS-085), and in Patagonia as CE/F5AHO (SA-091), LU/F5AHO (SA-008) and LU/F5AHO/p (SA-049). Other DX/IOTA activations included FJ/F5AHO, FK/F5AHO (OC-032 and OC-033), FM/F5AHO, FR/F5AHO, FS/F5AHO (NA-105 and NA-199), FY/F5AHO (SA-020) and PJ7/F5AHO.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 5A1AL, 9Y4/UA4CC (SA-009), EI50AOM, F6KOP/p (EU-148), HP1AVS, JI3DST/4 (AS-041), JS6RRR (AS-079), JS6RRR/5 (AS-200), MW0YVK, OJ9X, PJ2/DK5ON, PY0F/PY2NDX, S01WS, SU9JG, TJ2TT, TN5R, V31JZ/p, VK5CE/p, VU4G, XF1IM (NA-078), XR0YD, Z2LA, Z60A, Z61DX, Z68M, ZP4KFX.

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