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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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3B8 - I3VFJ, IK3YBX, IW3HVB and IZ3IBL will be active as 3B8MB from Mauritius Island (AF-049) on 20-27 April. Main operations will be on 144 and 1296 MHz EME, with some CW, SSB and FT8 activity on the HF bands. QSL via IW3HVB.

6Y - Chris, VO1IDX will be active as 6Y5IDX from Jamaica (NA-097) from 29 April to 6 May. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 80-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or direct to VO1IDX. [TNX The Daily DX]

A5 - YL operators Kay, WA0WOF (A52YLE) and Mio, JR3MVF (A52YLM) will be active as A52YL from Bhutan from 29 April to 6 May. They will operate SSB and CW on 80-10 metres. JH3AEF and JA3IVU will assist them, and be active as A52AEF and A52IVU in their spare time on 80-6 metres CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL A52YL via WA0WOF, others via home calls.

ES - Henrik DG0LFF, Steffen DH1DM, Fred DH5FS and Uwe DL3BQA will be active as ES0UG/8 and ES8/homecall from Kihnu Island (EU-178) on 11-15 June, and as ES0UG and ES0/homecall from Hiiumaa Island (EU-034) on 15-19 June, including activity during the IARU Region 1 50MHz Contest. They will also operate from mainland Estonia (ES0UG/3) and from Latvia between 19 and 21 June. They will focus on 6m, 4m and 2m, but they will also be QRV on the HF bands, especially from Kihnu. See https://baltic2018.blogspot.com/ for more information and updates. [TNX DL3BQA]

F - Jerome, F4HJO will be active as F4HJO/p from Ouessant Island (EU-065) from 28 April to 4 May. He will operate SSB and digital modes on 80-17 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (search for F4HJO/EU065), or via home call (direct or bureau). [TNX F6AJA]

F - Special callsign TM40KOP will be active on all bands and modes from 28 April to 12 May to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Radio Club de Provins (http://www.f6kop.com/). QSL via F6KOP, LoTW and eQSL.

HB0 - Dieter, DL1AWD and Felix, DL6JF will be active as HB0/DL1AWD and HB0/DL6JF from Liechtenstein on 24-28 April. They will operate CW and digital modes on the HF bands. QSL via home calls (and for HB0/DL6JF via Club Log's OQRS). [TNX DX Newsletter]

HP - A team of six (HP1AVS, HP1CDW, HP1ECA, HP1JGG, HP1MRA and HP8MAK) will be active as 3F6IC from Cebaco Island (NA-071) on 4-6 May. They will operate SSB and digital modes on 80-10 metres, including activity on 60m (5357 kHz on 22.30-23.59 UTC). QSL via HP1AVS. [TNX NG3K]

I - The United Nations Global Service Center ARC (4U1GSC) in Brindisi will be active as 4U29MAY between 1 May and 30 June. The special callsign promotes the International Day of UN Peacekeepers (29 May). DXCC wise, it counts for Italy. QSL via 9A2AA. [TNX 9A2AA]

I - Promoting the Antonio Canova Award (details on qrz.com), special

station II3AC will be active from 1 May to 30 June. The award is issued by ARI Treviso to celebrate this famous Italian sculptor, who was born in 1757 in a village near Treviso. QSL via IK3GES, direct or bureau (OQRS on Club Log). [TNX IK3GES]

JA - Once again the ITU Association of Japan's Amateur Radio Club will operate special event station 8J1ITU from 30 April to 31 May to celebrate the World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (17 May) and the creation of the International Telecommunication Union. Activity will take place from the city of Kasumigaura on Honshu Island (AS-007). QSL via the JARL bureau and eQSL.

JA - Kenji, JA4GXS will be active as JA4GXS/6 from Amami-O (AS-023) on 6-7 May. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 40-17 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

LX - LX/PA2LO, LX/PA3EYC, LX/PA3GRM and LX6/PD0PIW will be active from Luxembourg on 20-22 April. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 80-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or via PA3EYC. [TNX The Daily DX]

PY - PQ7COM, PV7COM, PW7COM, PX7COM, ZV7COM, ZW7COM and ZX7COM are active from Guarabira, in the Brazilian State of Paraiba, until 6 May. These special callsigns are for the CQMM DX Contest and the Nacional Communications Week. QSL via PR7AYE, direct or bureau.

S5 - Radio Club Cerkno (S50E, http://www.s50e.si) and their Ljubljana Section (S59DRL) are active as S590RTVS until 31 December to celebrate 90 years of radio and 60 years of television programmes broadcasting by Radiotelevizija Slovenija, the country's national public broadcasting organization. All QSOs will be confirmed via the bureau early next year. The log will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log on a regular basis. [TNX S50U]

SU - The Egyptian Radio Amateurs Society (ERASD) will operate special station SU8WD from the Protected Area of Wadi Degla on 20-25 April. QSL direct via SM5AQD.

SV9 - Seppo, OH1VR will be active again as SV9/OH1VR from Crete (EU-015) from 26 April to 2 May. He will operate mainly CW on 80-10 metres. QSL via OH1VR, direct oly. [TNX NG3K]

TA - Look for Ben, DL7UCX and Bernd, DL7VBJ to be active as TA0/DL7UCX and TA0/DL7VBJ from Marmara Island (AS-201) until 26 April. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX DX Newsletter]

TI - TI2CDA, TI2CC, N3KS and possibly two or three other operators will be active as TE6DX from Uvita Island (NA-155) on 7-11 June. They will operate CW, SSB and possibly RTTY and FT8 on 160-6 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or via TI2CDA. [TNX The Daily DX]

XW - Bruce, 3W3B will be active again as XW4XR from Laos from 23 April to 4 May. He will operate CW, FT8 and RTTY on 40-6 metres. QSL via LoTW or via E21EIC. [TNX The Daily DX]

PACIFIC TRIP ---> Stan, LZ1GC will be active as 5W0GC from Apia, Samoa (OC-097) from 28 September to 14 October, and as YJ0GC from Efate (OC-035), Vanuatu from 15 October to 4 November. He will operate CW, SSB, RTTY on 160-10m, with a focus on 160 and 80m. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), home call (direct or bureau) and LoTW. Bookmark http://www.c21gc.com/ for more information and updates.

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425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The March 2018 issue is now available for download at http://www.425dxn.org/index.php. [TNX IZ3EBA]

5C5AF ---> Logsearch and OQRS for the current operation from Mogador Island (AF-065) [425DXN 1406] are available at https://clublog.org/logsearch/5C5AF.

FOC 80TH ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE ---> Celebrating the 80th anniversary of the First Class CW Operators' Club (FOC), a month-long event will be held on 1-31 May featuring a large number or special 'FOC' suffix callsigns, many of them containing the number 80, from around the world:

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| Australia | VI6FOC80 |
| Canada | VE2FOCW, VE3FOCW, VE5FOC, VE6FOC |
| Cyprus | 5B80FOC |
| Czech Republic | OL80FOC |
| Denamerk | OZ80FOC |
| France | TM80FOC |
| Germany | DF80FOC, DJ80FOC, DK80FOC, DM80FOC, DP80FOC |
| Gibraltar | ZB2FOC |
| Greece | SX80FOC |
| Hungary | HA80FOC |
| India | VU8FOC |
| Italy | II7FOC, IR0FOC (Sardinia) |
| Netherlands | PA80FOC, PA80JLS, PF80FOC, PH80FOC |
| New Zealand | ZL1FOC |
| Poland | SP80FOC |
| Romania | YR80FOC |
| Russia | R80FOC, RA/SD80FOC |
| Slovenia | S580FOC |
| South Africa | ZS9FOC |
| Sweden | SC80FOC, SF80FOC, SM80FOC |
| United Kingdom | GB80FOC, GC4FOC, GH4FOC, GN4FOC, GP4FOC, GS4FOC, GT4FOC, GX4FOC, M0RSE |
| USA | K2FOC, K5FOC, K6FOC, K7FOC, KM4FOC, KT5FOC, N4FOC, N5FOC, W1FOC, W2FOC, W5FOC, W9FOC, WA5FOC, WF1OC |
| Zambia | 9J80FOC |

QSL for G4FOC and its regional variants (GM4FOC etc), GB80FOC and M0RSE via G3SWH's OQRS. For all other special stations, please observe their own QSL policies by checking qrz.com or asking the operator over the air.
The FOC 80th Anniversary Challenge will be run as a leaderboard on Club Log (see https://clublog.org/foc.php), and your ranking in the leaderboard will determine the award level you achieve. Detailed information can be found at https://www.g4foc.org/foc80.

LOTW ---> Operators from outside the US who are requesting an initial

callsign certificate to establish a new Logbook of The World (LoTW) user account now may email the required documentation to LoTW-help[@]arrl.org. They must provide a copy of their Amateur Radio license or authorization, plus a copy of one other government-issued document showing the applicant's name and address (sensitive information may be blacked out). When ARRL receives the documentation, applicants will receive a reply message containing their LoTW account password, with their callsign certificate attached. ARRL does not retain any submitted documents, electronic or hard copy; these are destroyed after they have been reviewed.

QSL VIA G3SWH ---> Phil, G3SWH has transferred all of the old paper logs for 9Q5MRC, 9Q5MRC/p, G3MRC/9Q5 and G3MRC/9U5 to an electronic format and uploaded them to Club Log and LoTW. There is also a logsearch on Phil's own web site (http://www.g3swh.org.uk). As with any such manual transfer, transcription errors are possible. If you have a QSO that does not appear in the on line log, please contact Phil, G3SWH and he will do a double check (and amend if necessary). Paper QSLs via G3SWH's OQRS (direct only). [TNX G3SWH]

QSL VK9X ---> James, 9V1YC (N1YC) and Wilbert, PE7T are active from Christmas Island (OC-002) until approximately 21 April. QSL VK9X/N1YC via LoTW or direct to W5UE (OQRS on http://w5ue.net/qsl-w5ue.html), QSL VK9X/PE7T via LoTW or PE7T. Logsearch for both callsigns on Club Log.

VP6D ---> "We are now in the implementation phase of the project", the VP6D Team reported on 16 April. "Equipment is being consolidated in Fremont, California. Customs brokers in the USA and New Zealand have been selected, and the New Zealand Government issued us an import/export license to ship the equipment to and from the country". The budget for the Ducie Island DXpedition Project is about USD 175,000, and the fundraising campaign is underway. "With the final payment for the "Braveheart" due on 1 September, the next most expensive line item is equipment shipping budgeted at USD 20,000. We need your help to keep our DXpedition team's investment at a reasonable level". See https://www.vp6d.com/ for the latest information from the team and details on how to contribute. [TNX K5GS]

Z60A DIRECT QSL MAILING ---> Following the LoTW upload of 1 April, the first Z60A QSL card arrived in the U.S. during the past week to 92-year old Frank, K4BVQ, allowing him to reach the DXCC sticker #385. Former INDEXA president Gary Dixon, K4MQG made a special personal delivery. All other US direct requests, whether ClubLog or through direct mail, will be released locally in San Francisco at the end of this week. The donor QSLs for the rest of the world are in process, while other direct requests will start surfacing during the week of 1 May. The card is a 4-page full color affair, giving a detailed description of this unique mission. TNX N7NG]

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QSLs received direct or through managers: 3C0L, 3C1L, 3D2TS, 3G9A/mm, 5A1AL, 6O6O, 8Q7HB, 9K2WA, 9X0TA, 9X9PJ, A5A, E31A, H40GC, HB0/GM4UYE, HH70A, HL4/JA8COE/5 (AS-081), PJ4/NE9U, PU0FDN, ST2NH, SV2ASP/A, TI5/N4YDU, TN5R, V26PD, V31MA, V47UR, VE7ACN/7 (NA-091), YE1K, Z2LA, Z60A, ZD7FT.

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