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**DX NEWS**
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**F** - Special callsign TM14FAJ will be active on all bands and modes on 1-15 August for the 14th Festival Astro-Jeunes, part of the Astronomy Festival of Fleurance. QSL via F5KHP (bureau) or F8BMG (direct); the log will be uploaded to Club Log and eQSL.

**GW** - Special event station GB200TT will be active on 10-11 August to celebrate the bicentenary of the Menai Bridge, a suspension bridge which carries road traffic between mainland Wales and the island of Anglesey. QSL via operator's instructions.

**JA** - Ichy, JH7IPR will be active as JH7IPR/7 from Oshima (AS-206) from "before noon" (JST) on 9 August until "around noon" (JST) on 10 August (Japan Standard Time is UTC +9 hours). He plans to focus on 40m and 20m FT8, with some CW and activity on 6 metres if the band opens. Depending on local conditions, he might extend his stay by one day. QSL via the bureau; he will upload his log to Club Log. [TNX JN6RZM]

**LY** - LY30BW will be active from 1 August to 30 September to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Baltic Way (http://www.balticway.net/). On 23 August 1989 hundreds of thousands of people formed a human chain spanning across Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, demanding the re-establishment of the independence of the Baltic States. QSL via LY2QT. A certificate will be available; see LY30BW's page on qrz.com for the details.

**LZ** - LZ19YOTA is the callsign that will be used during the 9th edition of the Youngsters on the Air (YOTA) Camp, to be hosted by the Bulgarian Federation of Radioamateurs (BFRA) on 11-17 August. This annual event brings together young people from IARU Region 1 member societies for a week, creating an opportunity to learn all about different nationalities and cultures, foster international friendships and goodwill, and learn new amateur radio skills. QSL via the bureau to LZ1BJ.

**SP** - Radio Club SP9KJU will be active as SN0ARCO between 1 August and 31 December, with main activity on 1-31 August, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Georg von Arco (1869-1940), a pioneer of radio engineering whose work was crucial in the development of wireless technology in Europe.

**SP** - Special callsigns 3Z1919PS, HF1919PS, SN1919PS, SO1919PS, SP1919PS and SQ1919PS will be activated from 15 August to 15 September to commemorate the centenary of the first Silesian Uprising (16-24 August 1919). The Silesian Uprisings were a series of three armed conflicts in Upper Silesia from 1919 to 1921 in which Poles and Polish Sileans sought to break away from Germany and join the new Polish Republic, founded after World War I. A certificate will be available; see https://www.qrz.com/db/SN1919PS for information.
UA9 - The 1-3 August RQ73QQ IOTA DXpedition to Bol'shoy Begichev Island (AS-152) [425DXN 1468] has been cancelled owing to safety concerns (adverse sea conditions and polar bears on the island). The team will remain on Popigay-Ary Island (AS-063) instead, and be QRV as R63RRC until around 3 August.

VE - VE0ERC, the Eureka Amateur Radio Club station located on Ellesmere Island (NA-008), will be active again between 1 and 20 August. QSL via M00XO's OQRS and LoTW.

PACIFIC TRIP ---> Kaspars/YL1ZF, Yuri/YL2GM, Jack/YL2KA and Kristers/YL3JA will be active as T30L from Tarawa, West Kiribati (OC-017) on 6-15 September, and as C21W from Nauru (OC-031) on 16-25 September. They will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 on 160-6 metres from both locations. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (direct or bureau), LoTW (six months after the end of the DXpedition), or via YL2GN. Bookmark http://www.lral.lv/c21w_t30l/ for more information and updates.

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FT8DMC ANNIVERSARY ---> Eight special event callsigns will be activated on 10-24 August to celebrate the 2nd anniversary of the FT8 Digital Mode Club: A91FTDMC (Bahrain, QSL via A92AA), II8FTDM (Italy, QSL via IK8YFU), LX8FTDM (Luxembourg, QSL via LX1TI), OD5FTDMC (Lebanon, QSL via K3IRV), OE19FTDMC (Austria, QSL via OE1SGU), TM8FTDM (France, QSL via F1ULQ), TO8FTDM (Guadeloupe, QSL via F1ULQ) and ZL6FTDMC (New Zealand, QSL via F1ULQ). The logs will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL. See https://www.ft8dmc.eu for information on the FTDMC Anniversary Award.

IOTA: RESTRUCTURING OF AS-117 & AS-206 ---> "Islands previously listed as qualifying for AS-117 that now fall within the co-ordinates box of the new group AS-206 (Honshu's Coastal Islands East) have been transferred and are listed appropriately both in the application database scroll-down list and in the IOTA Directory online" Roger Balister, G3KMA (IOTA General Manager) posted to https://iota-world.org/ on 30 July.

"Following several activations from AS-206 in the last few weeks with most already accepted for credit, the group number is now confirmed. Record-holders with credits for AS-117 that commence with prefixes JA0, 1, 2 and 7, will have their credits reviewed for transfer to AS-206. All chasers who logged into the IOTA system at least once during the last two years will be automatically informed by a credit re-allocation. This will alert them to the need to find a replacement card or QSO match for AS-117 with a prefix JA3, 4 or 9 to regain credit. Other record-holders for whom Management no longer retains an email address will have any necessary transfer made automatically. The intention is to transfer all credits to the correct IOTA group within a
few weeks. As this is quite a big job, patience is requested"

MIDWAY ISLAND 2020 ---> Ron KH6DV has announced that KH6VV/KH4 "will activate Midway Atoll the last two weeks in February 2020". Operators interested in joining the DXpedition are invited to contact him by email. See https://dx-world.net/kh6vv-kh4-midway-island-2020/ for few preliminary details (and comments).

VP8/VP8DXU ---> The project planning for the 2020 South Orkney Islands DXpedition [425DXN 1469] continues on schedule. During the weekend of 12 July seven team members and three volunteers met in Placerville, California to prepare the tents for use on Signy Island, 60m FT8 has been added to the operating plan, and the fundraising campaign continues: "team members made their 2nd payment to the project, and our 2nd payment to the 'Braveheart' was processed", the VP8/VP8DXU team reported on 27 July. "As of this writing, 33 clubs/foundations and 273 individuals have shown their support for the project. While we're making progress, we have a long way to go to reach the goal of 50% team member funding of the estimated project cost of USD 325,000. Please keep in mind, serious DXpeditions, especially those in the Southern Ocean, must pay the bills before leaving home, we are no exception. If you need South Orkneys for an ATNO, or plan to work us, we would appreciate your help". Please visit https://sorkney.com/ and consider making a donation.

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