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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:

Argentina	LU4AAO/D
Austria	OE15AAW, OE88WAP, OE89ANT, OE90AAW
Austrialia	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 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 Mariott 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) 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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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
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	W3HNK	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	W3HNK
9K2BS	A61BK	JY5MM	IK2DUW	TI5/N3KS	W4FS
9M2TO	JA0DMV	KL7SB	NI5DX	TM15AAW	F8DVD
9Q6BB	W3HNK	LU1ZAB	LU4DXU	TM17HF	F6BCC
9X9PJ	N4GNR	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	W3HNK
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	W3HNK

CX2AQ	EA5KB	N0J	JJ2VLY	VK8NSB	M0URX
D2XX	CT1CRS	N1RAC/KL7	K7ICE	VP2ETE	W3HNK
D44TPE	DK7PE	OA4/WJ2O	N2ZN	VP2MBI	W1MD
DP1POL	DL1ZBO	OD5VB	EA5GL	VP2MKG	K5KG
DU1IST	JA1HGY	OE9R	OE9XRV	VP2MQX	K1QX
DU3LA	W3HNK	OG2P	OH2PM	VP2MSS	K1QX
DX2R	W3HNK	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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