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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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4K - David DL7ZM, Boris 4K4K and others will be active as 4K6/DL7ZM from the Shamakhi Astrophysical Observatory (1500m asl, grid LN40hs) on 1-10 July. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 6 metres only. QSL direct to AD0PY. [TNX NG3K]

6W - Dominic, ON4AZP will be active as 6W/ON4AZP from Senegal from 26 June to 5 July. He will operate SSB on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

8Q - Daniel, SM0UDH will be active holiday style as 8Q7DT from the Maldives (AS-013) from 24 June to 9 July . He will operate SSB and digital modes (JT9, JT65, FT8) on the HF bands. QSL via LoTW, eQSL or via home call. He will upload his log to Club Log.

CP - Once again Antonio, EA5RM will be working on a non-governmental Organization's project in Bolivia between 18 June and 10 July. In his spare time he will operate SSB and digital modes on 40-10m as CP1XRM. QSL via EA5RM and LoTW. [TNX EA5RM]

E6 - The Quake DXpeditioners (ZL3AB, ZL3GA, ZL3PAH and ZL4TT) will be active as E6Y from Niue (OC-040) on 6-16 October, including participation in both legs of the Oceania DX Contest. They will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and possibly FT8 on 160-10 metres with up to four stations. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via ZL3PAH (direct or bureau). See https://quakedxpeditions.wordpress.com/ for more information and updates; they will be using Twitter (@Niue_E6Y) during the DXpedition.

EA8 - Grupo DX Teide's members EA8ARG, EA8CH and EA8DK will be active as EH8FC (https://eh8fc.blogspot.com/) from the lighthouse at Fuencaliente de La Palma (grid IL18bk), Canary Islands (AF-004) on 15-17 June. They will operate SSB, FM and digital modes on the HF bands, 6 and 2 metres. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, or direct to EA8NQ. [TNX EA8NQ]

EI - The 15-18 June EJ0DXG operation from Little Saltee Island (EU-103) [425DXN 1412] has been postponed (new dates TBA) owing to rough Seas preventing the team from a safe landing. Instead, the EIDX Group will activate Bere Island (EU-121) this weekend, with operations beginning on 16 June. This activation is in addition to the already announced 24-26 August activity. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS.

EX - A team of twelve Polish operators will be active as EX0PL from Kyrgyzstan (grid MN92ci) on 1-10 September. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 80-6 metres. QSL via SP9KAT (direct or bureau); the log will be uploaded to Club Log and LoTW. See http://ex.3sun.pl/ for more information and updates.

F - The Radio Club Vendeen (F6KUF) will be active as TM2GGR from 21 June to 5 July. The suffix stands for Golden Globe Race, the sailing race that will start from Les Sables-d'Olonne, France on 1

July (http://goldengloberace.com/) to mark the 50th anniversary of Sir Robin Knox-Johnston's historic world first solo non-stop circumnavigation in the Sunday Times Golden Globe Yacht Race. QSL via F6KUF (bureau) or F5OEV (direct). [TNX Les Nouvelles DX]

HL - This year the 6M6M group will be active from Yonghung Island (AS-105, grid PM37fg) on 16-17 June. A large team will operate a high power station on 6 metres CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via DS1SYV.

I - Special callsign II1PMM will be active on 16-24 June to celebrate the 50th anniversary of PMM Costruzioni Elettroniche (today's Narda Safety Test Solutions), founded by Salvatore Giulio Nicolosi (I1PMM). Five operators (I1WSM, IK1HSL, IK1MHJ, IW1RCU and IZ2GAQ) will be QRV on 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 and 6 metres SSB. QSL via the bureau and eQSL; direct cards to IW1RCU.

I - Geo, HB9CPS will be active as IA5/HB9CPS from Elba Island (EU-028) on 18-30 June. He will operate CW on 40-10 metres. [TNX The Daily DX]

OX - Bo, OZ1DJJ (http://geronne.dk/index.php/ox3lx/ox3lx-dxped) will be active again as OX3LX from the main island of Greenland (NA-018) on 1-14 July. He might also operate for a few days from IOTA group NA-243. Bo is QRV in his spare time, typically "around lunch and after dinner". QSL via OZ0J, Club Log's OQRS and LoTW.

PY - PS8ACM, PS8NF, PS8RV, PT2OP, PU8PSF and PU8RBZ will be active as ZV8FF from the Serra da Capivara National Park and UNESCO World Heritage, in the Brazilian State of Piaui, on 20-23 June. QSL via PS8RV (direct or bureau) and eQSL.

T8 - Tatsuko, JJ1BDT will be active holiday style as T88YL from Koror (OC-009), Palau on 22-27 June. She will operate SSB on 40, 18 and 15 metres - "please speak slowly" as she is new to the HF bands. QSL via JR1FKR, direct or bureau.

VK - Special callsign VI70MI will be active from mainland Australia to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the establishment of the first ANARE base at Macquarie Island in 1948. Look for activity on 160-10 metres SSB, CW, RTTY and possibly other digital modes from 12 June to 31 August. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW.

VK - Craig, VK5CE has adjusted his plans for his operations from Cheyne Island (OC-193) and Woody Island (OC-170). The new dates are 15-19 June for OC-193, and 20-22 June for OC-170. Further information on https://vkiota.wordpress.com/vk5ce-6/.

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DAYTON PHOTO GALLERY ---> The Dayton Hamvention 2018 Photo Gallery (392 pictures) can be found at http://hamgallery.com/dayton2018/. The Dayton Photo Galleries contain 5,692 photos dating back to 1961. They are all

searchable by callsign from the HamGallery homepage. [TNX K8CX]

INTERNATIONAL MUSEUMS WEEKENDS ---> The International Museums Weekends (IMW) will take place on the weekends of 16-17 and 23-24 June. Details about the event, including a list of announced participating stations, can be found at http://www.radio-amateur-events.org/IMW/index.htm.

KH1/KH7Z ---> For photos and daily news from the Baker Island team see http://kh7z.net. When they depart, it will be possibile to follow their progress on https://share.garmin.com/K6TD.
If you want to try and work KH1/KH7Z on FT8, you must upgrade to WSJT-X Version 1.9.1. Links to installation packages for Windows, Linux, Macintosh, and Raspbian Jessie are available here:
http://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/wsjtx.html
FT8 DXpedition Mode should be used only in rare-entity circumstances in which sustained QSO rates well above 100/hour are expected. The latest revision of the "FT8 DXpedition Mode User Guide" can be found here:
http://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/FT8_DXpedition_Mode.pdf
Make sure you read 'WORKING KH1/KH7Z USING THE FT8 DXPEDITION SUBMODE' (http://www.baker2018.net/pages/plan.html) which describes how the team intends to operate as the 'Fox' and how they recommend all the 'Hounds' operate.

REVERSE BEACON NETWORK & FT8 ---> A few weeks ago, several prolific RBN nodes began spotting FT8 signals, using the combination of WSJT-X and an unreleased Aggregator Vversion 5. The purpose of this limited Alpha test was to get a feel for the load and other implications of carrying FT8 spots on the RBN. The most striking characteristic of FT8 spots is their sheer quantity, and it seems obvious that adding FT8 spots to the spot flow could have a huge impact on the infrastructure of the RBN. "We frankly don't know whether the RBN servers will be up to the task", the RBN Team says, "so we decided we had better find out before the fall contest season is upon us". Effective immediately, and on a Beta test basis, the RBN's current spot feed (telnet.reversebeacon.net port 7000) will handle only CW and RTTY spots, while telnet.reversebeacon.net port 7001 will be set up for FT8 spots only. See http://www.reversebeacon.net/pages/FT8+Announcement+40 for more information.

VP6D ---> "The Ducie Island 2018 project is on schedule", the team reported on 14 June. Teenage DXer Mason Matrazzo, KM4SII has joined the Pilot Team, and will assist the Chief and NA Pilot (KE4KY).
"Our current fundraising campaign is underway; you may see the progress at our website. We appreciate the donations and equipment support we've already received. Our final payment for the 'Braveheart' is due on 1 September". The team members have booked - and paid from personal funds - their travel to meet the ship at Mangareva (French Polynesia). "Financial transparency allows the major sponsors to better understand the costs associated with a DXpedition and how we spend their money. Consistent with our previous DXpeditions, we will send club and foundation sponsors a VP6D financial summary. We need your help to keep our DXpedition team's personal investment to a reasonable level". Please visit https://www.vp6d.com/ and consider making a donation. [TNX K5GS]

+ SILENT KEY + Shozo Hara, JA1AN passed away on 9 June. Born in 1926 and first licensed in 1952, he served as the Japan Amateur Radio League's president for 41 years (1970-2011). He was inducted into the CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame in 2003 ("helped guide development of amateur radio in Japan, which has more licensed amateurs than any other country" was the motivation).

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3C0W, 3C3W,3D2EU, 4S7BHG, 5C5AF (AF-065), 5N3WQK, 7Q7EI, 8J60JARE, 9M0W, A52YL, C6AGU, D68I, FS/KH8Z, GR9RW, J28PJ, J88PI, N1YC/VK9X, OY9JD, PJ8RV, PJ8Z, PU0FDN, RL5G/0 (AS-066), TI5/N3KS, TJ2TT, VA7XW/VE2 (NA-038), VE7ACN/VE2 (NA-084), VK5MAV/9 (OC-265), VU4G, XF1IM (NA-078), XR0YD, YJ0AG, Z60A, Z61DX, Z61KR, Z66D.

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