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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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5H - Announced frequencies for the 4-18 February DXpedition to Zanzibar Island (AF-032) [425DXN 1477] are:

CW	1826	3527	7025	10115	14030	18068	21030	24890	28030
SSB		3775	7090		14240	18130	21310	24950	28470
FT8	1845	3567	7056	10131	14084	18095	21091	24911	28091
RTTY					14084				

When working FT8 for Japan , the team will use normal mode and receive on 1908 kHz. Nine operators will be signing 5I5TT on CW, SSB and RTTY, and 5I4ZZ on FT8 with four stations . QSL via I2YSB; real-time logsearch and OQRS for direct cards can be found On http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/. The operation has been already approved for DXCC credit, and the LoTW certificates have been received.

5H - Announced frequencies for the 6-18 February 5H4WZ DXpedition to Pemba Island (AF-063) [425DXN 1493] are:

CW	1825.5	3505	7005	10105	14005	18075	21005	24895	28005
SSB	1855	3790	7130		14255	18130	21230	24950	28495
RTTY		3595	7055	10145	14090	18110	21095	24925	28088
FT8	1844	3578	7078	10140	14080	18105	21090	24920	28080

Seven operators will be active with two or three stations, and will participate in the CQ WPX RTTY and the ARRL DX CW contests. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via OM3PA.

9K - Special callsign 9K59NLD will be active on 1-29 February in celebration of Kuwait's 59th National Day (25 February) and Liberation Day (26 February). QSL via 9K2RA.

C5 - Bogdan, SP2FUD and Zenon, SP2GCJ have been active again as C5FUD and C5GCJ from The Gambia since 18 January, and expect to remain there until the 31st. They operate mainly FT8 with some CW, SSB and RTTY. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via SP2GCJ.

CE - The Radio Club Melipulli (CE7RCM) will be active as XR7FPC from the lighthouse at Punta Corona on Chiloe Island (SA-018) on 15-16 February. Look for activity on the HF bands SSB and digital modes. QSL direct to CE7RCM.

DU - JA1PBV was active as DU1S/1 from Busuanga Island (OC-090) on 16-19 January. He expects to go and be QRV as DU1S from the Cuyo Islands (OC-120) starting on 24 January. He will operate CW and FT8 on 40-6 metres. He will be back home in Japan on 4 February. QSL via JA1PBV (direct or bureau); he will upload his log to LoTW and Club Log. [TNX Daily DX]

F - Christophe F4ELI, Andre F4ELK, Stephane F5UOW, Derek F5VCR, Didier F6DXE and Jean-Pierre ON7ZM will be active as TM5IB from ile de Batz (EU-105) on 16-23 May. They will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on the HF bands. QSL via ON7ZM. [TNX F6AJA]

F - The radio club at the Percee du Bocage Museum (F4KKE) will operate CW, SSB and FT8 as TM80CDG on 6-20 June to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the "Appeal of 18 June" made by Charles de Gaulle from the BBC in London. QSL via F4KKE (bureau) and LoTW. Often regarded as the origin of the French Resistance against the occupation during World War II, the appeal is one of the most remarkable pieces in the history of radio broadcasting, and as such it has been inscribed to the UNESCO's Memory of the World Register.

FJ - N2IEN, W2RE, WW1X and WW2DX will be active holiday style from St. Barthelemy (NA-146) on 15-22 February. They will be QRV on the HF bands, 2m EME and possibly via satellite. [TNX DX World]

H4 - Bernhard, DL2GAC will be active again as H44MS from Malaita (OC-047), Solomon Islands between 5 February and 10 April. He operates SSB on 80-6 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. He is entering his paper logs into a computer for uploading to Club Log (so far 47,233 QSOs logged between 2 March 1992 and 22 September 2019 have been uploaded) and eventually LoTW.

KP4 - Rafael KP4RV, Felix KP4RD and other eight operators will be active as KP3RE from Culebra Island (NA-249) on 21-23 February. QSL via EA5GL. [TNX NG3K]

OX - Bo, OZ1DJJ is active again in his spare time as OX3LX from Aasiaat Island (NA-134) until 31 January. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via OZ0J.

PJ4 - Scott, NE9U will be active as PJ4/NE9U from Bonaire (SA-006) on 8-22 February. QSL via LoTW, or via home call (direct preferred). Scott, K1TO, K2NG and KK9K will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest as PJ4A (QSL via K4BAI and LoTW). [TMX NG3K]

PJ5 - Chuck, KG9N will be active as PJ5/KG9N from Sint Eustatius (NA-145) on 4-21 February, including the ARRL DX CW Contest and the CQ WPX RTTY Contest. QSL via LoTW, or via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

TI - Look for TI7/G3WPH, TI7/G4IRN and TI7/KY7M to be active from Costa Rica on 10-17 February. QSLs via LoTW only. They will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest as TI7W (QSL via W4FS). [TNX DX World]

TU - Petr OK1BOA, Petr OK1FCJ and David OK6DJ will be active as TU5PCT from the Cote d'Ivoire between 21 February and 1 March, with "full operation" expected on 24-29 February. They will operate SSB, CW, RTTY and FT8 on 160-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via OK6DJ. See https://www.cdxp.cz/ for more information.

UA9 - The Artic Legends Expedition 2020 is set to start on 5 March from Tazovsky. All of the team members [425DXN 1496] will gather at the Sopochnaya Karga weather station on 12-13 March. From there they will reach Rastorguyev Island (AS-068) and be active as RI0B. The trip will depend on weather, as the team will be using snowmobiles. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (search for RI0B/AS-068).

UR - Special event station EM30UCC is active from 22 January to 31 May to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Ukrainian Contest Club. QSL via the bureau, direct, or via LoTW.

V3 - Victor, WB0TEV will be active again as V31VP from central Belize on 5-11 February, including participation in the CQ WPX RTTY Contest (8-9 February). QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via WB0TEV (direct or bureau).

V6 - Sho, JA7HMZ will be active again as V63DX from Pohnpei (OC-010), Micronesia on 14-21 February. He will be QRV on 160-6 metres, with

a focuns on 160m for Europe, and will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest as V6A. QSL for both callsigns via LoTW , or direct to JA7HMZ. The logs will be uploaded to Club Log. [TNX NG3K]

VE - Alex, VE1RUS and Pierre, VE3TKB will be active again from VY0ERC, the Eureka Amateur Radio Club station located on Ellesmere Island (NA-008, CQ Zone 2) between 1 February and 28 March. They will operate SSB, CW, FT8 and RTTY mostly on 40 and 20 metres. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW. [TNX M0OXO]

VK - Grant, VK5GR and a few others will be active as VK5KI from Kangaroo Island (OC-139) on 22-28 July, including participation in the IOTA Contest. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS; the logs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log for IOTA matching once the direct cards have been posted.

"January 2020 has seen some of the worst bush fires tear across Kangaroo Island in living memory", Grant says. "Over half the island (200,000 hectares or 2,000 square kilometres) has been burned, more than fifty homes were destroyed, two people lost their lives and many tens of thousands of animals were killed". Grant urges island chasers to consider supporting the recovery efforts by making a donation to the South Australia State Emergency Relief Fund, the Nature Foundation SA's Wildlife Recovery Fund, or the Kangaroo Island Mayor's Bushfire Relief Fund. "All of the costs of the expedition itself are being met by the team", he adds. "We are not looking for direct contributions for this project, but would rather people contribute to the affected communities directly". See https://www.qrz.com/db/VK5KI for complete information.

W - The Nacogdoches Amateur Radio Club (W5NAC) will be active as K5C on 1-2 February remembering the loss of the Space Shuttle Columbia (1 February 2003), the astronauts who lost their lives that day and the hundreds of amateur radio operators who went to Nacogdoches to assist in the search for and recovery of the debris. Operation will be primarily on 20 meters (14260 and 14174 kHz) and 40 metres (7220 and 7174 kHz). QSL via LoTW, or direct to W5NAC.

ZS - Special callsign ZS95SARL will be in use throughout 2020 to celebrate the 95th anniversary of the South African Radio League (SARL), which was founded in May 1925 as the South African Radio Relay League. QSL via the bureau.

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2020 IOTA HONOUR ROLL & ANNUAL LISTING ---> The last date for mailing score updates to checkpoints for inclusion in the 2020 Honour Roll and Annual Listing is 31 January (it is advisable not to wait until the very last moment, though). If postmarked after that date, they will be processed in the normal way, but the scores will be held over to the following year's list-

ing. Participants who have not updated since the 2015 annual listings and wish to remain listed should make a submission before 31 January. Furthermore, those who have not logged into their record for more than two years, will need to revalidate their registration through info[@]iota-world.org. Do not leave it to the last moment as you may run out of time.

VP8PJ ---> In their Press Release #10 (20 January, https://sorkney.com/) the South Orkney Islands DXpedition team reported that the final approval has been received ("landing and camping at South Orkney requires permission from several government agencies, and this multi step process takes months to complete"), the sea container arrived in Punta Arenas (Chile) on 13 January, and new companies have joined the corporate sponsors team.
The operating team "will follow a rotating 4 hours on and 8 hours off schedule", and "each team member is assigned tasks while on the island. Major activities are prioritized and staffed accordingly. The Braveheart crew will help with the heavy lifting and other setup activities. After landing, designated teams will first erect the WeatherPort shelters, install the power grid, and furnish the sleeping and operating shelters. Meanwhile the antenna teams will install the HF antennas, followed by the low band antennas. Weather permitting, setup is expected to take approximately two days".
As for fundraising, 52 clubs/foundations, over 500 individuals and 60 Premier Sponsors have supported the project so far. "We appreciate the support from the worldwide DX and amateur radio community", the team says, and "we continue to make progress towards our goal of the radio team paying 50% of the project cost with sponsorships paying the remainder". One more press release is expected before the team leaves home in early February. [TNX K5GS]

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8M, 3DA0VV, 4S7AB, 4U1UN, 9J2BO, BX2AK, BX4AL, CT8/DL1AOB, CX6VM, D68CCC, EA8PT, ET3YOTA, FM5BH, HC5UDT, HP3SS, J28PJ, J35X, JK3ZXK/2 (AS-206), KL7RRC/p (NA-210), KP4TF, NL7S, OE3XMA, OH0W, OX1AA, OY1CT, OZ8ABE, PJ2/KF4DX, PJ4DX, PJ4K, PJ5/SP6EQZ, PJ5/SP6IXF, RA1ALA/8 (AS-083), S0S, S79CI, TA0/DL7UCX (AS-201), TC0Z, TM1I (EU-074), TM5BZH, TM7P (EU-107), TO80SP (NA-032), TO9W, V51DM, V55A, VK9CZ, XV1X, YB0MWM, YE9CDL, YJ0FWA (OC-035), YJ0RRC (OC-104 and OC-111), YN2CC, YP0F (EU-191), ZD7BG, ZD7W, ZK3A, ZM4T,ZS1AFS, ZS6TVB.

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