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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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5R - Janusz, SP9FIH as 5R8WE and Leszek, SP6CIK as 5R8CI will be active from Nosy Be (AF-057), Madagascar from 23 October to 6 November. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 (also SuperFox for 5R8CI) on 40-10 metres with two stations and a focus on 12 and 10 metres. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS (direct and bureau).

8R - Aldir, PY1SAD will be active as 8R1TM from Georgetown, Guyana between 12 October and 24 November. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on all bands and via satellite. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, QRZ Logbook, or direct to home call.

9J - Tom, DL2RMC is currently on a work assignment in Lusaka, Zambia, and has received the callsign 9J2FI. "Since I am working on a time-consuming project, I won't be very active", he says. "Still, you can hear me in many contests". QSL via DL1RTL.

C5 - A team consisting EA3NT, EI5GM, EI9FBB, MM0NDX and MM0OKG will be active from the Gambia on 25-29 November. They will operate on various bands and modes from the mainland as C5T, and as C5I from the Bijol Islands (AF-060) on 27 and 28 November. QSLs via LoTW, or via EA5GL. See https://www.facebook.com/groups/gambiafundxpedition/ for updates. [TNX DX World]

DL - Mathias DK7LV, Ric DL2VFR, Klaus DL2YBG and Fred DL4BBH will be active as DM60IOTA from Borkum Island (EU-047) on 27-29 September. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau, as well as uploaded to Club Log and LoTW. [TNX DL2VFR]

DL - Tom, DJ6OI will be active as DJ6OI/p from Wangerooge Island (EU-047) from 29 September to 4 October. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW.

EA - Markus, DJ4EL will be active as EA5/DJ4EL from the islands of Benidorm, Escombreras and Tabarca (all part of IOTA group EU-093) on 17-25 October. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred) and LoTW. Updates will be posted to https://x.com/rapanuiman.

E51_nc - George, AA7JV is active as E51D/mm from the "Magnet" at anchor in Suwarrow Atoll until 27 September. Next, the catamaran will head to Penrhyn Atoll (OC-082), and E51D will be QRV from land for "a one week long RIB DXpedition". Plans are to be QRV on CW, SSB and FT8 on 160-10 metres. QSL via LoTW and HA7RY. [TNX The Daily DX]

FR - Stephane, F5UOW will be active holiday style as FR/F5UOW from Reunion Island (AF-016) on 9-28 October. He will operate CW only on 17-10 metres. QSL only via LoTW. [TNX F6AJA]

I - Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the start of regular radio broadcasting in Italy (6 October 1924), ARI local branches across Italy will be using special callsigns from 1 October to 29 December. The callsigns will be in the format II#Rxyz (e.g. II9RCAT for

ARI Catania) and IR#Rxyz (e.g. IR1RVDB for ARI Valbormida). In addition, special event station I1MRTV will be active from the RAI Radio and Television Museum in Torino. Certificates and electronic QSLs will be available for download from the HamAward platform (direct link from each special callsign's qrz.com page).

JA - Hide, JO1CRA will be active again as JO1CRA/7 from Oshima (AS-206), Miyagi Prefecture on 5-7 October. He will operate CW and FT8 on 40, 30, 20, 17, 10 and 6 metres (50303 kHz FT8 as a beacon, QSOs on 50313 or 50303 kHz, plus SSB on 50260 kHz for JA stations). QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via home call.

JW - Look for JW7XK (QSL via LA7XK, Club Log's OQRS and LoTW), JW9DL (QSL via LA9DL and LoTW) and JW6VM (QSL via LA6VM) to be active from the Svalbard Amatorradioklubb in Longyearbyen (EU-026) on 9-14 October. They will participate in the Scandinavian Activity Contest (SSB) as JW5X (QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via LA5X).

OX - Bo, OZ1DJJ will be active again as OX3LX from Greenland between 27 September and 15 October. In his spare time he will be QRV from Kangerlussuaq (GP47ta), Qaqortoq (GP60xr) and Christian IV Island (NA-151, GP80kb) around 4 October. QSL via OZ0J, Club Log's OQRS and LoTW.

PY0F - Ben, DA1DX (ex DL6FBL) and other four operators will be active as PX0FF from Fernando de Noronha (SA-003) sometime in October. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 (MSHV) on 160-6 metres. Updates will be posted to https://www.qrz.com/db/PX0FF. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via DJ4MX.

PZ - Members of the Royal Netherlands Army Signal Regiment (PI4VBD) will be active again as PZ5JT during the annual Jungle Warfare Training course in Suriname for a few weeks in October-November. The operators will be QRV in their spare time on 40, 20, 17, 15 and 10m SSB using military equipment. QSL direct to PI4VBD.

SV - Special callsign SX80FF will be used from various locations (including Crete as SV9/SX80FF) on 1-31 October. The purpose of this activity is to honor the 80 fallen Greek firefighters and aerial firefighting crews who lost their lives in the line of duty. QSL via LoTW, eQSL and QRZ Logbook; paper cards will not be available.

VP9 - Josh, W9HT, will be active as W9HT/VP9 from Bermuda (NA-005) on 11-14 October. He will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL direct to home call. [TNX DX World]

W - Special event stations N0F, N1F, N2F, N3F, N4F, N5F, N6F, N7F, N8F and N9F, plus KF2IRE and VE3FIRE (Canada) will be active on 6-12 October for the Fire Prevention Week 2024. QSL cards for any of the FPW stations should be sent direct to Fire Prevention Week Special Event, c/o Siemens Fire Safety USA, 2 Gatehall Drive, Parsippany NJ 07054, USA, See https://hamfire.com/ for more information on the event.

YJ - Team YJ0VV (namely N4VGE, K4QQG, K1NZ and K2SAV) will be active from Efate (OC-035), Vanuatu on 16-29 October. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes (also FT8 SuperFox) on 160-6 metres with two high power stations and a choice of seven antennas, and will participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. QSL via K4NHW (direct or bureau); QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log and LoTW.

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6O3T ---> The 6O3T DXpedition has been cancelled. "The whole team is in good health", they posted to Facebook on 22 September, "although mentally very stressed by the definitely traumatic experience that happened to us, although all precautions had been implemented. As soon as each operator has arrived home, it will be our pleasure/duty to share with the whole ham radio community, our terrible experience in a land where no one is in charge, but at the same time everyone has a say": https://www.facebook.com/Dxexplorernet

ARRL SYSTEMS SERVICE DISRUPTION ---> The following is excerpted from a longer update posted on the ARRL website on 25 September.
"Two major systems that have not been returned to service include DXCC and our accounting system. Most other systems have returned to full service, and we are working to clean up the stragglers.
* DXCC SYSTEM
  Our DXCC software was written some 20 years ago. Although an attempt was made 8 years ago to reprogram it to function in a newer environment, that effort was unsuccessful, so the old system remains running today. The complication with bringing it back to service is that it runs on an older version of Windows that is not supported, and more importantly, we cannot purchase adequate protection to return it to service on an internet-based network.
  We have created an air-gapped network to run the system on and have it operating in a test, using a different method for connecting it to Logbook of The World and online DXCC - the web service that runs the online DXCC application. This configuration is being tested and we expect it can go into production soon. We will work to process the backlog as quickly as possible.
* NEW DXCC?
  There were statements made by an ARRL Director about work on a new DXCC system. That is not factual. While we have ideas for merging DXCC and LoTW into a single ARRL Radiosport platform, this concept has not been fully spec'd out or put into development.
We appreciate your continued patience and understanding".
[Source: https://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-systems-service-disruption]

CQ WORLD WIDE DX CONTEST: POLICY CHANGE ---> "As you may be aware, it has been the policy of CQ magazine for over two years to eliminate awards eligibility for Russian and Belarus entries in all CQ sponsored events. This requirement was never incorporated into the rules for any of the WW contests; it was limited to a simple policy statement.
What is most notable at this time, is that the WW contests are one of the few competitions still maintaining this position (or similar). As a result, and after consultation with our WW Contest Directors and WWROF leadership, we will be changing the current policy, effective immediately, and returning

all of our contests to normal operation.
This change will take effect with the WW RTTY contest this weekend (28-29 September 2024), and all other WW contests going forward". This announcement was posted to the CQ WW Blog (https://cqww.com/blog/) on 25 September.

ENIGMA RELOADED ---> The 8th "Enigma Reloaded" event will take place from 27 September to 5 October. Complete information on the event and the associated award is available at https://www.enigma-reloaded.it/.

OCEANIA DX CONTEST ---> The 79th edition of the Oceania DX Contest will take place on 5-6 October (SSB) and 12-13 October (CW). Both events will start at 06.00 UTC on Saturday, and end at 06:00 UTC on Sunday. Complete details can be found at https://www.oceaniadxcontest.com/.

OPDX BULLETINS COLLECTION ---> All of the OPDX Bulletins, from 1 March 1991 (DX Bulletin No. 001) to 31 October 2022 (DX Bulletin No. 1586) have been archived at the Digital Library of Amateur Radio & Communications (DLARC), a project of the Internet Archive. The entire collection is now available for viewing at https://archive.org/details/ohio-penn-dx-bulletin.

RI42SP ---> Oleg, RD1A is participating in the North Pole-42 expedition to the Arctic onboard the "Severny Polyus" ("North Pole"), a large self-propelled drifting research vessel replacing the drifting ice stations built on ice floes. In his spare time he will operate CW, SSB and digital modes starting on 5 October. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via RN3RQ. During the 20 months of the North Pole-41 expedition (September 2022-May 2024), Oleg ended up using three different callsigns (R41POL, RI0SP and RI0POL).

VE3LYC'S IOTA BOOK ---> "Dream Big and Dare to Fail", the DXpedition book authored by Cezar Trifu (VE3LYC), sold out in July 2023. "In view of the requests received from various hams", however, he has decided to order one more small run, and the book (240 pages, full color, with 516 illustrations) is once again available: https://ve3lyc-book.weebly.com.

+ SILENT KEY + Vasanth Guruge, 4S7VG passed away on 14 September at the age of 70. "He was a passionate and dedicated amateur radio operator, who actively engaged in the hobby until very recently", the Radio Society of Sri Lanka said. "Vasanth received his license in the mid-1970s and quickly established himself as a prominent DXer. His involvement with radio went beyond personal achievements; he played a pivotal role in major projects that benefited the entire Sri Lankan community. Vasanth served as President of the RSSL from 2005 to 2007 and again in 2015-16. During his leadership, he spearheaded numerous initiatives that strengthened the society and expanded its reach within the amateur radio community".

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8/OK6DJ, 3C3CA, 3D2MP, 3W1T, 5H4AYL, 5W1SA, 7M2UHF, 7O2WX, 7Q6M, 7Q7CT, 7X2RF, 9H1FF, 9K2NO, 9W2/R6AF, A2NEW, A62A, A92GW, BH4GUU, C91CCY, CO9JAB, D93H (AS-093), E51CZZ, EK/AB1F, EK/RX3DPK, ES7A, FR4PV, HB9/AH0YL, HH2AA, HP1XV, JW/DK1VK, JY5MM , K8K (OC-045), KP4JA, KP4JRS, OD5VB, OH0Z, OY1OF, PJ2ND, PR0T, PT1K, RI0F (AS-204), S21PL, S79VU, SV2RSG/A, SZ1AB, T2C, T77C, T88UW, TI5GAX, TM73JO,

V85A, VK9LA, VP6G, VP6MW, WE9G/KH8, XV1X, YB0AR, YB3KM, Z61DX, Z68BB, ZF1EJ.

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