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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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3B8 - Nobby, G0VJG has cancelled his 8Q7CQ operation from the Maldives [425DXN 1585], and expects to be active as 3B8/G0VJG from Mauritius (AF-049) on 2-16 October instead. He will operate SSB and digital modes on 80-10 metres. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS.

3B9 - Robert, 3B9FR, who was QRT for a couple of years, has been active again since 24 September. A resident of Rodrigues Island (AF-017), he operates mainly CW, with some occasional SSB and FT8. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS (https://www.m0oxo.com/oqrs).

3D2 - Phill, 3D2TS (FK1TS) will be active as 3D2TS/p from Rakiraki, on the northern coast of Viti Levu (OC-016), Fiji on 2-4 October "as a test run for longer stint in November". QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW.

8Q - Tommy, DL8KX will be active holiday style as 8Q7KX from the Maldives (AS-013) from 30 September to 11 October. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via home call.

9A - 9A302AA is the callsign that Tom, 9A2AA is using until 13 July 2022 to celebrate the 30th aniversary of Croatia's independence. QSL via 9A2AA.

CX - Members of the Uruguay DX Group will be active as CW60ATS from 1 October to 31 December to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Antarctic Treaty System. QSL via CX8ABF. [TNX CX3AN]

DL - Celebrating DARC Ortsverband Backnang's 70th anniversary, special callsign DP70BAC will be active until the end of the year. QSL via DH1OK and eQSL. Also active until 31 December will be DM50ZVN, a special callsign celebrating DARC Ortsverband Schoenau's golden jubilee. QSL via the bureau.

F - Special callsign TM44RT will be active on 3-5 October to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the French Army's 44th Signal Regiment (44eme Regiment de Transmissions). Look for activity on the HF bands CW and SSB. QSL via F5KBB.

FY - Curtis, KC5CW will be active as FY/KC5CW from French Guiana between 8 October and 3 November. He will operate SSB, slow CW, PSK and FT8 (Fox & Hound) on 160-6 metres. He will upoload his log to LoTW and Club Log. [TNX The Daily DX]

GM - Celebrating the 90th anniversary of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, and hosted by the the West of Scotland Amateur Radio Society's club station, GB4GDS will be active between 6 October and 2 November. QSL via GM4DAE.

HL - Special callsign HL30UN will be active on 1-31 October to celebrate the 30th anniversary since the Republic of Korea was admitted to membership in the UN. QSL via EA5GL.

HL - Lee, HL1IWD will be active holiday style as HL1IWD/5 from Saryang Island (AS-081) on 9-11 October. He will operate mainly CW and FT8.

QSL via EA5GL.

I - Special callsign II6OANT (II6 Oscar ANT) has been issued for Gianni I1HYW to take part in the celebrations for the 60th anniversary of the Antarctic Treaty System. Look for activity from 1 October to 31 December. QSL via home call. A resume of the certificates available for contacting the various commemorative stations can be found on http://www.waponline.it/6oats-anniversary/6oats-awards/.

IS0 - Richard, OK8WW (OM2TW) will be active holiday style as IS0/OM2TW from Sardinia from 23 October to 1 November. He will operate CW, SSB and various digital modes on 80-10 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest in the SOSB (80m) category. QSL via LoTW or OM2FY. [TNX OK8WW]

JW - Look for JW7XK (QSL via LA7XK and LoTW), JW9DL (QSL via LA9DL and LoTW) and JW6VM (QSL via LA6VM) to be active from Longyearbyen (EU-026), Svalbard on 6-11 October. They will participate in the SSB leg of the Scandinavian Activity Contest (9-10 October) as JW5X (QSL via LA5X). [TNX The Daily DX]

LU - Special callsign LO60CN will be active at various times between 21 September and 31 December to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Servicio Auxiliar de Radioaficionados de la Armada (LU2CN), the Auxiliary Service of the Argentinian Navy Radio Amateurs. See https://www.qrz.com/db/LU2CN for more information.

LU - Hernan "Capi", LU1COP will be active as LU1COP/E from Martin Garcia Island (SA-055) on 8-12 October. He will operate SSB and FT8. QSL via EA7FTR. See http://lu1cop.capicom.com.ar/LU1COP-E/ for more information.

LX - Look for Gerard LX/PA0PIW, Gert LX/PA2LO, Maarten LX/PA3EYC, Tijmen LX/PA3GRM and Hans LX/PE1KWH to be active from Luxembourg on 12-19 October. They will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 on 160-6 metres. QSLs via the bureau to PA3EYC and LoTW; logsearch on Club Log.

OJ0 - Pasi, OH3WS will be active again as OJ0WS from Market Reef (EU-053) on 3-9 October. He will operate CW only on 160 metres and other bands, "with the possibility of participating the SAC SSB". Pasi's will be the last activity from Market Reef for this season. QSL via OH3WS. [TNX The Daily DX]

SM - Frank, DH0JAE will be active as SM/DH0JAE from Hano Island (EU-138) on 2-5 October. He will operate CW and SSB on 30-17 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via home call. [TNX DX Newsletter]

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 12 October and 22 November. They plan to participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest and the ARRL Sweepstakes. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW. Updates will be posted to https://twitter.com/vy0erc. Meanwhile, prior to their departure to Ellesmere, they are isolating in Yellowknife (mainland Canada) and hope to be on air as VE3KTB/VE8. [TNX M0OXO]

VK - Andy, VK5MAV will be active again as VK5MAV/p from Granite Island (OC-228) next week. He will not be able to overnight on the island, as access is limited to daytime hours only. Look for him to operate CW on 20 metres on 4-5 October (approximately from 20 to 9 UTC) and on 5-6 October (same time). QSL via Club Log's OQRS.

W - Oleh, KD7WPJ will be active from Santa Cruz Island (NA-144) on 2-3 October. He will operate CW, FT8 and SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via

home call. [TNX KD7WPJ]

W - Special event stations N0F, N1F, N2F, N3F, N4F, N5F, N6F, N7F, N8F and N9F, plus KF2IRE and VA3FIRE (Canada) will be active on 4-9 October for the Fire Prevention Week 2021. QSL cards for any of the FPW stations should be sent direct to Fire Prevention Week Special Event, c/o Siemens Fire Safety USA, 8 Fernwood Road, Florham Park NJ 07932, USA. See http://hamfire.com/ for more information on the event.

W - Members of the Central Arizona DX Association will operate as K7UGA between 15 UTC on 4 October and 7 UTC on 9 October, and during the Arizona QSO Party (from 15 UTC on 9 October to 5 UTC on 10 October: https://www.azqp.org/). The special event operation is in honour of the former US Senator from Arizona, onetime presidential candidate, and noted radio amateur Barry M. Goldwater, K7UGA (1909-1998). QSL via LoTW, or direct to K7BHM.

CARIBBEAN TOUR ---> John, W5JON will be active as PJ7JA from Sint Maarten (NA-105) on 18-23 October, and as PJ5/W5JON from Sint Eustatius (NA-145) on 24 October-1 November, including an entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 40-6 metres from both locations. QSLs via LoTW or direct only to W5JON.

PACIFIC TOUR ---> Lance, W7GJ will be active as FO/W7GJ from Rimatara (OC-050), Austral Islands on 15-24 October, and as TX7MB from Hiva Oa, Marquesas Islands (OC-027) from 27 October to 7 November. This will be a 6m EME DXpedition, see http://www.bigskyspaces.com/w7gj/ for detailed information and instructions. QSL direct to W7GJ and LoTW.

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425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The September 2021 issue is available for download at https://www.425dxn.org/. [TNX IZ3EBA]

CONWAY REEF 2021 ---> 3D2CR started operating from Conway Reef on 18 September at 03:41 UTC, and went QRT at 17:02 UTC on 25 September; as a result, according to Club Log's latest update, 34,579 QSOs have been added to the 33,830 contacts made in 2019. QSL direct via Club Log's OQRS. In case of missing QSOs, busted calls, etc., please contact Dom (3d2cr.2021@gmail.com). "The reason for this activity was full battlefield test for one man action using setup of 4 stations", Dom says. It is "possible to operate even 6 radios and make 100,000 QSOs from places like Bouvet by 1 man", he adds. See https://www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup/.

IARU NEWS: HF BAND PLAN REVIEW --- > The following was posted to the IARU R11 website by Tom Kamp, DF5JL (Chairman, IARU Region 1 HF Committee) on 25

September:
"Over the past 18 month a proposal for an IARU HF Digital Mode reorganization has been undertaken by representatives of all three IARU Regions. The objectives were to review the data modes usage of the Amateur Radio HF spectrum and propose changes that:
* reduce inter-mode conflict between dissimilar operating modes; and
* facilitate the expansion of new technologies.
In conducting the review it was realized that it was necessary to update the manner in which the IARU creates its band plans. Accordingly, the IARU's band planning definition toolkit were redefined, and additional data mode definition characteristics has been added to help separate activities that are fundamentally incompatible within the data mode family.
With the band planning process updated, the proposal then revised the band plans of all three IARU Regions, focusing on the data sub-bands and taking into consideration:
* popularity and capacity requirements; and
* existing band users and inter-mode compatibility assessments.
The team also took the opportunity to harmonize the band plans of all three IARU Regions to the greatest extent possible of course.
The proposal is now being discussed in the relevant committees".

VP0: NEW PREFIX ALLOCATION ---> The Government of South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands has announced the opening of public consultation on a draft policy for amateur radio licensing. The Government's proposed policy includes the issuing of amateur radio callsigns with the prefix VP0, followed by an alphabetic character of either S or G. The consultation process will end at 15 UTC on 18 October. The draft policy and the online feedback form are on https://www.gov.gs/amateur-radio-licences-policy-consultation/. The Government requests that only those who have a genuine interest in these DXCC Entities complete the feedback form. [TNX G3WOS/VP8DBL/VP8WOS, see also https://www.openfalklands.com/]

WSJT-X 2.5.0 ---> The WSJT Development Group has announced the General Availability release of WSJT-X Version 2.5.0: "WSJT-X in this release is nearly identical to that in WSJT-X 2.4.0. The Q65 decoder has been enhanced to measure and compensate for linear frequency drift in Q65 signals. In addition, the Windows installation package now includes version 3.0 of application MAP65 which has Q65 support to match and improve on its existing JT65 capabilities". See https://physics.princeton.edu//pulsar/k1jt/wsjtx.html for the links to the installation packages for Windows, Linux and Macintosh.

+ SILENT KEY + Dr. Thomas A. Clark, K3IO passed away on 28 September aged 82. A long time pioneer involved with amateur satellite development, he was Director Emeritus and President Emeritus of AMSAT. He was a leader in the development of the AX.25 packet radio network in the 1980s, and his pioneering work on Software Defined Radio led to the development of the Software Defined Transponder (SDX) for satellite work. In 2001 he was inducted into the CQ Hall of Fame, and in 2016 the ARRL honoured him with its President's Award to recognize his 60 years of advancing amateur radio technology.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 4A2L (NA-135), 4L/DL7ZM, 7Q7RU,

A25RU, A60CH, A61Q, C92RU, CN8NY, CT9/DL5WS, CT9ABV, FR4OP, FS/W8HC, FS5GL, GJ6WRI, GM3RCV (EU-111), HC1BI, HZ1SK, HZ1XB, JT5DX, KL7FBI (NA-037), KL7RRC (NA-039), OJ0C, OM5XX, PJ4EL, R24NEW (EU-180), RI0FF (AS-025), RI0FWA (AS-025), S01WS, SV2RSG/A, VP2V/K3TRM.

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