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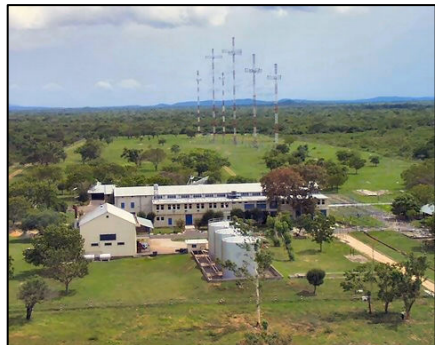


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DX INFORMATION

Owing to the ongoing and fluid nature of current crises globally, announced activities might be cut short, postponed, cancelled or even extended at any time and without notice.

4S - Peter, 4S7KKG (DC0KK) and Wolfgang, 4S7DRG (DK9DR) will visit the former Deutsche Welle relay station near Trincomalee on 2-9 March. «The station is now operated by the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC)», Peter says, and «we will have the unique opportunity to use the large shortwave antennas between 7 and 21 Mhz for amateur radio during transmission breaks». They



will also have «a 104m high mast medium wave antenna for testing on the low bands». Plans are to focus on SSB and FT8.

5H - Borut, S53BV will be active holiday style as 5H3BV from Shamiani (Kiweni), a satellite island of Pemba's (AF-063) on 10-24 February. He will operate low power CW and SSB on 40-15m. QSL direct to home call.

5X - Alan, G3XAQ will be active again as 5X1XA from Kampala, Uganda on 7-14 March. He will operate CW only on 80-10 metres, with main activity during the RSGB Commonwealth (BERU) Contest. QSL direct to G3SWH (OQRS on <http://www.q3swh.org.uk/>) and LoTW. [TNX G3SWH]

8Q - Karel, OK2WM and Vlad, OK2WX will be active as 8Q7WM and 8Q7WX from the Maldives (AS-013) from 13 February to 8 March. They will be QRV only on 160, 80 and 40 metres, and will operate mainly CW. QSL via home calls.

8Q - Nobby, G0VJG will be active again as 8Q7CQ from the Maldives (AS-013) on 4-18 March. He will operate SSB and digital modes on 80-10 metres, including activity in the ARRL DX SSB Contest. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS.

A6 - Celebrating Saudi Arabia's Founding Day, the Emirates Amateur Radio Society will operate special callsign A60SFD (QSL via EA7FTR) on 19-25 February. Individual operators will be using suffix extensions (A60SFD/0, A60SFD/1, etc: see <https://www.qrz.com/db/a60sfd> for the QSL routes).

A9 - Celebrating Bahrain Sports Day, the Bahrain Amateur Radio Society will operate special callsign A91SD on 3-9 February. QSL via EC6DX.

BY - BY1CRA/WO22 is the special event station for the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games. It will be active until 13 March on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via Club Log's OQRS. A certificate will be available for download on <http://awards.crac.org.cn/>; see <https://www.qrz.com/db/by1cra/wo22> for the details.



CO - Once again special station T45FM will be QRV from the lighthouse at Punta Maya on 18-20 February for the

American Lighthouses Weekend. Eight operators (CO2ARY, CO2DSE, CO2KLY, CO2ROD, CO5DOR, CO5LB, CO5MK and CO5WE) expect to be active on various bands, mainly SSB and digital modes. QSL via RW6HS. [TNX RW6HS]

CT8 - Henning, OZ2I will be active as CQ8EE from Sao Miguel Island (EU-003), Azores on 17-21 February, with main activity during the ARRL DX CW Contest (19-20 February). QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via OZ2I.

CT9 - Klaus, DJ9KM and Georg, DD8ZX will be active holiday style as CT9/DJ9KM and CT9/DD8ZX from Madeira Island (AF-014) 5-12 March. They will operate mainly FT8 and RTTY. QSLs via LoTW.

D4 - Oliver, DJ5QW will be active again as D4CW and D44DX from Sal Island (AF-086), Cape Verde from 19 February to 2 March. He will be QRV on Digital Mobile Radio (DMR), as well as on 80-10m CW and SSB. QSL via DJ5QW, bureau preferred.

DL - DL75RLP is the special callsign for members of DARC's Ortsverband Mainz (DL0MZ) to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the German federal state of Rhineland-Palatinate throughout 2022. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau and LoTW; direct cards can be requested via Club Log's OQRS.



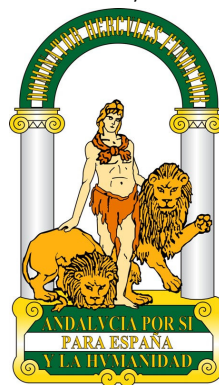
DL - The DARC Team SES will activate special callsign DA22WARD from 1 March until 30 April in celebration of World Amateur Radio Day (18 April). QSL via the bureau, or direct to DL2VFR.

DL - Special callsigns DF90TJU, DK90TJU, DL90TJU, DM90TJU, DP90TJU, DQ90TJU and DR90TJU, plus HB90JU from Switzerland, will be activated from 1 March to 30 June for the 90th anniversary of the maiden flight (7 March 1932) of the Ju52/3m transport aircraft designed and manufactured by German aviation company Junkers. An award will be available, see <https://90tju.de/> for information and the OQRS for bureau cards.



EA - URE San Fernando (EA7URF) will operate special callsign EG485FIM on 19-20 and 26-27 February to mark the 485th anniversary of the Spanish Naval Infantry (Fuerza de Infanteria de Marina). Formed in 1537, it is the oldest marine corps in existence in the world. QSL via EA7URF, LoTW and eQSL.

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EA - Commemorating the 42nd anniversary of the 1980 referendum for autonomy and representing the provinces of Andalusia, eight special callsigns will be activated on 22-28 February: AM42AL (Almeria), AM42CA (Cadiz), AM42CO (Cordoba), AM42GR (Granada), AM42HU (Huelva), AM42JA (Jaen), AM42MA (Malaga), AM42SE (Sevilla). In addition, AM42AND will be active on 28 February (Andalusia Day). QSL via the bureau. See <https://diadeandalucia.ure.es/> for more information.

F - The Radioamateurs de Lot-et-Garonne will operate special callsign TM6CXJ from 26 February to 6 March, and again on 1-6 June to honour the memory of their

friend Pierre Marge, F6CXJ, who passed away on 28 January 2021. QSL via LoTW (preferred), or via F2FZ. Also activated in remembrance of Silent Keys are TM3ZZ (in memory of Michel Pelhate, F3ZZ) during a few weekends between 26 February and 3 July, and TM9AP (in memory of Andre Pettelat, F9AP) during five weekends between 12 February and 20 March. QSL TM3ZZ via F4HIK; QSL TM9AP via F6GYH.



F - A team of six (F4ELI, F4ELK, F5VCR, F5UOW, F6DXE and ON7ZM) will be active as TM5IB from Ile de Batz (EU-105) from 26 March to 1 April. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on vari-

ous bands. QSL via ON7ZM.

FG - Look for Gildas, FG/F6HMQ and Michel, FG/F6GWV to be active again from Guadeloupe (NA-102) from 25 February to 27 March. They will participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (5-6 March) and the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (26-27 March) as TO3Z (QSL via F6HMQ). [TNX NG3K]

FG - Once again Philippe, F1DUZ will be active as FG4KH from Guadeloupe (NA-102) from 24 February to 15 March, including participation in the Coupe du REF's SSB leg (26-27 February) and the ARRL DX SSB Contest. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via F1DUZ. [TNX DX World]

FM - Yuri, VE3DZ will be active from Martinique (NA-107) on 11-24 February. He will be signing FM/VE3DZ on 11-18 February, and TO4A on 19-24 February (including participation in the ARRL DX CW Contest). QSLs via home call and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

FY - Herve, F5HRY will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest as TO1A (SOSB 15m LP) from the Radio Amateurs Club de Kourou's station (FY5KE), French Guiana. QSL via LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

G - GB1002MT is the special callsign for the Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society to commemorate through February the centenary of 2MT, the first British radio station to make regular entertainment broadcasts (14 February 1922). QSL via LoTW and eQSL, no paper QSLs.

G - Special callsign GB80LAN (1-28 March), as well as VE80LAN (1-31 March) from Canada and VK80LAN (1-31 March) from Australia, will mark the 80th anniversary of the first operational sortie (2 March 1942) of the Avro Lancaster, the mainstay of the Royal Air Force Bomber Command that was flown by British, Canadian and Australian pilots during World War II. QSL GB80LAN via the bureau, eQSL, or direct to G0KUC; QSL VE80LAN via the bureau, eQSL, or direct to VE3DC; QSL VK80LAN via M0OXO's OQRS.



HA - The Szollosi Jozsef Radio Club (HA4KYB) is joining the city of Szekefahervar's official celebrations of the 800th anniversary of the Golden Bull (Aranybulla), the royal charter issued in 1222 which represents the first constitutional document of the nation of Hungary. Look for special callsign HG1222BA to be active on

all bands and modes throughout 2022. QSL via the bureau to HA4KYB.

HC - John, N9EAJ will be active as HC1FIT from a mountaintop location near the city of Otavalo, in the Imbabura Province of Ecuador, on 3-24 February. He operates SSB and some slow CW on 40-10m. QSL via N9EAJ and pos-

sibly LoTW, logsearch on Club Log.

HP - H32AT is the special callsign that Jose, HP2AT is using until the end of the year to mark his 32 years in amateur radio. He uploads his log to qrz.com, Club Log and eQSL on a regular basis, and will upload all QSOs to LoTW at the end of the activity. Paper QSL cards will not be available.

HS - Tony, E21IZC and other members of the Amateur Radio Association of Phetchaburi (E200MN, E24YEJ, E25CVD, E25NNN, E27EK, HS7QNC and HS7UCQ) will be active as HS7AP/p from Koh Chang (AS-125) from 29 July to 1 August. They will operate CW,



SSB and FT8 on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres, and will participate in the IOTA Contest (30-31 July). QSL via E21IZC. [TNX NG3K]

HZ - Special event stations 7Z3FD, 8Z3FD and HZ3FD will be active on 1-22 February to celebrate Saudi Arabia's Founding Day (22 February). QSL via HZ1SAR; the logs will be uploaded to Club Log.

I - Promoting World Radio Day (13 February), the UN Global Service Center ARC (4U1GSC) in Brindisi will be active as 4U13FEB on 1-28 February. DXCC wise, it counts for Italy. QSL via 9A2AA. World Radio Day was proclaimed in 2011 by the Member States of UNESCO, and adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012 as an International Day.

I - Celebrating World Radio Day, ARI Torino will set up a station at RAI Radio and Television Museum (<https://www.rai.it/museoradiotv/>) and be QRV as IQ1TO between 10 and 18 UTC on 12-13 February.

I - Members of ARI Carpi (Modena) will be active as IQ4DJ (club callsign) and II4CPC (special callsign) on 4-11 March to commemorate the 118th anniversary of the Chilean city of Capitan Pastene, founded by Italian settlers who arrived from Modena in two successive migrations. Also active will be CB6I and CB6CPC, operated by members of Radio Club Traiguen. Four certificates will be available, see II4CPC on qrz.com for information. QSL II4CPC via IQ4DJ; QSL CB6I and CB6CPC via CE6TRA (direct).

J6 - Amateur radio operators from Saint Lucia (NA-108) are allowed to use the special prefix J643 on 20-26 February, in celebration of the 43rd anniversary since their country gained full independence (22 February 1979). For instance, J69DS will be signing J643DS (QSL via EB7DX), and J69SJ will be signing J643SJ.

J8 - Brian, GW4DVB will be active as J88PI from Bequia Island (NA-025) from 24 February to 8 March. He will operate mainly SSB and FT8. QSL direct to home call (see <https://www.q4dvh.co.uk/> for PayPal information).

JD1_oga - Sam, JE1XUZ will be active again as JE1XUZ/JD1 from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara during a work trip on 12-15 February. In his spare time he will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on the HF bands. QSL via home call and LoTW, logsearch on Club Log.

KH2 - "BJ", WA7WJR, plans to be QRV as KH2/WA7WJR/p from Guam between 24 February and mid-May, with activity as KH0/WA7WJR/p from Tinian and/or Saipan during April also being planned. He will operate CW, FT8 and RTTY on 40 and 20m, and occasionally on 17 and 15m. QSL via home call or LoTW. See



<https://www.questssofdiscovery.com/dxpedition> for more information.



KP4 - Members of the Radio Operadores Del Este will be active as KP3RE from Isla de Vieques (NA-249) on 25-27 February. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes (FT4 and/or FT8) on 80-10 metres. QSL via EA5GL. See <https://sites.google.com/view/kp4rv/> for more information.

LU - Look for Horacio LU5BE/R to be active from San Jose (locator FG63xe), in the Argentine province of Catamarca, on 3-11 February. Amateur radio activity from this region is uncommon. He operates CW, SSB and digital modes on 40-6m and FM satellite. [TNX LU5BE]

LZ - Anton, LZ1XM is active as LZ150GD on 1-28 February. The special callsign honours the 150th anniversary of the birth of Gotse Delchev, a prominent Bulgarian revolutionary leader. QSL via the bureau.

ON - Special event station OR100RCBE will be active from 1 March to 31 December to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Radio Club Belge de l'Est. Established on 26 March 1922, it is nowadays' UBA GDV (Groupement de Verviers). QSL via ON4GDV.

P4 - John, W2GD will be active as P44W from Aruba (SA-036) on 14-21 February. Main activity will be during the ARRL DX CW Contest (19-20 February), with some focus on 30, 17 and 12 metres outside the contest. QSL via LoTW, or direct to N2MM. Also, currently active holiday style from Aruba until the end of March is Lee, P4/K3DMG. He is QRV on 80-10 metres, operating mainly CW and digital modes. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, no paper cards.

P4 - Tony, N2TK will be active as P40F from Aruba (SA-036) on 2-9 March, ARRL DX SSB Contest included. QSL via LoTW. [TNX DX World]

PA - Established on 6 May 1947, VERON's section of Mid and North Limburg is celebrating its 75th anniversary during 2022 with special callsign PI75LIM. QSL via the bureau or direct to PE1NCP.

PA - Scout station PB22BP (the suffix stands for Baden-Powell, the founder of the Scout and Guide movements) will be active on 18-28 February, including Thinking Day On The Air. QSL via PA3EFR.

PJ2 - Andy, W9NJY will be active as PJ2/W9NJY from Curacao (SA-099) on 16-21 February. He will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest as PJ2T (Multi-Multi); outside the contest he will operate CW mainly on 30, 17 and 12 metres. QSL PJ2/W9NJY via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via WD9DZV; QSL PJ2T via LoTW or W3HNK. [TNX The Daily DX]

PJ2 - Andy, DK5ON will be active again as PJ2/DK5ON from Curacao (SA-099) on 1-17 March. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-6 metres, and will participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via home call (direct or bureau).

PJ5 - Frank, K3TRM will be active as PJ5/K3TRM from Sint Eustatius (NA-145) on 6-12 March. He will be QRV on 40-10 metres SSB and digital modes (RTTY and FT8), and satellite. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or via home call (direct or bureau).

PJ7 - Tom, AA9A will be active again as PJ7AA from Sint Maarten (NA-105) from 26 February to 26 March. He will operate CW, SSB, FT8 and FT4 on 80-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or direct to AA9A. [TNX NG3K]

PJ7 - Ed, N2HX will be active again as PJ7PL from Sint Maarten (NA-105) during the ARRL DX SSB Contest (5-6 March); for a few days before and after the event he will be QRV holiday style typically on 30-10 metres SSB, RTTY, FT4 and FT8. QSL via N2HX. [TNX The Daily DX]



PY - A team of seven (PS8ACM, PS8CW, PS8DX, PS8HF, PS8RV, PS8ZP and PT2OP) will be active as ZV8L from the Pedra do Sal Lighthouse on Ilha Grande de Santa Isabel (SA-025) on 18-20 February during the American Lighthouses Week-end. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 80-10 metres, and via the QO-100 satellite (QO-100 contacts are not accepted towards IOTA credit). QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via PT2OP.

PY - Special callsign ZZ165IBI will be activated on 1-31 March for the 165th anniversary of the Brazilian city of Ibiuna. QSL via PU2SWB.

PZ - Markus, DJ4EL will be active as PZ5GE from mainland Suriname between 19 February and 1 March. He will operate SSB on 40-10m. There are also plans to be active again as PZ5G from Papegaien Island (SA-092) on 23-26 or 27 February. [TNX DX World]



SP - 3Z200IL is the special callsign for radio club SP8KJX to commemorate the 200th anniversary since the birth of Ignacy Lukaszewicz, an oil industry pioneer whose many achievements included the invention of the modern kerosene lamp. Look for activity through 29 December on 160-10 metres SSB and digital modes. QSL via the bureau.

SP - Special callsigns HF80AK (QSL via SP9CJM) and SP80AK (QSL via SP3POB) will be active on 12-20 February for the 80th anniversary of the formation of the Armia Krajowa (Home Army, the dominant underground resistance movement in Poland during World War II. See qrz.com for more information.

TL - 27 March-9 April are the dates for the Italian DX Team's operation from the Central African Republic [425DXN 1582]. Six operators (Tony I2PJA, Silvano I2YSB, Angelo IK2CKR, Stefano IK2HKT, Gino IK2RZP and Maurizio IV3ZXQ) will be active as TL8AA (CW, SSB and RTTY) and TL8ZZ (FT8) with four stations on 80-10 metres. QSL via I2YSB (OQRS for direct cards on <http://win.i2ysb.com/logonline/>). See <http://www.i2ysb.com/idx/> for more information, band plan included. [TNX I2YSB]



UA9 - The first group of participants in this year's Arctic Legends Expedition is set to leave the settlement of Tazovsky on 3-4 March; a few days later all of the team members will gather at the Sopochnaya Karga

weather station. From there they will reach Rykachev Island (AS-104) and be active as R150WS, a special callsign celebrating "150 years of Russian Weather Service". While enroute, if conditions permit, they might also try and be QRV as RI0BI from Isachenko Island (AS-050), which is about 160 km far from Rykachev. The operating team includes UA0BA, UA9LDD, UA9KDF and RW0BG. The 1400-kilometre trip will depend on weather, as the team will be using snowmobiles. Updates will be posted to <https://legendsarctic.com/>. It will be possible to track the expedition's progress by going to <https://share.garmin.com/rt9k> and <https://aprs.fi/> (search for R150WS). QSL for both callsigns via Club

Log's OQRS.

UR_ant - In his spare time, Sergiy, UT9UX will be active as EM1U from the Ukrainian Antarctic Station "Akademik Vernadsky" on Galindez Island (AN-006), Antarctica until around mid-April. QSL via UT7UA. [TNX DX World]

V2 - Bud, AA3B will be active as V26K from Antigua (NA-100) on 3-10 March, including an entry in the ARRL DX SSB Contest. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via AA3B (direct or bureau). [TNX NG3K]

V3 - Walt, W0CP as V31DJ (CW) and his wife Mary, K0ZV as V31DK (SSB) will be active from Placencia, Belize from 8 February until 4 March. QSLs via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via home calls. [TNX The Daily DX]

V3 - Robert K5PI (V31AT, QSL via LoTW and home call), Madison W5MJ (V31IT, QSL via MOURX's OQRS), John WC0W (V31TP, QSL via home call) and Keith VE7KW (V31WK) - as well as Karl AD0KH, Nancie NM0C, Leigh WC0T and Steve WW0G - will be active from Cahal Pech, Belize on 15-22 February. They will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest as V3T (QSL via LoTW and WC0W; outside the contest they will be QRV on 160-10 metres mainly CW. [TNX The Daily DX]

V3 - Bob, W0BNC will be active as V31BN from Belize on 5-10 March. He will operate QRP on various bands SSB, CW and FT8, and «will be doing at least one POTA activation from the Altun Ha Archeological Reserve, one of the many Mayan ruins in the country». QSL via home call and eQSL.

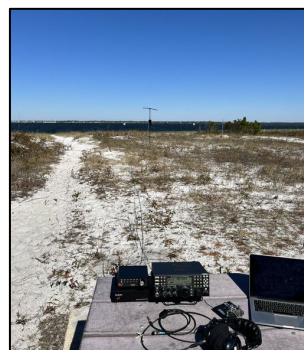
V7 - Jeff "JT", KD7ADI has been on Kwajalein (OC-028), Marshall Islands since 5 January, and will be stationed there «for the foreseeable future». In his spare time he is QRV as V7/KD7ADI. He uploads his log to LoTW and Club Log.

VK - Andy, VK5MAV will be active again as VK5MAV/p from Granite Island (OC-228) on 24-25 February. He will not be able to overnight on the island, as access is limited to daytime hours only. He will operate CW on 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS.

VP5 - Dave, K0KQ will be active as VP5/K0KQ from Grand Turk Island (NA-003), Turks & Caicos on 7-21 March. He will operate FT8. QSL via LoTW, paper QSLs will not be available.

W - W7P is the callsign for the Northern Arizona DX Association to conduct a 10-year special event countdown to the 100th anniversary of the discovery of Pluto by Clyde Tombaugh at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona (18 February 1930). The inaugural event was held on 13-21 February 2021; this year's Pluto Anniversary Countdown will run on 12-20 February. Also, Doug Tombaugh (N3PDT), Clyde Tombaugh's nephew, will be operating during the event as W7P/0. QSL direct, see https://www.nadxa.com/w7p_pluto_2030.html for information.

W - Bernie, W3UR will once again be operating with the Glenwood DX Association's club call N3ME from Okaloosa Island (NA-142) on 19 February from 12 UTC to 23.30 UTC (the park is only open from sunrise to sunset). Activity will be on 20-10 metres CW and FT8, with a focus on 17 and 12m CW, and 20m FT8. QSL via W3UR and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]



W - Commemorating the 80th anniversary of the Voice of America's first broadcast (1 February 1942), three special event stations will be activated on 19 and 20 February (14-22 UTC each day): W3V (from the VOA Amateur Radio Club in Washington DC), W8O (from the National Voice of America Museum of Broadcasting in West Chester, OH) and W4A (from the VOA Site-C in Greenville, NC). See qrz.com for QSL information.

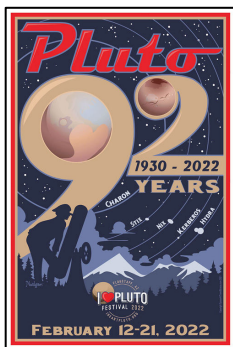


W - Bodo, DF8DX expects to be active as KT3Q/4 from Santa Rosa Island (NA-142) on 26-28 February, and from Key Biscayne (NA-141) on 2-4 March. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), LoTW, or via DF8DX.

YB - Special event station 8C9MGP will be active from Lombok Island (OC-150), Indonesia on 19-21 February, and again on 11-13 March. QSL direct to HA3JB (OQRS on <http://www.ha3jb.com/oqrs.html>).

Z6 - Rene, DL2JRM will be active as Z66BCC from Gjilan, Kosovo for the CQ WPX RTTY Contest (12-13 February). QSL via DL2JRM, direct or bureau.

ZF - Bob, K4UEE (ZF2UE), Bill, W5SJ (ZF2EZ) and Stan, K5GO (ZF9CW) will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest (19-20 February) as ZF5T from the Cayman Islands (NA-016). Before the contest they will be active with their own ZF callsigns.



GOOD TO KNOW



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



3Y0J: LATEST NEWS • «Today we can confirm that the departure date for the 3Y0J DXpedition will be 6 January 2023», the team announced on 8 February. «We can confirm the scheduled duration of the DXpedition is 44 days and that we have reserved a week additional contingency at the end giving us more flexibility. We have contracted 22 days at Bouvet Island, and it means we will spend more than 3 weeks at Bouvet. As we have the flexibility to still decide the port of departure Ushuaia or Port Stanley this will be done at a later stage».

In order to achieve the goal of 200,000 QSOs from Bouvet, 3Y0J will deploy twelve stations (eight CW/SSB stations and four FT8 stations), which can be run simultaneously during peak time. «We plan for minimum downtime on the radios», the team says, «and to achieve this we will setup the 4 FT8 stations to run 24/7, so that these can either be run by one operator separately or be run by any other operator in a simplified SO2R setup. This will be done so that each operator can log into

the FT8 machine from his operator position and run CW/SSB and FT8 simultaneously. Running several radios by a single operator this way has shown to be very efficient».

A DXpedition to Bouvet is «a huge undertaking financially and it would simply not be possible without the support from the vendors and our sponsors. If you want to have the opportunity to work the rare #2 DXCC Bouvet Island, please consider supporting us by donating upfront». Read the complete Press Release #8 on the DXpedition's website: <https://www.3y0j.no/>. Also, Ken, LA7GIA emphasizes that the DXpedition will have «a pronounced focus on human modes», and that «there will be no FT8 robots running unattended at Bouvet, all FT8 QSOs will be initiated by a human operator clicking on the deserving callers».

9N7AA • Robert is back to Nepal after a short holiday home. The QRN from «the widespread use of cheap LEDs, open and messy power lines and inverters» is a huge nuisance, as «on all bands the S-meter rarely, if ever, drops below S6-7». For the time being, he says, «activity will only be on 40-6m, while the 80/160-meter antenna remains a project for the summer months. This will also give me some extra time to try and find a solution for the interference. For those constantly asking - 60m band is not permitted in Nepal». QSL via LoTW, or via S57DX (direct only); logsearch on Club Log.

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



ANTARCTIC ACTIVITY WEEK • The Worldwide Antarctic Program has announced that the 19th Antarctic Activity Week will be held on 21-27 February. The aim of this annual event is to promote worldwide interest in the Antarctic continent. Special call signs (QSL via operator's instructions) are expected to be aired during this year's AAW from Algeria (7T22ANT), Austria (OE19AAW, OE88WAP, OE89ANT and OE90AAW), Bulgaria (LZ19ANT), France (TM19AAW), Italy (II2ANT, II2WAP, II5ANT, IR1ANT and IR2A), Netherlands (PA6ANT and PF88ANT), Poland (SP60ANT), Spain (AO4HAG, EH3ANT and EH5AAW), USA (K4A and K4C). Complete information on the AAW can be found on <http://www.waponline.it/>.

ARRL DIGITAL CONTEST • The ARRL International Digital Contest will debut at 18 UTC on 4 June, ending at 23.59 UTC on 6 June. All non-RTTY modes are permitted. The event will take place on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 and 6m, with single-operator and multi-single entry categories. TX power categories will be QRP (5 watts or less) and low-power (maximum 100 watts). The exchange will be a station's four-character grid square. Stations may work each other once per band, regardless of digital mode. Participants will earn 1 point for each contact, plus 1 point for each 500 kilometers between stations. The total score is total contact points. Complete details on this new operating event are on <http://arrl.org/arrl-digital-contest>.

ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST (CW) • 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 19 February to 23.59 UTC on the 20th. Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K on <https://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxc2022.html> - good contest to you all!



CROZET 2022-23 • Thierry, F6CUK reports that «dates are now known» for his activity from Crozet [425DXN 1603]. «The *Marion Dufresne* will leave Reunion Island on 8 December, with a stopover at Tromelin to resupply the people there, then bound for Crozet. I should get there around Christmas. The ship will come back on 26 March 2023 to pick us up, and after stopovers at Kerguelen and Amsterdam, arrive at Reunion on 16 April 2023. Therefore, I will be on Alfred Faure base for a solid three months. These dates may vary slightly depending on weather conditions». Thierry has requested a special call sign to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the

first amateur radio activity from Crozet, conducted by Roger Baudelot, FB8WW, between December 1961 and February 1962. Thierry's callsign will be announced by F6EXV and F6AJA «only a few hours before the start of the activity». See <http://crozet2022.r-e-f.org/blog.html> for the complete press release.



IOTA HONOUR ROLL • The 2022 Honour Roll and Annual Listings have been posted on the IOTA website <https://iota-world.org/>: click on PERFORMANCE LISTINGS in the dropdown menu under PROGRAMME INFORMATION. They show the position as at 31 January 2022.

The Honour Roll lists the stations with a checked score equalling or exceeding 50% of the total of numbered IOTA groups, excluding those with provisional numbers, at the time of preparation. The Annual Listing lists the stations with a checked score of 100 or more IOTA groups but less than the qualifying threshold for entry into the Honour Roll.

IOTA rules limit inclusion in the listings to those participants who have updated their scores at least once in the preceding five years (i.e. since February 2017) and have opted to have their scores published.

«Covid-19 travel restrictions have resulted over the past year in a reduced number of DXpeditions», Roger, G3KMA and Cezar, VE3LYC observe. «The Honour Roll and Annual Listing with a total of 1558 entries show a decrease of 109 or 6.5% over the same listings in 2021. Some 241 record-holders now have scores of 1000 or more IOTA groups, a decrease of 6.6% on last year, and 570 or a decrease of 3.4% with scores of at least 750 groups, the number required for the IOTA Plaque of Excellence. Scores at the top continue to close with 67 record-holders breaking through the 1100 mark and 20 of them within 10 of the top score. Congratulations to leader 9A2AA on 1132 groups out of a possible 1136 that have seen activity, to I2YDX and I1JQJ who follow close behind and indeed to all who have joined the IOTA family or updated in the last year».

KH0/KC0W • Tom, KH0/KC0W & KH0W, has been off the air since late December. «Last month I moved into a condo and have gone QRT from all amateur radio activity», he posted to eHam.net on 12 February. «I gave all of my telescoping aluminum antennas & coax away to local fisherman so they construct HF antennas for their boats. The elements of my Yagi have now been repurposed as a line for drying clothes under the sun. After 65,000+ QSOs over the past 2.5 years it's time to call it quits». He also mentions that «priorities in my life have changed» after recovering «from a nasty bout with COVID». Club Log contains 54,294 QSOs for KH0/KC0W (8 April 2019-29 December 2021), and 10,776 QSOs for KH0W (20 May 2020-29 December 2021).

LIGHTHOUSE WEEKEND • The 14th American Lighthouses Weekend will be held on 18-20 February. Details, including a listing of participating stations, can be found on <http://www.grupodxbb.com.ar/>.

QSL VQ9T • Bob Wright (aka WT3A, DU7ET, VQ9T and several other callsigns) has left the Philippines for good; he has moved to Kyrgyzstan, where he has been licenced as EX0ET since October 2021. He is currently working as a radio officer on a vessel, and will be back in the country at the end of February. «I do not know when I will (if ever) be able to return to the Philippines to be able to reply to your QSL card requests», he says. Those who need a VQ9T QSL card for QSOs made between 23 September 2020 and 23 January 2021 should send their request direct to Robert Wright, UI Dordoy 32/34 KB 52, Bishkek 720082, Kyrgyzstan. He says he tried the newer «ways to QSL, but it's complicated and time consuming, and it became frustrating».

QSL VIA EA5GL • Pedro, EA5GL has picked up the QSLing for XF1F from Isla San Francisco (NA-124, October 2012), XF1P from Isla Partida (NA-124, November 2013), and XF1IM from Isla Magdalena (NA-078, November-December 2017). See <https://www.qrz.com/db/EA5GL> for instructions.



TX5N DXPEDITION UPDATE • «Over the weekend of January 28th several TX5N team members met in Northern California to consolidate, test and pack the equipment for shipment to Raivavae, Austral Islands», Gene, K5GS reports (see pictures on <https://tx5n.net/packing-weekend/>). «After reviewing several transportation alternatives, we located a firm in Tahiti that will accept our shipment and transport it to the island via cargo ship. We have approximately 1,000 pounds (450kg) of equipment on the way to Tahiti. The equipment inventory includes Elecraft transceivers and amplifiers, a Flex PGXL amplifier, two SteppIR BigIR antennas w/80 meters, various mono band VDAs, an NA4RR hex beam and a 160m vertical. All team members have their airline and hotel reservations to Papeete, Tahiti with onward passage to Raivavae. The operating location will be Pension

Tama Raivavae, a small inn which has hosted many previous DX-peditions. Each team member will have a small bungalow, and radio operations will be conducted from a dedicated building on the beach. Most antennas will be beach mounted. Being on the north side of the island we expect good working conditions. We are on schedule for this April, 2022 project». Look for TX5N to be active from Raivavae (OC-114) on 16-28 April [425DXN 1601]. The team will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 on 160-10 metres (60m included). QSL via M0URX's OQRS.



UKRAINE: AMATEUR RADIO SUSPENDED • Owing to the current military crisis, the Ukrainian government has first declared a state of emergency, and then introduced martial law starting on 24 February for a period of 30 days. Apparently an exception is made for Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts, which already have special legal status since 2014. Restrictions include the ban on the operation of amateur radio stations.

YOTA CONTEST 2022 • Organized by the IARU R1 Youth Working Group in cooperation 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 21 May (0800-1959 UTC), 23 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>.



Z60ID • Celebrating Kosovo's 14th Independence Day, the local IARU Society (SHRAK) activated this special callsign with multiple stations on 17 February. QSL via Z62FB.



Bob Bruninga, **WB4APR** passed away on 7 February, aged 73. A retired senior research engineer at the United States Naval Academy, he was the inventor of the Automatic Packet Reporting System (<http://www.aprs.org/>) and published the APRS paper at the ARRL 11th Computer Networking Conference in 1992. He also had «an abiding interest in alternative power sources», the ARRL recalls, and he authored *Energy Choices for the Radio Amateur*, published by ARRL in 2018, «which explores developing changes in the area of power and energy, and examines the choices radio amateurs and others can make regarding home solar power, heat pumps, and hybrid and electric



vehicles».

Also reported SK are Jim Elliott, **KA3UNQ** (1 February), whose primary operating interest for the past twenty years was the activation of lighthouses along the East Coast for the Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society, and Steve Lund, **K6UM** (4 February), who served many years as an Appointed Position for the Northern California DX Foundation on the IARU Beacon Technical Support staff.

QSL ROUTES

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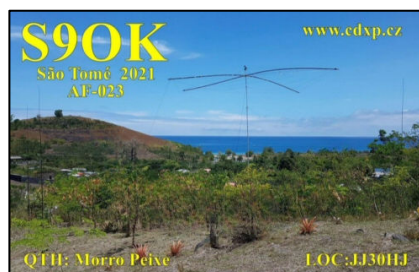
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4L9M	R3XA	H94IE	HP1MRA	PY2ZEA	OH2MM
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E7CW	E73ESP	MU5E	GU4YOX	XV9NPS	JA2ODB [d]
EL2EF	N200	OD5ET	EB7DX	YB0AZ	W4JS
EM1U	UT7UA	OD5KU	EB7DX	YB0JVZ	EB7DX
EP2ABS	RW6HS	OD5SK	IZ8CLM	YB1DNF	EB7DX
EP5CZD	RW6HS	OH0Z	W0MM	YE1AR/2	N200

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EX2V	RW6HS	OL5GMA/p	OK3EQ	YJ8RN	NZ4DX
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GM2V	N3SL	PF88ANT	PAORDY	ZP6/N3BNA	KA2AEV

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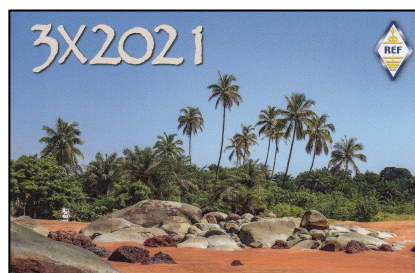


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