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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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5X - The TT8RR & TT8XX DXpedition to Chad, originally planned for February-March [425DXN 1437], "has been put on hold for security reasons". Consequently, I2YSB and his team (I1FQH, I1HJT, I2PJA, IK2CIO, IK2CKR, IK2DIA, IK2HKT, IW1ARB and JA3USA) have rescheduled their activity from Uganda, which will now take place on 13-25 March. They will use 5X0T (CW, SSB and RTTY) and 5X0X (FT8), and will be QRV on on 160-10 metres with four stations. QSL via I2YSB and eventually LoTW. More information, including a band & mode survey, real-time logsearch and OQRS for direct cards, can be found at http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/.

C5 - C5DX will be activated again on 16-23 February as part of a school trip to The Gambia. In his spare time Alan, G4DJX will operate mainly CW on 40-10m. QSL via LoTW or direct to G4DJX. [TNX NG3K]

DL - Special callsign DL70AFUG (http://darc.de/l11/dl70afug) will be activated at various times until 31 December to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the first Amateurfunkgesetz (AfuG), the German amateur radio regulations that came into force on 23 March 1949. QSL via the bureau.

DU - David, VE3OI has been active as DU3/VE3OI from Subic Bay (Luzon Island, OC-042) since 22 January and will remain there until 13 February. He operates CW (preferred) and FT8 on 40-15 metres. QSL via LoTW, or via home call (direct or bureau).

DU - Christian, F4EBK will be active again as DU3/F4EBK from the city of Baliuag on Luzon Island (OC-042) in February and March. He plans to participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (2-3 March). Usually he operates SSB on 20, 15 and 10m. QSL direct to F4EBK. [TNX NG3K]

EI - The Kerry Amateur Radio Group will be active as EI100YXQ at various times throughout 2019 to commemorate the centenary of the first voice transmission across the Atlantic, in an East-West direction, from Ballybunion (Ireland) to Louisbourg, Cape Breton (Canada). The original call used from the former Marconi radio station was YXQ. On the anniversary date of 19 March, activity will take place from the site of the former Marconi radio station in Ballybunion. QSL via EI9FVB, direct or bureau, and LoTW.

EI - Mark, EI3KD will be active as EI19RE throughout 2019. The special callsign is an amalgamation of the term Eire (Ireland) and 1919, and commemorates the centenary (21 January 1919) of the first Irish parliament. QSL via EI3KD.

FG - Once again Philippe, F1DUZ will be active as FG4KH from Guadeloupe (NA-102) from 18 February to 11 March. He will operate SSB and FT8 on the HF bands. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via F1DUZ (direct or bureau).

HC - Bill, K5YG will be active as HC5MWT from Cuenca, Ecuador on 18-23

February. He plans to operate mainly CW, with some SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via LoTW, or direct to home call.

HC8 - David HC5DX, Bill W2WCM and Jim WB2REM will be active again as HD8M (http://www.hd8m.com) from the Galapagos Islands (SA-004) from 27 February to 6 March. They will operate FT8 "Fox & Hound" mode, SSB and CW on 160-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (direct and bureau) and LoTW after six months; traditional cards via WB2REM (direct only).

HP - Special callsign 3F1JMJ is active on 24-30 January for the World Youth Day (Jornada Mundial de la Juventud) and Pope Francis' visit to Panama. QSL direct to HP1RCP.

OK - The Czech-Moravian Amateur Radio Transmitters association (OK5CAV) will be active as OL120AB from 20 January to 19 May to celebrate the 120th anniversary of the birth of Pravoslav Motycka (OK1AB). Generally considered the first radio amateur in Czechoslovakia, he was one of the first six legally licenced operators in 1930. See qrz.com for information about the award. QSL via OK4RM, OK1DOM or the OK QSL bureau. [TNX OK4RM]

PJ4 - PJ4/K2NG (QSL via WA2NHA), PJ4/K4BAI (QSL via home call), PJ4/KU8E (QSL via K4BAI) and PJ4/W2ID (QSL via home call) will be active from Bonaire (SA-006) on 13-20 February. They will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest as PJ4A (QSL via LoTW or via K4BAI). [TNX NG3K]

PJ6 - PJ6/K4UEE, PJ6/K5AC, PJ6/NM1Y and PJ6/WC4X will be active from Saba Island (NA-145) on 11-18 February. They will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and possibly FT8 on 160-10 meters. QSL via home calls. They will participate in the ARRL CW DX Contest as PJ6A (QSL via Lotw or direct to N4NX). [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

UA9 - Vasily R7AA, Eugene UA6EX, Leonid UA7A and possibily others will be active from two most wanted IOTA groups between late July and early August. Tentative plans are to be QRV with two stations as R63RRC from Popigay-Ary Island (AS-063) on 24-28 July, and as RQ73QQ from Bol'shoy Begichev Island (AS-152) on 30 July-2 August. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via R7AA. See https://dxpedition.wixsite.com/r63rrc.

V3 - The following operators are expected to be active from Belize in the next coming weeks:

- Francesco, IK0FUX as V31UX on 1-8 February; QSL via LoTW or home call and logsearch on Club Log
- Olli, DH8BQA as V31FO (https://www.dh8bqa.de/) on 6-18 February. His plans include participation in the CQ WPX RTTY Contest (9-10 February) and the ARRL DX CW Contest (16-17 February), possibly with a special callsign. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via home call.
- Madison, W5MJ as V31IT on 12-19 February; QSL via M0URX's OQRS.
- George, W2AIV as V31GF from 23 February to 2 March. He will operate SSB with some slow CW and possibly PSK31 on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via LOTW.
- Victor, WB0TEV (V31VP) and Scott, K5PS (V31CQ) from 26 February to 5 March, including a multi-single entry in the ARRL DX SSB Contest as V31VP. Outside the contest they will operate mainly SSB, FT8 and RTTY (V31VP) and mainly CW (V31CQ). QSL V31VP via Club Log's OQRS, or via WB0TEV (direct or bureau); QSL V31CQ via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS or via K5PS (direct or bureau).

V4 - K1KA will be active again as V47KA from St Kitts (NA-104) on 11-25 February. He will be QRV on 160-10 metres, and maybe 6 metres if conditions are good, with a focus on FT8. QSL via LoTW, or direct to K1KA. [TNX NG3K]

VE - VO1AX, VO1FOX and VO1JQB will be active as VD1NUQK from 26 January to 26 February. The special callsign commemorates the anniversary of the USS Truxtun and USS Pollux naval disaster that occurred off the coast of Newfoundland on 18 February 1942. NUQK were the callsign letters of the USS Truxtun. QSL direct only to VO1AX.

VE - VY0ERC, the Eureka Amateur Radio Club station located on Ellesmere Island (NA-008), will be active again from 3 February to 29 March. Plans are to be on SSB, CW and digital modes as time and weather permit. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. [TNX M0OXO]

VP5 - Adrian, AA5UK will be active as VP5/AA5UK from Providenciales (NA-002), Turks & Caicos Islands from 28 February to 8 March. He will operate FT8, RTTY and SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or direct to AA5UK. Updates will be posted to Twitter (@AA5UK). [TNX AA5UK]

Z6 - Mome, Z32ZM is active again as Z68M from Kosovo from 25 January to 5 February. This time he will focus on 160, 80 and 30 metres; he will operate FT8 on the normal frequencies using the multi answer protocol of MSHV V2.07 (not to be confused with the "Fox & Hound" mode: see Z68M on qrz.com for more information). QSL via Club Log's OQRS.

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3Y0I ---> The 3Y0I team confirms that the Bouvet Island DXpedition project is well under way and that preparations continue on their vessel.

CLUB LOG ---> On 22 January Rick, K6VVA uploaded 30,000+ QSOs to Club Log to provide "QSO Matching" for his past DXpeditions to the following IOTA groups:

NA-023	VP2V/K6VVA and VP2VVA	2009
NA-041	K6VVA/KL7 and KL8C	2007 and 2011
NA-048	C6AVA	2013
NA-050	K6VVA/KL7 and KL8C	2013
NA-054	C6AVA	2012
NA-065	K6VVA/7	2012
NA-066	K6VVA/6	2011
NA-091	K6VVA/VE7	2011
NA-152	K6VVA/KL7	2013
NA-178	K6VVA/6	2006
NA-184	K6VVA/6	2011
NA-242	K6VVA/KL7	2011

"There are still 5,000+ QSOs to upload for NA-106 (KP2) from an old computer when some data retrival issues get resolved", he says.

CQ WW 160-METER CW CONTEST ---> Object of the contest is for amateurs around the world to contact other amateurs in as many USA States (CONUS plus District of Columbia), Canadian provinces, and countries as possible Utilizing the 160m band (see https://www.cq160.com/ for complete rules). This year's event will run on 25-27 January, from 22:00 UTC to 22:00 UTC. Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at https://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cq160c2019.html.

INDEXA NEWSLETTER ---> The Winter 2019 edition (#124) of the International DX Association's Newsletter (INDEXA) is now available for download at http://www.indexa.org/newsletters.html, both in English and (new!) Spanish versions. It contains a complete report by Diego Thobie, F4HAU on the Saint Brandon (3B7A) DXpedition which occurred in April 2018. [TNX K8YC]

IOTA BASH 2019 ---> The 15th annual IOTA Bash will be held on 29-30 March in New Braunfels, Texas. The agenda includes presentations by Igor UA9KDF and Andy UA9LDD (RI0B), Cezar VE3LYC (H44/H40 expeditions), Ed K5WQG (P29 adventures) and Mike K9AJ (NA-207). Complete details can be found at https://irefradio.com/iota-bash/.

QSL XZ2B ---> The newly appointed QSL manager is JH3SIF, who says that "it will take several weeks before the cards are designed and printed". QSL via Club Log's OQRS (direct or bureau), or direct to Kiichiro Onishi, 3-19 Tomogaoka, Suma-ku, Kobe-shi, Hyogo-ken, 654-0142, Japan.

WRTC 2022 ---> The initial Qualification Rules for the World Radiosport Team Championship 2022 have been revised (http://wrtc2022.it/en/?page_id=112) and a FAQ page with "explanations and clarification" has been added (see http://wrtc2022.it/en/?page_id=376). The final Qualification Rules will be available on 31 January at the latest, and the first qualifying event will be the ARRL International DX CW Contest (16-17 February).

YS2/KC0W ---> Tom, KC0W has had to cancel his trip to El Salvador. He was expected to be active as YS2/KC0W on 15-22 February [425DXN 1446].

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3W9JK (AS-162), 5R8AL, 5R8UP (AF-057), 5W0GC, 7Q7EI, 7Q7M, 9M2YDX, AH2R, DP1POL, E44WE, EL2EL/4 (AF-111), EP6RRC (AS-189), ES0UG/8 (EU-178), FJ/F6CUK , H44SHD (OC-149), J48ALO (EU-072), J68GU, KG4HF, KP4/EI9FBB (NA-249), PJ4K, PZ5T, RI0B (AS-054, AS-087, AS-104, AS-121), RW2F, T32TV (OC-084), TF3SG, TK/S57C, TO6OK (AF-027), VE7ACN/7, VK9XG (OC-002), VK9XT, VP2MUW, VP2MZM, WP3C, YJ0GC, YS1MAE, Z23MD, ZL7X, ZY6V (SA-019).

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