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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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Owing to the ongoing and fluid nature of current crises globally, announced activities might be cut short, postponed, cancelled or even extended at any time and without notice.

3A - Gianpi, IK1TTD, will be active as 3A/IK1TTD from Monaco on 25-27 March, with main activity during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX IK1TTD]

5U - Giorgio, IU5HWS (ex YI9WS) is now stationed in Niamey, Niger until 20 March. In his spare time he will operate mainly SSB as 5UA99WS (correct callsign). QSL via EA5GL and eventually LoTW.

5V - Andy, KB9IJI has lived in Mango, Togo since 2016. He was first granted a special permission to be QRV as 5V/KB9IJI [425DXN 1490], then issued the callsign 5VJA [425DXN 1579], and finally he is now active as 5V7JA. "My roots are in SSB and a little CW", he says, "but at this distance from most stations, I'm starting with digital weak signal modes to get a sense of propagation and messaging capabilities". QSL via eQSL or LoTW. "I'm happy to still send you an old-fashioned paper card in the mail from Togo", he adds. "Just let me know (kb9iji[@]gmail.com). No need to send any money".

8Q - Laurent, F8CZI will be active holiday style as 8Q7ZI from the Maldives (AS-013) on 9-21 March. He will operate QRP CW and SSB. QSL via F8CZI.

C5 - Don, G3XTT will be active again as C56DF from The Gambia on 9-18 March, including an entry in the RSGB Commonwealth (BERU) Contest on 12-13 March. He is most likely to operate CW only, and to focus on 30, 17 and 12 metres outside the contest. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via G3XTT. [TNX The Daily DX]

CO - CM6WYZ, CO6JI, CO6SE and CO6XE will conduct a SOTA activity from La Sabina, in the Lomas de Banao Ecological Reserve, on 8-9 March. They will be QRV as T46SB on 80-10 metres CW, SSB and FT8/FT4. QSL via RW6HS.

CT9 - Helmut, DF7EE will be active again as CT9/DF7EE from Madeira (AF-014) from 22 March to 1 April, including participation in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as CQ3W. QSL for both callsigns via LoTW and Club Log's OQRS.

EX - Pavel, R2DX and others will be active again as EX0QR from the southern shore of Lake Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan on 5-16 March. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via R2DX (direct or bureau).

F - Thierry, F6CUK will be active as TM8C from Brehat Island (EU-074) on 23-30 April. He will operate SSB, CW and FT8 mainly on 40, 30 and 20 metres. This will be a field-test in preparation for his expedition to Crozet, with a focus on testing the software for FT8.

QSL via F6CUK (direct or bureau) and LoTW. [TNX Les Nouvelles DX]

GW - Celebrating twenty years of the Summits on the Air programme (https://www.sota.org.uk/), GB20SOTA will be active from the Welsh SOTA summit of Mynydd y Cwm between 2 and 26 March. QSL via the bureau, or direct to M1EYP.

JD1_mt - Take, JG8NQJ expects to be back to the weather station on Minami Torishima (OC-073) on 16 March, his QSL manager reports. Usually he remains there for about three months, and is QRV as JG8NQJ/JD1 in his limited spare time. QSL via JA8CJY (direct), JG8NQJ (bureau) and LoTW.

JT - Mats, RM2D (SM6LRR) plans to be QRV as JT4RR/p from the Oyu Tolgoi Mine Camp, South Gobi Desert, for a few days in the March-April and July-August time frames. He will operate 99% CW (no FT8) and run 5-10 watts to a vertical antenna ("possibly, I will be able to use a 50W amplifier provided that I will find a suitable battery power source", he says). QSL via EA5GL and LoTW.

OE - Commemorating the 150th anniversary since the death of Samuel F.B. Morse (2 April 1872), Jo, OE6VIE will operate CW only as OE0MORSE on 1-30 April. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), LoTW and eQSL. A certificate will be available: https://oe4ksf.at/oe0morse/

OA - Alex, DD5ZZ will be active again as OA7/DD5ZZ until approximately mid-May, including an entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. He will be QRV on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

PA - Frans, PC2F will be active as PF01MAX between 18 March and 20 November, over the twenty-two Grand Prix weekends of this year's FIA Formula One World Championship. The special callsign stands for Max Verstappen, the defending champion who will compete under race number 1. QSL via PC2F (direct or bureau), LoTW and eQSL.

V3 - Iain, G4SGX will be active again as V31GX from mainland Belize on 8-18 March, including an entry in the RSGB Commonwealth (BERU) Contest. QSL via LoTW and M0OXO's OQRS.

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425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The February 2022 issue is available for download at https://www.425dxn.org/. [TNX IZ3EBA]

3Y0J: LATEST NEWS ---> "We're preparing for a tiered approach where we will go onshore even during a very short weather window", Ken, LA7GIA posted to Facebook on 25 February. "The short weather window will allow us to bring onshore a single generator, antennas and 5 radios and tent for certain period. The first landing will of course also include necessary food, water, heating and safety equipment for this period. After that the next zodiac runs will continue supplying another generator, more antennas, more fuel, radios, spare parts etc. As soon as we have the second generator onshore

Cape Fie this will be a full-scale DXpedition. We have prepared this high level approach of how to sequence the equipment and soon this will materialize into a very detailed plan of exactly what equipment is being loaded in what sequence. It means that we don't need a half day or full day of nice weather to start operating - we will do that even for very short weather windows down to 90-120 minutes". Read the complete update on https://www.facebook.com/groups/3093983840726129/posts/3719949314796242/

AFRICAN TOUR ---> Don, K6ZO [425DXN 1608] now expects to be active as 7Q6M from Malawi on 2-13 March, including an entry in the ARRL DX SSB Contest. He will then move to the Comoro Islands and be QRV as D60AB 16-18 March and 22-29 March (including participation in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest), with a side trip to Mayotte as FH/K6ZO on 18-22 March. QSLs direct to home call. [TNX NG3K]

ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST (SSB) ---> 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 5 March through 23.59 UTC on the 6th. Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing (https://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxs2022.html) maintained by Bill, NG3K - good contest to you all!

INDEXA NEWSLETTER ---> The Spring 2022 issue (#135) of the International DX Association's Newsletter is now available for download on the INDEXA website (https://indexa.org/newsletters.html). Highlights include "Bhutan: The Land of the Thunder Dragon" by Adrian Ciuperca (KO8SCA), "A Tribute to Mary Hobart, K1MHH (SK)" by Bob Allphin (K4UEE), and news of the 3Y0J Bouvet and W8S Swains DXpeditions.

QSL GALLERY ---> The large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's website has been updated. Sixteen different galleries include 19,642 cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (2012-21), 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/galerieqsl.php. [TNX F6AJA].

VE3LYC'S IOTA BOOK ---> "Dream Big and Dare to Fail", the DXexpedition book authored by Cezar Trifu, VE3LYC [425DXN 1601], has been available for order since 1 January. "The current stocks are small and will not be replenished, as no additional copies will be printed", Cezar says. "In view of this, if you are contemplating to order this book, please don't hesitate to do it sooner rather than later": https://ve3lyc-book.weebly.com.

SOME RESPONSES TO RECENT WORLD EVENTS

* The International Amateur Radio Union issued the following statement on 28 February: "IARU is an apolitical organization focused on promoting and defending amateur radio and the amateur radio services. The amateur radio service is about self-instruction in communications and friendship between people".
* The operators of the DX Summit have removed the Ukrainian callsigns as amateur radio has been suspended in the country since the 24 February declaration of a state of emergency. Moreover, as "DX Summit wants to avoid being an advertising medium for war and war related messages of any kind, we see it reasonable to block out all cluster posted messages related to this unfortunate event". In addition, they have also blocked callsigns and messages posted by operators from Russia, Belarus and Donetsk.
* QRZ has removed - not deleted from the dbase, though - Russian (and Belarusian) callsigns. AA7BQ's sticky post explains the reasoning behind this decision: https://forums.qrz.com/index.php?forums/ham-radio-discussions.13
* On 3 March, Soyuz Radiolyubitelei Rossii (the Russian Amateur Radio Union) posted an appeal to the International Amateur Radio Union and its national member societies. "Each of us off the air can give our own assessment of what is currently happening in Ukraine, but it is today that we can and must demonstrate to the public that radio amateurs are a community of people who treat each other with respect, regardless of political beliefs, religion, or nationality": https://srr.ru/category/v-prezidiume-srr/ has the complete text (in Russian), or read the translation on DX World.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8CW, 3B8M, 3DA0RU, 3X2021, 4J3DJ, 4L1AN, 4O3B, 5I4ZZ, 5I5TT, 5W1SA, 5Z4/HB9DSP, 7P8RU, 9N7AA, A52CC, A65DR, BW2/JP1RIW, D60AB, E20AX,p (AS-125), EA9KB, ES5TTT, FK8CE, FK8DD, FK8HA, FK8HM, HI3AA, HP3SS, HS0ZDK, HS0ZLE, IA0/IZ1KHY, J79SB, J79WTA, JD1BHA, JD1BMH, KH2L, KL0R, KL7RA, KL7SB, NP2AR, OD5ZZ, OQ60ANT, P4/DL4MM, RI60ANT, S21DX (AS-140), S79VU, SU9VB, SV2RSG/A, TM57HNY, TM57STN, VK9DX, VO1GO, VO2MK, VP9KD, VU2TMP, XV1X, YJ8RN, ZB2R, ZP9MCE, ZS1OPB, ZS6BNS, ZS6TQ, ZS6TVB, ZS6US.

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