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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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3A - Look for Mireille, 3A/F4FRL and Patrice, 3A/F5RBB to be active from Monaco between 24 February and 2 March. They will operate SSB and digital modes on 40-20 metres. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. [TNX Les Nouvelles DX]

3W - 3W9FAR is the callsign that Sebastian, SP5FAR will be using from Vietnam. He has been in the city of Da Nang since 21 January, and will remain there until 21 March. In his spare time he will operate SSB and digital on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via eQSL. [TNX The Daily DX]

A9 - Members of the Bahrain Amateur Radio Society will be active as A91SD on 5-9 February to promote Bahrain Sports Day (9 February). QSL via LoTW, or via EC6DX.

C9 - Bruno, CS7AMN will be active as C91BVA from Maputo, Mozambique starting on 18 February. He will operate SSB and digital modes on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via the bureau to CS7AMN. He will upload his log to Club Log.

CO - Once again special station T45FM will be QRV from the lighthouse at Punta Maya on 19-21 February for the American Lighthouses Weekend. Expect activity on 80-10 metres SSB, CW and digital. QSL via RW6HS. [TNX RW6HS]

DL - Commemorating the 220th anniversary of the birth of Friedrich Clemens Gerke, members of DARC Ortsverband Kerpen G29 will be active as DC220GERKE from 2 February to 30 April. QSL via DJ6SI (direct or bureau). Gerke (1801-1888) was the reformer of the Morse code; his improved version of the original code was adopted by the International Telegraph Union (the precursor of today's ITU) in 1865.

F - Alain, F6BFH has moved permanently on Oleron Island (EU-032) since 14 April 2020. IOTA chasers should be looking for him at 9 and 17 UTC on Saturdays (14040 kHz CW) and on Sundays (14260 kHz SSB). For the time being, as a number of bureaux are still closed, those who need a QSL card can email the QSO data to f6bfh[@]f6bfh.net, and Alain will send the card direct at his own expense. [TNX F6BFH].

F - Francois, F8DVD will be active as TM18AAW on 14-28 February, including the 18th Antarctic Activity Week (20-28 February). He will be QRV from his home QTH in Macon, France. QSL via LoTW, or via home call (direct or bureau). [TNX Les Nouvelles DX]

I - Promoting World Radio Day (13 February), the UN Global Service Center ARC (4U1GSC) in Brindisi will be active as 4U13FEB on 2-28 February. DXCC wise, it counts for Italy. QSL via 9A2AA, direct or bureau. Also active on 13 February will be Michel, F8GGZ as TM23JMR from France (QSL via home call) and Radio Club Henares as EH4WRD from Spain (QSL via EA4RCH). World Radio Day was proclaimed in 2011

by the Member States of UNESCO, and adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012 as an International Day.

JA - Members of JARL Joetsu Club (JA0YMA) will be active as 8N0J until 30 April 2022 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the city of Joetsu, Niigata. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau and eQSL, direct cards via JJ0AWX.

KH9 - Thomas, NL7RR plans to be back on Wake Island (OC-053) starting in mid-February for 90 days. Last time he was there (October 2020) he was active as NL7RR/KH9 on 40 and 20 metres SSB. QSL direct to AL7JX. [TNX The Daily DX]

UR - Special callsign EM25VER has been active since 1 February to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Antarctic station "Akademik Vernadsky" (formerly a British research base that existed for nearly fifty years, it was handed over to Ukraine on 6 February 1996). QSL via UT1KY.

VK - Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Royal Australian Air Force, special callsigns VI100AF and VK100AF will be active on 1 March-29 May and 1 March-31 August respectively. The special event callsigns will be used by amateurs from around Australia on a roster basis. QSLs via M0URX's OQRS (https://www.m0urx.com/oqrs/), or direct only to Tim Beaumont, 83 Limbrick Avenue, Coventry, CV4 9EX, United Kingdom.

YU - Members of the Serbian CW Club will be active as YT165TESLA until the end of the year to commemorate the 165th anniversary of the birth of Nikola Tesla (10 July 1856). QSL via the bureau, LoTW, or direct to YU1MM.

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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LIGHTHOUSE WEEKEND ---> The 13th American Lighthouses Weekend will be held on 19-21 February. Details, including a listing of participating stations, can be found on http://www.grupodxbb.com.ar/.

QSL XW0LP & XZ2A ---> Pedro, EA5GL is the newly appointed QSL manager for Simon Luttrell's current activity from Laos (XW0LP), as well as for his past operations from Myanmar (XZ2A). Those who have already sent for a QSL card do not need to put a second request in the mail, as Simon is sending all his materials (including some 100 envelopes for XZ2A) to Pedro. He will also continue to upload his log to LoTW.

VP8 LICENCES ---> "You may be aware that there have recently been some amateur radio licencing difficulties experienced in the Falkland Islands due to new communications legislation being implemented", Chris, G3WOS (VP8WOS) wrote on 1 February. "This involved all previous and existing VP8 licences issued under the old Falkland Islands Wireless Telegraphy Act being revoked en masse in early 2020. This included all existing VP8 Antarctic and South Georgia licences, resulting in no legal amateur radio operation in these Overseas Territories being permitted using a VP8 callsign. Licences were

then revalidated and re-issued under the new Falkland Islands Communications Ordinance on a case-by-case basis for use in the Falkland Islands only. We now have some good news from the UK's regulatory body, OFCOM concerning this situation". Full details have been posted to https://www.openfalklands.com/ ("OFCOM update on VP8 amateur radio licences in British Antarctic Territory, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands").

WSJT-X 2.3.0 AND WSJT-X 2.4.0-RC1 ---> The WSJT Development Group has announced the general availability release of WSJT-X Version 2.3.0. It adds FST4 and FST4W, two new modes designed for use on the LF and MF bands. On the 2200 and 630m bands FST4 should replace JT9 for making 2-way QSOs, and FST4W should replace WSPR for propagation tests. Upgrading from earlier versions of WSJT-X should be seamless, and there is no need to uninstall a previous version or move any files. Links to installation packages for Windows, Linux, and Macintosh are available on
http://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/wsjtx.html.
Also available is WSJT-X 2.4.0-rc1: this is a candidate release intended for beta testers, i.e. individuals interested in testing the program's new features and providing feedback to the WSJT Development Team. The first candidate release for WSJT-X 2.4.0 introduces a new digital mode called Q65 designed for minimal two-way QSOs over especially difficult propagation paths including EME and various types of scatter. Further details and operating hints can be found in the "Quick-Start Guide to Q65":
https://physics.princeton.edu//pulsar/k1jt/Q65_Quick_Start.pdf

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QSLs received direct or through managers:3D2CR, 3D2TS, 3Z40RY, 4U75A, 5A1AL, 9G5FI, 9V1YC, B1CRA, B4CRA, B5CRA, B7CRA, B8CRA, C31CT, C6AGU, CQ8M, E51WL, GM2TT, HB0/UD6DJ, HH2JR, HK7AAG, KP2M, LX/PA3EYC, LY5W, NP3X, TG9ANF, TI2OY, TT8SN, V51MA, V73NS, VK4DX/p (OC-137), VK5KI (OC-139), Z62FB, Z66DX, ZD7BG.

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