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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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- 3B8 - 3B8M will be QRV from Mauritius (AF-049) during the CQ WW DX CW Contest (M/M category) and a few days before and after the contest (22 November-1 December). The operating team includes G0CKV, KX7M, M0CFW, M0SDV and W6NV. "We will bring a microphone this time", G0CKV says, "and M0SDV might try some low-band SSB to hone his pile-up skills and good humour, and we might possibly also do some FT8 on the low bands". QSL 3B8M and 3B8HA via LoTW and M0OXO's OQRS; QSL 3B8/KX7M via F5CWU's OQRS (<http://www.f5cwu.net/oqrs/>) and hopefully LoTW; QSL 3B8/M0SDV via LoTW and Club Log's OQRS; QSL 3B8/M0CFW via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS or via home call; QSL 3B8/W6NV via home call.
- 5H - Vladimir, OK2WX will be active as 5H3WX from Zanzibar (AF-032) from 10 November to 3 December. He will operate CW and SSB on 80-10m. QSL direct to HA3JB.
- E7 - Celebrating Statehood Day of Bosnia and Herzegovina (25 November), special callsign E7BOSNIA will be active from the ancient royal cities of Bobovac, Visoko and Jajce on 14-28 November. QSL via the bureau. See <https://www.grz.com/db/E7BOSNIA> for more information.
- FS - John K9EL, Paul K9NU, Bob W9AP, Mike W9MK and Marco FS4WBS will be active as TO9W from Saint Martin (NA-105) on 1-10 December, including an entry in the ARRL 160 Meter Contest (3-5 December). They will operate CW, SSB, FT8 and some RTTY with three stations. "The team's primary focus will be on 160, 80 and 40 metres during hours of darkness", they say, but "we will also operate 30 through 6 depending on openings". QSL TO9W via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via W9ILY. See <http://www.k9el.com/TO9W/TO9W.htm> for more information, including the link to the TO9W Facebook page that will be used for photos and real time updates during the operation.
- FJ - Dario, KP4DO will be active as FJ/KP4DO from St. Barthelemy (NA-146) on 19-24 November. He will be QRV mainly on 20 metres, but also 40, 17 and 10m "as propagation permits". QSL direct to KP4DO.
- G - Chris, G4LDS will be active as GB4LDM on 20-28 November. The special callsign is for Lancashire Day, held on 27 November to commemorate the day in 1295 when Lancashire first sent representatives to attend the Parliament of England. QSL via G4LDS, direct or bureau.
- GM - On 12 December 1921 the very first personal message transmitted over the Atlantic from amateur to amateur was received in Scotland by Paul Godley (2ZE), who had travelled to the UK as the representative of the ARRL. The successful transatlantic tests of 1921 were a milestone that heralded the dawn of two-way international amateur radio communication. In celebration of this historic centenary, the Crocodile Rock Amateur Group, based near Ardrossan (Scotland), will

be active as GB1002ZE and GB2ZE on 1-26 December. More information can be found on <https://www.transatlantic.org.uk/>.

- HR - Gerard, F2JD will be active again as HR5/F2JD from Copan, Honduras from 8 December to 5 April 2022. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on the HF bands. QSL via F6AJA (direct or bureau); log-search on <http://LesNouvellesDX.fr/voirlogs.php>. [TNX Les Nouvelles DX]
- I - Special callsign II6MI will be in use between 20 November and 20 December for the centenary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (Milite Ignoto), which contains the remains of an unidentified soldier killed during World War I. QSL via eQSL. More information can be found on <https://www.qrz.com/db/II6MI>.
- JA - Look for JA4DND/4 and JR4OZR/4 to be active from the Oki Islands (AS-041) on 12-16 November. They will operate FT8, CW and SSB on 80-10 metres. QSLs via LoTW, or direct only to JA4DND. [TNX The Daily DX]
- JA - Look for JI3DST/5, JR8YLY/5 and JR8YLY/p (FT8) to be active again from Shodo Island (AS-200) from 26 November to 2 December (but the operation might be extended to 9 December). The QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log and made available for Club Log Matching on the IOTA website. [TNX DX World]
- P4 - John, W2GD will be active again as P40W from Aruba (SA-036) on 22-30 November. Main activity will be during the CQ WW DX CW Contest; outside the contest he will be QRV on 30, 17 and 12 metres as time permits. QSL via LoTW, or direct only to N2MM. [TNX NG3K]
- PJ4 - Look for PJ4/K4BAI and PJ4/KU8E to be active from Bonaire (SA-006) from 24 November to 1 December. They will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as PJ4A. QSL PJ4/K4BAI, PJ4/KU8E and PJ4A via K4BAI. [TNX NG3K]
- TG - Dwight, VE7BV will be active again as TG9BBV from Guatemala on 14-28 November. He will operate mainly CW, with some SSB and FT8, on 40-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, or via VE7BV (direct and bureau). [TNX The Daily DX]
- VE - Also celebrating 100 Years of Transatlantic Amateur Communications, the York Region Amateur Radio Club will be active as CF3BP between 13 November and 12 December. 3BP was the callsign of Edward Rogers Sr., who was the first Canadian amateur to successfully transmit a transatlantic radio signal from Newmarket (Ontario) to Androssan, (Scotland).
- VP8_ant- Sebastian, SQ1SGB expects to be active again as VP8/SQ1SGB from Halley VI Research Station, Antarctica (AN-016) between early December and 31 January 2022. He will be QRV mainly on 40 metres SSB and FT8. QSL via EB7DX. [TNX The Daily DX]
- VU - Datta, VU2DSI will be active once again as AU2JCB from 19 November to 14 December to commemorate the birthdate (30 November 1858) of Indian physicist and radio pioneer Jagadish Chandra Bose. Look for activity on 3710, 7040, 7150, 14210, 14250, 14310, 21235, 21310, 21350, 28490, 28510, 28545, 29700, 50800 and 51500 kHz. QSL direct to home call.

AFRICAN TOUR ---> Don, N6ZO (who has been active again as 7Q6M from Malawi since 27 October) will be QRV as D60AB from the Comoro Islands (AF-007) on 12-14 November and again on 22-29 November, including participation in the

CQ WW DX CW Contest. In between he will go to Mayotte (AF-027) and be active as FH/K6ZO on 15-22 November. He will operate CW and SSB. QSLs via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

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C5B ---> Operated by F4AHV, F5NVF and F5RAV, C5B was active from the Bijol Islands (AF-060) for about five hours on 10 November [425DXN 1592]. The shortage of gasoline in the country prevented them from using a generator, so they had to resort to car batteries. QSL via eQSL and LoTW only, apparently paper cards will not be available for this brief operation.

NEW IRC ---> The Universal Postal Union's newest model of the International Reply Coupon (IRC) is the "Abidjan model", valid for exchange until the end of 2025. Designed by a 15-year-old girl from Belarus, it depicts two hands forming the branches of a tree whose leaves are nestled with birds and whose roots cradle the Earth. The current "Istanbul model" remains valid until 31 December 2021. Old out of date IRCs can be donated to M00XO or M0URX, who will use them to fund their outgoing Bureau service.

OC-247 ---> The 12-15 November multi-operator IOTA DXpedition to the Sabalana and Tengah Islands (OC-247) [425DXN 1592] has been postponed until March 2022 owing to adverse weather conditions as well as high transportation costs.

RCA QSO PARTY ---> On 11 December 1921 members of the Radio Club of America (RCA) and the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) successfully transmitted signals that spanned the Atlantic Ocean. The Radio Club of America (W2RCA) is celebrating the centenary of the Transatlantic Test by hosting a CW and SSB QSO Party on 13-14 November (from 12 UTC to 4 UTC). The rules can be found on <https://www.radioclubofamerica.org/transatlantic-test-centennial>.

RSGB 2021 ONLINE CONVENTION ---> This year's Convention was streamed live on 9 October. Now available on the RSGB's YouTube channel, the wide range of 15 presentations includes "Club Log for Absolute Beginners" (Michael Wells, G7VJR), "Solar Cycle 25: the Good, the Bad and the Downright Ugly" (Steve Nichols, G0KYA), "Arctic IOTA DXpedition to Prins Karls Forland Island" (Allan Batiievsky, EA3HSO), "VP8PJ 2020 DXpedition to the South Orkney Islands" (Gene Spinelli, K5GS). See <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheRSGB>.

TL7M & TL8AO ---> Ken, LA7GIA expected to go QRT from the Central African Republic at 8 UTC on 12 November, earlier than planned. While all of the

TL7M QSOs were made on CW and FT8, during the last day of his stay he operated SSB as TL8AO (his old callsign from 2016). QSLs via M0OXO's OQRS, and logsearch on Club Log.

TQSL: NEW VERSION ---> A new version (v2.5.9) of LoTW's Trusted QSL (TQSL) has been released: <http://www.arrl.org/tqsl-download>. This version has new features as well as corrections for defects found since TQSL 2.5.8 was released. This release also includes an update to the most recent TQSL configuration file. TQSL 2.5.9 can be installed to upgrade any older version. On all three supported platforms (Windows, MacOS and Linux), installing TQSL 2.5.9 will replace older versions of Trusted QSL while preserving your Callsign Certificates, Station Locations, and preferences.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 4L/DL7ZM, 4U2U, 5I3B (AF-032), 5I3W (AF-032), 5T1GM (AF-050), 6O1OO, 6Y5HN, 7P8RU, 8R1AK, A25RU, A61DD, C37NL, CO8RCP, CX1VH, D60AC, D60AD, EL2DT, HK3W, J79WTA, JW0W (EU-063), P43A, RI1OZ (EU-153), SV2RSG/A, VE6FTP/VY0 (NA-009), XV1X, ZD7MY, ZS6MGM.

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