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*** 4 2 5 D X N E W S ***
**** DX INFORMATION ****
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5H - Chas, NK8O will be active again as 5H3DX from Zinga, Tanzania between 16 February and 16 March. In his spare time he will operate CW, PSK31, FT8 and possibly SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via NK8O (direct only, see qrz.com for instructions), LoTW and eQSL. [TNX The Daily DX]

6Y - Rob, N1TRK will be active holiday style as N1TRK/6Y from Jamaica (NA-097) on 8-20 February. He will operate mainly FT8 with some SSB on 40, 20, 17 and 10 metres. QSL via LoTW.

8Q - Hiro, JG1SXP will be active as 8Q7HK from the Maldives (AS-013) on 19-24 February. He will operate FT8, CW and some SSB on 80-15 metres, possibly also on 160 metres depending on local conditions. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or direct to home call.

9N - Yuris, YL2GM and Eugene, EA5EL will be active as 9N7AM from Nepal on 9-16 February. They will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 (Fox & Hound mode) on 160-10 metres with two stations. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (direct and bureau), or direct to YL2GN. The logs will be uploaded to LoTW six months after the end of the expedition. See http://www.lral.lv/9n7am/ for more information.

CE - Vasily R7AL, Vlad RK8A, Leo RW9JZ, Igor UA3EDQ, and Slav OK8AU (RW8A) will be active as XR8RRC from Villa Puerto Eden, Wellington Island (SA-032) on 12-16 March. They plan to operate CW, SSB and FT8 (Fox & Hound mode) on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 metres. Depending on local conditions, they might also go and operate as XR8RRC/p from Riesco Island (SA-091) for up to 48 hours between 19 and 21 March. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS (preferred); those who do not use Club Log should go direct and mail their request to EU7A (maildrop: Andrey N. Teterukov, P.O. Box 13, 212030 Mogilev-30, Belarus). See https://rv6ali.wixsite.com/patagonia2020 for more information.

CO - Once again special station T45FM will be QRV from the lighthouse at Punta Maya on 14-16 February for the American Lighthouses Weekend. Expect activity on 160-10 metres SSB, CW and FT8. QSL via RW6HS. [TNX RW6HS]

DU - Jacek, SP5APW, will be active as DU2/SP5APW from Calayan Island (OC-092) on 17-25 April. He will operate SSB and FT8/FT4 on the HF bands. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or via home call.

FG - Gildas, FG/F6HMQ and Michel, FG/F6GWV will be active as TO3Z from Guadeloupe (NA-102) from 21 February to 8 March, including an entry in the ARRL DX SSB Contest. QSL via F6HMQ. [TNX NG3K]

FP - Once again Eric, KV1J will be active as FP/KV1J from Miquelon Island (NA-032) from 30 June to 14 July, including activity during the DL-DX RTTY Contest and the IARU HF World Championship. Plans are to operate SSB, RTTY, FT8, FT4 and some CW on 80-6 metres, "generally on the highest frequency band open" with a focus on 6m.

Activity on 160 metres will be limited. QSL via home call (direct or bureau), LoTW and eQSL. Logsearch on Club Log. More information and updates on http://www.kv1j.com/fp/July20.html.

FM - Yuri, VE3DZ will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest as TO4A from Martinique (NA-107). QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]

JD1_oga- Look for JD1BON (QSL via JA1UII and LoTW) and JD1BPH (QSL via JH1HHC and LoTW) to be active again from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara from 25 February to 5 March. They will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 on 160-6 metres.

KP2 - Brian, ND3F will be active as KP2/ND3F from St. Croix, Virgin Islands (NA-106) on 12-18 February, including an entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest. QSL via EA5GL.

OX - Bo, OZ1DJJ will be active again in his spare time as OX3LX from Aasiaat Island (NA-134) starting on 13 February for a couple of weeks. He might also take a side trip to Disko Island (NA-134) for 1-2 days. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via OZ0J.

OZ - Special callsigns OZ80HM and OX80HM (from Greenland) will be active on 16 April to celebrate the 80th birthday of H.M. Queen Margrethe II. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via OZ1ACB. A special award will be available for working OZ80HM/xx and OX80HM/xx using different suffix extensions; see https://www.qrz.com/db/OZ80HM for information.

P4 - John, W2GD will be active as P44W from Aruba (SA-036) on 11-17 February. He will operate mainly CW, with some focus on 160, 30, 17 and 12 metres, and will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest. QSL via LoTW, or direct to N2MM. [TNX The Daily DX]

PJ2 - Thilo, DL9NBJ is active again as PJ2/DL9NBJ from Curacao (SA-099) until 19 February. He operates CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via Club Log's OQRS only.

SM - Celebrating World Radio Day, special callsign 7S6WRD will be active again from the Grimeton Radio Station (https://grimeton.org/) on 13 February. QSL via the bureau, or direct to SK6SAQ. Built in the early Twenties, the Grimeton Radio Station has been inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list since 2004.

TI - Mike, TI5/W1USN and Bob, TI5/AA1M will be active from Costa Rica from 20 February to 4 March. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 160-10 metres, and also "hope to do some FM satellite". QSLs via LoTW, or via home calls (direct or bureau). [TNX NG3K]

TL - Fernando, EA4BB has been QRT as 9Q6BB since 18 December 2019. On 16 February he will move to the Central African Republic, where he should remain for a few months and hopefully be active as TL8BB (requested callsign). [TNX The Daily DX]

TZ - Ulmar, DK1CE is active as TZ1CE from the QTH of TZ4AM in Bamako, Mali until around 20 February. He operates mainly CW, with some FT8 and possibly SSB. QSL via DK1CE, direct or bureau. He does not use LoTW.

V2 - Flavio, IW2NEF will be active as V26FP from Antigua (NA-100) on 7-13 March. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 40-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, or direct to IK2DUW.

V3 - Walt, W0CP as V31DJ (CW) and his wife Mary Kay, K0ZV as V31DK (SSB and FT8) will be active from Placencia, Belize on 10-24 February. They will be QRV on 80-10 metres. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via home calls. [TNX The Daily DX]

V4 - Andy, N2NT will be QRV as V47NT from St. Kitts (NA-104) on 12-17 February, with main activity as V47T during the ARRL DX CW Contest. QSL via W2RQ. [TNX NG3K]

V4 - Bill, V4/W3WH and Larry, V4/K3VX will be active from St. Kitts 13-19 February. They will operate CW and some SSB on 160-10 metres, with "some intensive operation" during the ARRL DX CW Contest. [TNX The Daily DX]

V6 - Sho, JA7HMZ has cancelled his 14-21 February V63DX & V6A activity from Micronesia [425DXN #1499] owing to the Corona Virus outbreak. [TNX NG3K]

W - Rick, N1DC is active holiday style as N1DC/4 from Hutchinson Island (NA-141) until 25 February. He operates CW, FT8 and SSB on 40, 30 and 20 metres. QSL direct to home call, and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

XE - The team that is expected to operate as 6F3A from Isla Perez (NA-153) on 11-17 February [425DXN 1496] will stay for one night on Isla del Carmen (NA-135), and hopefully be active "for some hours" as 4A2L. They plan to operate CW and FT8 (Fox & Hound mode) on 40, 30 and 20 metres; if conditions are good, they may also be QRV on 17 and 12 metres, and do some SSB. QSL via XE1SY (see qrz.com for Paypal instructions)

CARIBBEAN TRIP ---> Mike, DF8AN will be active as ZF2AN from the Cayman Islands on 14-23 February, and as C6AAN the Bahamas from 23 February to 1 March. He will operate CW, RTTY, FT8 (Fox & Hound on 7045, 10142 and 14090 only if there are too many callers) and other digital modes, and will try to be QRV on all bands (160-6 metres). QSL via DF8AN, direct or bureau. He does not use Club Log or LoTW.

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ANTARCTIC ACTIVITY WEEK ---> The Worldwide Antarctic Program has announced that the 17th Antarctic Activity Week will be held on 10-17 February. The aim of this annual event is to promote worldwide interest in the Antarctic continent. Special callsigns (QSL via operator's instructions) are expected to be aired during this year's AAW from the following countries:

Austria	OE17AAW, OE88WAP, OE89ANT, OE90AAW
France	TM17AAW
Italy	II2ANT, II3BOVE, II5ANT, IR1ANT, IR1SP
Netherlands	PA6ANT, PF88ANT
Russia	R200ANT
Ukraine	EM200ANT, EN200ANT
USA	K4A, K4C

Complete information on the AAW can be found on http://www.waponline.it/.

LIGHTHOUSE WEEKEND ---> The 12th American Lighthouses Weekend will be held on 14-16 February. Details, including a listing of participating stations, can be found on http://www.grupodxbb.com.ar/.

NCDXF NEWSLETTER ---> The Northern California DX Foundation's Winter 2020 Newsletter is now available at https://www.ncdxf.org/pages/newsletter.html. It includes articles on VU7RI (Lakshadweeps, October 2019) and T30L & C21WW (Western Kiribati and Nauru, September 2019).

SAINT PETERSBURG ISLANDS AWARD ---> Often called the Venice of the North, the city of Sankt-Peterburg is built on a large number of islands interspersed with canals. The "Saint Petersburg Islands" award programme is for contacting stations operating from 33 different islands - complete information can be found on https://spbislands.ru/index_en.php. [TNX UA1ANA]

SJDXA ---> The South Jersey DX Association's (http://www.sjdxa.org/) officers for 2020 are Bob Schenck N2OO (President), Steve Sullivan KZ2I (Vice President), Jim Neufell, K2GMT (Secretary) and Bob Pantazes, W2ARP (Treasurer). [TNX N2OO]

VP8PJ ---> "The project is on schedule", the VP8PJ team reported on 2 February in their Press Release #11. Team members will begin arriving in Punta Arenas on 9 February. The "Braveheart" is scheduled to depart for Signy Island, South Orkneys (AN-008) on 15 February. Shortly before she leaves Punta Arenas, the Garmin inReach personal locator will be activated. You will be able to follow her journey during the estimated six days at sea to and from the island by going to https://sorkney.com/ (click on the "Follow Braveheart" tab).

* BAND PLAN: it can be found on the DXpedition's website (click "Operating Plan" in the dropdown menu under the "Island Operations" tab). Unless otherwise announced by the operator, all radio operations will be split. FT8 will use Fox/Hound mode on all bands except 60m.
* PROPAGATION: Stu, K6TU has made available his "Propagation As a Service" tool at no cost to you. Accessed from the DXpedition's website (click on the "K6TU Propagation Tools" tab), the tool is configured with VP8PJ's station and antenna specifications; all you have to do is to enter your Maidenhead Locator and your antenna configuration, and the tool will generate your customized propagation charts.
* REFLECTOR: it is available at Groups.io (https://groups.io/g/VP8PJ) for you to provide thoughtful and helpful information to the team (no requests for log checks, busted calls, not in log, or schedules). The pilots will monitor the reflector and summarize pertinent information by region. They will still perform their normal functions, though, so feel free to contact your regional pilot as found on https://sorkney.com/pilot-team/ should you wish not to post to the reflector.
* LOG SEARCH: assuming a stable satellite connection, QSOs will be uploaded to the log server in near real-time. You can monitor logging activity at https://www.m0urx.com/oqrs/logsearch.php?dxcallsign=VP8PJ. The OQRS will be available within ten days after the team leaves the island, as they need time to validate the logs. The QSL manager (M0URX) will work on Busted Calls and Not in Log issues after the log is validated. Please use the form on Tim's OQRS site, and do not send e-mails.
* FUNDRAISING: 55 clubs/foundations, over 600 individual donors and 73

Premier Sponsors have supported the project so far. Early donors (those who donate before 15 February) will receive their LoTW confirmation(s) usually within 24 hours of the contact(s). All other donors will receive their LoTW confirmation(s) when OQRS opens.
All donations are appreciated and will help offset the project's estimated cost of about 310,000 USD. "With the 'Braveheart' and freight bills paid and the equipment in Chile", the team says, "our last remaining major expenses are shipping the equipment back home, generator fuel , port fees, general surcharges, fuel surcharge and a few smaller but still significant expense items. It's not unusual for unexpected fees and other charges to materialize so we remain vigilant with the budget management". [TNX K5GS]

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8M, 4S7VG, 4U1UN, 5H3CA (AF-054), 5H3RRC (AF-054), 5N7Q, 5Z4/G3AB, B7/BD7IHN (AS-131), BO0M (AS-113), C31CT, C56DF, D2EB, D68CCC, DL3DUE/P (EU-057), E51SFS (OC-083), FK8CE, FO/W5MJ, H40TT (OC-065), HC2AO, JD1BMH, JF7MTO/JD1 (AS-030), OD5ZZ, OJ0O, OX7AM, PJ5/SP6IXF, PJ5/SP6WQZ, PZ5W, RD0B/P (AS-005), S79CI (AF-024), SV9CVY, T30GC, TK/S57C, TO9W, TR8CR, TT8SN, TX7T (OC-027), V73NS, VK9CZ (OC-003), VP2MDT, VP8LP, VU2GSM, YB8RW, YP0F (EU-191), YS1RR, ZD7MY, ZD7W, ZK3A (OC-048),

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