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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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4W - After the 4W1A scouting trip in April, a major DXpedition to Timor Leste is being organized for November, featuring a large team of skillful and experienced operators from Germany, Poland, Austria, Hungary and England. The first contingent will arrive on 5 November and start with preparations. After two or three days the first signals may appear on the air, but only for a few hours, and after local sunset. Most team members will arrive on 12 November, to finish the setup and start the 24/7 shifts. Plans are for 4W8X to operate CW (including a Multi-Multi entry in the CQ WW DX CW Contest on 25-26 November), SSB, RTTY and FT8 with at least two signals per band at the same time (except for 160, 80, 60 and 6m). They will also have equipment for EME on 144 MHz, 432 MHz and 1296 MHz. Takedown will start after the end of the contest. More information will be available in August, see http://timor-leste-dx.de/ for updates.

7Q - Don, K6ZO will be active again as 7Q6M (QSL via home call and LoTW) from the station at the Embangweni Mission Hospital in northern Malawi from 21 June until possibly the end of July. He expects to put a special emphasis on six meters during this visit. He will be joined by Dick, K4CUE on 21-28 June, as well as by Jerry, W1IE and Bill, KC4D (7Q7WW) from 21 June through 2 July. Their operations will likely be restricted to local evening hours (18-24 UTC) and occasionally early morning hours (3-5 UTC). QSL 7Q7WW direct to W0MAN.

8Q - Bert, CX3AN will be active holiday style as 8Q7HU from the Maldives (AS-013) on 11-18 July. He will be QRV on 40-6 metres. QSL via EB7DX (direct).

DL - Special callsign DL0SOP will be active on 1-31 July for the 65th edition of the Sea of Peace Award (see https://dl0sop.darc.de/ for full details). QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, eQSL, or direct to DL4SVA.

F - On the occasion of the centenary of the 24 Hours of Le Mans, F1IEH is active as TM100GPF from 18 June to 2 July. QSL via home call. The special callsign's suffix stands for Grand Prix de France, the motor race held in June 1906 that has become known as the first Grand Prix.

F - French special callsigns to be activated for this year's 110th edition of the Tour de France include TM110TDF on 1-3, 8, 9 and 14-23 July (QSL via F8GGZ) and TM33TDF on 8-9 July (QSL via F6KUQ).

FO - Manfred DK1BT, Wolf DL4WK, Annette DL6SAK, Tom DL7BO and Frank DL7UFR will be active as TX6D from Tahiti (OC-046), French Polynesia on 2-15 October. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-10 metres (60m included) with up to five stations. QSL via DL7DF (direct or bureau) and LoTW "within 6 months after the DXpe-

dition". See http://www.dl7df.de/fo/ for logsearch and OQRS.

GM - MM0UKI is going to be QRV again from Rockall (EU-189) on 20 July, when Nobby, G0VJG and the SV "Taeping" will go and collect Cam Cameron after his 60-day fundraising expedition comes to an end. Mainly the return visit is to get Cam off the islet safely along with all the equipment, however Nobby plans to be QRV for 4-6 hours on 40 and 20 metres SSB. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. [TNX DX World]

I - IL3P is a special callsign to be used between 1 July and 30 September from various locations in the Italian region of Veneto. On 28-31 July team IL3P will be active from Pellestrina Island (EU-131), including participation in the IOTA Contest. QSL via IU3EDK, direct or bureau.

JA - Once again Taka, JA8COE will be active as JA8COE/8 from Yagishiri Island (AS-147) on 23-25 June. He will operate mainly SSB and FT8 on the HF bands and 6 metres (WWL QN04qk). QSL Club Log's OQRS, or via home call.

OX - Bo, OZ1DJJ will be active again as OX3LX from Qaanaaq (WWL FQ57jl), on the main island of Greenland (NA-018) from 28 June to 18 July. He will focus on 4 and 6 metres, but he will also be QRV on the HF bands. A side trip to Herbert Island (NA-134) or Meteorite Island is possible. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or direct to OZ0J. [TNX DX World]

UA - Celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Russian Robinson Club (R3RRC), several special callsigns are expected to be in use between 1 and 31 July: R30RRC, RA30RR, RC30RR, RD30RR, RJ30RR, RK30RR, RL30RR, RM30RR, RN30RR, RO30RR, RT30RR, RU30RR, RV30RR, RW30RR, RX30RR, RZ30RR. Other stations joining the celebrations include DR30RRC, GB0RRC, HG30RRC, II9RRC, KH6RRC, KH8RRC, KL7RRC, LZ30RRC, OL30RRC and OM30RRC. A number of certificates will be available - see https://www.qrz.com/db/R30RRC for the details.

UA9 - Team RI0FS will be active from Shikotan Island (AS-062) on 9-17 August. Six operators (R6MG, R7MR, RN3BL, RU3FS, RX3F and UA0FAM) will be QRV on 40-10 metres SSB, CW and FT8. QSL via RN3RQ, direct or bureau. See https://www.ri0fs.ru/en for more information.

VE - VX7NA is the special callsign for the Nanaimo Amateur Radio Association to celebrate its 75th anniversary between 24 June and 24 July. Main activity will be during the ARRL Field Day (24-25 June) and RAC Canada Day Contest (1 July). NARA is based on Vancouver Island (NA-036). QSL via VE7NA.

VE - Chris, VO1CH will be active again as VO2VC from Labrador, CQ Zone 2 (WWL GO11po) on 4-10 July. He will focus on 6 metres, and will be QRV on 40-10 metres outside the 6m openings. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW, or direct to VO1CH.

VE - The third Youth on the Air (YOTA) summer camp for young radio amateurs aged 15-25 in the Americas (https://youthontheair.org/) will be held on 16-21 July at Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario. Campers will operate special event station VE3YOTA during breaks between sessions. In addition, there will be dedicated operating times on the HF bands (17 and 18 July between 23 and 3 UTC) and satellites, as well as for a POTA activation (see qrz.com for the details). QSL via LoTW, or W0AAE.

VP9 - Dave, G4OSY will be active holiday style as VP9/G4OSY from Hamilton Parish, Bermuda (NA-005) from 27 June to 8 July. He will operate

SSB mainly on 40-10 metres, he will also give CW and 6m a try. QSL direct to home call; he does not use LoTW.

W - The following stations will be active during the 15th annual "13 Colonies Special Event", which will be held from 13 UTC on 1 July until 4 UTC on 8 July: K2A (New York), K2B (Virginia), K2C (Rhode Island), K2D (Connecticut), K2E (Delaware), K2F (Maryland), K2G (Georgia), K2H (Massachusetts), K2I (New Jersey), K2J (North Carolina), K2K (New Hampshire), K2L (South Carolina), and K2M (Pennsylvania), plus 'bonus stations' WM3PEN from Philadelphia (the city where the US independence was declared), GB13COL from England (QSL direct, see qrz.com for instructions) and TM13COL from France (QSL via F5OGL). Information about the award programme can be found on http://www.13colonies.us/.

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CB0ZA ---> A multi-national team will be active as CB0ZA from Robinson Crusoe Island (SA-005), Juan Fernandez on 13-20 February 2024 [425DXN 1675]. They have received authorization from the National Forest Corporation to operate from Cerro Centinela, within the Juan Fernandez National Park, which will give them a clear takeoff. See https://cb0za.com/ for updates.

VP2V/W9DR: RESCHEDULED ---> Dave, W9DR has postponed his 6m operation from the British Virgin Islands until sometime in June 2024. He was expected to be there on 23-29 June [425DXN 1676].

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B7M, 3W1T, 3Y0J, 4W1A, 5R8AL, 5W1SA, 5Z4VJ, 6W7/ON4AVT, 8P5A, 9Z4S, AP2IN, CN3A, CO0RRC (NA-086), CY0S, E51CIK, E51WEG, E51WL, E6AF, E6CI, EK6TA, EX0M, FG8OJ, FH/F4IFF, FK8IK, FR4OM, FT8WW, FW1JG, H31B (NA-072), H31W (NA-072), J69DS, JG8NQJ/JD1, JS6RGJ (AS-024), PJ2/SM4KYN, RI30ANT, SU1SK, SV2ASP/A, T88SM, T88WA, TN8K, TO9W, UN5P, V26EI, V31DL, VK9WX, VP2EAQ, VP2EAR, VP2MDM, VP8KCA, XV9K, XZ2B, YB7WW, YJ0A, ZD7BG.

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