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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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5R - Eric, F6ICX will be active again as 5R8IC from Sainte-Marie Island (AF-090) from 5 November until February 2019. He will operate mainly CW with some RTTY, BPSK and SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or via home call.

8Q - Braco, E77DX will be active on 160-10 metres as 8Q7DX from the Maldives (AS-013) on 10-25 November, including a 24-hour entry in the CQ WW DX CW Contest. QSL via LoTW or via OE1EMS. [TNX NG3K]

9L - Members of the Radio Club de Provins (F6KOP) will be active as 9LY1JM from Banana Island (AF-037), Sierra Leone on 9-21 January 2019. Plans are for 12 operators to be active on 160-10 metres CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK and FT8 (Fox & Hound mode) with four stations. Complete information is expected in due course.

9Y - Nick, VE3EY will be active again as 9Y4/VE3EY from Trinidad (SA-011) on 19-26 November, including an entry in the CQ WW DX CW Contest. QSL via VE3EY, Club Log's OQRS and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

A5 - Martti, OH2BH is still active as A52BH from Bhutan [425DXN 1434] until 5 November. He is using the permanent A5A set-up with multiple beams plus verticals on 160 and 80 metres. He is concentrating on the 160/80m US windows (21.00-00.00 UTC and 11-15 UTC) CW only. QSL via home call. [TNX N7NG]

ET - December is Youngsters On The Air (YOTA) month. The idea for this event is to show the amateur radio hobby to young people and to encourage youngsters to be active on the amateur bands. As part of YOTA month, Bob W9XY and Ken K4ZW will travel to Ethiopia to team up with the ET3AA club at the Addis Ababa University's Institute of Technology. More details will be forthcoming. In the meantime, let them know what bands and modes you need ET on. You can take the survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/982K53W. [TNX K4ZW]

HC - Uwe, DL8UD will be active as HC5M from Cuenca, Ecuador on 21-28 November, CQ WW DX CW Contest included. Outside the contest he will operate SSB and CW on 160-10 metres. QSL via DL8UD, direct or bureau.

J8 - K7AR, KO8SCA, N7RO, VE7CT, VE7NY and VE7XF will be active as J8NY from St Vincent (NA-109) on 21-28 November. They will operate "all modes" (FT8 included) on 160-6 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest. QSL via VE7NY and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

JD1_mt - Take, JG8NQJ expects to be back at the weather station on Minami Torishima (OC-073) for three months starting around 15 November. He operates CW and some RTTY as JG8NQJ/JD1 in his spare time. QSL via JA8CJY (direct) or JG8NQJ (bureau).

JD1_oga- JD1BOI (QSL via JI1LET), JD1BON (QSL via JA1UII), JD1BPH (QSL via JH1HHC) and JI1CRM/JD1 (QSL via JI1CRM) will be active from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara from 22 November to 7 December. They

will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 on 160-6 metres. [TNX JI1LET]

P4 - John, W2GD will be active again as P40W from Aruba (SA-036) on 19-27 November. Main activity will be during the CQ WW DX CW Contest; outside the contest he will operate SSB and CW on 160-10 metres. QSL via LoTW or direct only to N2MM.

PY - PS8NF, PY1AX, PY6AWU, PY6BA, PY6HD and PY6RT will be active as ZY6V from Santa Barbara Island, Abrolhos Archipelago (SA-019) on 14-19 November. They will operate SSB, CW and FT8 (Fox & Hound mode) on 160-6 metres. See qrz.com for their planned operating frequencies. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or direct to PY6HD.

T8 - Nobu, JA0JHQ (http://pandasan.jimdo.com/) will be active again as T88PB from Koror (OC-009), Palau from on 23-26 November. Main activity will be during the CQ WW DX CW Contest. QSL via LoTW (preferred) or direct to JA0JHQ.

V6 - Sho, JA7HMZ will be active again as V63DX from Pohnpei (OC-010), Micronesia on 19-26 November. He will be QRV on 160-6 metres, with a focus on 160m FT8 for Europe. He will participate in the CW WW DX CW Contest as V6A. QSL for both callsigns via LoTW or direct to JA7HMZ. [TNX NG3K]

VP2E - Art, WA7NB (VP2EAB) and John, N2LK (VP2EJS) will be active from Anguilla (NA-022) on 18-26 November. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 160-6 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as VP2EAB. QSL via LoTW, Club Logs' OQRS, or via home calls. [TNX DX World]

VP2V - Dave, WJ2O will be active as VP2V/WJ2O from the British Virgin Islands (NA-023) on 21-27 November. He will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest, and will focus on 30, 17 and 12 metres outside the contest. QSL via LoTW, or via N2ZN. [TNX NG3K]

ZA - Henning, OZ1BII will operate CW only as ZA/OU2I from Albania on 21-27 November, including an entry in the CQ WW DX CW Contest. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW and eQSL. [TNX NG3K]

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32 EUDXF AWARD ---> Joining the celebrations for the 32nd anniversary of the European DX Foundation during November are DL32EUDXF from Germany (QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via DJ8NK), and OT32EUDXF from Belgium (QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via ON6CC). Information on the '32 EUDXF Award' for working these and other special callsigns is on http://www.eudxf.eu/?p=2878.

INDEXA NEWSLETTER ---> The Fall 2018 edition (#123) of the International DX Association's Newsletter (INDEXA) is now available for download at http://www.indexa.org/newsletters.html. It contains a complete report on the 3C3W/3C0W DXpedition to Equatorial Guinea and Annobon earlier this year, as well as the profiles of three new members of the Board of Directors. [TNX

K8YC]

QSL GALLERY ---> The large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's website has been updated. Sixteen different galleries include 16,223 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 1969), 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].

TX0A & TX0M ---> "In just a little over 5 weeks, Adrian (KO8SCA) and I will be heading down to French Polynesia for the challenging activation of OC-113 (TX0A) and OC-297 (TX0M)", Cezar VE3LYC posted to the expedition's website (https://tx0a-tx0m.weebly.com/) on 26 October. "We are grateful to those who have already provided us with financial support. At a price-tag of $28.5k, if we can resell the power components upon our return in Rikitea, this is truly a very costly endeavour. Since French Polynesia ranks low among the Most Wanted DXCC, we know that virtually all the support will come from the IOTA community. Consequently, we are looking for more islands chasers, particularly from EU and NA, who are willing to help us out. We need your assistance!"

VP6D ---> As the forecast indicated strong winds and rough seas, the VP6D team went QRT earlier than planned, on 31 October at 16.20 UTC, "in order to achieve a safe departure from Ducie Island". According to the latest statistics, 113,726 QSOs were made with 24,920 unique callsigns (21.91%).

Breakdown by continents			Breakdown by modes		
NA	59,731	52.52%	CW	58,593	51.52%
EU	30,296	26.64%	FT8	26,158	23.00%
AS	18,291	16.08%	SSB	23,279	20.47%
SA	3,452	3.04%	RTTY	5,685	5.00%
OC	1,428	1.26%	PSK31	9	0.01%
AF	528	0.46%	PSK	2	0.00%

The most productive bands were 40m with 22674 QSOs (19.94%) and 20m with 21828 QSOs (19.19%), followed by 17m/18436, 15m/16761, 30m/12802, 12m/7900, 80m/6381, 10m/3933, 160m/3011.

YASME EXCELLENCE AWARDS & SUPPORTING GRANT ---> In 2008 The Yasme Foundation (http://www.yasme.org/) established the Yasme Excellence Award, to be presented to individuals and groups who, through their own service, creativity, effort and dedication, have made a significant contribution to amateur radio. The contribution may be in recognition of technical, operating or organizational achievement, as all three are necessary for amateur radio to grow and prosper. The latest recipients, announced on 25 October, are:

* Brian Machesney, K1LI, and Michelle Guenard - in recognition of their extraordinary efforts on behalf of Commonwealth of Dominica communities in the wake of the 2017 hurricane season. Their efforts included fundraising,

delivery of communications supplies, on-site support, and application of amateur radio technologies to support the relief efforts which continue today.

* Fred Kleber, K9VV/KP2 - in recognition of Fred's leadership and technical Skills that support the Virgin Islands' emergency communications capabilities. Fred has been a key player long before hurricanes Irma and Maria devasted the islands. He is hard at work today re-building and extending the interisland communication systems even after his own station suffered extensive damage.
* Zorro Miyazawa, JH1AJT - for his extensive promotion of amateur radio in developing countries. Governments and telecommunications administrators in Bangladesh (S2), Bhutan (A5), Cambodia (XU), Eritrea (E3) and Myanmar (XZ) have benefited from Zorro's patient and skillful efforts, supporting his own government and his fellow amateurs in Japan and around the world.
* Stu Phillips, K6TU - for contributions to amateur radio through his Propagation and DX Strategy website (https://www.k6tu.net/). In particular his innovative tools, free for amateur use, enhance the use of the High Frequency Terrain Analysis (HFTA) program developed by Dean Straw, N6BV, another Excellence Award recipient in 2012.
* Randy Wright, W6CUA - in recognition of his long service to the Yasme Foundation as our Awards Manager. His steady efforts and exacting attention to detail and customer service are greatly appreciated.

The Board of Directors of the Yasme Foundation has also made a significant grant to ARISS (Amateur Radio on the International Space Station, http://www.ariss.org/) in support of the Critical Infrastructure Fund. Yasme has supported this important upgrade to the ISS amateur station since the effort began and challenges other organizations and individuals to support it, as well. As of late 2018, ARISS is the only non-commercial entity being considered for NASA's Deep Space Gateway program, indicating the importance with which the space program views amateur radio. Putting and keeping amateur radio in space is a significant expense and needs the support of the entire amateur community. [TNX K4ZW]

+ SILENT KEY + The Reverend Paul E. Bittner, W0AIH died tragically on 31 October, after falling from one of his towers. Born in 1933 and licenced since 1949, he was a retired Lutheran Minister. His main operating activity was contesting from his QTH in west-central Wisconsin, known as 'The Farm'. In 2009 he was inducted into the CQ Contest Hall of Fame: "spreading across 120 acres, his farm grows a wide variety of antennas, as well as regular crops of new contesters", the motivation said. "Bittner constantly seeks out and trains new contesters at his multi-multi station, and welcomes visiting hams from around the world".

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