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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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5X - Alan, G3XAQ will be active again as 5X1XA from Kampala, Uganda on 7-14 March. He will operate CW only on 80-10 metres, with main activity during the RSGB Commonwealth (BERU) Contest. QSL direct to G3SWH (OQRS on http://www.g3swh.org.uk/) and LoTW. [TNX G3SWH]

EA - Commemorating the 42nd anniversary of the 1980 referendum for autonomy and representing the provinces of Andalusia, eight special callsigns will be activated on 22-28 February: AM42AL (Almeria), AM42CA (Cadiz), AM42CO (Cordoba), AM42GR (Granada), AM42HU (Huelva), AM42JA (Jaen), AM42MA (Malaga), AM42SE (Sevilla). In addition, AM42AND will be active on 28 February (Andalusia Day). QSL via the bureau. See https://www.qrz.com/db/am42and for more information.

F - A team of six (F4ELI, F4ELK, F5VCR, F5UOW, F6DXE and ON7ZM) will be active as TM5IB from Ile de Batz (EU-105) from 26 March to 1 April. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on various bands. QSL via ON7ZM.

FG - Once again Philippe, F1DUZ will be active as FG4KH from Guadeloupe (NA-102) from 24 February to 15 March, including participation in the Coupe du REF's SSB leg (26-27 February) and the ARRL DX SSB Contest. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via F1DUZ. [TNX DX World]

FG - Look for Gildas, FG/F6HMQ and Michel, FG/F6GWV to be active again from Guadeloupe (NA-102) from 25 February to 27 March. They will participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (5-6 March) and the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (26-27 March) as TO3Z (QSL via F6HMQ). [TNX NG3K]

FY - Herve, F5HRY will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest as TO1A (SOSB 15m LP) from the Radio Amateurs Club de Kourou's station (FY5KE), French Guiana. QSL via LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

HP - H32AT is the special callsign that Jose, HP2AT is using until the end of the year to mark his 32 years in amateur radio. He uploads his log to qrz.com, Club Log and eQSL on a regular basis, and will upload all QSOs to LoTW at the end of the activity. Paper QSL cards will not be available.

I - Members of ARI Carpi (Modena) will be active as IQ4DJ (club callsign) and II4CPC (special callsign) on on 4-11 March to commemorate the 118th anniversary of the Chilean city of Capitan Pastene, founded by Italian settlers who arrived from Modena in two successive migrations. Also active will be CB6I and CB6CPC, operated by members of Radio Club Traiguen. Four certificates will be available, see II4CPC on qrz.com for information. QSL II4CPC via IQ4DJ; QSL CB6I and CB6CPC via CE6TRA (direct).

KH2 - "BJ", WA7WJR, plans to be QRV as KH2/WA7WJR/p from Guam between 24 February and mid-May, with activity as KH0/WA7WJR/p from Tinian and/or Saipan during April also being planned. He will operate CW, FT8 and RTTY on 40 and 20m, and occasionally on 17 and 15m. QSL via home call or LoTW. See https://www.questsofdiscovery.com/dxpedition

for more information.

HS - Tony, E21IZC and other members of the Amateur Radio Association of Phetchaburi (E20OMN, E24YEJ, E25CVD, E25NNN, E27EK, HS7QNC and HS7UCQ) will be active as HS7AP/p from Koh Chang (AS-125) from 29 July to 1 August. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres, and will participate in the IOTA Contest (30-31 July). QSL via E21IZC. [TNX NG3K]

I - Commemorating the 150th anniversary since the death of Samuel F.B. Morse (2 April 1872), ARI Vigevano will operate special callsign IR2SM from 26 March to 10 April. QSL via I2MFJ, bureau or direct.

J6 - Amateur radio operators from Saint Lucia (NA-108) are allowed to use the special prefix J643 on 20-26 February, in celebration of the 43rd anniversary since their country gained full independence (22 February 1979). For instance, J69DS will be signing J643DS (QSL via EB7DX), and J69SJ will be signing J643SJ.

KP4 - Members of the Radio Operadores Del Este will be active as KP3RE from Isla de Vieques (NA-249) on 25-27 February. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes (FT4 and/or FT8) on 80-10 metres. QSL via EA5GL. See https://sites.google.com/view/kp4rv/ for more information.

ON - Special event station OR100RCBE will be active from 1 March to 31 December to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Radio Club Belge de l'Est. Established on 26 March 1922, it is nowadays' UBA GDV (Groupement de Verviers). QSL via ON4GDV.

PJ7 - Tom, AA9A will be active again as PJ7AA from Sint Maarten (NA-105) from 26 February to 26 March. He will operate CW, SSB, FT8 and FT4 on 80-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or direct to AA9A. [TNX NG3K]

UA9 - The R150WS expedition to Rykachev Island (AS-104) is still set to start the 1400-kilometre trip on 3-4 March from the settlement of Tazovsky [425DXN 1605]. If ice conditions permit, the team might also try and be QRV as RI0BI from Isachenko Island (AS-050), which is about 160 km far from Rykachev. It will be possible to track the expedition's progress by going to https://share.garmin.com/rt9k. QSL for both callsigns via Club Log's OQRS.

VK - Andy, VK5MAV will be active again as VK5MAV/p from Granite Island (OC-228) for one or two days during the last week of February or first week of March, depending on weather conditions. He will not be able to overnight on the island, as access is limited to daytime hours only. He will operate mainly CW on 20, 15 and 10 metres. "If you deadly need SSB", he says, "just send me email and I'll try to move to SSB quickly (internet coverage is perfect there)". QSL via Club Log's OQRS.

W - Bernie, W3UR will once again be operating with the Glenwood DX Association's club call N3ME from Okaloosa Island (NA-142) on 19 February from 12 UTC to 23.30 UTC (the park is only open from sunrise to sunset). Activity will be on 20-10 metres CW and FT8, with a focus on 17 and 12m CW, and 20m FT8. QSL via W3UR and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

W - Commemorating the 80th anniversary of the Voice of America's first broadcast (1 February 1942), three special event stations will be activated on 19 and 20 February (14-22 UTC each day): W3V (from the VOA Amateur Radio Club in Washington DC), W8O (from the National

Voice of America Museum of Broadcasting in West Chester, OH) and W4A (from the VOA Site-C in Greenville, NC). See qrz.com for QSL information.

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9N7AA ---> Robert is back to Nepal after a short holiday home. The QRN from "the widespread use of cheap LEDs, open and messy power lines and inverters" is a huge nuisance, as "on all bands the S-meter rarely, if ever, drops below S6-7!". For the time being, he says, "activity will only be on 40-6m, while the 80/160-meter antenna remains a project for the summer months. This will also give me some extra time to try and find a solution for the interference. For those constantly asking - 60m band is not permitted in Nepal". QSL via LoTW, or via S57DX (direct only); logsearch on Club Log.

ANTARCTIC ACTIVITY WEEK ---> The Worldwide Antarctic Program has announced that the 19th Antarctic Activity Week will be held on 21-27 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 Algeria (7T22ANT), Austria (OE19AAW, OE88WAP, OE89ANT and OE90AAW), France (TM19AAW), Italy (II2ANT, II2WAP, II5ANT, IR1ANT and IR2A), Netherlands (PA6ANT and PF88ANT), Poland (SP60ANT), Spain (AO4HAG, EH3ANT and EH5AAW), USA (K4A and K4C). Complete information on the AAW can be found on http://www.waponline.it/.

ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST (CW) ---> Object of the contest is for W/VE amateurs to work as many stations in as many DXCC Entities as possible on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 metre bands, while DX stations (also including KH6, KL7, CY9 and CY0) work as many W/VE amateurs in as many of the 48 contiguous states and provinces as possible (complete rules can be found at http://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx). This year’s event will run from 00.00 UTC on 19 February to 23.59 UTC on the 20th. Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K on https://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxc2022.html - good contest to you all!

CROZET 2022-23 ---> Thierry, F6CUK reports that "dates are now known" for his activity from Crozet [425DXN 1603]. "The 'Marion Dufresne' will leave Reunion Island on 8 December, with a stopover at Tromelin to resupply the people there, then bound for Crozet. I should get there around Christmas. The ship will come back on 26 March 2023 to pick us up, and after stopovers at Kerguelen and Amsterdam, arrive at Reunion on 16 April 2023. Therefore, I will be on Alfred Faure base for a solid three months. These dates may vary slightly depending on weather conditions".
Thierry has requested a special callsign to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the first amateur radio activity from Crozet, conducted by Roger Baude-

lot, FB8WW, between December 1961 and February 1962. Thierry's callsign will be announced by F6EXV and F6AJA "only a few hours before the start of the activity". See http://crozet2022.r-e-f.org/blog.html for the complete press release.

KH0/KC0W ---> Tom, KH0/KC0W & KH0W, has been off the air since late December. "Last month I moved into a condo and have gone QRT from all amateur radio activity", he posted to eHam.net a few days ago. "I gave all of my telescoping aluminum antennas & coax away to local fisherman so they construct HF antennas for their boats. The elements of my Yagi have now been repurposed as a line for drying clothes under the sun. After 65,000+ QSOs over the past 2.5 years it's time to call it quits". He also mentions that "priorities in my life have changed" after recovering "from a nasty bout with COVID". Club Log contains 54,294 QSOs for KH0/KC0W (8 April 2019-29 December 2021), and 10,776 QSOs for KH0W (20 May 2020-29 December 2021).

Z60ID ---> Celebrating Kosovo's 14th Independence Day, the local IARU Society (SHRAK) activated this special callsign with multiple stations on 17 February. QSL via Z62FB.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3A3A, 3B8FP, 3B8M, 3B9FR, 3D2AG, 3D2TS, 3DA0RU, 3X2021, 4K4K, 5X4E, 7P8RU, 7Q6M, 7Q7CT, 9J2RD, 9M6NA , A73A, AX5GR, CU2DX, DP1POL, ER1OO, EY8BA, FH/K6ZO, FM5FJ, HD8R, JT1CO, KL7FBI (NA-037), R60ANT, RI0FF, S21DX, S9OK, ST2M, SV2RSG/A, TI2OY, TL7M, TZ1CE, V48A, VK9DX, VP9KD, WP3C, YJ8RN, ZC4GR, ZD7BG.

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