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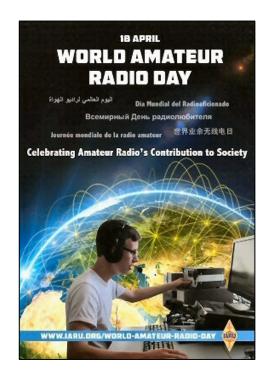
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IN MEMORIAM

Fausto Minardi, I4EAT died of Covid-19 on 31 March aged 71. Your trulies have lost a dear personal friend, and Italy has lost one of its top DXers.



Licensed since 1968, during the Seventies Fausto operated almost exclusively on 2 metres. While experimenting with all propagation modes, in 1978 he made the first ever 2m EME QSO from Italy, and in 1979 he established a TEP world record (QSO with ZS3B, nearly 8,000 kilometres away).

Fausto started activity on the other bands in 1979, and in August 1982 he got his 5BWAZ with 200 Zones. He made the first Top Band OSO in 1984: «for several years my chances were limited due to very modest setup», he recalled, but «with the new century I have experienced the extraordinary performance of the beverage antennas and my score on that band really improved». He became QRV on 6 metres in April 2001, and it took only seven months for him to work the 100th Entity on the Magic Band. Fausto's latest scores on 160 and 6 metres are 317 and 229 respectively; his current/total DXCC Honor Roll scores are 340/357 (Mixed), 340/357 (Phone), 339/349 (CW) and 332/335 (Digital).

With 3129 band points, he won the 2007 DXCC Challenge DeSoto Cup and took the title away from W4DR for the first time ever. Fausto maintained the lead until 2012; the current DXCC Challenge standings see him in third place with 3239 band points.

In 1999 he entered the IOTA Programme and developed a genuine enthusiasm for island chasing. The latest IOTA Honour Roll Listing shows I4EAT with 1116 groups out of a possible 1136 that have seen activity, and he still leads the IOTA VHF Listing with 221 credits.

DX INFORMATION

4X - Jan, 4X1VF and Ruben, 4Z5FI will be active as 4X73T during the Holyland Contest on 16-17 April. They will operate from the rare Holyland square L19BL on the the Dead Sea area. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau.

4X - The *Land of Craters* programme will see four special stations operate from the Makhteshim ("craters") in the



Negev desert of Israel. The first activity was conducted by 4X0ARF (November 2020) Look for 4X0GDL to be QRV from Makhtesh ("The Gadol Big Crater") on 30 April-1 May. QSL via 4X6ZM (direct and bureau), LoTW and eQSL. A cer-

tificate will be available for working three out of four special stations: see https://www.iarc.org/craters/. [TNX 4X6ZM]

60 - Ali, EP3CQ will be back to Mogadishu, Somalia from 25 April for two months. In his spare time he will operate mainly FT8 on various bands as 60100. QSL direct to Ali Solhjoo, Freienwalderstr. 35, 13359 Berlin, Germany. [TNX The Daily DX]

9A - Radio Club Libertas (9A4J) will be active as 9A25RBM on 1-30 April. The special callsign is a tribute for Ronald H. Brown, the US Secretary of Commerce who was killed, along with 34 others, in a plane crash near Dubrovnik (3 April 1996).

9A - The Radio Klub Grada Zaboka (9A0Z) has been ac-



tive as 9A2CHRIS since early April to honour the memory of Kresimir "Chris" Kovarik, 9A5K (1974-2019). Activity will continue until the end of the year. QSL via LoTW and eQSL; QSL cards will be also downloadable on http://www.9a0z.com/. Past President of the Croatian Amateur Radio Association (HRS) and Vice Chairman of the IARU Region 1

HF Committee, Chris was the author of DXlog.net and a

competitor in WRTC 2006, 2014 and 2018. In 2019 he was inducted into the CQ Contest Hall of Fame.

A9 - The Bahrain Amateur Radio Society will operate A91WARD on 14-18 April to celebrate World Amateur Radio Day 2021. QSL via EC6DX.

C9 - The A25RU team (Vasily R7AL, Vlad R9LR, Mike



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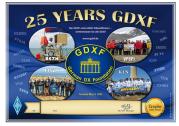
RU3UR and Leo UI8J) will leave Botswana on 2 April and drive up to Mozambique. Plans are to be active as C92RU on 4-12 April, and to operate CW, SSB and FT8 (Fox & Hound) on 160-10metres with four stations. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, and eventually LoTW. More information can be

found on https://rv6ali.wixsite.com/mozambique2021

CT7 - Markus, DJ4EL will be active as CT7/DJ4EL from Culatra Island (EU-145) on 2-10 April. He will operate SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW. [TNX DX World]

CT8 - Celebrating Antonio, CU8AS' 83rd birthday, special callsign CQ83AS will be aired on 13-19 April from Flores Island (EU-089), Azores. QSL via HB9CRV. [TNX CT4NH]

DL - DL25GDXF is the special callsign for the German DX Foundation to celebrate its 25th anniversary from 1 May



until 31 July. QSL via DL6DH and LoTW. Contacts made between 1 May and 31 December with DL25GDXF, DF0GDX (club callsign, active since 1 February 2021) and GDXF members count towards the 25 Jahre GDXF award -

see https://gdxf.de/gdxf25/ for information.

DL - Special callsign DK30FFO will be active from 1 April until 31 December to celebrate the 30th anniversary of DARC's Ortsverband Frankfurt (Oder). All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau and eventually LoTW.

EA - Members of Radio Club Henares will be active as EH4WRD on 12-18 April to celebrate World Amateur Radio Day 2021. QSL via EA4RCH.

F - TM100SHT is the special callsign for the Societe Fil Telegraphie Sans (F6KOH, Havraise de https://shtsf.fr) to celebrate its 100th anniversary. Activity will start on 4 April, and will continue during various weekends between 24 April and 5 September.

F - Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the first human flight in space by Yuri Gagarin, members of the ISS Fan Club will be active as TM60YURI on 10-25 April. QSL via F1UJT, direct or bureau.

F - Celebrating World Amateur Radio Day, John, F4GDO will be active as TM96WARD on 17-25 April. QSL via F6REF



G - GB0DOE, GB1PPP, GB2DOE and GB4RIP are four special callsigns (see qrz.com for QSL information) commemorating the life of HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, who passed away on 9 April aged 99. He had been the Radio Society of Great Britain's patron since 1952.

G - Celebrating Saint George, patron saint of England, the Welland Valley ARS will be active as GB0SG on 22-24 April. QSL via G4XEX, LoTW and eQSL.

GM - Col MMONDX, Ross MMOOBT and Jonathan



MM00KG will be active as MS0INT from the Bass Rock (EU-123) on 17 April. They are watching closely weather and sea forecasts, as even a small swell would prevent them from landing. Plans are

to operate probably CW and SSB only on $\bar{2}0$, 30 and/or 40 metres; they will also have a VHF station. QSL via EB7DX. [TNX DX World]

GU - The Guernsey Amateur Radio Society will operate special event station GB5LIB on 8-14 May. The station will be on air on all bands and modes to celebrate the 76th anniversary of the liberation of the islands in the Bailiwick of Guernsey. QSL via LoTW (preferred) or GU8ITE. [TNX GUOSUP]

HA - The Hungarian Amateur Radio Society (MRASZ) will commemorate the 230th anniversary of the birth of



Samuel Morse with nine special callsigns: HA230S, HA230A, HA230U, HA230E, HA230L, HA230O, HA230R and HA230MSE. Look for activity on CW and SSB on 17-27 April. QSL via LoTW; paper

cards should be requested via Club Log's OQRS. See https://www.mrasz.org/s-morse-award-230/award-rules for information on the Samuel F. B. Morse Award 2021.

HB9 - Special callsign HB90BERO will celebrate the 90th



anniversary of the Beromuenster broadcasting station between 1 May and 31 July. QSL via LoTW and Club Log's OQRS. The Beromuenster transmitter was a medium wave AM broadcast

station. Officially opened on 11 June 1931, it was shut down on 28 December 2008.

HC - Celebrating World Amateur Radio Day 2021, Ecuador DX Club members will be active as HD1DX and HD2DX on 17-18 April. QSLs via LoTW. A certificate will be available: https://ecuadordxclub.org/radioday/.

HL - Lee, HL1IWD will be active holiday style as

HL1IWD/4 from the Kogunsan Islands (AS-148) on 1-3 May. He will operate CW and some FT8 on 40-20 metres. On his way back he will make a short stop over on Anmyon Island (AS-080), and will try to be QRV as HL1IWD/3. QSLs via EA5GL. [TNX The Daily DX]

HS - Jorge, AB6WP expects to be active as HS0ZOK from Phuket Island (AS- 053) «on or about the first week of April», with «no defined end date». He will operate SSB and «some occasional CW» on 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres. QSL via LoTW, or direct to his Thai address (see qrz.com).

HV - Special event station HV9SMG will be active on 24 April (Interna- tional Marconi Day) from the Vatican Radio Broadcasting Centre at Santa Maria di Galeria. Look for activity on 40, 20 and 10 metres SSB, CW and digital modes from 6 to 12 UTC. QSL via IK0CNA. [TNX IN3EYI]



I - II5RCH ("Remembering Chernobyl") is the special callsign for Loriano, IZ5RHU to memorialize the 35th anniversary of the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant disaster from 18 April to 9 May. QSL via IZ5RHU, direct or bureau.



I - Look for IYOCG, IYOORP, IYOTC, IY1MR, IY1SM, IY1SP and IY5PIS to be active during the International Marconi Day (24 April). QSLs via operator's instructions. These stations are affiliated to the "Coordinamento Stazioni Marconiane Italiane", which gathers amateur radio stations oper-

ating from historic Marconi sites located in Italy. [TNX ISOJMA]



I - Members of ARI Belluno will be active as IB3CAI from 1 May to 30 September. QSL via IU3EDK. The special callsign memorializes the 130th anniversary of the local section of the glorious Club Alpino Italiano (the Italian Alpine Club, founded in 1863), as

well as the 70th anniversary of the alpine hut "VII Alpini at Pis Pilon", operated by CAI Belluno since 1951.

JA - Operated by members of the Denpaken Club and the A1 Club, 8N1MORSE is a special callsign celebrating the 230th anniversary of the birth of Samuel Morse and other significant landmarks in the history of CW until 28 February 2022. A website is under construction at https://www.8n1morse.org.

JA - Kenji, JA4GXS he will be active as JA4GXS/4 from Ohzu Island (AS-117) on 17-18 April. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 40, 30 and 20 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX DX World]

JA - Take, JI3DST will be active as JI3DST/5 (QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via home call) from Shodo Island (AS-200) from 29 April to 5 May. He will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 40-6 metres, and will also be QRV as JR8YLY/5 (QSL via Club Log's OQRS).

JD1_oga - JD1_oga- Takio, JH3QFL expects to be active as JD1BQA from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara on 23-30 April. He plans to operate FT8 and FT4 on 160, 80, 40 and 6 metres, and CW on the RS-44 satellite. QSL via LoTW or direct to home call.

JD1_oga - JD1_oga- Once again Harry, JG7PSJ will be active as JD1BMH from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara from 30 April to 7 May. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 40-10m. QSL via JD1BMH (bureau) or JG7PSJ (direct). He does not use LoTW or PayPal. Logsearch on http://id1bmh.webcrow.ip/.

JW - JW1I is the club callsign for the Meteorological Sta-(EU-027), Svalbard Island tion Bear (http://bjornoya.org/). The operator is Erling, JW/LB2PG, who is expected to stay there until 15 May. QSL via the bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

JW - LB1QI, LB2HG, LA7GIA, LA7QIA and LA8OM will be



active as JW0W from Karls Prins Forland (EU-063), Svalbard on 21-26 July, including participation in the IO-TA Contest. They will concentrate activity on 40, 30 and 20 metres («but also other bands propagation

lows»), and outside the contest they will focus on North America and Asia. QSL via M00XO's OQRS and LoTW.

KC4 - Mark, W5MED is stationed at McMurdo Station on



Ross Island (AN-011), Antarctica until at least 31 October. He will be ORV as KC4USV on 17 April at 23.30 UTC until 2.30 UTC on the 18th, and again on 18 April at 6-8 UTC and from 21 UTC until midnight. Look for him on 14243 kHz SSB and 14070

kHz FT8. QSL direct to K7MT and LoTW.

KH9 - Randy, WW6RG is scheduled to be on Wake Island on 20, 23, 27 and 29 April. He plans to operate QRP SSB as WW6RG/KH9 on 20 and 17 metres between 4 and 7.30 UTC. This will be Randy's last trips to Wake before he retires in September. QSL direct to WW6RG; he does not use LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

KL - The Russian Robinson Club's IOTA DXpedition to Alaska [425DXN 1521] has been postponed until July. The team currently includes Yuri N3QQ, Walt N6XG, Rob N7QT, Tim NL8F and Hal W8HC. Now plans are to be QRV as KL7RRC from Kiska Island (NA-070) on 7-12 July, and as KL7RRC/p from Adak Island (NA-039) on 30 June-3 July and again on 14-16 July. On Kiska the team plans to have a minimum of two stations operating SSB, CW and FT8 on 40-6m with amplifiers and a focus on the difficult trans-polar path to Europe. QSLs via N7RO. Donations in support of this challenging IOTA DXpedition can be sent via PayPal: see https://www.na-234.com/ for the direct link and further information. [TNX W8HC]



LZ - Special callsign LZ70HSC will be in use throughout 2021 to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Radio Telegraphy High Speed

Club (http://www.highspeedclub.org/). QSL via LZ2JE.

OE - Austrian special event station OE21M will be active



on 24-26 April to commemorate the anniversary of Guglielmo Marconi's birth April 1874). QSL via OE1WHC (bureau) or direct to DokuFunk, OE21M, An den Steinfeldern 4A, 1230 Wien, Austria.

ON - Belgian individual operators and radio clubs are authorized to replace their ON prefix with OS between 18 April and 12 December. This is to celebrate World Amateur Radio Day (18 April) and the 120th anniversary

since Guglielmo Marconi's first reception of transatlantic radio signals (12 December 1901).

ON - OT30CRD is the special callsign for Club Radio Durnal (ON4CRD) to celebrate its 30th anniversary from 18 April to 18 May. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau.

OX - Bo, OZ1DJJ will be active again as OX3LX from Greenland between 8 April and 1 May. Plans are to stay at Kangerlussuaq (NA-018, WWL GP47ta) for 5-7 days, then move first to Tasiilaq Island (NA-151, WWL HP15eo) and then to Nuuk (NA-018, WWL GP44de). He will be QRV in his spare time, typically around lunch time and after dinner (local time is UTC -2), also at night and in the morning hours during the weekends. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS or direct to OZ0J. [TNX DX World]

OZ - Special callsign 5P0WARD will be active on 18 April in celebration of World Amateur Radio Day. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW and eQSL, or via OZ1ACB. A special award will be available for contacts made with 5P0WARD/xx stations with different suffix extensions; can further information be found https://www.grz.com/db/5p0ward.

PY - PX521BR is the special callsign that Peter, PY5CC will use from 22 April to 21 May to commemorate the anniversary of the Portuguese discovery of Brazil (22 April 1500), OSL via LoTW.

S7 - Celebrating World Amateur Radio Day, S79KW, S79RP and S79VU will be active as S77SARA on 18 April for a couple of hours (11-13 UTC). S77SARA is the callsign of the Seychelles Amateur Radio Society's club station (https://www.sara.sc/), located on Mahe Island (AF- 024). [TNX The Daily DX]

SM - Members of the Hisingens Radioklubb (SK6AW) will operate as SE400G from 1 May to 31 July to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the city of Gothenburg, which was granted its founding royal charter on 4 June 1621. QSL via LoTW, paper cards will not be available.

SP - The Niepolomice Radio Club (SP9MOA) will operate special event station SN0IMED on 19-25 April to celebrate Earth Day (22 April). Established in 2009 by the UN General Assembly, International Mother Earth Day promotes a view of the Earth as the entity that sustains all living things found in nature.

SP - Special callsigns 3Z1921PS, HF1921PS, SN1921PS, SO1921PS, SP1921PS and SQ1921PS will be activated on 1-31 May to commemorate the centenary of the third Silesian Uprising (2 May-21 July 1921). The Silesian Up-



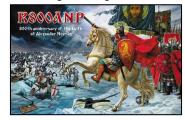
risings ("Powstania Slaskie") were a series of three armed conflicts in Upper Silesia from 1919 to 1921 in which Poles and Polish Silesians sought to break away from Ger-

many and join the new Polish Republic, founded after World War I. QSL via operator's instructions. See https://logsp.pzk.org.pl/a/ps1921/ for information about the certificate.

SV - SZ200P is a special callsign for the Radio Amateur Association of Western Peloponnese to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Greek Revolution of 1821. Activity started on 9 April and will go through the end of

the year. QSL via LoTW and eQSL.

UA - Leonid, RA1WU will be active as R800ANP on 1-10 The April. special callsign celebrates the 800th anniversary of the birth of Alexander



Nevsky, commonly regarded as a key figure of medieval Russia and best known for the victory over the Teutonic Knights in the Battle on the Ice (5 April 1242). QSL via RA1WU.

UA - Special event station R75RAA will be active on 1-30 April to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Radio Club Tambov (RK3R). A certificate will be available, see qrz.com for information. QSL via RN3RQ.

UA - Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the first manned space flight by Yuri Gagarin (12 April 1961), special event stations R1961GP and R1961AG will be active on 7-12 April, and R60RDK will be active on 10-12 April. QSLs via operator's instructions.



UA - In celebration of the 60th anniversary of Yuri Gagarin's first manned flight into outer space, the Miller DX Club (https://mdxc.ru/) will operate several special callsigns on 12-25 April: R60CTC, R60MCC, R60YAG, RA60YG, RC60YG. RG60YG, RD60YG, RJ60YG, RK60YG, RL60YG, RM60YG, RN61YG, RO60YG, RQ60YG, RT60YG, RU60YG, RV60YG, RW60YG, RX60YG, RY60YG, RZ60YG. QSLs via RQ7L. Certificates will be available on

https://hamlog.online/club/mdxc/114/.



UA - R35CHA (QSL via RZ5D) and R35YCH (QSL via RW3YS) are two special callsigns to be used between 17 and 30 April to memorialize the 35th anniversary of the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant disaster (26 April

1986)

UA - Special event station R75T will be active on 1-31 May to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Radio Club Stavropol. QSL via RO7T.

UA - A very large number of Russian stations using special prefix RP76 (where the letter P stands for "pobeda", i.e. "victory") will be active on 2-9 May to celebrate the 76th anniversary of the end of World War II. More information, including the list of par-



ticipating stations and their QSL routes, is expected to be available on https://pobeda.srr.ru/ in due course.



UA - A team of six operators (M0MSV/RA3NAN, R6LGT, R6MG, RN3BL, RX3F and RZ3EC) will be active as RI0FF from Iturup Island (AS-025) on 28 July-3 August, and from Sakhalin Island (AS-018) on 4-6 August. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (pre-

ferred), or via RZ3EC. More information can be found on https://ri0ff.com/.

UA2F - Special callsigns RK75AK (UA2FAK), RK75FF (UF2F) and RK75FU (RA2FU) will be in use between 14 April and 31 July to mark the 75th anniversary of Kaliningrad. In 1946 northern East Prussia was annexed as part of the Russian SFSR by the Soviet Union and named the Kaliningrad Oblast.

VE - Radio Amateurs of Canada is once again holding a *Get on the Air on World Amateur Radio Day* special event in which it encourages as many amateurs as possible to contact as many RAC stations as possible. Operating



across Canada from 00.00 UTC to 23.59 UTC on 18 April, the RAC official stations will he VA2RAC, VA3RAC, VE1RAC, VE4RAC, VE5RAC, VE6RAC, VE7RAC, VF8RAC. VE9RAC, VO1RAC,

VO2RAC, VY0RAC, VY1RAC and VY2RAC. QSL via LoTW or via the bureau. Those contacting one or more of these stations, on any band and mode, will be eligible for a special commemorative certificate: https://www.rac.ca/certificates/.

VK - Steve, VK6SJ will be active as VK6SJ/4 from the islands of Iama (Yam), Thursday and Poruma (Coconut) in IOTA Group OC-138 between 26 April and 4 May. He will be there for work, and will be QRV during the local evenings. «Most likely only be using FT8», he says, «but if someone emails me separately and I have the time, I could do the odd SSB and CW contact». QSLs will be electronic only (LoTW, eQSL, QRZ).

VK9X - Steve, VK6SJ will be active as VK9XX from Christmas Island (OC-002) on 7-28 May. He will be QRV «mostly outside working hours», with a focus on 80, 40 and 30 metres «probably only FT8». QSL via EB7DX.

VP8 - Matthew, M0ZMS will be seconded to the RAF station at Mount Pleasant, Falkland Islands (SA-002) from



Islands (SA-002) from late April to late August. He will be active as VP8ZMS, hopefully using the Royal Air Force Amateur Radio Society's club station shack. He operates digital modes, CW and some SSB. QSL via home call and LoTW:

logsearch on Club Log. See https://twitter.com/Vp8Zms for updates.

XE - Celebrating the 61st anniversary of the Asociacion de Radio Aficionados de la Republica Mexicana (https://ararm.com.mx/), special callsigns 6D1A, 6D2A and 6D3A will be active from 16 April to 16 May. QSLs via XE2T.







GOOD TO KNOW



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3Y0I: BOUVET 2021 • «First of all, we would like to wish the recently announced 3Y0J Bouvet DXpedition all the best for a successful activity in 2023», the Rebel DX Group posted to their Facebook page on 5 April. «There is enough space for even 3 more activities from 3Y0 land. We know how much detailed planning goes into a project like this and cross fingers for them.



From a Rebel perspective, the 3Y0J announcement does not change our plans. December 15, 2021 is when we plan to leave Cape Town and again head south into the Roaring Forties and Furious Fifties before attempting a Bouvet landing. We absolutely know from experience how volatile the seas around this most remote island are.

Our team of 8 operators aim to spend up to 30 days on Bouvet. Depending on weather, we will likely spend 7-10 days each way on the high seas getting there and returning. Once on the island and our camp is set up, we will run 8 stations covering 160-6m. Modes include CW, SSB, FT4/FT8, RTTY and OQ100. The total budget for our Bouvet DXpedition is considerably less than that of 3Y0J. We also have had no backing from any of the DX foundations. Nonetheless, we are now missing only \$32,000 from our final cost of \$267,000. We absolutely hope between now and December we can accrue this missing amount, and appeal to all generous donors to help us with our final push to meet target». Bookmark https://www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup/ as «more info will be posted soon».



3Y0J: BOUVET 2023 • The Intrepid DX Group has announced plans to be active as 3Y0J from Bouvet Island (#2 Most Wanted DXCC Entity) in January- February 2023. The group has been planning this major DXpedition since the successful 2016 operations from the South Sandwich Islands (VP8STI) and South Georgia (VP8SGI).

In January 2023, a team of fourteen skilled and seasoned operators (team co-leaders N6PSE and LA7GIA; AB5EB, DL6KVA, HA0NAR, JH4RHF, K6TD, K08SCA, LA7THA, LB1QI, N2WB, N7QT, W1SRD, WD5COV) will depart Cape Town on the RV *Braveheart* and embark on a 42-day voyage to Bouvet Island and back.

Plans are to make a shore landing and an arduous climb up onto the edge of the glacier, (weather permitting) and to operate CW, SSB and digital modes (ET8/ET4 and RTTY) on

to stay at Bouvet for twenty days (weather permitting) and to operate CW, SSB and digital modes (FT8/FT4 and RTTY) on 160-10 metres for 14-16 days.

«Each team member will contribute a minimum of \$20,000 each and your donation will be spent on securing the budget of \$ \$764,000». More information, including QSLling policy, can be found on https://sy0j.com/. Updates will be posted also to Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/901378553769436/.



4U1A: QRX OR QRT? • Located at the UN International Centre in Vienna, Austria, the Amateur Radio Contest DX Club (4U1A) has been very active since 2014. The club has now «entered a period of severe turbulence», as they have been told that their antenna systems «do not comply with new fire safety rules and other standards and will be dismantled by the VIC building maintenance service by the end of March 2021». Reinstalling the antennas will take a lot of time and money, as the work must be done «by a company certified by the UN in Vienna and fully authorized to do so». The club «will gratefully accept any donation to support the club and cover the costs of the work»: see http://www.cqdx.ru/4u1a/arcdxc/4u1a-arcdxc-2021-qrt-or-qrx/ for information.

7D5RI • The logs for the 7D5RI DXpedition to Rupat Island (OC-245) have been uploaded to Club Log. The logsearch contains 2,089 QSOs made on 25-27 March. QSL via EA5GL (see https://www.qrz.com/db/ea5gl for PayPal instructions for direct cards).

AGCW GOLDEN JUBILEE ● Joining special event stations DR50AGCW and DP50AGCW in the celebrations for the 50th anniversary of the Activity Group CW (https://www.agcw.de/) on 1-31 May will be CR50AGCW, GB50AGC, OE50AGCW, PA50AGCW, SN50AGCW, YL50AGCW and Z350AGCW. QSL via operator's instructions.





CLUB LOG ACTIVITY REPORT: 2021 UPDATE • «As in previous years, I've generated some new reports to reveal trends about how we're using different modes on the bands», Michael, G7VJR posted to his website on 27 March. «This year, I've generated a few extra reports to try and explore other relevant trends about activity levels (working from home, perhaps?) and the use of different bands (which correlates well with solar activity)». At the time of writing, «Club Log has 731 million QSOs recorded, which is sufficient for trends found in the data to be robust». The report can be found on https://g7vjr.org/2021/03/club-log-activity-report-2021-update/.



CONTEST UNIVERSITY 2021 • The Dayton event has been cancelled, but CTU 2021 will still take place on 20 May. It will be held online free of charge via Zoom, starting at 13.00 UTC. Registration opens on 21 April on the CTU website (https://www.contestuniversity.com/), where the Course Outline

page is already up and running. CTU 2021 will end at 20.35 UTC with the presentation of this year's CQ Contest Hall of Fame.

CQMM DX CONTEST • The CQ MM DX Contest, organized by the Juiz de Fora CW Group, will be held on 17-18 April. It will run from 9 UTC on Saturday through 23.59 UTC on Sunday, on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres CW. Complete details can be found at http://www.cgmmdx.com.

CYOC: SABLE ISLAND 2022 • The CYOC team posted to the DXpedition's website (http://cy0dxpedition.net/index.html)



that their October 2021 operation from Sable Island [425DXN 1554] has had to be postponed due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. «Furthermore, because of the pandemic, Parks Canada is behind on their island maintenance projects and the Visitor Quarters will not be available for the DXpedition team. The Sable Island manager did extend an invitation to the team for October 2022, which the team unanimously accepted». Since the 2021 DXpedition is no longer possible, the team «is offering a couple of options to the many foundations, clubs and individuals who have already sent financial support. We are offering complete refunds to those who request a refund. If you would like us to apply your contribution to the 2022 CYOC DXpedition,

that will be available as well. Any refund requests should be directed to WA4DAN».

DANNY WEIL • «Join the Yasme Foundation in recognizing World Amateur Radio Day as we showcase our rich history and celebrate the legacy of a storied Dxpeditioner»: the Board of Directors of the Yasme Foundation is pleased to announce the release of *Danny Weil*. A Dreamer of Distant Lands Who Took Amateur Radio on the Trip of a Lifetime by Martti Laine (OH2BH). The 21-page article is published at http://www.yasme.org/dw1/. The page also contains a list of Danny Weil's expeditions, a collection of Danny's QSLs, and an interview with Danny at age 80, with OE1WHC of Dokufunk. Along with OH2BH's article, the book *Yasme*. The Danny Weil and Colvin Radio Expeditions by James D. Cain (K1TN) is also now available for the first time as a free downloadable PDF. [TNX K4ZW]



FT4 SPRINT CONTEST • The Strange Radio Team (www.strangeradioteam.it) organizes the second edition of the "FT4 Sprint Contest Italia 40m" that will run on 18 April from 8 to 14 UTC. Only contacts made by Italian stations with Italian stations can count for this short duration event. [TNX IZ8EDJ]



INTERNATIONAL MARCONI DAY ● Organized by the Cornish Radio Amateur Club, the International Marconi Day (IMD) is a 24-hour amateur radio event held annually to celebrate the birth of Guglielmo Marconi (25 April 1874). It is not a contest, but an opportunity for amateurs around the world to make contacts with historic Marconi sites using HF communications techniques. This year's event will be held on 24 April, from 00.00 UTC to 23.59 UTC. Details, including information on the Award Certificates and the listing of participating stations, can be found at http://gx4crc.com/.

JAPAN INTERNATIONAL DX CW CONTEST • Object of the contest is for amateurs in Japan to work as many stations stations in as many DXCC Entities and CQ Zones as possible on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 metres, while DX stations work as many JA amateurs in as many Prefectures and JD1 islands as possible. This year's event will be held on 10-11 April (07.00-13.00 UTC). Complete information can be found on http://jidx.org/jidxrule-e.html.

OH NORTHERN LIGHT 100-YEAR CERTIFICATE ● The Finnish Amateur Radio League (SRAL) is celebrating its 100th anniversary. To earn the *OH Northern Light 100-year Certificate* (OH-NL-100), contact fifty OH and fifty OF stations during 2021 (a special OF prefix will be launched to all OH stations on 15 September), and ten "multipliers" [425DXN 1559]. Multiplying your QSO points (maximum 100) by your multiplier value (max 10) will give you your score - maximum of 1000 points. On 17-18 April a minimum of five multipliers will be QRV: OG2B (operated by OH2BH, OH2GEK and OH7EA), OH100SRAL (operated by OH2BCI and OH2KW), OH2A (operated by OH2KI and OH3JR), OH6SRAL (operated by OH6ZS) and OI3AX operated by OH2LGW). For easy logging, please use the special activity sheet at https://www.sral.fi/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/SRAL-100 Logging.pdf.

All who score 1000 points and the top-ten continental highest scorers will receive their OH-NL-100 certificate signed by Santa Claus. A special lottery will feature additional special prizes that will be announced later. Your log extract should be sent to the Santa Claus offices (of9x@sral.fi) during January 2022. The same address will answer all questions relating to this centennial activity. [TNX OH2BH]

QSL NLOH • Henry, NLOH (St. Lawrence Island, NA-040) «has finally managed to sort out his QSLs requests that up to now had not been processed». These cards are for QSOs made in 2019 and 2020 before M0OXO took over the role as his QSL manager. Henry «apologises for the delay and advises that the cards will be mailed out the next time he is in Nome on the mainland. Hopefully this will be within the next fortnight». [TNX M0OXO]

72nd International DX Convention May 15-16, 2021 Virtual Meeting **VISALIA 2021** • This year's International DX Convention will be a virtual two-day meeting to be held on 15 and 16 May, with eight DX-related and eight exhibitor Zoom webinars respectively. Free pre-registration is required and is now open. The webinars will be recorded and posted to the Northern California DX Club's website at a later date. See https://www.dxconvention.com/ for more information, including the programme details.

WORLD AMATEUR RADIO DAY 2021 • Every 18 April, radio amateurs worldwide take to the airwaves in celebration of World Amateur Radio Day. It was on this day in 1925 that the International Amateur Radio Union was formed in Paris. The IARU Administrative Council has chosen *Amateur Radio: Home but Never Alone* as the theme for this year's World Amateur Radio Day (https://www.iaru.org/on-the-air/world-amateur-radio-day/): «Faced with a pandemic that forced the adoption of extreme physical isolation to reduce the spread of the virus, the worldwide amateur radio community responded positively to

overcome the resulting social isolation». Announced participants in WARD 2021 include stations from





Belgium OR21WARD, OS21WARD Canada VA2RAC (Quebec), VA3

VA2RAC (Quebec), VA3RAC (Ontario), VE1RAC (Nova Scotia, VE4RAC (Manitoba), VE5RAC (Saskatchewan), VE6RAC (Alberta), VE7RAC (British Columbia, VE8RAC (Northwest Territories), VE9RAC (New Brunswick, VO1RAC (Newfoundland), VO2RAC (Labrador), VY0RAC (Nunavut), VY1RAC (Yukon), VY2RAC (Prince Ed-

ward Island)

Chile XR96IARU
Croatia 9A21WARD
Denmark 5P0WARD

England GB4ARD, GB6ARD
France TM96WARD
Germany DA21WARD
Greece SZ1SV
Iceland TF3WARD

India AT2WAR, AU2WAR, AU6ARD, AU8WAR

Italy II2OM Kuwait 9K2WARD Luxembourg LX5WARD

Netherlands PA21WARD, PA96Q, PA96WARD, PB96WARD, PG96WARD

New Zealand ZL1WRD
Poland 3Z0WARD
Romania YO21WARD
Saudi Arabia HZ1WARD
Seychelles S77SARA

Spain EG5DMR, EG5WRD, EH4WRD, AO7WRD

Switzerland HB9WARD

UAE A60WARD, A60WARD/#

Uruguay CX1AA Turkey TC18QRP





YOTA CONTEST 2021 • Organized by the IARU R1 Youth Working Group in co-operation with the Hungarian Amateur Radio Society (MRASZ), the newly born YOTA Contest's aim is to increase youngsters activity on the air, strengthen the reputation of the YOTA programme and demonstrate support for youngsters across the world. This year's YOTA Contest will be held on 22 May (0800-1959 UTC), 17 July (1000-2159 UTC) and 30 December (1200-2359 UTC), on the five classic bands CW and SSB. Everyone can work everyone. The complete rules can be found on https://ham-yota.com/contest. [TNX IARU Region 1]



+ SILENT KEYS + Waldemar "Waldi" Polit, SP7IDX passed away on 4 April. A well known Hexbeam antenna manufacturer and IOTA activator, he died of a heart attack while recovering from contracting Covid-19. Feco, HA8KW reports the sad news of the passing of Csaky "Tami" Tamas, HA8EK (HG8C). A member of the HG8DX Contest Team, he passed away on 6 April of Covid-19.

Edward "Eddy" M. Reynolds, **K5WQG** passed away on 9 April as the result of a major heart attack. Many IOTA chasers worked him on his numerous trips to Papua New Guinea, when he operated P29NI, P29VCX and P29VPB with Derek, G3KHZ, and Hans, SM6CVX.





Waldi, SP7IDX

Tami, HA8EK

Eddy, W5WQG

QSL ROUTES

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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
3D2TS	моохо	E7DX	E77E	OL70DG	OK1DG
3DA0AQ	EA5GL	ED2C	EA2RCF	OM77PA	OM4MM
3E3E	AC2OV	ED3D	EA3RCB	OZ75BO	OZ1ACB
3v8ss	LX1NO	ED7N	ЕА7КНВ	OZ75MAY	OZ1ACB
3Z0WARD	SP6IEQ	ED8B	EA8TR	PA96WARD	PA1AW
3z0x	SP5MXZ	EE1MGY	EB1LO	PB00T	PA2TMS
3Z1K	SP1KRF	EF8I	EA8TK	PB96WARD	PA1AW
4A5E	EA5ZD	EF8K	EA8DET	PG96WARD	PG1R
4K6MAR	DC9RI	EG1PEA	EA1RKA	PI4COM	PA1AW
4L0G	EA7FTR	EG7MSP	EA7RCM	PJ2ND	K8ND
4M8E	YV8ER	EM2G	UR7GO	РЈ2Т	wзник
4U1GSC	9A2AA	EM60LKG	UT5LA	PJ4DX	M0URX
4X0A	4X1VF	EO50FF	UX0FF	PJ4G	K4BAI
4x7R	4X60M	EP2HAM	м0охо	PR4T	EA7FTR
5z4VJ	M0URX	EP2LSH	EA5GL	PS2T	K3IRV
7A1A	EA7FTR	FG4NO	EA5GL	R41WCMB	R1II
7D5RI	EA5GL	FM 5BH	wзник	R75RAA	RN3RQ
7X2HF	EA5GL	HC1HN	EA5GL	R800ANP	RA1WU
7x2GK	IK2DUW	HF1J	SP1NEN	SN2B	SP3CGK
7Z1AL	EC6DX	HF66KAO	SP9KAO	SN7Q	SP7GIQ
8P1W	KU9C	HG7T	на7тм	SO4R	SP4PND
8Q7MS	EA5GL	HG8R	VL8AH	S09I	SQ9ORQ
8s0C	SM0MPV	нн2аа	EB7DX	SX200AOK	SV2AOK
9A0BR	9A4W	HI6LT	W2CCW	SX200COL	SV9COL
9A10FF	9A2MF	HL1IWD/5	EA5GL	SX200DCY	SV8DCY
9A165T	9A1ZDR	HP8DPD	EA7FTR	TG9ANF	VE7BV
9A25RBM	9 A 4J	HS0ZOA	EB7DX	TI7W	M0URX
9A64AA	9A2AA	HZ1SK	IZ8CLM	TM0R	F5GGL
9A88A	9A1UN	HZ1TT	A61BK	TM100SHT	F6KOH
9G5FI	DL1RTL	II2S	IZ2FOS	TM3Z	F4DSK
9н6А	9H1BT	II4DNZ	IQ4FE	TM6BZF	F6KTM
9Ј2ММ	N4GNR	II5LDV	IQ5LV	TM77SM	F4GYM
9K9C	EC6DX	II8K	IZ8EPX	TM8A	F8DVD
9V1YC	W5UE	107т	IZ7ECL	UK8ZC	RW6HS
A42K	EA5GL	IR2X	IK2WAD	UP0L	DL8KAC
A60A	EA7FTR	IR6T	IK6VXO	v73ns	W3HNK
A61DD	EA7FTR	IR8W	IK8YFU	V85AHV	EB7DX
A61QQ	A61BK	IR9Z	IT9VCE	VB3E	VE3AT
A71AE	EC6DX	J73ESL	EA5GL	VC3T	VE3DZ
A71AM	моохо	J79WTA	нв9мгм	VC3VACCINE	VE3ES
A71CT	EA7FTR	JG8NQJ/JD1	JA8CJY [d]	VK0PD	EB7DX
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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
AL1G	W2GR	KL7RA	N4GNR	VP2ETE	wзник
АР2АЈМ	IK2DUW	KP2B	EB7DX	VP5M	K4QPL
AP2TN	DJ9ZB	KP2M	NZ4DX	VR2CC	VR2XRW
AZ7H	EA5KB	L21RCA	LU4AA	WP2Z	KU9C
B40	BA4MY	LC6C	LA6VQ	WP3C	M00X0
B4T	BA4TB	LN8W	LA6YEA	XQ3WD	XQ4CW
в7м	BG7LHY	LO5D	LU8EOT	YB0AZ	W4JS
C37AC	EA3QS	LO7H	EA7FTR	YB0ECT	W2FB
C44C	M0URX	LQ5A	EA7FTR	YB1DNF	EB7DX
C92RU	R7AL	LR3D	EA7FTR	YB9GV	EA7FTR
CE1TT	N200	LS2D	EC6DX	YB9UA	IK2DUW
CN12FES	CN8ZG	LT5X	LU8XW	YI1WWA	IK2DUW
CN8YR	EA7FTR	LX5WARD	LX1JH	YJ8RN	NZ4DX
CP1XRM	EA5RM	LX7I	LX2A	YL6W	YL2GD
CQ750RSI	CT7AQD	LY7Z	LY9Y	YP0C	YO3CZW
CR50IDH	EA4URE	LZ125LAZ	LZ1ZF	YQ6A	YO6BHN
CR6T	CT1ESV	LZ1612EN	LZ1KCP	YT5A	YT1AD
cv7s	CX7SS	LZ200GSR	LZ1XM	YU51ANO	YU1EA
CX2DK	EA5GL	LZ21DIG	LZ2VP	YV5NEA	EA7FTR
СХЗАТ	EA5GL	LZ5R	LZ1YQ	Z21ML	N4GNR
CX5UA	IK2DUW	LZ7G	LZ1NK	ZC4GR	EB7DX
D2EB	IZ3ETU	M5W	M0HMJ	ZF5T	K5GO
DB59FIRAC	DL8DWL	OA4SS	кв6Ј	ZP5FIA	EA5ZD
DC220GERKE	DJ6SI	OC200U	OA40	ZP6RAI	IK2DUW
DP0POL/mm	DL5EBE	OD5ET	EB7DX	ZR6DX	EA7FTR
DR165TESLA	DK8ZZ	OD5YA	IZ8CLM	ZS1OPB	N4GNR
DT8A	DS5TOS	OD5ZZ	N4GNR	ZS4JAN	EA5GL
DY1T	DU1IVT	OE100LCR	OE3LCR	ZS6CCY	K3IRV
E2A	E21EIC	OE2S	OE2GEN	ZS6TVB	N4GNR
E2U	HS4WLA	OG30YL	OH2YL	ZW2W	PT2IC
E7CW	E73ESP	OG73X	OH8L	ZW61DF	PT2GTI

CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
3B8CW	N4GNR	HB9SPACE	нв9аса	R60YAG	RQ7L
3G3O	XQ3OP	HB9WARD	HB90CR	RA60YG	RQ7L
3V8SF	LX1NO	HC1M	EC5R	RC60YG	RQ7L
3w3B	E21EIC	HC1MD/2	K8LJG	RD60YG	RQ7L
4F2KWT	EA5GL	HC5EG	EA5GL	RG21DS	RQ7L
404T	YU1FW	HC5LM	HC5VF	RG60YG	RQ7L
409KOM	EB7DX	HG5D	HA8QZ	RG61PP	RZ3LC
4x70zm	4X6ZM	HP1XT	KU9C	RJ60YG	RQ7L
4x73HU	4x6HU	HP2DFA	EC6DX	RK60YG	RQ7L
4X73KE/m	4X5KE	HZ1EARTH	HZ1SAR	RK75FF	UF2F
4x730M	4X1OM	HZ1WARD	HZ1SAR	RL60YG	RQ7L
4X73REM	4Z5MU	HZ1XB	IZ8CLM	RM60YG	RQ7L
4x73UT	4x6UT	II2OM	IK2AQZ	RN60YG	RW3X

CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
4x73VF	4X1VF	II5RCH	IZ5RHU	RN61YG	RQ7L
4z73Dz	4Z1DZ	JU100DX	JT1CH	RO60YG	RQ7L
4z73FW	RW6HS	KC4AAA	к7мт	RQ60YG	RQ7L
4z73JJ	4Z1JJ	KC4USV	к7мт	RT60YG	RQ7L
4z73KX	4Z4KX	KP3G	EB7DX	RU21DS	RQ7L
4Z73LA	4Z5LA	LZ70HSC	LZ2JE	RU60YG	RQ7L
4273MU	4z5MU	MD2C	MD0CCE	RV60YG	RQ7L
4Z73TL	4Z1TL	MSOINT	EB7DX	RW60YG	RQ7L
4z73UN	RW6HS	NL7RR/KH9	AL7JX	RX60YG	RQ7L
5P0WARD	OZ1ACB	OA 6AMN	EA5ZD	RY60YG	RQ7L
5T5PA	PA5X	OD5PY	KU9C	RZ60YG	RQ7L
6D1A	XE2T	OD5SB	EB7DX	S79KW	N4GNR
6D2A	XE2T	OD5TX	W4JS	s79vu	N4GNR
6D3A	XE2T	OD5VB	EA5GL	SM2M	SM2LIY
9K2BS	EC6DX	OD5ZF	IZ8CLM	SM2U	SM0CXU
9K2WARD	9K2RA	OE21WARD	ОЕЗХНО	SNOIMED	SP9MOA
9 M 7DX	9W6MUL	OG2B	OH2GEK	SN80EJG	SP5EJG
9N1CA	EA5ZD	OR21WARD	ON9TT	SZ200ERS	SZ8ERS
9V1KB	EA5GL	OS21WARD	ON4NOK	TF3WARD	TF3MH
9V1VV	EA5GL	OS3DWG	ON3DWG	TG9ADM	EA5GL
A25SL	N4GNR	OS4CHK	ON4CHK	TG9ADV	EC6DX
A60WARD/5	A61BK	OS4OSA	ON6EF	TG9AOR	EC6DX
A91WARD	EC6DX	OS5CDG	ON5CDG	TG9AWS	w3нnк
AO7WRD	EA7URU	OS6HC	ON6HC	TM60YURI	F1UJT
AP2SD	EA5ZD	os6zv	ON6ZV	TM618T	F6FMT
AU2HFI	VU2MUD	OS8ON	ON8ON	TM7IGRY	F1DHX
CE2SV	N7RO	OT30CRD	ON4CRD	TM96WARD	F6BEE
CM2IU	RW6HS	OY9JD	EA5GL	TZ4AM	WOSA
CN8GC	RW6HS	PA21AGR	PE1RLN	U4MIR	RN3DK
CN96JQ	RW6HS	PA21WARD	PA3EFR	UP4L	UN7LZ
CO5LB	RW6HS	PA96Q	PA0Q	UP55L	RW6HS
CO7FR	IK2DUW	PC19HOPE	РА7НРН	V31MA	моохо
CQ83AS	HB9CRV	PJ2MAN	ЕС5АНА	V51LZ	EA5GL
DP44WCA	DF6EX	PJ4BZL	M0URX	VI100AF	M0URX
DU6/PE1NSQ	EA5GL	PJ4EVA	M0URX	VK100AF	M0URX
EG5DMR	EA5RKB	PR3R	PY3ZZR	XR96IARU	CE3AA
EH4WRD	EA4RCH	PT5W	PP5NY	XWOLP	EA5GL
EN35U	US0UX	PV7T	PR7TU	YG9WKB	EB7DX
EO35IZ	UX5IZ	R1961AG	RA4CEO	YLOWFF	YL2CQ
EO35UC	UR4UWA	R1994YU	RQ7L	YV7MAY	EA8MU
EP3ASA	EA5GL	R1996VK	RQ7L	Z81D	OM3JW
FS4WBS	IZ1MHY	R2014NC	RQ7L	ZA/IW2JOP	IW2HAJ
GB0DOE	G0PNM	R35CHA	RZ5D	ZF1EJ	K6AM
GB0SG	G4XEX	R35YCH	RW3YS	ZF2CH	VO1IDX
GB6QE	G7KHV	R60CTC	RQ7L	ZM1A	ZL3CW
GH5DX	EB7DX	R60MCC	RQ7L	ZM1M	ZL1BBW
HB15SOTA	HB9DPR	R60RDK	RA4DAR	ZZ1M	PY1SAD



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