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DL - Volker, DL1WH will be active holiday style as DL1WH/p from Fehmarn Island (EU-128) on 15-29 October. He will operate mainly CW, with some SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

F - The Radio Club de Wingles (F4KLR) will be active as TM125ED between 4 November and 31 December. The special callsign commemorates the 125th anniversary since radio pioneer Eugene Ducretet gave a public demonstration of wireless communication between the Eiffel Tower and the Pantheon 4 km away (5 November 1898). All CW and SSB QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau and eQSL, FT8 QSOs will be confirmed via eQSL only; direct cards via F4KLR.

I - Members of ARI Roma (IQ0RM) will operate special event station II0MKFR from Maker Faire Rome - The European Edition on 20-22 October (https://makerfairerome.eu/en/).

P4 - John, W2GD will be active again as P40W from Aruba (SA-036) on 24-30 October. Main activity will be during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest; outside the contest he will be QRV on 160m CW, as well as on 30, 17 and 12 metres as time permits. QSL via LoTW, or direct to N2MM. [TNX NG3K]

PA - Dutch members of the European DX Foundation will operate special callsigns PA37EUDXF, PB37EUDXF, PC37EUDXF, PD37EUDXF, PE37EUDXF, PF37EUDXF, PG37EUDXF, PH37EUDXF and PI37EUDXF between 1 and 30 November to celebrate the EUDXF's 37th anniversary. QSL PH37EUDXF via PA2TMS; QSL other callsigns via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via PA1AW.

PY0T - Team PR0T will be active on 40-10 metres from Trindade Island (SA-010) for about three days sometime in November (exact dates to be confirmed by the Brazilian Navy, which will provide transport and accomodation). The on-site team (PY1ZV, PT2IC and PY6RT) will operate SSB and CW from the main camp; the FT8 station, located 300-400m away, will be operated remotely by ten other amateurs. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. Bookmark http://www.pr0t.com.br/home/ for more information and updates.

PZ - Renato, PY8WW will be active as PZ5TW from Suriname from 25 October to 3 November. He will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 80-6 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest (SOSB 15m). QSL via Club Log's OQRS.

T32 - Ken, KH6QJ will be active again as T32AZ from Kiritimati/Christmas Island (OC-024), East Kiribati on 11-24 October. He will operate SSB on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via KH6QJ, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

UR_ant - Serhiy, UW5EHR is a member of the XXVIII Ukrainian Antarctic Expedition (2023-24) at the Akademik Vernadskyi station on Galindez Island (AN-006), Antarctica. He will remain there through March 2024. Briefly active as VP8/UW5EHR, he has used the club station's

callsign EM1U since 7 October. He operates FT8, FT4 and SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via LoTW.

V6 - Members of the Yokohama DX Club will be active as V6SX from Weno Island (OC-011), Micronesia on 23-31 October to celebrate their club's 50th anniversary. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8/FT4 on 80-6m (hopefully also on 160 and/or 60m), and will participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as V6Y. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW.

VP2M - K2DM, George will be active as VP2MDM from Montserrat (NA-103) on 25-30 October. Main activity will be during the CQ WW DX SSB Con-Contest; outside the contest he will operate FT8 and some CW. QSL via LoTW, or direct to K2DM. [TNX The Daily DX]

XT - Harald, DF2WO has been active again as XT2AW from Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso since 11 October, and will remain there until 26 October. He operates all modes on the HF bands, 6 metres and via QO-100. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS.

ZL7 - Holger, ZL3IO will be active again as ZL7IO from Waitangi, Chatham Islands (OC-038) from 25 October until after the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via DK7AO.

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IREF TO CEASE OPERATION ---> The Island Radio Expedition Foundation (IREF), the only expedition funding organization specifically focused on IOTA expeditions, is ceasing operation. Formed in 1999 by AD5A, N5UR, AB5EB and NI5DX (SK) after their H75A expedition to NA-209, through its donors IREF has contributed more than 80,000 USD to IOTA expeditioners since its inception. "One of the primary reasons for ceasing operations", AD5A says, "is that the funding model for expeditions has changed. OQRS has given expeditioners a much easier tool for raising money than the traditional methods of the past. Accordingly, requests were down as were contributions. IREF is proud of its legacy, but times have changed and IREF's impact has been diminished over the past few years".

W8S ---> Operations from Swains Island began at 08.30 UTC on 7 October. With temperatures around 40 degrees Celsius and very high humidity, building the stations required a great deal of effort from the entire team. This is one of the reasons why the stations took a little longer to set up than hoped. The DXpedition will not be extended to compensate for the late start, and the team will leave the island sometime in the local morning (UTC afternoon) of 17 October. "The team is fully aware that not everything is going as expected and therefore the expectation cannot be fully met yet", the team posted on 10 October. "Despite the extreme conditions in which to work, the

ambition is as high as ever, and the team is doing everything possible to meet expectations". According to Club Log's latest statistics, at 03:48 UTC on 13 October W8S had made 57247 QSOs with 16028 unique callsigns: https://clublog.org/charts/?c=W8S

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3D2AJT, 3D2RRR, 3X1A, 4U1A, 4U1UN, 5UA99WS, 5V7RU, 5W0RS, 6W/IV3FSG, 9N1CA, 9N7AA, 9Q1AA, 9Q1ZZ, AP2HA, BA5HAM, CO2XN, CT9/UR9IDX, D44TWO, EP2C, EZ/DL7ZM, FH/F4IFF, FO/F6BCW, FT8WW, LU1ZV (NA-016), LZ1015RW, LZ50BFRA, LZ78KA, MM0PLX/p (EU-012), OH0AZX, OT2023EPIC, S01WS, T33T, TL8AA, TL8ZZ, TY0RU, VP2ETE, VP2MKP, VP6A VP8KCC, VU3TPW, XF2C (NA-135), XF3H (NA-045), XF3M (NA-045), XF3O (NA-090), XT2SE.

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