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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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3W - Effective 1 December, 3W9T and XV9T are the new callsigns issued to Eddy Visser (ex 3W1T and XV1X). See https://www.qrz.com/db/XV1X for QSLling instructions.

9N - Hoping for "some decent low band runs", Robert, 9N7AA has rented a bungalow over the winter period. It is located "at the edge of Kathmandu valley but much higher, with a clear shot from 270-90 degrees, and far enough not to suffer from the crazy man made noise I have in Kathmandu". He will be there on 8 December for two nights and then during "selected weekends" until the end of February. Bookmark https://www.qrz.com/db/9N7AA for updates.

A9 - Members of the Bahrain Amateur Radio Society will be active as A91CD on 12-18 December. QSL via QSL via EC6DX and LoTW. Bahrain's Commemoration Day (17 December) honours Bahraini fallen servicemen in military, civil, and humanitarian fields.

D4 - Marcus, OE3MCS will be active as D44MCS from Sal Island (AF-086), Cape Verde on 11-22 December. He will operate SSB, CW and possibly FT8 and RTTY "holiday style from the beach" on 40-10 metres and maybe 6 metres. QSL via OE3MCS; he will upload his log to Club Log, LoTW and eQSL.

7P - The dates for the EI DX Group's DXpedition to Lesotho [425DXN 1689] are 19-30 March 2024. A large multi-national team will be active as 7P8EI on all bands and modes. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. More information is expected in due course.

HK - Members of the Liga de Radioaficionados de Medellin (HK4LRM) will be active as 5K4YTA (Youth on The Air) on 9-10 December. They will operate SSB and FT8 on 40-10 metres. QSOs will be confirmed via qrz.com.

CE0Z - After the unexpected death of their team leader, Marco Quijada (CE1EW) [425DXN 1698], a few of the remaining CB0ZA team members have resolved to proceed with the expedition to Robinson Crusoe Island (SA-005), Juan Fernandez. It is now their goal "to make his passion, expertise, and contributions to the team be forever remembered as the cornerstone of this - Marcos' last - DXpedition project". Some changes have been made to the original plan: the new operation dates are 10-24 February 2024, the team now consists of seven experienced operators (AB5EB, AD5A, HI3R/NK4DX, N2IC, NP4G, W8HC and XQ3SK), and the new QSL manager is N2OO. Updates will be Posted to https://www.qrz.com/db/CB0ZA, as with Marco's passing, the team is unable to access the CB0ZA website.

OH - Once again Santa Radio, OF9X (Old Father Nine Xmas) will be active on 11-31 December on all amateur radio bands CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via OH2BH.
The activity is organized by Radio Club of Pusula (OH9W) and Radio Arcala (OH8X). The operating team includes Timo OH1NX, Raimo

OH2BCI, Martti OH2BH, Niko OH2GEK, Arto OH2KW, Erik OH2LAK, Pekka OH2TA, Pauli OH5BQ, Anne OH2YL, Jukka OH2MA, Jorma OH2KI, Jyri OH2KM, Juha OH2LQ, Henri OH3JR, Risto OH3UU, Tapani OH5BM, Alex OH5UY/UT5UY, Veijo OH6KN, Mika OH6NVC and Esa OH8KTN.

ON - OR100LGE is the special callsign for members of the Radio-Club de Liege (ON5VL) to celebrate their club's 100th anniversary throughout 2024. Look for activity on 160-6 metres CW, SSB, FT8 and FT4. QSL via LoTW, eQSL or via ON6YH; QSOs will also be uploaded to Club Log, with plans to enable the Live Stream feature.

PA - Look for PC100II to be active throughout December to celebrate the centenary of the third 2-way contact between Europe and America conducted by Henk Jesse, PCII in the Netherlands and 2AGB in the US during the night of 26-27 December 1923. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via PA1AW.

PA - Several PA0#MIL special stations (e.g. PA01MIL, PA02MIL, PA03MIL, etc) will be activated on 14 December starting at 17 UTC by teams consisting of one amateur and two military radio operators. They will operate SSB on the HF bands.

TR - Roland, F8EN will be active again as TR8CR from Gabon between 28 December and the end of February. He will operate CW on 30-10m. QSL via F6AJA, logsearch on http://LesNouvellesDX.fr/voirlogs.php. [TNX F6AJA]

W - He cannot provide specific dates, however Matt, AF2F will be visiting Long Beach Island (NA-111) "quite frequently on business throughout the month of December, probably extending into January with a week long break for holidays". He will be active as AF2F/2 on 10 and 12 metres CW, possibly with some FT8 later. QSL via Club Log's OQRS.

W - K4Z is the callsign that five CB0ZA team members (namely AB5EB, AD5A, NK4DX, NP4G and W8HC) will use on 7-10 December while testing the equipment they will use during the February 2024 expedition to Robinson Crusoe Island, Juan Fernandez (see CE0Z above). QSL via N2OO.

W - Brad, N9EN will be active again as W4A on 16-18 December, commemorating the birthdate of Edwin H. Armstrong, the electrical engineer and inventor who developed FM radio and the superheterodyne receiver system. He will operate CW only on 160-10 meters. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

XW - Vincent, F4BKV (one of the XW4DX team members) is still in Laos and will remain there for some time. He is QRV as XW4KV on 15 and 10 metres FT8 and SSB. He also plans some QO-100 activity from different grids (details to be announced on https://qo100dx.club/). QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via F4BKV. [TNX The Daily DX]

Z6 - Gab, HB9TSW has been active as Z68BG from the Slatina Air Base in Kosovo since 5 December. He will operate CW only in his spare time until 19 December. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via home call.

ZD7 - Chris, HB9FIY will be active again as ZD7CA from St. Helena Island (AF-022) from 16 December to 13 January. Expect activity on 40-10m SSB and digital modes. QSL via EA5GL.

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4W8X ---> The DXpedition shut down for good on 4 December at 04:59 UTC. As for Club Log and OQRS, "we tried our best to find all missing contacts", DL6FBL says. "If you still miss contacts with 4W8X, please use the contact form on our website (http://www.timor-leste-dx.de/about/contact/contact.php) to let us know. Despite our huge networking problems, please note that our callsign 4W8X has been pirated every now and then. Thus it might have happened that you didn't work us, but the pirate(s). However, if you once 'saw' your contact in Club Log, and later it had disappeared, of course we should know that and have a look again". As for EME contacts, "there is an issue between Club Log and LotW", and they are working on it.

BOUVET ISLAND 2025 ---> 3Y0K will be active from Bouvet Island (AN-002) in January 2025. A few key points:
- All permits are in hand.
- A contract for 30 days around the island has been signed with a ship owner with proven experience in Arctic and Antarctic waters.
- Plans are for three operators (LA7GIA, WD5COV and DL8JJ) to stay on Bouvet for up to 21 days, assisted by a support crew of four people.
- In addition to the on-site operators, there will be a remote team; AA7JV will design, test, and provide a remote radio system tailored to Bouvet's environment.
- There will be five stations for the local operators, and four remote stations.
- Plans for 3Y0K are based on the lessons learned during the 2023 operation. This will be a lightweight DXpedition, but will still include some yagis and amplifiers.
- Budget is USD 440,000, with two-thirds already secured; an additional USD 150,000 in support is needed.
- M0OXO and N2AJ will once again fulfil their roles as QSL Manager and Media Officer & WW Pilot, respectively.
- Bookmark https://www.facebook.com/groups/1787070508410564 for the time being.

NCDXF NEWSLETTER ---> The Autumn 2023 issue of the Northern California DX Foundation's Newsletter is now available for download on the NCDXF website (https://ncdxf.org/pages/newsletter.html). Highlights include "Crozet Island FT8WW. Amateur Radio in the Middle of Nowhere" by Thierry Mazel (F6CUK), "VP6A. RIB DXpedition to Ducie Island" by George Wallner (AA7JV) and "A Remote Operator's Perspective on VP6A" by Don Greenbaum (N1DG), as well as trip reports of VU7W (Lakshadweeps, April and June 2023) by Yuris Petersons (YL2GM), CY0S (Sable Island, March 2023) by Jay Slough (K4ZLE), 3B7M (Saint Brandon Island, February-March 2023) by Lubo Martiska (OM5ZW) and TN8K (Republic of the Congo, January 2023).

PETER I ISLAND 2026 ---> Plans are also underway for a DXpedition to Peter I Island (AN-004). "A proper Antarctic vessel" equipped with two helicopters

has been secured, and plans are for 19 operators to stay on the island for 14 days in February 2026. LA7GIA will be the team leader, with KO8SCA, VE3LYC and WD5COV as co-leaders.

V62P & V62S ---> Back home after being away for almost 40 days and seriously weakened physically, Cezar's priority is to "recover first, get back on my feet". As for the QSLs, he has to digitise the paper logs (about 85% of the V62S log and the entire V62P log are on paper), and order the cards from Alfio (IT9EJW). He is unsure whether IOTA chasers will receive cards in time for the annual update deadline of 31 January. Therefore, as soon as the logs are up in Club Log and the OQRS is enabled, all contacts for which direct QSL requests are made will be uploaded to LoTW for QSO matching. "I don't think that I will be able to publish the logs prior to Christmas", he says, "but I'll give it a try".

YOTA MONTH ---> Additional stations participating in this year's YOTA Month [425DXN 1700] include 8I0YOTA (Indonesia), 9A0YOTA & 9A23YOTA (Croatia), 9K9YOTA (Kuwait), AP23YOTA (Pakistan), EM7YOTA (Ukraine), II0YOTA, II1YOTA & II5YOTA (Italy), LY5YOTA (Lithuania), Z30YOTA & Z39YOTA (North Macedonia). QSLs via Club Log's OQRS (direct or bureau). Information about the event and the awards can be found on https://events.ham-yota.com/.

YOUTH ON THE AIR SUMMER CAMP ---> The fourth Youth on the Air (YOTA) summer camp for young radio amateurs from the Americas will be held on 7-12 July 2024 at Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Online applications are being accepted now at https://youthontheair.org/halifax2024/ through 31 May. Applicants must be licensed amateur radio operators aged 15-25 and residing in North, Central, or South America.

+ SILENT KEY + Alain Claverie, FO5RH (F2HE, ex FO0CLA) passed away on 3 December in Tahiti. Born in 1935, over the years he was active from French Polynesia as well as from the Marquesas and the Austral Islands, and had been a resident on Tatakoto Atoll (OC-298) since 2004. A life member of the Clipperton DX Club, in 2010 he was awarded the CDXC Medal of Merit.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3D2AG, 3D2BJ, 4L7T, 4O1OK, 5W0LM, 5W1SA, 5X3K, 6W1NQ, 6Y1V, 7Q7CT, 9M4KI (AS-058), 9Q2WX, A52AA, A60A, AP2HA, E6AF, ES3AX, FK8HA, FO/F6BCW, FR4PJ, HD1A, HH2RCH, HL4CJG, JW/G3YBO, KH8RRC, OA4SS, PD38EU, PJ2MAN, S01WS, SU9VB, T2C, T32AZ, T33T, T88RR, T88UW, TX6D, V31XX, V73ML, VK4KW, VK9LAA, VP6A, VP8LP, WP4U, YJ0CA, Z21NRT, ZL7/SP5EAQ, ZL7A, ZS7ANF.

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