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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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- 4W - Ben DL6FBL, Braco E77DX and Robert SP5XVY will be active from Timor Leste (callsign and QSL information TBA) between 9 and 22 April. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 40-10 metres. This will be a "scouting trip for a larger activity by Lagunaria DX Group in November". More information will be released in due course.
- 4X - Celebrating the 75th anniversary since the foundation of the Israel Amateur Radio Club (IARC) and the establishment of the State of Israel, local amateurs may use special prefixes 4X75 and 4Z75 on 14-30 April (e.g. 4Z4DX may use 4Z75DX, 4X1RE may use 4X75RE, etc.) Contacts with 4X75 and 4Z75 stations will attract 3 points during the NEW Holyland Contest (see Good to Know below). [TNX 4Z4DX]
- 7X - 7T60ARA is the special callsign celebrating the 60th anniversary of Algeria's IARU member society, Amateurs Radio Algeriens (ARA). Look for activity between 23 March and 23 April. More information can be found on <https://www.qrz.com/db/7T60ARA>.
- DL - Special callsign DR0LIMES will be active between 1 April and 30 June for this year's German World Heritage Day (4 June). The "limes" was the border line of the Roman Empire at its greatest extent. In 2005, the remnants of the Upper German-Raetian Limes were inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list as "Frontiers of the Roman Empire".
- F - Jean, F8CHM will be active as TM1AI from Aix Island (EU-032) on 7-10 April. He will operate CW and SSB on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10m. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]
- GM - A team of six (namely 2E0NSQ, G0AZE, G0VQO, M0EJB, M0GLV and M0KVK) will be active as GB0SIM from the Isle of Muck (EU-008) on 16-20 April. They plan to operate CW, SSB and possibly FT8 on 160-10 metres with two stations. QSL direct to G0AZE; the log will be uploaded to Club Log, LoTW and eQSL.
- H44 - Michael, DL2GMI expects to be active again as H44MI (callsign to be confirmed) from Malaita Island (OC-047), Solomon Islands starting on 2 April for 7-10 days. He will operate SSB, RTTY and some CW on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10m. He may also be QRV on 5 metres EME. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via DL2GMI (direct or bureau). [TNX The Daily DX]
- HP - Nuria, EA3WL and Josep, EA3BT will be active holiday style as H31W and H31B, respectively, from Contadora Island (NA-072) on 3-8 April. They will operate SSB, CW and FT8 (F/H) on 40-6 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS.
- HV - Look for HV0A to be active on CW only from the Vatican City on 2 April starting around 7 UTC. QSL via LoTW, or direct to IK0FVC.
- ON - OT2023EPIC is the special callsign for the Pajottenlandse Radio Amateur Club (ON4PRA) to promote the sixth edition of the Antwerp Port Epic cycling race. Look for activity between 22 April and 21

- May (the actual day the race will be held on)
- OZ - A team of seven Belgian operators (ON1BN, ON4AWT, ON6EF, ON6VJ, ON7TA, ON7VM and ON9DJ) will be active as 5P5FI from Fano Island (EU-125) on 22-29 April. They will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 160-6 metres with three stations. QSL via ON6EF, direct or bureau.
 - SV - SX50AHH is a special callsign for Polydoros, SV1AHH to celebrate his golden jubilee in amateur radio. Operated from Greece by SV1JFL, SV1QVA, SV1GGF and SV1AHH himself, the callsign will be used on 10-28 April on 160-10 metres CW, SSB, FT8, FT4 and RTTY. The logs will be uploaded to eQSL, LoTW, Club Log; paper cards will not be available.
 - T31 - After their T30UN operation from West Kiribati [425DXN 1664], the Rebel DX Group will be active as T31TT from Kanton Island, Central Kiribati (OC-043) starting during the first week of June for 9-10 days. In 2016 the Rebels operated from Kanton as T31T. Bookmark <https://www.facebook.com/rebelDXgroup> for updates.
 - UA0 - Team RI0Z (namely R7AA, RM0F, UA6EX and UA7A) will be active from Bering Island, one of the Komandorskiye Islands (AS-039), from 18 August to 1 September. QSL via Club Log's QQRS (direct and bureau), or via R7AA. Bookmark <https://dxpedition.wixsite.com/ri0z/> for updates.
 - V3 - Art, NN7A will be active as V31JZ/p from South Water Caye (NA-180), Belize on 17-23 April. He will operate CW and possibly some SSB on 80-10 metres. QSL via Club Log, LoTW, or via home call (direct and bureau).
 - VP5 - John, W0UV will be active as VP5/W0UV from Providenciales (NA-002), Turks and Caicos Islands on 4-11 April. He will operate FT8 on 40-10 metres. QSL via LoTW; paper cards will not be available.
 - W - Look for W5S to be active from Ship Island (NA-082) on 8 April, from approximately 15.30 UTC until 19 UTC. Activity will be QRP on 20, 15, 12 and 10 metres CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL direct to PO Box 179, Theodore AL 36582, USA.

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425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The March 2023 issue is available for download at <https://www.425dxn.org/>. [TNX IZ3EBA]

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 call-signs 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 sixth year in a row!) the 2022 Single-Operator Cass Award by working 10,771 unique stations during his one-

man operation as FJ/SP9FIH from Saint Barthelemy Island.

The TY0RU team (Vasily Sukhanov RA1ZZ, Vasily Pinchuk R7AL, Vlad Vasiljev R9LR, Ilya Kainov R5AF, Leo Berezhnoy RW9JZ, Slav Rodin RW8A, Nick Tolkunov R5EC, and Alex Bezmenov R9LM) worked 33,553 unique stations from Benin, setting a new record to win the 2022 Unlimited Cass Award.

Presented annually, the Cass Awards are issued in March for DXpeditions during the preceding year. See <http://www.cassaward.com/> for complete information.

FO/AA7JV ---> It has been active from Tikehau Atoll, Tuamotu Archipelago (OC-066), French Polynesia since 29 March. Mike, KN4EEI and George, AA7JV have "three stations in two RIBs on a nearby motu (small island). Two stations are running remotely operated FT8, and one is a full power 160-10 CW/SSB station that we work locally from the boat via the 900 MHz bridge". They expect to be QRV until 5 April. QSL via HA7RY and LoTW.

POLAR TRIP ---> Thomas, DC8TM and Martina, DF3TS plan to be QRV as JW/DC8TM and JW/DF3TS from Longyearbyen (EU-026), Svalbard on 8-11 April. They will then move to a Russian temporary base on a drifting ice floe, and be active as DP0LE, RA/DC8TM/p, RA/DF3TS/p on 14-17 April. During that time frame, they will also go on a day trip to the geographic North Pole, and be QRV as DP0LE, DC8TM/p and DF3TS/p for just about 30 minutes on or around 14244 kHz. QSLs via the German bureau. The whole trip is weather dependent and the schedule could change accordingly. See <https://www.grz.com/db/DC8TM> for more information and updates.

YOTA CONTEST 2023 ---> Organized by the IARU R1 Youth Working Group in co-operation with the Hungarian Amateur Radio Society (MRASZ), the aim of the YOTA Contest is to increase youngsters activity on the air, strengthen the reputation of the YOTA programme, and demonstrate support for youngsters across the world. The three sessions of this year's YOTA Contest will be held on 22 April (0800-1959 UTC), 22 July (1000-2159 UTC), and 30 December (1200-2359 UTC), on the five classic bands CW and SSB. Everyone can work everyone. The complete rules can be found on <https://ham-yota.com/contest>.

WORLDWIDE HOLYLAND DX CONTEST (WWHC) ---> Effective with the 2023 edition, the traditional Holyland Contest becomes the Worldwide Holyland DX Contest: any station anywhere can work any other station for points; QSOs with 4X/4Z stations will attract more points. The contest will take place on 14-15 April, from 21.00 UTC on Friday until 20.59 UTC on Saturday (24 hours). The rules are on <https://www.iarc.org/iarc/Content/docs/Holyland2023eng.pdf>.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3D2AG/p, 3D2RRR, 3X1A, 5B4ALJ, 5B4AMM, 7P8WW, 7Q5RU, 7Q7CT, AU2GSI (AS-153), C5C, E29TGW, E51BQ, EA6EJ, ET3AA, FT8WW, K8H, KC4USV, PJ4/NE9U, S21DX (AS-140), TL8AA, TL8ZZ, TM57M, TX7G, UK7AL, VK9DX, VK9WX, VP5/DK6AS, VP8ADR, XT2MAX, YJ8RN, YU1JW, Z21RU, Z81D, ZF1EJ.

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