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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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4L - 4L1PJ is the callsign issued to Peter, 4L/G4ENL. He expects to operate SSB on various HF bands for the next few years while on work assignment. QSL via N4GNR. [TNX DX World]

4X - The "Land of Craters" programme will see four special stations operate from the Makhteshim ("craters") in the Negev desert of Israel. The first activity was conducted by 4X0ARF (November 2020). Look for 4X0RMN to be QRV from Makhtesh Ramon (Ramon Crater), Israel's largest national park, on 30 January-1 February. QSL via 4X6ZM, LoTW and eQSL. A certificate will be available for working 3 out of 4 special stations: see https://www.iarc.org/craters/.

LU - AMSAT Argentina, LU7AA will celebrate the 31st anniversary of the LUSAT (LO-19) satellite on 16-24 January. Activity on the HF bands will be on SSB, CW and digital modes. More information can be found at http://lu4aao.org/lu7aa/cert_31_aniv_lusat_2021.htm.[TNX LU4AAO]

OX - Bo, OZ1DJJ will be active again in his spare time as OX3LX from Tasiilaq Island (NA-151) on 13-30 January. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS or direct to OZ0J. [TNX DX World]

PA - Roel, PD0OYF will be active as PD112MKNN until 14 February, and especially on 11 February. The special callsign's suffix stands for Meld Kamer Noord Nederland, the Control Center Northern Netherlands located in Drachten. 11 February is European 112 Day, when emergency services remind citizens of the importance of "112", the European emergency number available free of charge, 24/7, anywhere in the EU member states as well as other European countries (https://eena.org/). QSL via the bureau. [TNX PD0OYF]

PY - Alex, PY4AZ and others will be active as ZY4D from the Caparao National Park in the Brazilian State of Minas Gerais on 15-17 January. They plan to operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 80-10 metres. QSL via PS8RV and LoTW.

UA - Vasily, RA1ZZ expects to be active as RA1ZZ/p from Kildin Island (EU-082) on 9-11 January. He will operate CW and SSB on 40 and 20 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX qrz.ru]

UA - Special callsigns R1991A, R2021A, R30ARCK, R30RCK, RA30KR, RC30KR, RD30KR, RG30KR, RJ30KR, RK30KR, RL30KR, RM30KR, RN30KR, RO30KR, RQ30KR, RT30KR, RU30KR, RV30KR, RW30KR and RZ30KR will be active on 15-25 January to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Amateur Radio Club Kristall. QSLs via operator's instructions. A number of certificates will be available on https://hamlog.online/.

VU - Once again the West Bengal Radio Club (VU2WB) will provide assistance during the Ganga Sagar Mela on Sagar Island (AS-153). This is the annual gathering of Hindu pilgrims to take a holy dip in the Ganges, where the river merges with the Bay of Bengal. Expect some activity on the HF bands as AT2GSI on 9-16 January.

ZC4 - Garry, 2M1DHG is again active as ZC4GR from the UK Sovereign Base Area of Dhekelia for the next two and a half years. He operates SSB and digital modes such as FT8 ("please be patient, it's a new mode to me"), SSTV, PSK31, WSPR and on 40, 20 and 10 metres, typically between 17 and 19 UTC "a few nights a week". QSL via EB7DX.

ZF - Pete, K8PGJ will be active again as ZF2PG from the Cayman Islands (NA-016) on 10-17 January. He will operate SSB, and will take part in the North American QSO Party (from 18 UTC on 16 January to 6 UTC on the 17th). QSL via LoTW, or direct to home call. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The December 2020 issue is now available for download at http://www.425dxn.org/index.php. [TNX IZ3EBA]

3Y0I: BOUVET ---> "Some members of the Rebel DX Group have arrived in Cape Town, South Africa", the Rebel DX Group posted to Facebook on 4 January. "The Bouvet (3Y0I) trip is on track. Still some budget is missing but we are hoping to get some of the missing $$$. For your information, we will not apply for financial support to any DX Foundation or big Clubs as their conditions are not acceptable to us for a trip to one of the most wanted DXCC entities; and one o f hardest places to go on our planet". Bookmark https://www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup/ for updates and more information, including the direct link to the 3Y0I Bouvet Island Expedition page on GoFundMe.

EU DX CONTEST ---> The European DX Contest Club has announced that the first European Union DX Contest (EUDX Contest) will be held on 6 and 7 February (from 12 UTC to 12 UTC). See https://eudxcc.altervista.org/eu-dx-contest/ for complete information.

QSL 4O1HQ ---> As of 1 January 2021, the QSL route for 4O1HQ (all QSOs) is via E77E. This is the HQ station of the the Montenegrin Amateur Radio Pool (Mreza za Afirmaciju Radioamaterskog Pokreta), the national member society representing Montenegro in the IARU (http://marp.org.me/).

QSL GALLERY ---> The large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's website has been updated. Sixteen different galleries include 18,735 cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (2011-20), the 62 deleted DXCC Entities, obsolete prefixes, stations from Maghreb from 1945 to 1962, Allied Forces stations in Germany (1945-80), 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].

QSO TODAY VIRTUAL HAM EXPO ---> "QSO Today" (the weekly podcast hosted by Eric Guth, 4Z1UG/WA6IGR, https://www.qsotoday.com/) is organizing the second Virtual Ham Expo, scheduled for 13-14 March. It will be held on a live virtual reality platform that simulates a full convention experience with an exhibit hall and exhibit booths, speaker auditorium, lobby, and lounges. The QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo will feature new speakers and presenters, panel discussions, and kit-building workshops among other activities. It will run for 48 hours as a live event, then it will be available on-demand until 12 April. See https://www.qsotodayhamexpo.com/ for registration and other information.

+ SILENT KEYS + Farrell "Hoppy" Hopwood, VE7RD became a Silent Key on 8 December, aged 91. Licensed since 1955, he was instrumental in the founding of the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC), formed in 1992 when the Canadian Radio Relay League (CRRL) and the Canadian Amateur Radio Federation (CARF) merged to create one national society after several years of discussion. Hopwood was appointed RAC President and remained in that post for six years. In 2015 he was inducted into the Canadian Amateur Radio Hall of Fame.
Leslie A. Bannon, WF5E passed away in his sleep on 31 December. First licensed in 1952 as WN9ZTD, he was an accomplished DXer with a current/total count of 340/382 in the Mixed DXCC Honor Roll standings, 336/372 (Phone) and 331/340 (CW). He made a name for himself in the DX community worldwide thanks to the WF5E DX QSL Service, which he run for about twenty years until October 2013.
Also reported SK is Julio Ramiro Braz Mateiro, CT1ZW, who passed away on 2 January after a long illness. An early IOTA enthusiast and former Checkpoint for Portugal, he had 340/363 (current/total) Entities in the DXCC Mixed Honor Roll standings.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8BAP, 3W1T, 4U1UN, 5Z4VJ, 7H9H (OC-275), 7Q6M, A60EMM, A61Q, A65BB, E51WL, ET3AA, JG8NQJ/JD1, JH8ISO, JW4O, OG0C, P3X, PJ4D, PJ4TEN, SV5/DL2JRM, T6A, T6AA, TF3JB, TF3ML, TX0T (OC-298), V26M, V31MA, V55A, V73NS, VE2CSI, VE2JWH, VK4DX/p (OC-137), VP8LP, YB0EIN, YB1BML, Z66DX.

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