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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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9X - 26 September-10 October are the dates for the 9X0T DXpedition to Rwanda [425DXN 1411]. Eight operators (I1HJT, I2YSB, IK2CIO, IK2CKR, IK2DIA, IK2HKT, IK2RZP and JA3USA) will be QRV on 160-10m CW and SSB with three stations; RTTY will be used on 20m only. IK7JWY (for HF) and IK0FTA (for 6 metres) will be the pilot stations. QSL via I2YSB . Real-time logsearch and OQRS for direct cards at http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/.

C2 - Lance, W7GJ will be active as C21GJ from Nauru (OC-031) in late September-early October. He will arrive on 28 September in the evening; plans are to be QRV by moonrise on 30 September, to tear down around 11 or 12 October and depart for home on the 14th. This will be a 6m EME DXpedition: "I urge you to gain experience with JT65A", he says, "and especially review the QSO procedure that I use most effectively on these DXpeditions". When "not aimed up at the moon", he adds, "I very well may be on CW or SSB, or FT8 mode. For FT8, I will be using 50.313 MHz". QSL direct only to home call. See http://www.bigskyspaces.com/w7gj/ for planned operating schedules and other information.

F - On 1-3 June Gil, F4FET will be active as F4FET/p from the islands of Saint Rion (EU-074, DIFM MA-045), Lavrec (EU-074, DIFM MA-052) and Raguenes Meur (EU-074, DIFM MA-123), as well as from Ile Blanche (not IOTA, DIFM MA-122). He will be QRV on 40 and 20 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Detailed information on the Diplome des Iles de la France Metropolitaine can be found on http://www.difm.org/. [TNX DX World]

FO - Walter, HB9XBG will be active as FO/HB9XBG from Bora Bora (OC-067), French Polynesia on 7-17 June. He will operate SSB on 20 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

G - Promoting geological heritage to the general public, special station GB6GEO will be active again from Kent's Cavern, England's oldest "home" situated in the English Riviera (Torbay), for the annual Geoparks Communication Weekend on 9-10 June. QSL via the bureau or direct to G3VOF.

LA - Waldi, SP7IDX will be active as LA/SP7IDX from Vannoya (EU-046) on 7-20 June. He will operate SSB and digital modes on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [TNX M0OXO]

OJ0 - Weather permitting, Emil DL8JJ, Paul G4PVM and Col MM0NDX will be active as OJ0Y from Market Reef (EU-053) on 27-29 June. They will be QRV on 80-6 metres, 60m included. QSL via M0SDV. Also planned is some brief activity as OH0/homecall from the Aland Islands before and after the OJ0 operation. [TNX DX World]

OZ - Dirk, 5Q6D (DD5KD) and Frank, 5Q9F (OE9KFV) will be active from Romo Island (EU-125) on 1-6 July. They will operate SSB, CW and FT8

on 80-10 metres. QSLs via OE9KFV (direct or bureau), LoTW and Club Log. They have a website on http://eu-125.com/.

PJ4 - Lauren, W0LD and Jon, N0JK will be active as PJ4V from Bonaire (SA-006) on 8-11 June, including the ARRL June VHF Contest. They will operate FT8, SSB and CW on 6 and 2 metres; if there is no propagation on 6m they will be QRV on the HF bands. [TNX The Daily DX]

SV5 - Marcel, OK2QQ will be active as SV5/OK2QQ from the islands of Kalymnos and Telendos, Dodecanese (EU-001) on 12-22 June. He will operate CW, SSB and FM on 40-2 metres. QSL via LoTW, eQSL or direct to home call.

UA - Last year, after reaching Dikson Island, the RT9K/9 team had to abandon their plans for activation of other IOTA groups in the Kara Sea, as ice conditions prevent them from going further [425DXN 1349]. The "Arctic Legends Expedition" has now been rescheduled to take place in September (dates TBA), with planned activity from six IOTA groups: the Firnley Islands (AS-054), Tyrtov Island (AS-121), Nansen Island (AS-104), the Scott-Hansen Islands (AS-068), the Arkticheskogo Instituta Islands (AS-087) and Sibirjakov Island (AS-005). Five operators (RW0BG, UA0BA, UA1QV, UA9KDF and UA9LDD) will be active as RI0B with two stations on 40-10 metres CW, SSB, FT8 and PSK63. More information is expected in due course. [TNX DX World]

V4 - Once again John, W5JON will be active as V47JA from St. Kitts (NA-104) from 22 June to 20 July. He will operate SSB on 160-6 metres. QSL via W5JON (direct only) and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

V7 - Will, KW4WZ will be active as V73/KW4WZ from Kwajalein (OC-028), Marshall Islands between 7 and 18 June. In his limited spare time he will operate JT65, FT8 and some SSB. QSL via LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

VE - Special event station VE2SPEED will be active on 8-15 June for the Formula 1 Grand Prix in Montreal. QSL direct to VE2JCW.

VP5 - Dave, W9DR will be active as VP5/W9DR from the Caicos Islands (NA-002), Grid Square FL41aw, on 13-25 June. He will operate CW and SSB on 6 metres only (50115 kHz). QSL direct to home call. [TNX NG3K]

VP8 - Special station VP8HDM will be active on 16-17 June from the Historic Dockyard Museum in Stanley, Falkland Islands (SA-002). Main activity will be on FT8 and SSB. QSL via VP8LP, direct only. [TNX VP8LP]

VP9 - Kyle, WA4PGM, will be active as VP9/WA4PGM from Bermuda (NA-005) on 6-16 June. He will operate mostly CW on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via LoTW or direct to home call. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

W - A team of six will be active as K4T from the Dry Tortugas (NA-079) on 8-11 June. They will activate grid EL84 for the ARRL International Grid Chase event, and will also operate during the ARRL June VHF Contest. One station will be dedicated to 6 metres; as for the HF bands, plans are to concentrate on 20 and 40m SSB, CW and FT8. QSL via LoTW or Club Log's OQRS, or direct to K4NHW.

SOUTH PACIFIC TOUR ---> Before and after joining the KH1/KH7Z DXpedition to Baker Island, Dave WJ2O will be active from American Samoa (KH8/WJ2O) on 8 June for two days and again on 13 June for four days; from Samoa (5W) on 11

June for two days; from Fiji (3D2) on 13 July for four days. Dates are approximate. He will operate CW on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 metres. QSL via LoTW or direct to N2ZN. [TNX NG3K]

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CLUB LOG ---> Over a half a billion QSOs have now been uploaded to Club Log. The 500,000,000th QSO (between W4PG and ZL1BQD on 17m FT8) was uploaded on 28 May. The raw data for analysing the modes of QSOs uploaded to Club Log are being made available by Michael, G7VJR on a regular basis, and Andreas, LA8AJA has prepared "a handy front-end to the data" which is available here: https://la8aja.com/modestats/index.php.

INDEXA ---> The Board of Directors of the International DX Association (http://www.indexa.org/), at the annual board meeting held in Dayton, Ohio on 18 May, appointed Martti Laine, OH2BH as INDEXA European Ambassador. Martti will be promoting INDEXA in Europe along with INDEXA Board member Franz Langner, DJ9ZB. Martti will start by making a presentation for INDEXA at the upcoming Ham Radio Convention Friedrichshafen. [TNX W3OA]

KH1/KH7Z ---> The KH1/KH7Z DXpedition to Baker Island [425DXN 1409] expects to be QRV from 26 June to 6 July. Plans are to be QRV as follows:

CW	1826.5	3523	5405/5373	7023	10108	14023	18079	21023	24894	28023	50105
SSB	-	3785	5403.5/5371.5	7082	-	14210	18130	21285	24955	28485	50105
RTTY	-	3580	-	7045	10142	14080	18099	21080	24912	28080	-
FT8	-	3567	5357	7056	10131	14090	18095	21091	24911	28091	50316

As for FT8, KH1/KH7Z will be using the DXpedition Mode: "members of the DXpedition have been working directly with the WSJT Development Team for the past six months to develop capabilities to greatly increase the number of stations that can be worked on FT8 while also reducing the stress on DXpedition operators. It is the intent of the team to work everyone on the mode on every corner of the globe". Make sure you read "WORKING KH1/KH7Z USING THE FT8 DXPEDITION SUBMODE" (http://www.baker2018.net/pages/plan.html) which describes "how we intend to operate as the 'Fox' and how we recommend all the 'Hounds' operate in order to put a new one in the log for as many as possible".

RRC 25TH ANNIVERSARY AWARD ---> Celebrating the Silver Jubilee of the Russian Robinson Club, the "RRC 25 Years Award" is issued for QSOs made with Stations with RRC-suffixed callsigns between 1993 and 31 December 2018. Complete information, including the list of past operations that qualify for the award, can be found on:
http://robinsons.ru/news/russian_robinson_club_25_years_award/2018-05-31-453
The Award Manager is Eugene, RZ3EC (rz3ec[@]yandex.ru).

RRC 25TH ANNIVERSARY ACTIVITY PROGRAMME ---> Celebrating the Silver Jubilee of the Russian Robinson Club, a special activity programme will take place from 1 June to 31 August 2018. A wide range of awards will be issued for contacts made with RRC members, special RRC-suffixed callsigns (e.g. R25RRC, which will be active on 1-31 July) and expeditions (regardless of the callsign) that count for the various RRC sponsored awards. The Award Manager is Eugene, RZ3EC. See https://rrc.hamlog.ru/.

+ SILENT KEY + Ken Holdom, ZL4HU (ZL2HU) has recently passed away at 67 years of age. He was the organiser and/or team member of ZL8RI (Kermadec 1996), ZL7AA (Chatham 1997), ZL9CI (Campbell 1999) and ZL7C (Chatham 2002); he also operated as ZK1KH and E51KH from the Cook Islands, notably from Pukapuka (North Cooks) in 1995. [TNX The Daily DX]

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3D2EU, 3G9A/mm, 5T5OK, 5X8C, 7Q7EI, A52YL, B7CRA, C37NL, CE0Y/DF8AN, D68I, DM125FS, HI8JQE, KP4KE, LY28A, S01WS, TJ2TT, TN5R, VP8EME, XF1IM (NA-078), XR0YD, Z60A, ZP5DBC.

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