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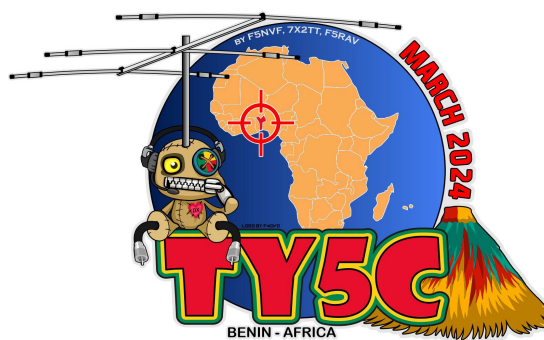
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DX INFORMATION

3D2 - Dom, 3Z9DX will once again be active as 3D2AJT from Nadi, Fiji Islands for 30-40 days starting on 18 March. The callsign is in memory of the late Yasuo "Zorro" Miyazawa, JH1AJT, who passed away on 23 March 2022. QSL via Club Log's OQRS.

4X - Special event stations 4X03I and 4X04I will be active from Grafon (WWL KM70kr, Holyland Square F29BS) and Haluza (WWL KM71hd, Holyland Square D24BS), respectively, on 8-9 March. Both sites are located in the World Heritage-designated area of the "Incense Route and the Desert Cities in the Negev". QSLs via 4X6ZM, and logsearch on <https://www.iarc.org/incense/>. The Incense Trade Route was an ancient network of major land and sea trading routes linking the Mediterranean world with eastern and southern sources of incense, spices and other luxury goods.

6Y - Iain, G4SGX will be active as G4SGX/6Y from Jamaica (NA-097) on 5-13 March. He will operate CW only on 80-10 metres, and will take part in the RSGB Commonwealth (BERU) Contest (9-10 March). QSL via LoTW, or via MOOXO's OQRS.



7P - The confirmed dates for the EI DX Group's DXpedition to Maseru, Lesotho are 20-29 March. A large team will be active as 7P8EI on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and digital modes with up to eight stations. QSL via

MOOXO's OQRS. See <http://7p8ei.eidxg.com/> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/185038478993063/> for more information and updates.

8Q - Sergey, RX3APM is again active as 8Q7BB from the Maldives (AS-013) until 9 March. He operates CW and SSB on 80-10m. QSL via LoTW. [TNX DX World]

8Q - Tev, TA1HZ will be active holiday style as 8Q7HZ from the Maldives (AS-013) on 6-15 April. He will operate SSB and FT8/FT4 on 30, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres. QSL via LoTW or direct (see the instructions on qrz.com); QSOs will also be uploaded to Club Log and eQSL.



9M2 - Jacek, SP5APW will be active as 9W2/SP5APW from Langkawi Island (AS-058), West Malaysia on 9-17 March. He will operate SSB and FT8 (F/H) on 20-10 metres; his main focus will be on 6 metres using a 4-element yagi. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via home call

A6 - Special event callsign A60WAAD (QSL via EA7FTR) will be active on 1-8 April for World Autism Awareness Day. Also expect activity by A60WAAD/0, A60WAAD/1, etc (see <https://www.qrz.com/db/A60WAAD> for the QSL routes for the various suffix extensions).

C6 - Jay, WA1JAY will be active again as WA1JAY/C6A from Paradise (Hog) Island (NA-001), Bahamas on 15-22 March. He will operate holiday style on the FM satellites, as well as SSB and FT8/FT4 on 40-10m. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log.

CE0Z - Felipe, CE3SX will be active as CB0ZIX from Juan Fernandez from 21 March to 4 April. He will be QRV almost exclusively on 6 metres SSB and FT8 (F/H). QSL via LoTW, traditional QSL cards will not be available.



CO - The Camaguey DX Group will be active as T47C and CO9JAB from Cayo Romano (NA-086) on 29-31 March. Nine operators will be QRV on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres SSB, CW and digital modes. QSLs direct to IK2DUW; QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW. [TNX DX World]



CT - CR50Y is the special callsign for members of the Rede dos Emissores Portugueses to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Carnation Revolution (25 April 1974), which resulted in the Portuguese transition to democracy. Look for

activity to take place on various bands and modes on 19-25 April. QSL via CT1REP. A certificate will be available, see qrz.com for information.

CT8 - Holger, CT8/DL6ED (CW and SSB) and Mario, CT8/DM4MN (CW) will be active from Sao Miguel (EU-003), Azores from 28 March to 2 April. QSL via home calls and LoTW.

DL - DARC Team SES will be active as DP75AFUG between 1 March and 30 April to mark the 75th anniversary of the first Amateurfunkgesetz (AfUG), the German amateur radio regulations that came into force on 23 March 1949. QSL via LoTW, automatically via the



bureau, or direct to DL2VFR. A certificate will be available, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/DP75AFUG> for information.



DL - Celebrating World Amateur Radio Day, DARC special event callsign DA24WARD will be active on 1-30 April. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards via

DL2VFR.

E5_sc - Tom, K7TLM and Leslie, KD7YZE will be active as E51TLM from Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cook Islands on 7-13 April. They will operate QRP on 10 metres SSB (28385 kHz) and slow CW (28060 kHz) typically between 19.00 and 01.00 UTC. QSL via K7TLM, and maybe LoTW at a later stage.

E6 - Gavin, ZL3GAV will be active as E6SP from Niue (OC-040) on 16-28 April. He will operate mainly FT8 and FT4 with a focus on 15 and 10 metres; SSB, as well as some CW, RTTY, VarAC and SSTV, are also possible. QSL via LoTW (preferred), or direct to EA5GL; if the connection to the Internet is stable, QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log in real time. When he is QRV, Gavin will try and "self spot" on <https://twitter.com/ZL3GAV>.

EA - The Unión de Radioaficionados Españoles, Spain's



IARU member society, was founded on 1 April 1949. Celebrating URE's 75th anniversary, a month-long activity will take place from 1 to 30 April. Look for AO75URE and 18 other special stations representing the

Autonomous Communities and Autonomous Cities of the country:

AO75AN	Andalucía
AO75AR	Aragón
AO75CA	Cantabria
AO75CL	Castilla y León

AO75CM Castilla-La Mancha
 AO75CT Cataluña
 AO75CV Comunitat Valenciana
 AO75EU Euskadi i.e. Basque Country
 AO75EX Extremadura
 AO75GA Galicia
 AO75IB Islas Baleares, EA6
 AO75IC Islas Canarias, EA8
 AO75LR La Rioja
 AO75MA Madrid
 AO75MC Melilla and Ceuta, EA9
 AO75MU Murcia
 AO75NA Navarra
 AO75PA Principado de Asturias

In addition, CQ75URE will be active from Portugal. A large number of awards will be available: see <https://75aniversario.ure.es> for detailed information, logsearch and OQRS (to be activated after 30 April).

EL - The Czech DXpedition Group (OK1BOA, OK1CRM, OK1FCJ, OK1GK, OK2ZA, OK2ZC, OK2ZI and OK6DJ) will



be active as A8OK from Liberia between 5 and 19 April, with «full operation» expected on 9-16 April. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes

(RTTY, FT8, FT4, PSK) with several stations on 160-6 metres and via satellite. Subject to Internet availability, they will use Club Log's Livestream. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via OK6DJ. See <https://www.cdxp.cz/> and [bookmark https://www.facebook.com/groups/1472348776313779](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1472348776313779) for more information and updates.

ER - ER30ARM is a special callsign celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Amateur Radio Society of Moldova (ER1KAA). Look for activity from 20 March to 30 April. QSL via the bureau, direct, and LoTW.

F - Celebrating the 135th anniversary of the official inauguration of the Eiffel Tower (31 March 1889), Michel, F8GGZ will be active as TM135TE on 24-31 March. QSL via the bureau.

F - Philippe, EA4NF and Jerome, F4DXV will be active as TM4J from Noirmoutier Island (EU-064) on 1-4 April. This will be a satellite only operation (https://twitter.com/TM4J_SAT). QSL via EA4NF and LoTW.

FG - Jean-Luc, F1ULQ will be active again TO1Q from Guadeloupe (NA-102) from 25 March to 7 April. He will operate SSB and FT8 on the HF bands and 6 metres, and will possibly be QRV on satellites as well. QSL via home call, Club Log's OQRS and LoTW. [TNX DX World]

FH - Marek, FH4VVK will be active as TO4VV from Pamandzi, Mayotte (AF-027) on 23-31 March, and again on 6-7, 13-14 and 20-21 April. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW.



FH - Ros 4Z5LA, Ruben 4Z5FI and Slava 4Z5MU will be active on various bands and modes as TO5LA from Mayotte (AF-027) from 28 March to 2 April. They will participate in the CQ

WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via 4Z5FI; QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log and LoTW.

FM - Miguel, EA1BP will be active holiday style as FM/EA1BP from Martinique (NA-107) from 23 March to 1 April. He will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as TO7O. QSL via LoTW, or via home call. [TNX EA1BP]

FO/A - Haru, JA1XGI will be active as TX5XG from Raivavae (OC-114), Austral Islands from 27 March to 3 April. He will operate mainly CW («FT8 operation is the second choice», he says) on 40-6 metres, and will especially look for DX via satellite. QSL via LoTW, Club



Log's OQRS, or via JA1XGI. See <https://australvacation.amebaownd.com> for more information.



Marek, FH4VVK will be active as FT4GL from Grande Glorieuse, **Glorioso Islands (AF-011)** from 24 May to 19 June. The most recent activity from the islands dates back to 2009 (FT5GA), and the Glorieuses are currently ranked 8th on Club Log's DXCC Most Wanted List. This one-man operation will be carried out in parallel with Marek's professional activities. He hopes to be QRV daily with two stations at the same time - one on FT8 and one on SSB or RTTY (he lacks sufficient knowledge of CW to manage a huge pile-up). There will be no activity on EME or via satellite. QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log on a daily basis; access to the Internet will be available for two hours a day, from 18 to 20 local time. QSL via F4FTV (direct or bureau); full LoTW upload will follow six months after the end of the DXpedition. Bookmark <https://ft4gl.blogspot.com/> and <https://www.facebook.com/61557262192352> for more information and updates.

FY - Starting on 6 April, members of the Radio Amateurs



Club de Kourou (FY5KE), French Guiana will be active as TO60CSG for eight weekends in April, May and July (see qrz.com for the actual dates). The special callsign celebrates the 60th anniversary of the Centre Spatial Guyanais (Guiana Space Centre), Europe's Spaceport based in Kourou since 1964. QSL via LoTW, or direct to Laurent Haas, 19 rue de la Duee, BP 11, 75020 Paris, France.

GM - A team of five (namely G0AZE, G0VQO, M0EBJ, M0GLV and M0KVK) will be active as GB0SIC from the Isle of Coll (EU-008) on 15-20 April. They will operate SSB, CW and FT8/FT4 on «most bands». Plans are to operate from all of the four WAB squares on the island. See qrz.com for more information. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or direct to G0AZE.

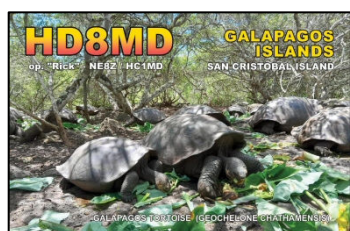
GU - Ron, G4DIY and Jay, M0UNN will be active again as

MP7DX from Guernsey (EU-114) on 8-12 March. They will operate CW and SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL direct to G4DIY; QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log.

HBO - Anne, OH2YL will be active as HB0/OH2YL from Liechtenstein on 6-13 April. She will operate CW and FT8 on 160-10m. QSL via home call.

HB9 - Special callsign HB50VC celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Radio Amateur Club Swissair (HB9VC) from 18 March to 31 December. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW; QSL cards will not be provided, but a certificate will be available for download: <https://award.dl1run.de/award/hb50vc/awardform.html>

HD8 - Rick, HC1MD (NE8Z) and Maria, HC1MM will be active again from the Galapagos Islands (SA-004) on 20-



29 March. Look for HD8MD to operate CW, SSB, FT4 and FT8 (sometimes MSHV) on 40-6 metres, with «extra attention for 6 meter openings in all directions 24/7», while HD8MM will operate SSB «occasionally».

QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW on a daily basis; QSL cards via K8LJG or NE8Z (direct or bureau); additionally, cards for HD8MD can be requested via Club Log's OQRS.

HI - HI180RD is the special callsign celebrating the 180th anniversary since the Dominican Republic declared its independence from Haiti (27 February 1844). Look for activity on all bands and modes between 27 February and 30 April. Some 25 operators from five radio clubs will be part of the event. A certificate will be available, see <https://independencia2024.org/> for information.

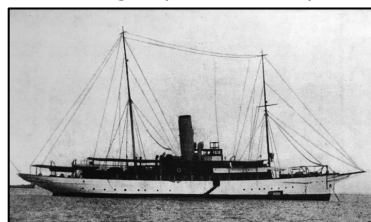
HS - Members of the Red Star Contest Club will be active holiday style as E28AM/p from Chang Island (AS-125) on 22-25 March. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 40-10 metres. QSL via E21LLR.

HZ - HZ1SFD, 7Z1SFD and 8Z1SFD are the special callsign for the Saudi Amateur Radio Society (HZ1SAR) to celebrate Saudi Flag Day on 2-11 March.

I - Members of ARI Carpi (Modena) will be active as IQ4DJ (club callsign) and II4CPC (special callsign) on 4-10 March to commemorate the 120th 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 Traiguén. Four certificates will be available, see II4CPC on qrz.com for information. QSL II4CPC via IQ4DJ; QSL CB6I and CB6CPC via CE6TRA (direct).



I - Members of ARI Sondrio (IQ2UL) will operate special event station II2AUT from 25 March to 7 May for the World Autism Awareness Day. QSL via the bureau and eQSL; QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log. Back in 2007 the United Nations General Assembly declared 2 April as World Autism Awareness Day to highlight the need to help improve the quality of life of autistic individuals so they can lead full and meaningful lives as an integral part of society.



I - Launched in 1904, the *Elettra* was a two-masted steam yacht that Guglielmo Marconi used as a floating laboratory. Members of ARI Loano (IQ1LA) & Marconi Club will

be active as IY1EY on 1-14 April to memorialize the experiments conducted in the Ligurian Sea between 1919 and 1936. QSL via IQ1LA.

I - Celebrating the 150th anniversary of the birth of Guglielmo Marconi, look for...

- special callsign II1GM to be used on 1-30 April. Various operators will be QRV from different call areas (e.g. II1GM/1, II1GM/2, II1GM/ISO, II1GM/IT9, etc). QSL via eQSL, or direct to IK1VHX. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/II1GM> for more information.

- special callsign II4CLM to be active on 1-30 April. QSL via the bureau to IZ3WNH. Joining the celebrations will be IY4FGM (the amateur radio station at the



Guglielmo Marconi Foundation) and the club stations of the 17 ARI branches in the Emilia-Romagna region (namely IQ4AD, IQ4AX, IQ4BQ, IQ4DJ, IQ4FA, IQ4FC, IQ4FD, IQ4FE, IQ4FH, IQ4FJ, IQ4HI, IQ4LH, IQ4PI, IQ4RA, IQ4RE, IQ4RN, IQ4SC and IQ4UXJ). Further information, including real time log search, can be found on <https://www.150marconi.org/>.

- members of ARI Asti to be active as IR1GM on 1-30 April. QSL via the bureau, LoTW, eQSL, or direct to IK1XPK.

I - Members of ARI Venezia (IQ3VE) will be active as



IR3POLO between 1 April and 30 June. The special callsign commemorates the 700th anniversary since the death of Marco Polo, the Venetian merchant and explorer who travelled through Asia along the Silk Road (1271-1295). All QSOs

will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. [TNX I3MDU]

J8 - Look for Kevin, W1DED to be active as J8NKI from Bequia (NA-025), St. Vincent and the Grenadines, from 23 March to 1 April, including an entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via LoTW, or direct to home call.

OE - Special event station OE100RADIO is active until 31 December to celebrate the 100th anniversary since regular radio transmissions began in Austria (1 October 1924). QSL via the bureau.

OK - In celebration of World Amateur Radio Day (18 April), Martin, OK1RR and Slavek, OK1TN will be active as OL1WARD on 1-30 April. They will operate CW only on the HF bands. QSL via LoTW; paper cards will not be available. [TNX OK1RR]



ON - Special event stations OR24WARD and OP24WARD will be active on all bands and modes on 1-30 April in celebration of World Amateur Radio Day (18 April). QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via eQSL. Several certificates will be available, see <https://www.uba.be/en/hf/award/uba-awards>.

OZ - Stefan, DL7AOS will be active holiday style as 5P5K from Romo Island (EU-125) from 23 March to 6 April, possibly including an entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. He will operate SSB and digital modes on 80-6 metres. QSL via DL7AOS (direct or bureau) and LoTW.

OZ - In celebration of World Amateur Radio Day, a number of Danish stations will be signing 5P0WARD/xx with different suffix extensions on 18 April. QSL via Club Log's

OQRS and LoTW, or via OZ1ACB. An award will be available, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/Sp0ward> for information.

PA - Laurens, PF3X and Barry, PC1K will be active as PA24WAAD from 23 March to 7 April for the World Autism Awareness Day. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW.



PA - To mark the 75th anniversary of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (4 April 1949), special event stations PA75OTAN and PA75NATO will be

active on 1-19 April and 20-21 April, respectively. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, eQSL, or via the bureau. A certificate will be available, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/PA75NATO> for information.

Additionally, during the weekend of 20-21 April, several other special stations are expected to be QRV from various Cold War locations in the Netherlands: PA6KLD, PA75BBGB, PA75GOLF, PA75HS, PA75JOC, PA75KLE, PA75KOC, PA75LK, PA75NAVO, PA75NCO, PA75NN, PA75NSG, PA75PARE, PA75PBV, PA75YP, PB75NAVO, PC75NAVO, PD75SAS, PE75NATO, PG75NAVO and PH75NAVO (source: <https://pa60cuba.nl/pa75navo-zendstations/>).

PJ2 - Andy, DK5ON will be active again as PJ2/DK5ON from Curacao (SA-099) on 11-27 March. He will operate SSB, CW and digital modes (FT4, FT8, RTTY) on 160-6 metres and satellites. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via DK5ON (direct or bureau). [TNX NG3K]

PJ7 - Ken, KJ9B will be active as PJ7KB from Sint Maarten (NA-105) from 30 March to 6 April. He will operate SSB and FT8/FT4 on 20-10m. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

PY - Team ZZ2FF (PS8RV, PU4MDO, PY2AE, PY2ITM, PY4KM and PY4YY) will be active from Ilha dos Buzios (SA-028) on 15-17 March. They will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 and 6 metres. QSL via LoTW and Club Log.

PZ - Renato, PY8WW will be active again as PZ5TW from Suriname from 27 March to 6 April, including an entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via Club Log's OQRS. [TNX DX World]

SP - SN55DIG is the special callsign that Adam, SQ9S will be using until the end of the year to celebrate the 55th anniversary of the Diplom Interessen Gruppe. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. See <https://diplom-interessen-gruppe.info/> for information about the DIG.

SV - SZOWARD is the special callsign for the Radio Amateur Association of Greece to celebrate World Amateur Radio Day on 15-30 April. Look for activity on all bands SSB, CW and digital modes. QSL via the bureau and LoTW. See <https://sv2rck.gr/SZOWARD> for the certificate.

T8 - Ichy, JH7IPR will be active again as T88UW from Koror (OC-009), Palau on 15-24 March. He will operate mainly FT8, with some CW and SSB. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via home call (direct or bureau).

TA - Once again members of the TC Special Wireless Activity Team and the Giresun Wireless Radio Amateurs Association will be active as TC18M on 15-22 March to commemorate the anniversary of the naval battle of 18 March 1915 during the Dardanelles Campaign. QSL via LoTW; a certificate will be available on <https://tadx.org/awards>.

TA - In celebration of World Amateur Radio Day, members of TRAC Izmir will be active as TC3WRD between 1 and 30 April. QSL via LoTW. A certificate will be available, see <https://tadx.org/awards>.

TI - Reiner, DL2AAZ will be active holiday style as

TI2/DL2AAZ from Costa Rica on 5-20 April. He will operate SSB and CW on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

UA - Special callsigns R108M, R1934G, R1961G and RG61PP will be active from the Smolensk Oblast on 1-12 March to commemorate the anniversaries of Yuri Gagarin's birth (9 March 1934) and historic 108-minute first flight («Pervyj Poljot») into outer space (12 April 1961). QSL via operator's instructions.

V4 - Pete, G0TLE will be active again as V4/G0TLE from St Kitts (NA-104) from 23 March to 5 April. He will operate CW and SSB on 40-10m. QSL via LoTW, or direct to home call; QSOs will be uploaded also to Club Log. [TNX DX World]

From 26 March to 2 April, also look for V47NT (QSL via LoTW, or direct to W2RQ), V4/K5ZD (QSL via LoTW) and V4/HA1AG (QSL via home call) to be active from St. Kitts. They will operate CW and SSB on 160-10 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as V47T (QSL via LoTW, or direct to W2RQ). [TNX The Daily DX]

VE - Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force, between 1 and 30 April amateur radio operators across Canada will be operating special event stations with special callsigns such as VC3RCAF and VE3RCAF (Ontario), VC9RCAF and VE9RCAF



(New Brunswick), VE1RCAF (Nova Scotia), VE2RCAF (Quebec), VE5RCAF (Saskatchewan), VE6RCAF (Alberta), VE7RCAF (British Columbia), VO1RCAF (Newfoundland), VY2RCAF (Prince Edward Island). QSL via operators' instructions.

VE - Rikk, WE9G will be active as WE9G/VY0 from Iqaluit, Baffin Island (NA-047) on 11-16 April. Depending on conditions, he will operate FT8, FT4 and SSB on 80-10 metres. QSL cards will not be provided, but QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log and eQSL.

VPS - AF3K, KH6M and W2TT will be active from Providenciales (NA-002) from 26 March to 2 April, including an entry in the CQ WPX SSB Contest. Outside the contest they will operate SSB, CW, FT8 and FT4 on 160-6 metres. QSL VQ5P via N200; all QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log. [TNX The Daily DX]



XE - Look for 4A5D to be active from Puerto Balleto on Maria Madre, the largest of the Islas Marias (NA-244, new one for IOTA) during the Easter weekend, indicatively between 3 UTC on 30 March and 6 UTC on 31 March. Initial plans were to be QRV for three hours a day only, but hopefully it may be more than that. The station will be operated mainly by XE2N, who will be accompanied by his wife (XE2DLC) and daughter (XE2DL). They will be running 100 watts into a vertical antenna, and will operate FT8 using MSHV (28090, 24911, 21090, 18095, 14090 kHz) and SSB (24950 and 18128 kHz). Apparently the main purpose of this activation is to demonstrate to the authorities of this protected island the functionality of amateur radio, with a view to returning in the future with better equipment and more experienced operators. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via EA5GL.





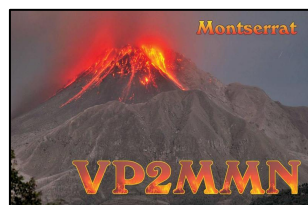
XE - Members of the Asociacion de Radio Aficionados de la Republica Mexicana will be active as 6D2SOL on 7-9 April. QSL via XE2M. The special callsign is for the Great American Eclipse (8 April), whose path of totality will run through Mexico (from Sinaloa to Coahuila), the USA (from Texas to Maine), and Canada (from Ontario to Newfoundland).

YJ - Chris, VK2YUS will be active again as YJ0CA from Port Vila (OC-035) Vanuatu on 11-21 March. He will operate SSB on 40-10 metres, mainly between 21 UTC and 10 UTC. QSL direct to home call. [TNX NG3K]

ZC4 - Adrian, G0KOM will be active as ZC4MK from the UK Sovereign Base Areas on Cyprus (AS-004) from 26 March to 2 April, including an entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via home call.

ZD7 - Torsten, DL9GG will be active as ZD7GG from St. Helena Island (AF-022) on 23-30 March. He will operate mainly CW and some SSB on 160-10 metres. QSL via home call, or eQSL. [TNX The Daily DX]

CARIBBEAN TOUR • Thomas, F4HPX will be active holiday style as FS/F4HPX from St Martin on 13-15 March and again on 24-26 March; he might also go to Sint Maarten and be QRV as PJ7/F4HPX. He hopes to be active from the British Virgin Islands (VP2V) on 16-23 March, if he can get a licence. From all locations he will be QRV on 40-10 metres; he says he will «try to limit digital modes and use more voice, and try, at least, more CW although I am still a beginner in this area». QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via home call (bureau).

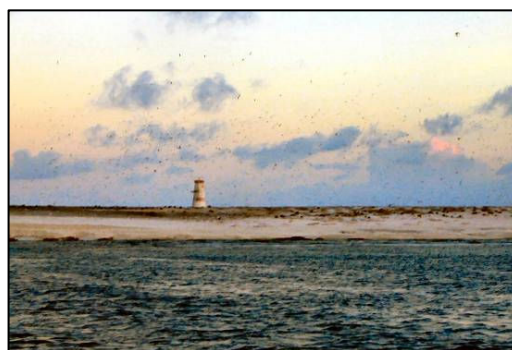


CARIBBEAN TOUR • Mike, DF8AN will be active as TO8AN from St. Martin (NA-105) on 29-30 March; as VP2V/DF8AN from the British Virgin Islands (NA-023) from 31 March to 5 April; as V26MN from Antigua (NA-100) on 5-9 April and again on 17-19 April; as VP2MMN from Montserrat (NA-103) on 9-17 April. He will operate mainly FT8 (F/H) and FT4 with some RTTY and CW on 160-6 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. He does not use LoTW.

JARVIS ISLAND 2024



The Dateline DX Association and George, AA7JV have announced that permission has been received from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for a 13-day DXpedition to Jarvis Island National Wildlife Refuge. The DXpedition's callsign is **N5J**, which is authorized for use from 5 to 20 August. Jarvis Island (OC-081) is ranked #18 on Club Log's global Most Wanted List (#9 in Europe) and was last on the air in 1990. Permission to visit has been difficult to obtain: «we have worked very hard for the past few years on this permission, and after demonstrating the success of the

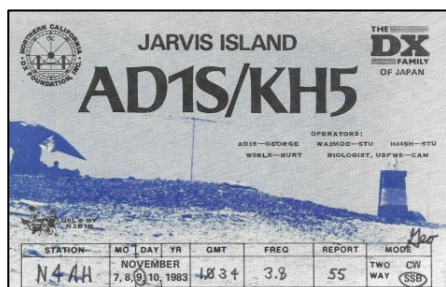


RIB concept with remote operators from various locations in 2023, we have received a permit that allows four operators on the boat to visit Jarvis with six stations on land».

The on-site team – namely George (AA7JV), Don (N1DG), Tomi (HA7RY) and Mike (KN4EEI) – will install six RIB (Radio In a Box) stations on the island, and will operate CW, SSB and FT8 (F/H) on 160-6 metres. They will be accompanied by a team of three USFWS biologists conducting science. In addition, 25 remote operators from Asia, Europe and North America will be running CW and FT8 via satellite Internet.

Bookmark <https://jarvisisland2024.com/> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1359664908071770/> for more information and updates.

The Northern California DX Foundation has granted USD 75,000 to fund the DXpedition: «The group is being monitored by US Fish and Wildlife», they say. «If this trip is successful, other F&W destinations could be permitted. Some of these are in the top 20 Most Wanted. Most of the cost is fuel for the boat and the costs associated with F&W. Our mission statement is to provide funding to rare entity DXpeditions and to advance the technology of DXing. Jarvis is a perfect example to meet these requirements. NCDXF hopes our grant will springboard other donations».



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3YØK: BOUVET ISLAND 2025 • Ken, LA7GIA reports that plans for the January 2025 trip are firm and all necessary contracts, including the vessel, logistics, and landing contracts, have been secured. 3YØK is the only group with a valid DXpedition license for that period.

The fundraising is encountering some challenges, though, particularly with major US clubs. To ensure the success of the DXpedition, the following decisions have been taken: the vessel inspection and deposit have been postponed until May; all purchases have been postponed until May; the remote RIB operation has been cancelled (a 7-man team will operate on the island with six radios and amplifiers); the budget has been reduced

to the bare minimum of USD 400,000.

However, the team still needs a minimum of \$85,000 to make it to the island: <https://3y0k.com/#supportus>. Bouvet is the top priority: if the operation is postponed or cancelled due to insufficient donations, the 2026 DXpedition to Peter I will be similarly affected. A decision will be made in May based on the funds raised during March and April.

FR/G/FH4ED • «Following some great work by John, K1AR», the 1986-87 FR/G/FH4ED operation from Glorioso «is now approved for DXCC and the logs have been uploaded to LoTW», Alan 5B4AHJ reports. «John had recently had his QSO with that station refused for DXCC credit, so he set out to research the various permissions. After several discussions with Gerard (the operator), John built a case and presented it to DXCC, and was rewarded by a positive outcome».

IOTA DINNER • The annual Islands On The Air (IOTA) Dinner will be held on 12 April in conjunction with the 75th International DX Convention to be held at the Visalia Convention Center. The IOTA Dinner is not included in the main Convention registration, and there is a separate registration and fee for it: <https://www.dxconvention.org/iota.html>. Registration for this event ends on 4 April.



IOTA DXPEDITION FUND: FURTHER NEWS • «IOTA Ltd reported in early September 2023 the creation of a DXpedition Fund to help reduce the costs of expeditions to the rarer and less accessible IOTA groups» [425DXN 1688]. «Since then the Fund has made a number of applicants very happy.

However we want to do more to encourage operations from groups where there has not been a significant operation for at least 15 years. So in addition to making grants to operations from IOTA references confirmed by less than 25% of IOTA members based on the last 10-year listing in IOTA's Most Wanted List, we will also do the same for operations to groups confirmed by less than 30% of

IOTA members on the same list that have not seen an activation for at least 15 years. It is estimated that these two categories cover some 250 IOTA groups.

The grant request should be submitted more than 30 days prior to the operation's start. The evaluation and grant process is based on various criteria, including the rarity of the IOTA reference, the length of the operation and number of operators, importantly the planned number of contacts, bands and modes to be used, and the estimated expedition cost. Applications should be addressed to [dxp-fund@\[i\]ota-world.org](mailto:dxp-fund@[i]ota-world.org). [The IOTA Board and DXpedition Fund Committee, 19 March 2024]

The Evaluation Criteria and the Grant Application Form can be found on the IOTA website (<https://www.iota-world.org/>) under the DXPEDITION FUND label.



IOTA HONOUR ROLL • The 2024 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 of 31 January 2024.

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 2019) and have opted to have their scores published.

«The Honor Roll and Annual Listing include a total of 1540 entries, while 22 chasers chose to not be listed, compared to 1511 and 36 in 2023», Roger, G3KMA and Cezar, VE3LYC observe. «There are 237 record-holders with scores of 1000 or more IOTA groups, and 553 with scores of at least 750 groups, the number required for the IOTA Plaque of Excellence. Scores at the top show 62 record-holders breaking through the 1100 mark and 19 of them within 10 of the top score of 1133 out of 1137 groups activated to date. The VHF/UHF listing includes now 41 entries, continuing the increase reported last year. Congratulations to all who have joined the IOTA family or updated in the last year».

QSL GALLERY • The large collection of QSL cards on *Les Nouvelles DX's* website has been updated. Seventeen different galleries include 21,924 cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (2014-23), the 62 deleted DXCC Entities, obsolete pre-



fixes, 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 et Antarctiques Françaises), amateur radio "globetrotters", the various French DXCC island Entities in the Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean and the Americas (1945-1969), pre-1945 countries, French Departments and CONUS, plus a gallery for cards not accepted by DXCC. Your participation is welcome: <http://www.lesnouvellesdx.fr/galerieqsl.php>. [TNX F6AJA].

RSGB COMMONWEALTH CONTEST • The 87th edition of the Commonwealth (BERU) Contest (<https://berucontest.wordpress.com>) will be held on 9-10 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.



(GB0AAW and GB2WAA), West Malaysia (9M4CSI). QSL via operators' instructions. See <https://www.grz.com/db/W2A> for more information.

WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY • In 2007 the United Nations General Assembly declared 2 April as World Autism Awareness Day to highlight the need to help improve the quality of life of autistic individuals so they can lead full and meaningful lives as an integral part of society. From 1 to 7 April a large multinational team will operate special event stations from Alaska (W2A/KL7), Canada (VC2AA), Croatia (9A24WAW), Dominican Republic (HI0AUT), England (GB2AA and GB4AAW), Hawaii (W2A/KH6), Indonesia (7A2M and 8A2AAW), Netherlands (PA24WAAD and PD2024AAW), Scotland (GB2AAW, GB5AAW, GB6AAW, GB9AAW), Seychelles (S76A), UAE (A60WAAD), USA (W2A), Wales



YASME EXCELLENCE AWARD • Established in 2008 by the Yasme Foundation (<https://www.yasme.org/>), the Excellence Award is presented to individuals and groups who, through their own service, creativity, effort and dedication have made a significant contribution to amateur radio. The contribution may be in recognition of technical, operating or organizational achievement, as all three are necessary for amateur radio to grow and prosper. The Yasme Excellence Award is in the form of a cash grant and an individually-engraved crystal globe. The latest recipients, announced on 8 March, are:

- **Philip Gladstone, N1DQ** - «The Gladstone Signal Spotting Challenge is named for Philip, the creator and maintainer of the PSKReporter.info website, also known as the Digimode Automatic Propagation Reporter. Philip has made a tremendous contribution to Amateur Radio operating, citizen-science, and ionospheric research through the data ('spots') which are collected and stored on PSKReporter.info».
- **Paul Schreier HB9DST (AA1MI)** - «Mr. Schreier serves as a Board member of the Helvetia Telegraphy Club and is very active in the Summits On The Air program. Paul is always available when it comes to organizing events (e.g. World High Speed Telegraphy Championships in 2012 in Switzerland) or to introduce newcomers in the wonderful world of CW and SOTA».

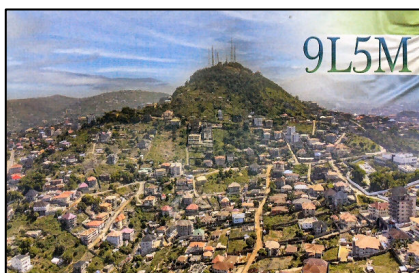
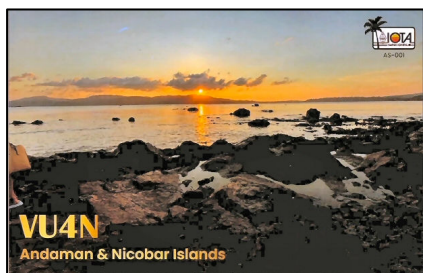


YASME FOUNDATION GRANTS • The Board of Directors of the Yasme Foundation has announced that it has made grants of \$5,000 each to the Foundation for Amateur Radio (FAR) and the ARRL Foundation scholarship programs; YOTA/Ham Radio 2.0 and HamSCI group activities at Dayton Hamvention; Contest University (CTU) Dayton; Merzuke Gediktas, TA7YLY for the Czech Republic YL Event. [TNX K4ZW]

YOTA CONTEST 2024 • The first session of this year's YOTA Contest, organized by the IARU R1 Youth Working Group in co-operation with the Hungarian Amateur Radio Society (MRASZ), will take place on 10 March (1000-2159 UTC) on the five classic bands CW and SSB. Everyone can work everyone. Complete rules can be found on <https://ham-yota.com/contest>.



«The man who defined the sound of live rock 'n' roll music and brought audio engineering principles into mainstream amateur radio use» - **Bob Heil, K9EID** - passed away on 28 February at the age of 83. He founded Heil Sound in 1966, and designed sound systems for legendary musicians such as The Grateful Dead, The Who, Joe Walsh, and Peter Frampton. «Parallel to his commercial and artistic success in live music, was his passion for amateur radio. He was active in ham radio from a young age and merged his expertise in audio engineering with his love for radio. Heil Ham Radio was founded to produce microphones, headsets, and other gear for radio amateurs with an emphasis on high-quality audio». [TNX ARRL]



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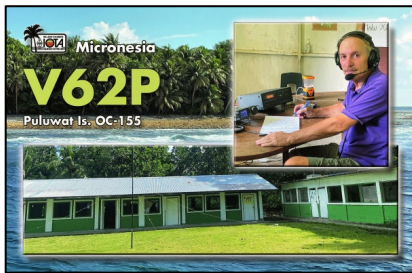
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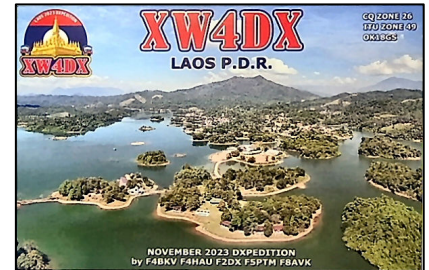
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