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DX INFORMATION



3A - Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the passing of Albert I, Prince of Monaco (1848-1922), members of the Association des Radioamateurs de Monaco (ARM) will operate SSB, CW and digital modes as 3A5M from 1 April to 31 May. QSL via the bureau. Prince Albert devoted much of his life to

oceanography, exploration and science; his active involvement in oceanography culminated in his establishment of the Oceanographic Institute in Paris and the world-renowned Oceanographic Museum of Monaco. [TNX F6AJA]

3A - Gianpi, IK1TTD, will be active as 3A/IK1TTD from Monaco on 25-27 March, with main activity during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX IK1TTD]

5U - Giorgio, IU5HWS (ex YI9WS) is now stationed in Niamey, Niger until 20 March. In his spare time he will operate mainly SSB as 5UA99WS (correct callsign). QSL via EA5GL and LoTW.

5V - Andy, KB9IJI has lived in Mango, Togo since 2016. He was first granted a special permission to be QRV as 5V/KB9IJI [425DXN 1490], then issued the callsign 5VJA [425DXN 1579], and finally he is now active as 5V7JA. «My roots are in SSB and a little CW», he says, «but at this distance from most stations, I'm starting with digital weak signal modes to get a sense of propagation and messaging capabilities». QSL via eQSL or LoTW. «I'm happy to still send you an old-fashioned paper card in the mail from Togo», he adds. «Just let me know (kb9iji[.]gmail.com). No need to send any money».

8P - Dick, G3RWL will be active again as 8P6DR from Barbados (NA-021) from 10 March to 4 April. He will operate CW only on 80-10 metres, and will participate in this weekend's Commonwealth (BERU) Contest. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

8Q - Laurent, F8CZI will be active holiday style as 8Q7ZI from the Maldives (AS-013) on 9-21 March. He will operate QRP CW and SSB. QSL via F8CZI.

9H - Br. John Cassar, OFM Cap, 9H1CJ (ex 5Z4JC) is a Franciscan friar operating from the Capuchin friary in Floriana, Malta (EU-023). From 1 April to 30 June he will be active as 9H6CAP, a special callsign commemorating the 80th anniversary of the destruction of the historic friary and adjacent church during World War II (4-5 April 1942). QSL direct to home call.

9M2 - Alex, SQ9UM is active as 9M2/SQ9UM from Kuala Lumpur, West Malaysia on 23-31 March. He operates CW, SSB and FT8/FT4 on 40-10m. QSL via home call and LoTW.



9N - Matjaz, S57MK will be active as 9N7MK on 2-23 April. He will be QRV for three or four days from Kathmandu, and then from other locations while trekking in the Mount Everest region of Nepal. He will run 10-15 watts mainly on 40, 20, 17 and 15 metres SSB, CW and digital modes. [TNX The Daily DX]



C5 - Don, G3XTT will be active again as C56DF from The Gambia on 9-18 March, including an entry in the RSGB Commonwealth (BERU) Contest on 12-13 March. He is most likely to operate CW

only, and to focus on 30, 17 and 12 metres outside the contest. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via G3XTT. [TNX The Daily DX]

CO - CM6WYZ, CO6JI, CO6SE and CO6XE will conduct a SOTA activity from La Sabina, in the Lomas de Banao Ecological Reserve, on 8-9 March. They will be QRV as T46SB on 80-10 metres CW, SSB and FT8/FT4. QSL via RW6HS.

CP - Once again Antonio, EA5RM will be working on a non-governmental organization's project in the Bolivian rainforest from 31 March to 22 April. In his spare time he will operate SSB, CW and FT8 as CP1XRM. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

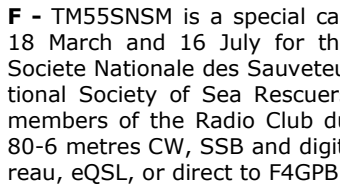


DL - Peter, DF6QC and others will be active as DA0HEL from Helgoland Island (EU-127) between 25 March and 2 April. A side trip to nearby Helgoland Dune is also planned; activity as DL0IH will only

be during the UTC morning and early afternoon hours. QSL via DF6QC, direct or bureau.

EI - Charlie, EI8JB will be active again as EJ8JB from Bere Island (EU-121) on 17-18 March. He usually operates SSB, CW and RTTY on the HF bands. QSL via LoTW (preferred), or via the bureau.

EX - Pavel, R2DX and others will be active again as EX0QR from the southern shore of Lake Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan on 5-16 March. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via R2DX (direct or bureau).



F - TM55NSM is a special callsign to be aired between 18 March and 16 July for the 55th anniversary of the Societe Nationale des Sauveteurs en Mer (the French National Society of Sea Rescuers). It will be operated by members of the Radio Club du Val d'Issole (F8KGH) on 80-6 metres CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via the bureau, eQSL, or direct to F4GPB. [TNX F8REF]



F - Joachim F4IDX, Fred F4JDH, Maciek F4VSQ and Dave F5SDD will be active as TM5F from Ratonneau Island (EU-095) on 19-20 March. Look for activity on CW and SSB. QSL via F5SDD and

logsearch on Club Log.

F - Special callsign TM24PVJ will be activated on 20 March-3 April for the 24th Percée du Vin Jaune, the festival celebrating the "Opening of the Yellow Wine" which this year will take place at Cramans (Jura department). QSL via F8GGZ.

F - Guillaume, F1IEH will operate special callsign TM72FDL from 27 March to 10 April for the traditional Fête des Lances that takes place at Champagne (Sarthe

department). QSL via F1IEH.

F - TM40AMRA is the special callsign for members of the Association Mosellane des RadioAmateurs to celebrate their club's 40th anniversary on 2-16 April. QSL via F8EFU.



F - Thierry, F6CUK will be active as TM8C from Bréhat Island (EU-074) on 23-30 April. He will operate SSB, CW and FT8 mainly on 40, 30 and 20 metres. This will be a field-test in preparation for his expedition to Crozet, with

a focus on testing the software for FT8. QSL via F6CUK (direct or bureau) and LoTW. [TNX Les Nouvelles DX]



FG - Jean-Luc, F1ULQ will be active as TO1Q from Guadeloupe (NA-102) from 24 March to 8 April. He will operate SSB and FT8, and will possibly be QRV on satellites and EME as well. QSL via LoTW or via F1ULQ (direct or bureau); logsearch on Club Log.

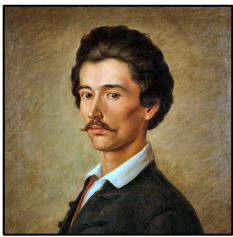
G - The Medway Amateur Receiving and Transmitting Society will operate special callsign GB5MW on 3-30 April to celebrate the society's centenary year. QSL via eQSL.



GI - GB2SPD and GB4SPD are two special callsigns that will celebrate St. Patrick's Day from Northern Ireland. The St Patrick's Day on the air event will run on 16-18 March, from 12 UTC to 12 UTC. See <https://www.stpatricksaward.com/> for information.

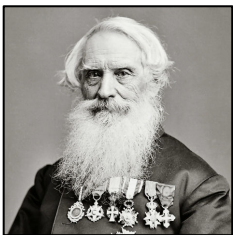
GU - Ron, G4DIY and Jay, M0UNN will be active again as MP7DX from Guernsey (EU-114) on 11-15 March. They will operate CW and SSB on 40-15 metres. QSL direct to G4DIY. [TNX DX World]

GW - Celebrating twenty years of the Summits on the Air programme (<https://www.sota.org.uk/>), GB2OTA will be active between 5 and 29 March. QSL via M1EYP.



HA - Special callsigns HG200AN, HG200DO, HG200EF, HG200IR, HG200OT and HG200PS will be activated between 15 March 2022 and 15 March 2023 to commemorate the 200th anniversary since the birth of Petofi Sandor, one of the greatest Hungarian poets. QSLs via LoTW and Club Log's OQRS.

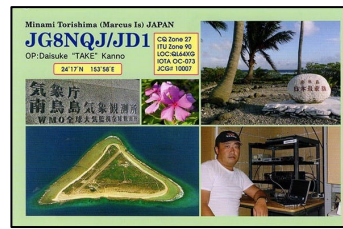
I - Special callsigns II0IDR, II0IGU, II3ICZ, II5IDK, II7ICE, II7ICT, II9ICF, II9IGA, II9IGJ and II0IDP (from Sardinia) - all representing former coast radio stations of the Italian Navy - will be activated on 11-20 March for the 16th Italian Navy Coastal Radio Stations Award (<https://www.assoradiomarinai.it/armilog/coastal.html>).



I - Commemorating the 150th anniversary since the death of Samuel F.B. Morse (2 April 1872), ARI Vigevano will operate special callsign IR2SM from 26 March to 10 April. QSL via I2MYF, bureau or direct.

JA - JI3DST/5, JJ5RBH, JS6RRR/5 and JS6RRR/p (for FT8) will be active from Shodo

Island (AS-200) between 25 March and 12 April. Look for activity on 80-2 metres CW, SSB and digital modes. See qrz.com for QSLing instructions. [TNX DX World]



JD1_mt - Take, JG8NQJ expects to be back to the weather station on Minami Torishima (OC-073) on 16 March, his QSL manager reports. Usually he remains there for about three

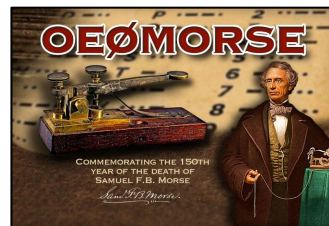
months, and is QRV as JG8NQJ/JD1 in his limited spare time. QSL via JA8CJY (direct), JG8NQJ (bureau) and LoTW.

JT - Mats, RM2D (SM6LRR) plans to be QRV as JT4RR/p from the Oyu Tolgoi Mine Camp, South Gobi Desert, for a few days in the March-April and July-August time frames. He will operate 99% CW (no FT8) and run 5-10 watts to a vertical antenna («possibly, I will be able to use a 50W amplifier provided that I will find a suitable battery power source», he says). QSL via EA5GL and LoTW.



JX - Rune, LA7QY and Helge, LB4MI will be stationed on Jan Mayen (<https://jan.mayen.no/>) from late March to early October. They plan to be QRV as JX7QY and JX/LB4MI, respectively, in their spare time. [TNX DX World]

OA - Alex, DD5ZZ will be active again as OA7/DD5ZZ until approximately mid-May, including an entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. He will be QRV on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]



OE - Commemorating the 150th anniversary since the death of Samuel F.B. Morse (2 April 1872), Jo, OE6VIE will operate CW only as OE0MORSE on 1-30 April. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), LoTW

and eQSL. A certificate will be available: <https://oe4ksf.at/oe0morse/>.

OH0 - Wies, SP1EG and others will be active as OH0EG from the Aland Islands (EU-002) on 1-9 April (160-10m CW, SSB and digital modes), and again on 22-29 April (80-15m FT4, FT8 and RTTY, with a focus on 30, 17 and 12m). QSL via SP1EG. [TNX The Daily DX]

OX - Bo, OZ1DJJ will be active again as OX3LX from mainland Greenland (NA-018) on 18-21 March. He is QRV in his spare time, typically around lunch time and after dinner (local time is UTC-2), also at night and in the morning hours during the weekends. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS or direct to OZ0J.

PA - Frans, PC2F will be active as PF01MAX between 18 March and 20 November, over the twenty-two Grand Prix weekends of this year's FIA Formula One World Championship. The special callsign stands for Max Verstappen, the defending champion who will compete under race number 1. QSL via PC2F (direct or bureau), LoTW and eQSL.



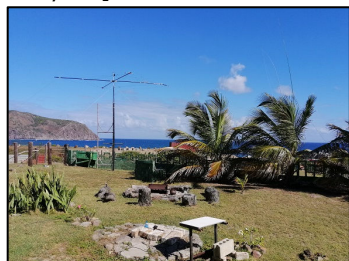
PA - Special stations PA01MIL, PA02MIL, PA03MIL, PA04MIL, PA05MIL, PA06MIL, PA07MIL and PA08MIL from eight different locations will be activated on 1 April for 12 hours (7-19 UTC) by eight teams consisting of one amateur and two military radio operators. They will use military equipment only and be QRV on the HF bands SSB and 6m FM. The main

goals are to introduce the military to the world of amateur radio, and to train them in view of an operation from the Suriname jungle (PZ5JT). QSL direct to: 11 Luchtmobiele Brigade/ Radio-groep, PO Box 9208, 6800

HK Arnhem, The Netherlands.

PA - Peter, PD1EDS will be active as PD146EU from Schouwen Duiveland (EU-146) between 1 April and 30 October. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 40, 20 and 10 metres.

PJ4 - John, KK9A will be active as PJ4/KK9A from Bonaire (SA-006) on 23-30 March. He will operate CW and SSB on 80-10 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as PJ4R. QSLs via WD9DZV. [TNX The Daily DX]



PJ5 - Look for Janusz PJ5/SP9FIH, Roman PJ5/SP9FOW, Dariusz PJ5/SP9MQA to be active from Sint Eustatius (NA-145) from 24 March to 7 April. They will operate SSB, CW, RTTY and FT8 on 40-10m. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS, or via

SP9FIH (for PJ5/SP9FIH and PJ5/SP9FOW) and SP9MQA (for PJ5/SP9MQA). See <http://pj5.dxpeditions.org/> for more information.



S2 - The S21DX operation from IOTA group AS-140 [425DXN 1603] has been brought forward, and is now expected to take place sometime in December. Plans are for S21AM, S21RC, S21D and hopefully others to be QRV with three stations, two on FT8 and one on SSB (with a linear amplifier, «if we can manage a bigger generator»). QSL via EB7DX, LoTW and Club Log. See <https://s21dx.org/> for more information and updates.

SP - Special call signs HF21DKS (operated by SP9CJM) and SP21DKS (operated by SP3POB) will be activated on 19-27 March to mark World Down Syndrome Day (21 March). QSL via the bureau.



TY - The Russian DXpedition Team will be active as TY5RU from Benin on 10-25 October. The team (R4FCN, R5AF, R7AL, R9LR, RA1ZZ, RT2O, RW8A and RW9JZ) will be QRV on 160-6m and the QO-100 satellite, CW, SSB and FT8 with several stations and a wide range of antennas. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW. Bookmark <https://ty5ru.org/en/> for

more information and updates.

V3 - Iain, G4SGX will be active again as V31GX from mainland Belize on 8-18 March, including an entry in the RSGB Commonwealth (BERU) Contest. QSL via LoTW and M0OXO's OQRS.



V7 - Jeff "JT", KD7ADI has been on Kwajalein (OC-028), Marshall Islands since early January [425DXN 1606], and will be stationed there until 23 April. He is QRV as V7/KD7ADI when work and other activities

permit, but operating time is expected to increase during the last weeks of his stay. He uploads his log to LoTW and Club Log.

VE - Darrell, VY2OM and others will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as XO2O from Prince Edward Island (NA-029). The special call sign has been issued in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Confederation Bridge, Canada's longest bridge.

VP5 - Ross, W2TT and John, AF3K will be active as VP5/W2TT and VP5/AF3K from Providenciales (NA-002), Turks and Caicos Islands on 23-29 March. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 80-6 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as VP5P. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via N2OO. [TNX DX World]

XE - X10X is the special call sign for Ramon, XE1KK to use "during the rest of 2022 mostly on digital modes". QSL via LoTW only.

XE - Celebrating the 62nd anniversary of the Asociacion de Radio Aficionados de la Republica Mexicana, special call signs 6D1A, 6D2A and 6D3A will be active from 15 March to 15 April. QSLs via LoTW. See http://puebladx.org/spcall/spcall_log_grupal.php?Evento=ARARM62 for downloadable certificates and QSLs.

Z8 - Diya, YI1DZ expects to be back to Juba, South Sudan on 11 March, and to be active again as Z81D in his spare time over the next six months. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via OM3JW. [TNX The Daily DX]

CQ WW WPX SSB CONTEST

The following stations have announced their participation in this year's event (26-27 March):

Call	Category	Country	QSL
3A/IK1TTD	SOAB	Monaco	IK1TTD
3Z6V	SOAB LP	Poland	LoTW/SP6DVP
8P1W	SOAB LP	Barbados	KU9C
9H/TA1HZ	SO LP	Malta	LoTW
9K2K	SO HP	Kuwait	LoTW/EC6DX
A44A	M/?	Oman	LoTW
CF2Z		Canada	LoTW
CR3DX	SOSB 15m	Madeira	OM2VL
D6OAB	SO	Comoro Isls	K6ZO
ED8W	SOAB	Canary Isls	LoTW
GT0SP	M/S	Isle of Man	LoTW
HD1A	M/M	Ecuador	LoTW/HD1A
IH9YMC	SOSB	AF Italy	LoTW
KP2B	SOSB 10m HP	US Virgin Isls	EB7DX
LN2T	MO	Norway	LoTW/LA2T
LN8W	M/M	Norway	LoTW/LA6YEA
NH7T	M/M	Hawaii	KH6SH
OA7/DD5ZZ	SOAB	Peru	LoTW/DD5ZZ

Call	Category	Country	QSL
PJ2T	M/M	Curacao	LoTW/W3Hnk
PJ4R	SO	Bonaire	LoTW/WD9DZV
PJ5/SP9FIH	SOSB	St Eustatius	SP9FIH
T70A	M/?	San Marino	LoTW/T70A
TM0R	MO	France	LoTW
TM9C	SO	France	F5OHH
TO3Z		Guadeloupe	F6HMQ
TX5AQ	SO	Austral Isls	LoTW/SP7DQR
V47T	M/S	St. Kitts and Nevis	LoTW/W2RQ
VP5P		Turks & Caicos Isls	LoTW/N2OO
WP3C	SOAB	Puerto Rico	M0OXO
WX3B	M/M	USA	LoTW
XO2O	M/?	Canada	
YB2DX	SOAB	Indonesia	LoTW
ZB2BU	M/S LP	Gibraltar	ZB2BU
ZF2PG	SO	Cayman Isls	LoTW/K8PGJ
ZS2PE	M/D	South Africa	LoTW

Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill,NG3K at <https://www.ng3k.com/Misc/wpxs2022.html> - good contest to you all!



GOOD TO KNOW



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425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE • The February 2022 issue is available for download at <https://www.425dxn.org/>. [TNX IZ3EBA]

3Y0J • BOUVET ISLAND 2023

- «We're preparing for a tiered approach where we will go onshore even during a very short weather window», Ken, LA7GIA posted to Facebook on 25 February. «The short weather window will allow us to bring onshore a single generator, antennas and 5 radios and tent for certain period. The first landing will of course also include necessary food, water, heating and safety equipment for this period. After that the next zodiac runs will continue supplying another generator, more antennas, more fuel, radios, spare parts etc. As soon as we have the second generator onshore Cape Fie this will be a full-scale DXpedition. We have prepared this high level approach of how to sequence the equipment and soon this will materialize into a very detailed plan of exactly what equipment is being loaded in what sequence. It means that we don't need a half day or full day of nice weather to start operating - we will do that even for very short weather windows down to 90-120 minutes». Read the complete update on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3093983840726129/posts/3719949314796242/>
- The 3Y0J team is looking for one more operator, and posted the following announcement on 15 March: «Specifically we're looking for a NA SSB operator. If you always have wanted to go on a most wanted DXpedition like Bouvet then send us an email: info@[]3y0j.no. We would love to have you on the team, and can guarantee an exciting challenge! It will be all hard work. You will have to sail for 10 days, get seasick, then carry 6.3 metric ton into a zodiac, do a wet zodiac landing, fight the elephant seals, climb a rock, haul all equipment up, install the camp in harsh and cold environment, operate A LOT (we have 12 radios, one for each), sleep in a cold place, no beer or steak being served but you eat MRE, toilet is w/o insulation - but great seaview, be prepared for an emergency evacuation, and sail back for another 8 days. Team agreement says you can talk your own native language in the pileup and say hello to your friends in Romania, Germany, Colombia or whatever. There is no shower for 3 weeks. The fee for this luxury vacation is

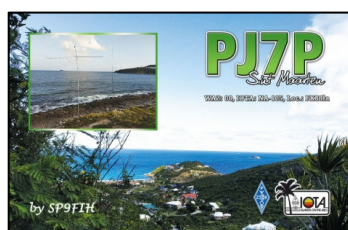


only \$20,000. But you will have the biggest pileup ever. And if there is a shortfall of donations you have to pay more. Requirements: (1) can take 7 weeks vacation in Jan/Feb 2023 (2) SSB contester or DXpedition experience (3) from NA».

8D7DXP • This was a special callsign used on 19-23 March from six Regencies of the South Kalimantan province (Kalimantan Selatan). All locations were on the main island of Borneo (OC-088). Registered users can have their QSOs confirmed on <https://ipota.dlexportable.com/>, the website for the Indonesian Parks On The Air.

AFRICAN TOUR • Don, K6ZO now expects to be active as 7Q6M from Malawi on 2-13 March, including an entry in the ARRL DX SSB Contest. He will then move to the Comoro Islands and be QRV as D60AB 16-18 March and 22-29 March (including participation in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest), with a side trip to Mayotte as FH/K6ZO on 18-22 March. QSLs direct to home call. [TNX NG3K]

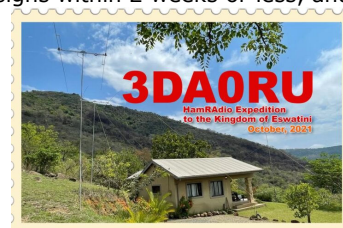
ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST (SSB) • Object of the contest is for W/VE amateurs to work as many stations in as many DXCC Entities as possible on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 metre bands, while DX stations (also including KH6, KL7, CY9 and CY0) work as many W/VE amateurs in as many of the 48 contiguous states and provinces as possible (complete rules can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx>). This year's event will run from 00.00 UTC on 5 March through 23.59 UTC on the 6th. Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing (<https://www.nq3k.com/Misc/adxs2022.html>) maintained by Bill, NG3K - good contest to you all!



CASS AWARDS • The Cass Awards honour the wisdom and spirit of Cass WA6AUD (SK), and encourage DXpeditions to maximize the number of DXers worked with a Plaque for the single-operator DXpedition that works the most unique callsigns within 2 weeks or less, and a Plaque for the "unlimited" DXpedition that works the most unique callsigns.

Janusz Wegrzyn, SP9FIH has won (for the fifth year in a row!) the 2021 Single-Operator Cass Award by working 9,684 unique stations during his one-man operation from Sint Maarten as PJ7P.

The 3DA0RU team (Vasily Pinchuk R7AL, Vasily Sukhanov RA1ZZ, Mike Alekseev RU3UR, Leo Berezhnoy RW9JZ, Slav Rodin OK8AU, Nick Tolkunov R5EC, Wlodek Herej SP6EQZ and Vladimir Vassiljev R9LR) worked 24,985 unique stations from Eswatini, setting a new record to win the 2021 Unlimited Cass Award (and after that, they went on to work 24,856 unique stations from Lesotho as 7P8RU). Presented annually, the Cass Awards are issued in March for DXpeditions during the preceding year. See <http://www.cassaward.com/> for complete information.



CY0C & CY9C • The 12-21 August CY9C DXpedition to St. Paul Island [425DXN 1594] has been cancelled. The same team still hopes to be QRV as CY0C from Sable island in October: «the DXpedition has been authorized», it was posted to the Sable Island DXpedition's website, «however, the exact date is not yet been provided. The request is for October 2022. Indications have been positive; however there are still issues for Parks Canada as to the schedule due to Parks projects on the island that will take priority. They are working hard to get the DXpedition scheduled». Updates will be posted to <http://cy0dexpedition.net/index.html>.

INDEXA NEWSLETTER • The Spring 2022 issue (#135) of the International DX Association's Newsletter is now available for download on the INDEXA website (<https://indexa.org/newsletters.html>). Highlights include *Bhutan: The Land of the Thunder Dragon* by Adrian Ciuperca (K08SCA), *A Tribute to Mary Hobart*, *K1MHH (SK)* by Bob Allphin (K4UEE), and news of the 3Y0J Bouvet and W8S Swains DXpeditions.

QSL GALLERY • The large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's website has been updated. Sixteen different galleries include 19,642 cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (2012-21), the 62 deleted DXCC Entities, obsolete prefixes, stations from Maghreb from 1945 to 1962, Allied Forces stations in Germany (1945-80), special stations commemorating ITU and IARU, stations using the United Nations prefix (4U), Antarctic bases and TAAF (Terres Australes and Antarctiques Francaises), the various French DXCC island Entities in the Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean and the Americas (from 1945 to 1969), pre-1945 countries, French Departments and CONUS, plus a gallery for cards not accepted by DXCC. Your participation is encouraged: <http://www.lesnouvellesdx.fr/galerieqsl.php>. [TNX F6AJA].

R150WS & RI0BI • The six team members left Sopochnaya Karga on 13 March, one day later than planned, and reached Rykachev Island (AS-104) on the 18th. They were QRV on 19-22 March and logged some 5600 QSOs before heading home. The RI0B operation from Isachenko (AS-050) has been cancelled, as «large hummocks» prevented the team from reaching the island. See https://legendsarctic.com/dnevnik_ekspedicii_r150ws_ostrov_rykachev.



RSGB COMMONWEALTH CONTEST • The 85th edition of the Commonwealth (BERU) Contest (<https://berucontest.wordpress.com>) will be held on 12-13 March, from 10.00 UTC to 09.59 UTC, on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10m CW. Only operators located within the United Kingdom and Crown Dependencies, Commonwealth or British Mandated Territories are eligible to enter.

TX5N • The Austral Islands DXpedition project [425DXN 1605] is on schedule, planned to be on the air on 16-28 April. «Several last minute topics were discussed during a March 15th team meeting, including entry formalities for French Polynesia, the government's required Covid documentation and the operator scheduling. Our equipment was delivered to Raivavae (OC-114)

by cargo ship and is now stored at the guest house from where we will operate». The team (K0BEE, K5GS, N6XG, N7BX, N7QT, W1SRD and DJ9RR) will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 on 160-10 metres. See <https://tx5n.net/> for their bandplan and other information. QSL via M0URX's OQRS. [TNX K5GS]

UX5UO • «Gennady, UX5UO and his family fled Kiev several days after the conflict started», Charles, M0OXO reported on 22 March. «His family have made it across to Germany and at this time Gennady and his wife are in the Ukraine countryside. They are safe and well and in good spirits under the circumstances». As for the QSL Print service, «I don't know the situation exactly», Charles reported on 24 March, «but Gennady informs me that UX5UO QSL Print is back up and running a full service».

VE3LYC'S IOTA BOOK • *Dream Big and Dare to Fail*, the DXexpedition book authored by Cezar Trifu, VE3LYC [425DXN 1601], has been available for order since 1 January. «The current stocks are small and will not be replenished, as no additional copies will be printed», Cezar says. «In view of this, if you are contemplating to order this book, please don't hesitate to do it sooner rather than later»: <https://ve3lyc-book.weebly.com>.

SOME RESPONSES TO RECENT WORLD EVENTS

The **International Amateur Radio Union** issued the following statement on 28 February: «IARU is an apolitical organization focused on promoting and defending amateur radio and the amateur radio services. The amateur radio service is about self-instruction in communications and friendship between people».



The operators of the **DX Summit** (<http://www.dxsummit.fi>) have removed the Ukrainian callsigns as amateur radio has been suspended in the country since the 24 February declaration of a state of emergency. Moreover, as «DX Summit wants to avoid being an advertising medium for war and war related messages of any kind, we see it reasonable to block out all cluster posted messages related to this unfortunate event». In addition, they have also blocked callsigns and messages posted by operators from Russia, Belarus and Donetsk.



On 3 March, **Soyuz Radiolyubitelei Rossii** (the Russian Amateur Radio Union) posted an appeal to the International Amateur Radio Union and its national member societies. «Each of us off the air can give our own assessment of what is currently happening in Ukraine, but it is today that we can and must demonstrate to the public that radio amateurs are a community of people who treat each other with respect, regardless of political beliefs, religion, or nationality»: <https://srr.ru/category/v-prezidiume-srr/> has the complete text (in Russian), or read the translation on DX World.



QRZ temporarily removed Russian and Belarusian callsigns from its database. «The 24-hour restriction on our database has ended», AA7BQ announced on 4 March. «It was done in protest to raise awareness of the situation in Ukraine and it wasn't without controversy», he says. «I'm sorry for causing such an uproar and you can be certain that it won't happen again, to any country or region for as long as QRZ lives».



On 4 March the **Radio Society of Great Britain** announced its decision to «follow the actions of the mainstream sporting bodies with regard to all activities of a competitive nature such as contests and ARDF. Russian and Belarusian radio amateurs are therefore currently ineligible to participate in any event that is organised/sponsored by the RSGB. For RSGB Contests, «until further notice, all logs received from stations in the Russian Federation or Belarus will be treated as check logs».



«After careful deliberation, the SP DX Contest Committee, together with Polish Amateur Radio Union (PZK) and the SP DX Club, has decided to cancel the **2022 SP DX Contest**». The decision was taken on 14 March in light of the current «extraordinary circumstances», which see Polish amateurs «giving shelter to Ukrainian refugees in their homes and offering their help and services in every way possible»: <https://spdxcontest.pzk.org.pl/2022>.



The **Latvian Radiosport Federation** (LRSF) supports Ukraine during these tough times and invites radio amateurs around the world to join this support by donating: <https://www.lral.lv/lrsf/index.html>. Over the past few years LRSF founder Yuris Petersons (YL2GM) organized several DXpeditions, whose team members often included Ukrainian operators.

«**CQ Communications, Inc.**, publishers of *CQ Amateur Radio* magazine and sponsor of the CQ World Wide DX and WPX Contests, announced today [17 March, Ed.] that in light of the invasion of Ukraine by Russia and Belarus, it will not accept competitive entries in any of its sponsored contests by amateur radio stations in Russia, Belarus or the separatist Donbas region of Ukraine (unofficial D1 prefix). Logs submitted by these stations will be accepted only as check logs. In addition, contacts with these stations by other participants will have zero point value and will not count as multipliers. This is in line with a similar action taken by the Radio Society of Great Britain, following the lead of other international sports federations around the world.



«We regret the need to take this action», said CQ Publisher Richard Ross, K2MGA, «and recognize that the vast majority of our fellow amateurs who are affected by it are innocent bystanders who had no role in their government's decision to invade another sovereign country. However, in light of the great suffering being inflicted without cause on the people of Ukraine by Russia's leaders, we cannot in good conscience stand by and do nothing». The CQ policy will take effect with the 2022 CQ WPX SSB Contest on March 26 and 27. Future events will be considered on a case-by-case basis, depending on the situation at that time».



Based on a request from a number of CEPT members, the **European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations** has suspended indefinitely the Russian Federation and Belarus from CEPT membership effective 18 March. Any future readmission would follow the usual rules established in the CEPT Arrangement, notably the need for a two-thirds majority of members of the CEPT to endorse such a decision.

SILENT KEYS

Reportedly, **Ivan Lysenko, UR8GX** was killed in action while defending his home city of Kherson, Ukraine in early March. Ivan was an active DXer and a well known contester; he also operated with the UR1G team from the Kalanchakskiye Islands (EU-179) during the IOTA Contest over the past few years.

Klaus-Dieter Poels, DL7UXG (ex-DM4XIG, Y51SL and Y28XL) passed away on 21 March. Born in 1957 and first licensed in 1974, he joined DARC's DX Department in 2011 and supplied IOTA news to the DX-Mitteilungsblatt (DX-Newsletter, DXNL) until he took over as DXNL editor in August 2014. He was responsible for 397 weekly issues, the last one was distributed on 16 March. In addition, Klaus-Dieter was active from several WWFF areas and IOTA groups in Germany, Norway, Sweden (SD3G), Finland, Denmark and Iceland: <https://dl7uxg.funkzentrum.de/>.

Yasuo "Zorro" Miyazawa, JH1AJT died on 23 March, after a long battle with cancer. He was 72. «Our ham radio world has lost another beaming light», says Champ Muangamphun (E21EIC), who joined Zorro on many DXpeditions. «The founder of SEISA Group and Foundation for Global Children (<http://www.fgc.or.jp/english/>), he was deeply involved in humanitarian projects in Cambodia, Bangladesh, Japan, Myanmar, Eritrea and Bhutan, and was also the main driving force behind many DXpeditions».

Zorro was inducted into both the CQ DX Hall of Fame (2015) and the CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame (2020); he was also the recipient of the Intrepid Spirit Award in 2016 (for his «outstanding efforts to activate rare and often difficult entities»), the YASME Excellence Award in 2018 («for his extensive promotion of amateur radio in developing countries»), and the Dayton Hamvention Amateur of the Year Award in 2020.

In 2015 he established and endowed the International DX Association's *Hams with Hearts* fund, which specifically supports humanitarian projects carried out by DXpeditions (<https://www.indexa.org/hamswithaheart.html>).

Over the past thirty years or so, he operated from many DX spots, including Bangladesh (S21YX and S21YZ), Bhutan (A50BOC, A51A, A5A), Cambodia (XU1A), Eritrea (E30FB and E31A), Ethiopia (9E2A & ET3DX), Laos (XW1, XW1A, XW30A) and Myanmar (XZ1A, XZ1J, XZ1Z), among others. «We of the DX community are deeply indebted to him», INDEXA Director Ralph Fedor (K0IR), says. «He contributed generously to DXpeditions and encouraged and mentored operators. Without Zorro's support our log books and our memories would be less than they are».



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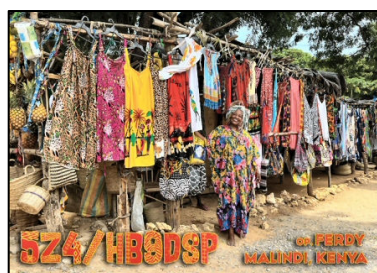
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4L8A	M0OXO	FK8HA	K3IRV	PT5J	PP5JR
4M1F	YV1JGT	FM8QR	F5EAN	R108M	RK3LC
4S7DRG	DK9KR	FO/SP5EAQ	SP7DQR	RG61PP	RZ3LC
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4U1WB	KK4HD	FS4WBS	IZ1MHY	SQ200IL	SP3POB

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5X4E	IZ3ZLG [d]	HB9CC	HB9KNY	TI2YO	EA7FTR
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9J2BO	EA5GL	HI3T	K7BV	TM4S	F6HBI
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CX2DK	EA5GL	LY32A	LY5A	VP8ADR	M0OXO
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D4L	IK2NCJ	LZ475GJ	LZ1KCP	VP9I	WW3S
D4Z	IK2NCJ	NP2X	KU9C	XV9HEU	EA5GL
DA22WARD	DL2VFR	OA4SS	KB6J	YI3WHR	IK2DUW
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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
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