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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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3A - Kasimir, DL2SBY will be active as 3A/DL2SBY from Monaco on 20-23 October. He will operate FT8 and some CW on 30, 20, 17, 12, 10 and maybe 6 metres. QSL via LoTW, or direct only to home call or Club Log's OQRS. He no longer uses the bureau. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

5R - The 11-22 October DXpedition to Nosy Be (AF-057) by 5R8CG, 5R8MM, 5R8WG and 5R8WP [425DXN #1635] has had to be postponed, as one of the team members tested positive for COVID-19. "The final test result (second) came when we were already driving to the airport", Gerben, PG5M says. "We are hoping to reschedule for late November". Bookmark http://dx.to/ for updates.

A7 - The Qatar Amateur Radio Society (QARS) has announced that nine special event callsigns will be activated from 18 October to 18 December to celebrate the 22nd edition of the FIFA World Cup. Look for HQ station A722FWC, as well as for A71FIFA, A72FIFA, A73FIFA, A74FIFA, A75FIFA, A76FIFA, A77FIFA and A78FIFA (each representing one of the eight venues that will host the matches) to be QRV on the HF bands and via QO-100. QSL via the bureau, LoTW, or direct. See https://www.qrz.com/db/A722FWC for information about the Awards. The FIFA World Cup is a quadrennial international football (soccer) tournament contested by the men's national teams of the member associations of the Federation Internationale de Football Association.

CT9 - Helmut, DF7EE and Georg, DD8ZX will be active as CT9/DF7EE and CT9/DD8ZX from Madeira Island (AF-014) from 25 October to 2 November. Look for CQ3W (or CR3W) to be used during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest, most likely as a single-operator single-band entry on 15 or 10m. QSL CT9/DD8ZX via LoTW or home call; QSL CT9/DF7EE via LoTW or Club Log's OQRS; QSL CQ3W via LoTW or Club Log's OQRS; QSL CR3W via LoTW or DL5AXX's OQRS (http://www.dl5axx.de/dxlog).

FT_ant - David, F4FKT will be active again from Antarctica between late October and early March 2023. Main activity will be during his spare time as FT4YM/p from Concordia Station, operating SSB and FT8 on 20 and 40 metres. In addition, he plans to be QRV sporadically as IA0/F4FKT/p from Mario Zucchelli Station (for a few days during the last week of October), as FT4YM/p from Little Dome C, as FT4YM/m during the traverse from Concordia to the coast, as FT4YM from Robert Guillard Station at Cap Prud'homme, and finally as as FT4YM/mm from the icebreaker "L'Astrolabe". QSL via F5PFP. Updates will be posted to the Polar DX Group's Facebook group. [TNX Les Nouvelles DX]

GW - Weather permitting, Kev, M0TNX and Ron, G4DIY will be active as MC7DX from Holy Island (EU-124) on 15 October, and possibly also on the 16th. They will operate CW and SSB on the HF bands. QSL via

LoTW. [TNX DX World]

HR - Alex, K6VHF will be active again as K6VHF/HR9 from Roatan Island (NA-057) on 27-31 October. He will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 40-10 metres, and "will specially announce for 6 band operations". QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via home call.

I - Members of the Italian Naval Old Rhythmers Club will be active as II0IAR from 24 October to 2 November. They will operate CW only on the HF bands. See https://www.qrz.com/db/II0IAR for more information. The special callsign memorializes Roma Radio (IAR), the main Italian coastal radio station whose Morse transmissions closed down on 31 October 2005 after 51 years of uninterrupted service. [TNX IN3MDR]

JA - Moto, JA1GZV will be active as JS6UKY/6 from Okinawa Island (AS-017) on 18-25 October. He will operate CW on or around 7011, 10123, 14011, 18075 and 21011 kHz. QSL via JS6UKY (bureau) or JA1GZV.

JD1_oga- Kou, JP1IHD will be active as JD1BQP from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara from 26 October to 3 November, including an entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. QSL via the bureau to JD1BQP, or direct only to JP1IHD; he will upload his log to LoTW and Club Log.

PA - Special event stations PA60CUBA, PB60CUBA, PC60CUBA, PD60CUBA, PG60CUBA and PH60CUBA will be active on 22-23 October to mark the 60th anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis. Also joining the event will be PA60BBGB, PA60EHSB, PA60HS, PA60KLE, PA60KOC, PA60NCO, PA60NN, PA60NSG, PA60PARE, PA60RWS, PA60YP, PA6KLD, PA898BAT, PC60NCO, PF60PAIL, PF60PENM and PG6PEACE. QSL via operators' instructions. This project, which has been developed since 2019 in collaboration with the Cold War Cultural Heritage Foundation, aims at raising "awareness of the technology behind the Cold War". See https://pa60cuba.nl/ for more information (in Dutch).

PJ4 - PE1OJR will be active holiday style as PJ4TB from Bonaire (SA-006) on 21-31 October. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 40-6 metres, with some activity during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. He will upload his log to LoTW and Club Log. [TNX The Daily DX]

PJ5 - John, W5JON will be active again as PJ5/W5JON from Sint Eustatius (NA-145) from 25 October to 1 November. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 60-6 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. QSL via LoTW, or direct to home call. [TNX NG3K]

PJ7 - Ed, N2HX will be active again as PJ7PL from Sint Maarten (NA-105) from 23 October to 10 December, including an entry in both the CQ WW DX SSB and CW Contests. Outside the contests he will operate holiday style also on RTTY and FT8. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

S7 - Wolfgang, OE1MWW will be active holiday style as S79/OE1MWW from Mahe (AF-024), Seychelles on 13-21 October. He will operate FT4, FT8, CW and SSB mainly on 20m. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

TA - The Istanbul based Tango Alpha Ham Radio Club (YM1KE) will be QRV as TC29EKM on 26-30 October. QSL via eQSL. The special callsign's suffix stands for 29 Ekim (29 October), the public holiday commemorating the proclamation of the Republic of Turkey (29 October 1923)

VP5 - Jim, NU4Y and Ron, N4KE will be active as VP5DX from North Caicos (NA-002) between 20 October and 2 November, including an entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or direct to NU4Y.

VP5 - Kan, AB2RF (JJ2RCJ) will be active as VP5Z from Providenciales (NA-002) on 24-31 October. He will operate FT8 (using MSHV) and FT4 on 80-10m (see qrz.com for his planned operating frequencies), plus some CW and RTTY. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or direct to JJ2RCJ.

VP2M - George, K2DM will be active as VP2MDM from Montserrat (NA-103) from 25 October to 2 November. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-10 metres: "my priority is the CQ WW DX SSB Contest", he says, "but I plan to do a lot of FT8/FT4 before and after the contest". QSL via LoTW, or direct to home call.

VQ9 - When Steve, WB4GHY arrived at Diego Garcia, Chagos Islands he discovered that the "government official authorized to dispense licenses was no longer there". Steve had hoped to have his licence renewed and be active as VQ9SC [425DXN 1635], but "the island has lost all ham radio licensing info", he says. "They just haven't done it in a long time. They say my 2016 license was the last issued here and nobody is still here from that time period". Steve is there until 16 November, and he fears that the problem cannot be solved before he leaves the island. For the time being he is not QRV. [TNX The Daily DX]

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CQ DX MARATHON ---> Mark Wohlschlegel, WC3W has been appointed as Director of the CQ DX Marathon. He succeeds John Sweeney, K9EL, who has held the post since the programme was reinstituted in 2006. Wohlschlegel will assume the management of the DX Marathon (https://www.dxmarathon.com/) on 1 January 2023. He "will lead a team to continue the development and growth of the DX Marathon", K9EL says. "If you would like to be a part of the DX Marathon team, please contact Mark right away (WC3W at dxmarathon dot com). Mark is looking for a database manager, web site managers, software programmers, etc.".

CROZET 2022-23 ---> Thierry, F6CUK still expects to be at Alfred Faure base on Ile de la Possession, Crozet for three months, from late December 2022 to late March 2023. His operations on the HF bands, however, might have to cease on 26 January, and it seems that he will only be allowed on QO-100 after that date. Updates are expected in due course. [TNX Les Nouvelles DX]

QSL VIA F6BFH ---> Alain, F6BFH was a close friend of Franz, DJ9ZB (SK). He was contacted by the widow and invited to take over the QSL management for the stations that Franz was in charge of. In addition to the callsigns mentioned in 425 DX News #1637, Alain has been provided documentation also for 4S7VK, 5U7Z, 5W1HX, 7Z1HL, 9U9Z, A35CE, BV1FA, HZ1DS, HZ1EA, KH8/DK1CE and TZ6HY. [TNX F6AJA]

+ SILENT KEY + Anselmo "Elmo" Bernabe Coll, EA5E (ex EA5BYP) passed away on 9 October. He was best known for his frequent operations from Bioko Island, Equatorial Guinea (3C5DX 1998, 3C7Y 2007, 3C9B 2010, 3C6A 2012, 3C4BYP 2014) and Annobon Island (3C0R 1999, 3C0V 2003, 3C0M 2006, 3C0C 2010, 3C0E 2012, 3C0BYP 2014).

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3DA0RU, 5K0YD, 7P8RU, 7X4AN, 9H1ES, AP2TN, DV8/KH7EA, E29TGW, K7K (NA-070), LT5X, OE0HQ, OJ0DX, R7AL/1, RI0IR (AS-059), RI0QQ (AS-082), SU9VB, TM65M, TO4A, V73MS, VP9UKR, VU4W, VY0AW, XV9K, YB8HZ/p (OC-247), YS1RR, ZD7BG, ZZ1S.

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