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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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D4 - Egill, TF3EO is active again as D44KF from Sal Island (AF-086), Cape Verde until 9 January. This time he operates CW and "a very little SSB". QSL direct to G3SWH (OQRS on http://www.g3swh.org.uk) or LoTW; the log will be uploaded to Club Log.

G - John, M0XIG will operate special callsign GB200FN between 7 January and 3 February to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale (1820-1910), the founder of modern nursing. QSL direct to M0XIG.

GW - Chris, G1VDP and Tim, M0URX will be active as MC0SHL from the Strumblehead Amateur Radio Klub's premises on mainland Wales on 3-5 January. They will be testing out the Band Activity and Real Time Log Search on M0URX's OQRS: read about this facility by going to https://www.m0urx.com/ and selecting "OQRS Hints & Tips" in the dropdown menu under "How to QSL".

JA - JARL's Okinawa Branch will operate special station 8N6SHURI throughout 2020 to support the reconstruction of Shuri Castle, whose main courtyard structures were destroyed in a fire on 1 October 2019. QSL via the bureau. A UNESCO World Heritage site, for 450 years Shuri Castle was the royal court and administrative centre of the Ryukyu Kingdom, as well as the cultural heart of the Ryukyu Islands.

LZ - Once again Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use twelve special callsigns throughout 2020 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: LZ1908IK (January), LZ34WGI (February), LZ250KD (March), LZ603IL (April), LZ177GL (May), LZ734PA (June), LZ551MS (July), LZ662MI (August), LZ595IP (September), LZ1891AO (October), LZ350PI (November) and LZ1263AN (December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2020" award can be found at http://www.lz1kcp.com/.

T8 - JH6WDG will be active again as T88AQ from Koror (OC-009), Palau on 7-13 January. He will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 160-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via JH6WDG. [TNX The Daily DX]

UA - The Russian Robinson Club will operate special event station R200ANT [425DXN 1495] between 1 January and 31 March to commemorate The 200th anniversary of the discovery of Antarctica. QSL via RZ3EC. See https://antarctica200.hamlog.ru/ for information on the "Antarctica 200" award programme.

VK9N - Janusz, SP9FIH will be active as VK9NK from Norfolk Island (OC-005) between 12 January and 12 April. He will operate SSB, RTTY and FT8 (Fox & Hound) on 160-10 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via SP9FIH. See http://vk9nk.dxpeditions.org/ for more information. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

VP2M - Duane, WV2B will be active holiday style as VP2MDT from Montserrat (NA-103) on 9-15 January. He will operate SSB and CW. QSL via WV2B. [TNX NG3K]

XE - Weather and sea conditions permitting, Radio Club Puebla DX's members XE1AY, XE1SPM, XE1SRD and XE1SY will be active as 6F3A from Isla Perez (NA-153) on 11-17 February, including participation in the ARRL DX CW Contest and the American Lighthouses Weekend. They plan to be QRV on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10 and 6 metres with three stations during their daylight hours; during the night, when they are not allowed to use the generator, they will run one or two stations using deep cycle batteries. QSL via XE1SY (see qrz.com for Paypal instructions).

YU - Special callsign YT50SCWC will be activated throughout 2020 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Serbian CW Club. QSL via LoTW, or via YU1MM (direct or bureau).

ZF - Pete, K8PGJ will be active again as ZF2PG from the Cayman Islands (NA-016) on 11-19 January. He will operate SSB on the HF bands, with holiday style activity except during the North American QSO Party (from 18 UTC on 18 January to 6 UTC on the 19th). QSL via LoTW or direct to home call.

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The December 2019 issue is now available for download at http://www.425dxn.org/index.php. [TNX IZ3EBA]

CQ DX HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS ---> Nominations for the 2020 "class" of the CQ DX Hall of Fame are due by 1 March. The CQ DX Hall of Fame honours those DXers who have gone "above and beyond", not only in terms of their own on-air accomplishments, but also in terms of "giving back" to the DXing community. A maximum of two (2) people may be inducted each year.
Nominations may be made by DX clubs, national organizations or individuals, and must be submitted by 1 March of each year to be considered. Nominations should be directed to CQ DX Hall of Fame, c/o CQ Magazine, 17 West John Street, Hicksville NY 11801, USA; or (preferably) via e-mail to w2vu[@]cq-amateur-radio.com. Be sure to specify that the nomination is for the CQ DX Hall of Fame. [TNX N2OO]

CQ DX MARATHON ---> The CQ DX Marathon is a year-long DX hunt, with participants competing to see who can work the greatest number of countries ("entities") and CQ zones during the calendar year. The 2020 edition started at 00.00 UTC on 1 January and will end at 23.59 UTC on 31 December. Complete details can be found at http://www.dxmarathon.com/.

DX SOUND CLIPS ---> Tom's (K8CX) DX sound clips for 2019 can be found at

http://hamgallery.com/dx2019/. The collection of 130 clips (MP3 format) covers the major DXpeditions, plus rare and semi-rare DX. This makes 22 full years of sound clips available.

MOST WANTED LISTS ---> The "Most Wanted 100 Countries Archive" maintained by Tom, K8CX (http://hamgallery.com/countries/) covers the years 1993-2019 and counting. The charts show the Top 100 DXCC Entities moving up and down the list from year to year; data come from The DX Magazine (2014 and before) and Club Log (since 2015).
Club Log's latest Most Wanted List, generated on 25 December 2019, can be found at https://secure.clublog.org/mostwanted.php. The information is derived from QSOs uploaded to Club Log (currently 611.7 million log entries available for analysis) and, to improve quality, only QSOs that have QSLs confirmed are considered to be worked. The most wanted charts are rebuilt once per month, on average. The top 20 Entities are:

1.	P5	DPRK (North Korea)	11.	FT/G	Glorioso Islands
2.	3Y/B	Bouvet Island	12.	VK0M	Macquarie Island
3.	FT5/W	Crozet Islands	13.	YV0	Aves Island
4.	BS7H	Scarborough Reef	14.	KH4	Midway Island
5.	CE0X	San Felix & San Ambrosio	15.	ZS8	Prince Edward & Marion Isls
6.	BV9P	Pratas Island	16.	VP8O	South Orkney Islands
7.	KH7K	Kure Island	17.	PY0S	St Peter and St Paul Rocks
8.	KH3	Johnston Island	18.	PY0T	Trindade & Martim Vaz Isls
9.	3Y/P	Peter I Island	19.	KP5	Desecheo Island
10.	FT5/X	Kerguelen Islands	20.	SV/A	Mount Athos

QSL GALLERY ---> The large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's website has been updated. Sixteen different galleries include 17,564 cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (2009-18), 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/galeriegsl.php. [TNX F6AJA].

R207RRC ---> UA3AKO and other Russian Robinson Club's members plan to be active as R207RRC from Kosa Dvukh Pilotov (AS-207, new one for IOTA) sometime during the Spring. The licence is valid through 16 May. More information is expected in due course.

RI0B ---> The Artic Legends Expedition 2020 (http://legendsarctic.com/) is set to start in mid-March. The team (UA9KDF, UA9LDD, UA0BA, RW0BG and RT9K) will first gather at the Sopochnaya Karga weather station, and then go and be active as RI0B from Rastorguyev Island (AS-068). The trip will depend on weather, as the team will be using snowmobiles. More information is expected in due course.

SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS: VP8PJ ---> The callsign for the Perseverance DX Group's DXpedition to the South Orkney Islands (https://sorkney.com/) will Be changed to VP8PJ. "In past years it was relatively easy to get a

preferred VP8 call sign for the British Antarctic Territory", the team says. "After a licensing administrative change", however, they were unable to obtain a VP8 callsign, and decided to use VP8/VP8DXU (VP8DXU is the Falkland Islands callsign issued to Doc, W7XU). But Alan, VK6CQ, "a recent addition to the team, holds the call sign VP8PJ that was issued to him for operation from the British Antarctic Territory. After submission of a copy of Alan's license, ARRL has issued us a new LoTW certificate for the use of this call from South Orkney for the duration of our expedition". [TNX K5GS]

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******* QSL ROUTES *******
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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
3D2AG/p	3D2AG	FM5BH	W3HNK	RN20NY	RQ7L
3D2DJ	VK4MAP	FM5FJ	KU9C	RO20NY	RQ7L
3W2MAE	DL5MAE	GX0OOO/p	G4SSH	RT20NY	RQ7L
3W3B	E21EIC	H44DA	VK4KHZ	RU20NY	RQ7L
3Z0XMAS	SP6IEQ	HE2JOJ	HB9HI	RW20NY	RQ7L
3Z20HNY	SP6IEQ	HF670ML	SP8N	RX20NY	RQ7L
4K6FO	DC9RI	HK3JCL	DK8LRF	RZ20NY	RQ7L
4O7CC	UA4CC	HS0ZET	DF6RK	S79JOE	HB9JOE
4S7KKG	DC0KK	HS0ZIQ	ZB2JK	SC10CWO	SM0OY
4U25B	9A2AA	II4BRN	IQ4FE	SD10CWO	SM6JWR
4X9R	4Z5LA	IR9CWO	IT9SSI	SF10CWO	SM6CUK
4Z9III	EA7HBC	J79WTA	HB9MFM	SM10CWO	SM1TDE
5B60AMX	LZ3SM	JD1BMH	JD1BMH [b]	SN10CWO	SP9PZD
5P9Z/p	DL7UZO	JD1BMH	JG7PSJ [d]	SN25EBM	SQ5EBM
5T5PA	PA5X	JW7QIA	LA7QIA	SN800WL	SP9EZM
9A775O	9A7R	KC4USV	K7MT	SO28WOSP	SP3POW
9G1SD	AB0GC	KE2CWO	W0TG	SP95IARU	SP7AH
9M2MRS	PA0RRS	KH2/KH0TG	JL1UTS	TF/OJ0Y	EB7DX
9M2TO	JA0DMV	KH7X	K2PF	TF4M	G3SWH
A65DR	N4GNR	KL7RA	N4GNR	TM12M	F5FAB
A71AM	M0OXO	KT5CWO	W0TG	TM30CDR	F6KUQ
A71EM	M0OXO	LG80T	LA2T	TM70IPA	F6FLO
C5SP	SP3PS	LZ10CWO	LZ1HW	TT8SN	DL9USA
CE0Y/UR5BCP	KD7WPJ	LZ1908IK	LZ1KCP	V31AE	EB7DX
CN19JIM	RW6HS	LZ50GU	LZ1GU	V31MA	M0OXO
CN2JF	EA5GL	LZ5O	LZ1ZF	VK8NSB	M0URX
CX4DI	EA5GL	MC0SHL	M0URX	VP8HAL	EB7DX
D41CV	IK2NCJ	NP2X	KU9C	W2HRU	N2MUN
D44KF	G3SWH	OL10CWO	OK1TN	W6CWO	W0TG
DA0DOM	DL8CWA	OL250VEK	OK1KQI	W7CWO	W0TG
DF70DARC	DK5DC	P49X	W0YK	W9CWO	W0TG
DP70DARC	DK5DC	PD112MKNN	PD0OYF	XV9BO	DL7BO
DQ10CWO	DJ5BWD	PG10CWO	PG4I	YS1RS	EB7DX
DQ750KL	DL5KVV	PY6/PP2RON	PP2RON	YT50SCWC	YU1MM

DR10CWO	DJ5BWD	R105DA	RZ5D	Z81D	OM3JW
DR10WCA	DF6EX	R200ANT	RZ3EC	ZF2LZ	NN1C
DU1IST	JA1HGY	R2020NY	RQ7L	ZL20SLO	ZL1SLO
DU3LA	W3HNK	RA20NY	RQ7L	ZP9MCE	EA5ZD
EG2ETS	EA2RKW	RC20NY	RQ7L	ZS0RR	PA2PGU
EH5ASR	EA5RKB	RG20NY	RQ7L	ZS1C	W2ARP
EM600T	UR7TWY	RK20NY	RQ7L	ZS1OPB	N4GNR
EX0DX	HB9DUR	RL20NY	RQ7L	ZS1SBW	PA2PGU
EX8VM	RW6HS	RM20NY	RQ7L	ZS6CCY	K3IRV

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