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 **** DX INFORMATION ****
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- 3B9 - FR4NP, FR4PF, FR4PM, FR5CB and FR5FC will be active as 3B9RUN from Rodrigues Island (AF-017) on 11-16 May. They will operate SSB and FT8 on 80-10 metres. QSL via EA7FTR.
- 9H - Jean-Marc, F5SGI will be active as 9H3JI from Malta (EU-023) on 5-12 May. He will operate CW only on 80-6 metres. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct QSLs via F5SGI. [TNX F6AJA]
- E5_sc - Jim, KM7R will be active holiday style as E51KMR from Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cook Islands on 8-11 May. He will operate mostly SSB using E51JD's home station. QSL via LoTW and Club Log. [TNX NG3K]
- HB0 - PD7YY, PG8M and PH0NO will be active as HB0/PG8M and HB0/PH0NO from at least six different nature reserves in Liechtenstein between 11 and 14 May. They plan to operate mainly SSB and CW on 80-2 metres with two or three stations. QSL via PD7YY. See <http://www.ynomy.nl> for more information. [TNX NG3K]
- JA - Look for 8J3XXIII/3 to be QRV from Tanga Island (AS-117) on 12-13 May. Activity will be on 80-6 metres SSB, CW and possibly digital modes (RTTY, JT65 and FT8). The special callsign celebrates the XXIII (23rd) edition of the Kansai Amateur Radio Festival, and is being used between 1 April and 15 July from various locations. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. [TNX JI3DST]
- KH6 - Philip, N2HX will be active holiday style as KH6/N2HX from Maui, Hawaii (OC-019) from 2 May to 1 June. He will operate mostly SSB and RTTY. QSL via N2HX. [TNX NG3K]
- OH0 - Ari, OH3KAV will be active holiday style as OH0KA from Eckero, Aland Islands (EU-002) on 6-11 May. He plans to "focus on CW and FT8 operation on 5 MHz". QSL via LoTW or via OH3KAV, direct or bureau.
- ON - Celebrating the 70th anniversary of UBA, the Belgian IARU society, several special callsigns will be active on 1-31 May. All starting with the OT70 prefix, the callsigns will have 3-letter suffixes representing the various local branches of UBA: OT70ACC, OT70ALT, OT70ARA, OT70AST, OT70ATH, OT70ATO, OT70BDX, OT70BFA, OT70BSE, OT70BTS, OT70BXE, OT70CLR, OT70CPN, OT70CRD, OT70DIG, OT70DST, OT70EKO, OT70ERA, OT70GBN, OT70GDV, OT70GNT, OT70GTM, OT70HCC, OT70HRT, OT70KTK, OT70LGE, OT70LIR, OT70LLV, OT70LUS, OT70LVN, OT70MCL, OT70MLB, OT70NBT, OT70NLB, OT70NNV, OT70NOL, OT70ODE, OT70ONZ, OT70ORA, OT70OSA, OT70OSB, OT70OST, OT70PHI, OT70RAM, OT70RAT, OT70RCA, OT70RSX, OT70SNW, OT70THN, OT70TLS, OT70TRA, OT70TWS, OT70UBA, OT70WLD, OT70WRA, OT70WRC, OT70WTO, OT70YLC, OT70ZTM. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. Direct cards via Club Log's OQRS; SWLs should request their cards

via email (70[@]uba.be). See <http://70.uba.be/> for information on the award certificates available for working these callsigns.

- P4 - Johannes, DF5AU will be active as P4/DF5AU from Aruba (SA-036) on 8-13 May. Activity will include participation in the CQ-M International DX Contest (<http://cqm.srr.ru/>) as P40AU. QSL via DF5AU. [TNX NG3K]
- S7 - Michael, VK4EF is working on the islands of Mahe and La Digue (both count for IOTA AF-024), Seychelles until 31 May. In his spare time he operates SSB, JT65, FT8 and QRS CW as S79LD. QSL direct to home call. [TNX The Daily DX]
- TA - DX World team members Col MM0NDX, Max IK8LOV and Bjorn ON9CFG will undertake their inaugural DXpedition to Buyukada (AS-201), Turkey on 7-11 May. They will be QRV on 80-2 metres as TC0AX. QSL via M0SDV, LoTW and Club Log. [TNX DX World]
- UA - A very large number of Russian stations using special prefix RP73 (where the letter P stands for 'pobeda', i.e. 'victory') will be active on 5-9 May to celebrate the 73rd anniversary of the end of World War II. See <https://pobeda.srr.ru/> for more information and the list of participating stations.

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3Y0Z ---> "There have been several important milestones reached and decisions made in the last few weeks", the ill-fated 3Y0Z team posted to qzr.com on 26 April. "We have received a partial reimbursement on our payments made to DAP, our transportation contractor. In our view, this it is a fair settlement with them.

Our vessel, Betanzos is now back in Punta Arenas and we believe the container with our personal gear and equipment are intact. We will be arranging to transport the container back to the US, arriving in a few months.

Originally, we felt if we could organize a return trip to Bouvet quickly, we could redeploy the balance of our bank account along with some additional funds to cover costs. Virtually none of our investors (DX Foundations, DX Clubs of Individual contributors) had asked for a pro-rata return of their contribution. They wanted to get Bouvet on the air, as did we.

However in recent weeks, it has become apparent that the chance of finding a suitable and affordable vessel for the 2018-19 Austral season is becoming less and less likely. It appears that the very earliest that we could mount a second attempt to activate Bouvet would be the 2019-20 season or possibly beyond.

Thus, we have made the decision to offer a pro-rata return of the remaining 3Y0Z DXpedition funds in our account. This will occur only after the container has arrived here and we have paid all our bills. Only then, will we know the net balance to be distributed. As you may have concluded, this

is going to be an enormous task with 137 DX Clubs and Foundations and 3700 individual DXers. The process will take some time. We ask that you be patient as we complete this.

After the return of the funds is completed, we will close the accounting books and bank account of 3Y0Z. This is always our procedure as each DXpedition must stand on its own.

We all are unhappy and extremely disappointed that the project was not completed due to the mechanical failure of our vessel. This left the Captain no choice but to abort the mission for safety reasons.

We believe this is the proper way to wrap up the DXpedition.

Thanks for your understanding!"

DXCC NEWS ---> The recent 4B4B operation from Socorro Island, Revillagigedo has been approved for DXCC credit.

FT8 DXPEDITION MODE: THIRD PUBLIC TEST ---> The third public test of FT8 DXpedition mode will be conducted on 5 May, and all radio amateurs are invited to participate. The goal is to simulate a rare-DXpedition pileup by having many stations ("Hounds") calling and trying to work a designated pseudo-DXpedition station ("Fox").

Participants in the test MUST USE the NEW Release Candidate version of WSJT-X (v1.9.0-rc4). Installation packages for Windows, Linux, Macintosh and Raspian Jessie are available on

<http://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/kljt/wsjt.html>.

In addition, participants in the test MUST READ the latest revision of the "FT8 DXpedition Mode User Guide" dated 26 April (some details of the operating procedures are different from previous editions):

http://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/kljt/FT8_DXpedition_Mode.pdf

The scheduled test will take place as follows, with each session lasting one hour:

Date	UTC	MHz	Fox call	
May 5	1400	14.090	W1/KH7Z	(operated by N1DG)
May 5	1500	14.090	W7/KH7Z	(operated by AA7A)
May 5	1600	14.090	K1JT	(operated by K1JT)

If last-minute instructions are necessary, they will be announced on the "Ping Jockey Relief" chat page: <http://www.pingjockey.net/cgi-bin/pingtalkB>.

INTREPID SPIRIT AWARD ---> The Intrepid-DX Group is pleased to announce that Yuris Peterson, YL2GM and Kaspars Uztics, YL1ZF are the recipients of the 2018 "Intrepid Spirit Award" for their activations of Annobon Island and Equatorial Guinea as 3C0L and 3C1L. The awards will be presented in Dayton next month. In addition, Antonio Gonzalez (EA5RM) is the recipient of the "Intrepid Humanitarian Award" for his many years of volunteering in the Bolivian Rain Forest to help establish and maintain communications between remote villages and hospitals and medical clinics. [TNX N6PSE]

LOTW ---> Logbook of The World (LoTW) now has a full-time status monitor: <https://status.lotw.arrl.org/>. The system's status is displayed in real time and is available offsite, offering a single spot for all users to quickly check what's happening with the online repository of contacts and confirmations. At a glance, the LoTW status monitor shows if the system is up, paused, or down; overall uptime statistics, and quick stats. A green

status means all systems are go, a red status means the system is down, and a black status means the system has been paused. The monitor indicates overall uptime for the past 24 hours, the past 7 days, and the past 30 days, as well as the most-recent downtime occurrence. [TNX ARRL]

SWODXA DX DINNER ---> The 33rd DX Dinner, sponsored again by the SouthWest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) and held in conjunction with the 2018 Dayton Hamvention, will be on Friday, 18 May at the Marriott Hotel in Dayton. Gary Dixon (K4MQG) will be the keynote speaker. The newest inductee(s) into the CQ DX Hall of Fame will be announced, as well as the DXpedition of the Year. For more information, including a list of the door prizes, and to order dinner tickets, please visit <http://swodxaevents.org/>. [TNX W8GEX]

+ SILENT KEY + Rafik Dandji, F5CQ (ex F6EUX) passed away in his sleep during the night between 18 and 19 April. Born in Egypt in 1950, he and his family moved first to Lebanon and finally, in 1963, to France. He embraced the military career with the French Marine corps, and during his missions abroad he operated from Djibouti as FL8RD (1975-76) & J28EO (1986-88), Martinique as FM7BO (1978-80), Kerguelen as FT8XA (1984-85) & FT5XA (1989-90) and Mayotte as FH5CQ (1994-96), as well as from Germany (DA1HU) and England (M0VXA). He was an accomplished all-mode DXer with 334/339 (current/total) in the Mixed DXCC Honor Roll Standings, and 2719 DXCC Challenge points. [TNX F5NQL]

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3B8MB         IW3HVB        EA8/IK1PMR   HB9FKK       OE100XFG     OE6XFG
3D2SE         ZL3TE         EA9KB        EA7FTR       OE100XGM     OE5XGM
3Z1ESH        SP2PBY        EA9LZ        EA5KB        OE100XWI     OE7XWI
4K6FO         DC9RI         EG1MOP       EA1AUM       OE18M        OE1WHC
4O1KZL        OK1KZL        EI0CAR       EI4JR        OH0CO        SM6CCO
4X6TT         N4GNR        EI0MAR       EI5EM        OP18N        ON4CRD
5B4AGN        M0URX        EI100MCV     EI6AL        P29LL        EA7FTR
5B4ALX        IZ4AMS        EI5IMD       EI2KA        PJ4KY        M0URX
5B4AMM        UT5UDX        EI6YXQ       EI9FVB       PJ7TM        K2GSJ
5C5AF         I8LWL        EL2EF        NR6M         PX7COM       PR7AYE
5F13SIA       CN8WW        FK8DD        NI5DX        PY5ZHP       SP7CVW
5P0WARD       OZ1ACB       FK8GX        W3HNK        RI1ANL       RN1ON
5P8VW         DJ8VW        FM5BH        W3HNK        S590RTVS     S50E
5R8UI         IZ8CCW       FM5FJ        KU9C         S79LD        VK4EF
5U7R          SM7EHU       FP5CJ        K9OT         SP0B         SQ7BTY
5W1SA         JA1DXA       FR4KM        EA7FTR       SP0H         SP7PTM
7X3WPL        7X3DL        GB0MGY       G6UT         SP0L         SP7RJI
7X5KBS        M0SDV        GB4ARD       M0KPW        SP100JO      SP7ITS
8T4I          VU2MLQ       GB4GM        GW4TTA       SP100N       SP9MA

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9G1SD	AB0GC	GB4MDI	GW0ANA	SP9YFF	SP9WAN
9G5AR	N4GNR	GB60OT	G3KPU	SU8WD	SM5AQD
9G5ZS	ZS1XB	GB80GGCN	G0TOC	SU9TK	JH6HZH
9K2BS	A61BK	GM7RAF	G8FC	T2AR	3D2AG
9K2SS	KB2MS	H44R	VE3LYC	T32AZ	KH6QJ
9N1AA	N4GNR	HB9WFF	HB9FBI	T88FT	JA7WFT
9N7WA	R4WAA	HC2AO	RC5A	T88IH	JI6IHG
9Q6BB	W3HNK	HF0SEA/mm	SP1G	T88UW	JH7IPR
9X9PJ	N4GNR	HF100ZHP	SP5ZHH	TM17HF	F6BCC
A41CK	A61BK	HF20PWSZ	SP9TOB	TM33UFT	F6ICG
A41NN	A61BK	HG8ARDF	HA8BE	TM390SR	F4DTO
A43WARD	A47RS	HH2JR	W3HNK	TM3Y	ON4ZD
A60WARD	A61BK	HP3SS	AC2OV	TM93WARD	F6BEE
A60YOZ	A61BK	HZ1TT	A61BK	TR8CA	F6CBC
A61FK	A61BK	IB2RT	I2MYF	TZ4AM	W0SA
A61Q	EA7FTR	II3B	IQ3SD	UK8FF	W3HNK
A65BG	PA5M	II3WW	IQ3BM	V31MA	M0OXO
A65DR	N4GNR	IY0GA	IS0JMA	V47CDC	W1CDC
A71AM	M0OXO	IY0IMD	IZ0QPO	V63DX	JA7HMZ
A71EM	M0OXO	IY1MR	IQ1BK	V84SWA	V85TL
A75GR	M0OXO	IY1SM	IQ1BK	VK9X/N1YC	W5UE
A91WARD	A92AA	IY1SP	I1ANP	VK9X/PE7T	PE7T
A91YOZ	A92AA	IY4FGM	I4KMW	VP2ETE	W3HNK
AO1IMD	EA1BTO	IY5PIS	IW5AOT	XU7AKL	BG4HRM
AU2WRD	VU2JFA	IY6GM	IK6VXO	XV1X	RW6HS
AX5PAS	M0OXO	IY7M	IZ7XNB	XV9OK	JG6PWT
B5/IK7YTT	IW7EGQ	J28PJ	F1TMY	XV9WJR	WA7WJR
C93PA	PA5X	J79WTA	HB9MFM	XW4XR	E21EIC
CE2SV	N7RO	J88PI	GW4DVB	YB8EKA/p	YB8EKA
CO2JD	AD4Z	JW2US	LA2US	YB8HZ/p	YB8BRI
CO6RD	EA5GL	JY5HX	E73Y	YC8AO/p	HA3JB
CP4BT	DJ2BW	JY5MM	IK2DUW	YJ0AG	M0OXO
CP5HK	EC5AC	K3IMD	WK3N	YQ69MSCC	YO2MKI
CS5DFG	CS5NRA	KH2/NH0N	JA6GLD	YU100WWI	YU1SRS
CS8ABG	EA5GL	KL7RST	K7ICE	Z66D	OK6DJ
CW1GM	CX2ABC	KL7SB	NI5DX	Z81D	OM3JW
CX2DK	EA5GL	LZ115RF	LZ1YE	ZF2LC	W2SM
DM152ZYA	DK4PL	LZ65RCP	LZ1JZ	ZP4KFX	IK2DUW
DR18WRD	M0SDV	N1RAC/KL7	K7ICE	ZP9MCE	EA5ZD
DU1WQY/1	DF8DX	OD5ZF	IZ8CLM	ZV7COM	PR7AYE
DU3LA	W3HNK	OD5ZZ	NI5DX	ZW7COM	PR7AYE
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