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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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- 3D2/R - Tony, 3D2AG is unable to join the 3D2EU DXpedition to Rotuma (OC-060) [425DXN 1387]. The remaining four team members (DJ9RR, DK2AMM, DL6JGN and PA3EWP) will be QRV from one QTH, instead of the originally planned two different operating locations. Plans are still to operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-10 metres (60m excluded) with two stations from 23 February to 16 March. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW, or via DK2AMM (direct or bureau). See <http://www.rotuma2018.de/> for more information. [TNX PA3EWP]
- 3W - Bernhard, DK7TF and Jurgen, DH6ICE will be active as XV9DLH from Phu Quoc Island (AS-128), Vietnam starting on 24 February. QSL via DK8ZZ. [TNX DX World]
- 9M0 - 6-13 March are the new dates for the 9M0W DXpedition to Layang Layang, Spratly Islands (AS-051) [425DXN 1379]. Hrane, YT1AD and a large multi-national team (9M6ABZ, 9M6RHM, 9M6ZAE, F6GNZ, HL5FUA, JT1CO, K1LZ, K1ZM, K9JM, KO8SCA, PY2XB, SV2GWY, VK3FN, VK3FY, W5XU, WD5COV, YT3W, ZL3WW) will operate CW, SSB, PSK63 and FT8 on 160-6 metres. QSL via YT1AD, direct or bureau. Logsearch and more information on <http://www.yt1ad.info/9m0w/>.
- CT8 - R7KW, RW7K and UZ5DX will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest as CU4DX from Graciosa (EU-175), Azores. QSL via LoTW or direct to CU2CE. Before the contest they operated as CT8/R7KW, CT8/RW7K, CT8/UZ5DX. [TNX RU6K]
- H40 - H40D is the callsign for the 29 April-3 May IOTA DXpedition to the Duff Islands (OC-179), Temotu [425DXN 1394]. As for the operation from the Solomon Islands (IOTA groups OC-168 and OC-158), "the license has been issued too", Cezar (VE3LYC) reported on 14 February, "but the callsign isn't what I have requested, due to an error". Hopefully "the matters will be resolved next week". Read the latest news on <http://oc-179.weebly.com>.
- I - Special callsign II2RR is active until 31 December to mark the 70th anniversary of the first issue of RadioRivista, Associazione Radioamatori Italiani's (ARI) monthly journal. QSL via IK2VUC.
- KH6 - David, OK6DJ he will be active as KH6/OK6DJ from Oahu (OC-019), Hawaii on 14-21 February. He will operate CW and digital modes on 40, 30 and 20 metres, including the ARRL DX CW Contest. QSL via home call, Club Log's OQRS, LoTW and eQSL. [TNX NG3K]
- LU - Celebrating Radio Club QRM Belgrano's (LU4AAO) 50th anniversary, special event station L50A is active until 31 May on various bands and modes, FT8 included. QSL via eQSL, bureau or direct. See <http://lu4aao.org/L50A.htm> for detailed information. [TNX LU5AG]
- PJ2 - Thilo, DL9NBJ will be active again as PJ2/DL9NBJ from Curacao (SA-099) on 13-28 February. He will operate CW and SSB on the HF bands. QSL only via Club Log's OQRS. Also active from Curacao will

be Arno, PB1HF as PJ2/PB1HF on 7-21 March. QSL via LoTW, eQSL or direct to PB1HF.

- TY - TY7C is the callsign issued to the 7-18 March DXpedition to Benin [425DXN 1393] A multi-national team will be active from Ouidah with four stations on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and digital modes (FT8 included). QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW, or via F5GSJ (direct or bureau). Bookmark <https://ty2018dx.wordpress.com/> for updates.
- V3 - Jim, W8ERI will be active as V31ZF from Turneffe Atoll (NA-123), Belize on 18-23 February. He will be QRV on 20, 17 and 15 metres. QSL direct to his home call. [TNX The Daily DX]
- VU - A group from the Gujarat Institute of Amateur Radio and Mount Abu International Ham Radio Club will be active as AT7BK from Ajad Tapu Island (AS-175), India on 24-25 February. QSL via VU2BK. [TNX The Daily DX]
- W - Once again members of the Palos Verdes ARC will operate as K6PV/6 from Santa Catalina Island (NA-066) on 22-25 February. Plans are to operate SSB, CW, RTTY, PSK31 and FT8 on 160-10 metres. QSL direct to K6PV or LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

PACIFIC TOUR ---> Will, AA4NC and Ron, AA4VK will be active as T8NC and T8VK from Palau on 14-19 February, KH0/AA4NC and KH0/AA4VK from Saipan on 20-25 February, KH2/AA4NC and KH2/AA4VK from Guam on 25-28 February, KH6/AA4NC and KH6/AA4VK from Hawaii on 1-8 March. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on all available bands. This is a commemorative DXpedition with stops at islands that were key in America's battles in the Pacific during World War II. QSL via home calls. [TNX AA4NC]

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3Y0Z ---> "ETA at Cape Town harbor is 0930 on Saturday morning", the 3Y0Z team reported on 16 February. "We understand that immigration and customs will come aboard at 1700, and we will likely be cleared to depart the vessel. DAP has us all booked into a local hotel near the waterfront.

On Sunday, there will be a reception held at a local yacht club sponsored by a local radio club and numerous DXers. We are very much looking forward to that and are certainly honored.

The first of the team will begin departing for home on Sunday night, and the majority will be on their way Monday evening/early Tuesday morning. A few more will straggle out and be on their way home on Wednesday.

When we depart the vessel on Saturday, that will be our 31st day aboard the ship. Needless to say, we are ready to set foot on dry, un-moving ground once again. Ralph and I are very proud of this team. They have endured many hardships since departing home in early January. They have been patient and resilient and good company. There will be more updates in the future, as we begin to unravel this attempt and plan our subsequent strategy".

ANTARCTIC ACTIVITY WEEK ---> The Worldwide Antarctic Program has announced that the 15th Antarctic Activity Week will be held on 17-25 February. The aim of this annual event is to promote worldwide interest in the Antarctic continent. Special callsigns (QSL via operator's instructions) are expected to be aired during this year's AAW from the following countries:

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| Argentina | LU4AAO/D |
| Austria | OE15AAW, OE88WAP, OE89ANT, OE90AAW |
| Australia | VI70HI, VK2ANT |
| Belgium | OR15ANT |
| Canada | CF7AAW, VA3WAP, VA7AAW |
| France | TM15AAW, TM18ATS |
| Italy | II2ANT, II3BOVE, II3MNA, II5ANT, IP2ANT, IR18AAW, IR1ANT, IR4ANT |
| Netherlands | PA6ANT, PB18ANT |
| Spain | AM5WAP, AO4HAG, EH3ANT |
| USA | K0ANT, K4K |

Complete information on the AAW can be found at <http://www.waponline.it/>.

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 17 February to 23.59 UTC on the 18th. Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K on <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxc2018.html> - good contest to you all!

IOTA DINNER ---> The 23rd Annual Islands On The Air (IOTA) Dinner will be held on 20 April at Visalia Marriott in conjunction with the 69th International DX Convention (<http://www.dxconvention.org/>). The IOTA Dinner is not included in the main Convention registration, and there is a separate registration and fee for it. Contact Will, WC6DX (wc6dx[[@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wc6dx@sbcglobal.net)]) for information. Registration for this event ends on 1 April. [TNX WC6DX]

MOBILE DXCC ---> The new Mobile DXCC Operating Award is now available to radio amateurs who have contacted at least 100 DXCC entities from a working vehicle, with antennas and power source capable of operating while in motion. This award specifically excludes QSOs made by aeronautical or maritime mobile stations. The Mobile DXCC is a one-time award and is non-endorsable. Contacts made any time in the past do count toward the award. Proof of contact (QSL cards or LoTW) is required, but do not need to be submitted. Full details, including the application form and the record sheet, can be found on <http://www.arrl.org/mobile-DXCC>.

QSL JY5HX ---> Effective 10 February, Boris E73Y is the new QSL manager (direct and bureau) for Dr. Munzer Qraini, JY5HX. Boris has the complete logs, and will activate Club Log's OQRS as soon as he receives the cards from the printer in late February. [TNX E73Y]

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***** QSL ROUTES *****
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| 3B9FR | M0OXO | ER4DX | ER1FF | PG55G | PD7YY |
| 3D2GE | OE3GEA | GD4FOC | G3SWH | PI4A | PB1WB |
| 3D2JS | WB2TJO | H2X | IZ4AMS | PI4D | PD4RW |
| 3D2TS | FK1TS | H44MS | DL2GAC | PI4SRN | PA3DHR |
| 3DA0AY | ZS6AYE | HC2AO | RC5A | PJ7TM | K2GSJ |
| 3G9A/mm | N2OO | HF100ZHP | SP5ZHH | R1943BK | RX6CA |
| 3W9DLE | W0DLE | HH2AA | NR6M | R1989A | UA4AJD |
| 4E1ADW | 9V1KG | HH2MK | EB7DX | SD6E | SM6BGG |
| 4JT0SFR | 4K4K | HH70A | W3HNC | SK50AJ | SM5CBN |
| 4S7KKG | DC0KK | HI3K | KB2MS | SN100ZHP | SP5ZIP |
| 4U0R | UA3DX | HK1MW | N2OO | SO100ZHP | SP9ZHP |
| 4Y1A | UA3DX | HP3SS | AC2OV | SO4M | SP4MPG |
| 5B4ALX | IZ4AMS | II2RR | IK2VUC | SP9YFF | SP9WAN |
| 5C5W | EA5XX | II5VC | IZ5MMH | SU9JG | EA5GL |
| 5R8SV | G3SWH | J28ND | S57DX | T30TM | VK1TX |
| 5W0LR | AD7AF | J28PJ | F1TMY | T6TM | W2GR |
| 6Y2T | VE3DZ | J68DH | VA3EGG | T88RF | JJ2RCJ |
| 7X3WPL | 7X3DL | J79WTA | HB9MFM | T8NC | AA4NC |
| 8P0P | W0SA | JW2US | LA2US | T8VK | AA4VK |
| 8P9NX | W0SA | JW6VDA | OH2NRG | TC5OCK | TA5FA |
| 9A60KDE | 9A1AA | JY4CI | K2AX | TF1AM | TF3MH |
| 9G1SD | AB0GC | JY5HX | E73Y | TI3/W7RI | W3HNC |
| 9K2BS | A61BK | JY5MM | IK2DUW | TI5/N3KS | W4FS |
| 9M2TO | JA0DMV | KL7SB | NI5DX | TM15AAW | F8DVD |
| 9Q6BB | W3HNC | LU1ZAB | LU4DXU | TM17HF | F6BCC |
| 9X9PJ | N4GNC | LY100A | LY1RMD | TM390SR | F4DTO |
| A31GE | OE3GEA | LY100B | LY1RMD | TM6C | F6KMB |
| A41CK | A61BK | LY100C | LY1RMD | TY2AC | DL9USA |
| A41KB | ON7LX | LY100CY | LY9Y | TZ4AM | W0SA |
| A61FK | A61BK | LY100D | LY1RMD | UE75LB | RA4AV |
| A91SD | A92AA | LY100G | LY1RMD | UE95GA | RZ5D |
| AM5WAP | EA1IT | LY100K | LY1RMD | UN9L | LZ1YE |
| AP2TN | DJ9ZB | LY100L | LY1RMD | UP0L | DL8KAC |
| AU2WBR | VU2NRO | LY100N | LY1RMD | V26M | W3HNC |
| C31CT | EA3QS | LY100P | LY1RMD | V26PD | NR6M |
| C5DX | G4DJX | LY100W | LY1RMD | V26PE | VA3ZC |
| CN2BG | F8ALU | LY100X | LY1RMD | V31AT | K5PI |
| CN2DF | DL7DF | LY100Y | LY1RMD | V31CQ | KK7JS |
| CN2FR | DL7DF | LY100Z | LY1RMD | V31JZ/p | NN7A |
| CP4BT | DJ2BW | LY100ZZ | LY5A | V31RJ | VE6RAJ |
| CR5V | M0OXO | LZ115RF | LZ1YE | V31TF | DG7RO |
| CR6T | CT1ESV | LZ140LO | LZ1ZF | V31VP | WB0TEV |
| CT8/R7KW | K2PF | LZ25TRC | LZ1YE | V47JA | W5JON |
| CU2KG | OH2BH | M7T | G3YYD | V53DX | DO4DXA |
| CV7S | CX7SS | MT0IXD | M0OXO | V73NS | W3HNC |

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| CX2AQ | EA5KB | N0J | JJ2VLY | VK8NSB | M0URX |
| D2XX | CT1CRS | N1RAC/KL7 | K7ICE | VP2ETE | W3HKN |
| D44TPE | DK7PE | OA4/WJ2O | N2ZN | VP2MBI | W1MD |
| DP1POL | DL1ZBO | OD5VB | EA5GL | VP2MKG | K5KG |
| DU1IST | JA1HGY | OE9R | OE9XRV | VP2MQX | K1QX |
| DU3LA | W3HKN | OG2P | OH2PM | VP2MSS | K1QX |
| DX2R | W3HKN | OG90AA | OH8AA | VQ920JC | ND9M |
| DY1T | DU1IVT | OH73S | OH7KIM | VY0ERC | M0OXO |
| ED2C | EA2CJ | OK6W | OK1MU | XU7YTT | IW7EGQ |
| ED8URT | EA8URT | OK7O | OK1DOL | YR0WL | YO9KPB |
| EE4A | EA4IE | OR15ANT | ON7ZM | YU70EXY | YU1EXY |
| EF5FMC | EA5BX | OR4ESA | DL0ESA | Z61MA | 4O7MA |
| EF9R | EA5KB | P29LL | EA7FTR | ZA/IW2JOP | IW2HAJ |
| EG4UUD | EA4URA | P3X | 5B4AMM | ZD8AC | N4GNR |
| EG8URT | EA8URT | P40W | N2MM | ZF2LC | W2SM |
| EH5EAR | EB5IGQ | P49X | W0YK | ZF2MJ | N6MJ |
| EL2DT | EL2FM | PA18CC | PA2TMS | ZS1/R1CC | DJ1ND |
| EL2EF | NR6M | PA18T | PA7HPH | ZS6TVB | N4GNR |
| EM2G | UR7GO | PA2018BP | PA3EFR | ZV2C | PY2CX |

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