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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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3B8 - Lubo, OM5ZW will be active holiday style as 3B8/OM5ZW from Mauritius (AF-049) from 29 April to 6 May. He will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 on 80-10 metres. QSL via LoTW and Club Log's OQRS. [TNX The Daily DX]

4X - The "Land of Craters" programme sees four special stations operate from the Makhteshim ("craters") in the Negev desert of Israel. The first three activities were conducted by 4X0ARF (November 2020), 4X0GDL (April-May 2021) and 4X0KTN (November 2021) Look for 4X0RMN to be QRV from Makhtesh Ramon (Ramon Crater), Israel's largest national park, on 13-14 May. Activity will be on 80-10 metres CW, SSB and FT8, and the QO-100 satellite SSB and CW. QSL via 4X6ZM (direct or bureau), LoTW and eQSL. A certificate will be available for working 3 out of 4 stations: see https://www.iarc.org/craters/. [TNX 4X6ZM]

EA - Representing the three provinces of Aragon, special callsigns EG2SJH (Huesca), EG2SJT (Teruel), and EG2SJZ (Zaragoza) will be activated on 23 April to celebrate Day of Aragon and the name-day of San Jorge (St. George, Aragon's patron saint). QSL via the bureau.

F - Special callsign TM2IF will be activated between 22 April and 13 June as a tribute to Jose-Antonio Gurutzarri "Guru" Jauregi, EA2IF. An outstanding personality of the Summits On The Air programme, he passed away on 11 March aged only 57. QSL via eQSL, paper QSLs will not be available.

HK0 - Renato, PY8WW will be active as HK0/PY8WW from San Andres Island (NA-033) on 7-12 May. He plans to be QRV on 40-6 metres, with a focus on the Magic Band. QSL via home call.

I - II1WRTC, II2WRTC, II3WRTC, II4WRTC, II5WRTC, II6WRTC, II7WRTC, II8WRTC, II9WRTC, II0WRTC, IR1WRTC and IO0WRTC (Sardinia) are the special callsigns being activated until the end of the IARU HF Championship (10 July at 11.59 UTC) to promote the World Radiosport Team Championship to be held in Italy in July 2023 [425DXN 1600]. See https://www.wrtc2022.it/en/wrtc2022-award-19.asp for the certificate. Operations started on 1 January; 102 days later, on 12 April at 14.03 UTC, the 1,000,000th QSO was made with AB4SF. An application has been filed with Guinness World Records for "the fastest one million amateur radio contacts by an organization".

I - Alex, IK8YFU will be active as ID9/IK8YFU from Lipari Island (EU-017) on 21-25 April. He will operate SSB and FT8 on the HF bands. QSL via LoTW or direct to home call. [TNX DX World]

I - Look for IY0CG, IY0GA (Sardinia), IY0IMD, IY0ORP, IY0TC, IY1MR, IY1SM, IY1SP, IY1TO, IY4FGM, IY5PIS, IY6GM and IY7M to be active during the International Marconi Day (23 April). QSL via operators'

instructions. These stations are affiliated to the "Coordinamento Stazioni Marconiane Italiane" (http://csmi.altervista.org/wp/), which gathers amateur radio stations operating from historic Marconi sites located in Italy. [TNX IS0JMA]

JA - JI3DST/6, JJ5RBH/6 and JJ5RBH/p will be active from Miyako Island (AS-079) between 20 April and 9 May. Look for activity on 80-2m CW, SSB and FT8. See qrz.com for QSLling instructions. [TNX The Daily DX]

JA - Look for Kenji, JA4GXS/4 to be QRV from Ohzu/Otsu Island (AS-117) on 30 April-1 May. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 40, 20, 17 and 6 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX DX World]

LU_ant - The Argentinian icebreaker "Almirante Irizar" (LU2AIB) will stop at General San Martin Base on Barry Island, Antarctica (AN-016) for four days. Crew member Claudio, LU3DCK expects to go ashore and be active as LU1ZD between 15 and 18 April. QSL direct to LU4DXU.

OE - Special event station OE22M will be active to commemorate the anniversary of Guglielmo Marconi's birth (25 April 1874) and take part in the International Marconi Day (23 April). QSL via OE1YPP (bureau) or direct to DokuFunk, OE22M, An den Steinfeldern 4A, 1230 Wien, Austria.

PY - Vinicius, PU2VLW will be active as ZY2WCX from Sao Sebastiao Island (SA-028) on 15-17 April. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 80, 15, 12 and 10 metres, according to the band privileges afforded by his licence class. QSL via PU2VLW (direct only), LoTW, Club Log.

V4 - Once again John, W5JON will be active as V47JA from St. Kitts (NA-104) on 20-28 April. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 160-6m. QSL via LoTW, or direct only to W5JON. [TNX NG3K]

W - Gene, N0MHJ will be active as N0MHJ/4 from Garden Key, Dry Tortugas (NA-079) on 22-25 April. He will operate CW and SSB on 40, 20 and 6 metres, starting around 13 UTC and ending around 21 UTC on a daily basis (see https://www.n0mhj.net/ for details about his planned "hourly operating sked"). QSL via LoTW or direct to home call.

YO - YO22WARD is the special callsigns for members of the Federatia Romana de Radioamatorism to celebrate World Amateur Radio Day on 15-25 April. QSL via LoTW and eQSL.

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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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 23 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/.

NCDXF DXCELLENCE AWARD ---> Created in April 2021, the Northern California DX Foundation's "DXcellence Award" is awarded to the "outstanding DXpedition of the last twelve month, which received funding from NCDXF. The award is intended to recognize excellence in a DXpedition, exemplified by practices, ethics, management, transparency, impact upon the DXing community, and lastly exhibited fun! The winner of the award is determined by the NCDXF Board of Directors. The board considers several factors, including performance, complexity of the DXpedition, impact on Club Log most wanted ranking . Especially important are activities associated with humanitarian and education". The first DXcellence Award has been conferred on the S9OK DXpedition to Sao Tome (October 2021): "their team did a terrific job, and after contact with Zorro, JH1AJT, planned a visit to the local schools. Useful gifts were given to the children for the classrooms and the children's response was joy and happiness".

NCDXF OFFICERS ---> The 2022-23 officers for the Northern California DX Foundation were voted in on 11 April. The new roster of officers is Kevin Rowett K6TD (President), Craig Thompson K9CT (Vice President), Glenn Johnson W0GJ (Secretary) and Don Greenbaum N1DG (Treasurer). The current Directors are Tom Berson ND2T, Lee Finkel KY7M, Ross Forbes K6GFJ, John Miller K6MM, Rich Seifert KE1B, Ned Stearns AA7A and George Wallner AA7JV.
The primary purpose of NCDXF (https://www.ncdxf.org/) is to help fund well-organized DXpeditions to desirable DXCC Entities, and to support advances in DXpeditioning skills, technology and infrastructure. Those funds come from the contributions of supporters in the DX community, who "help make DX happen". In addition, NCDXF provides scholarships to Contest University for those 25 years of age and under; partners with IARU to operate the NCDXF Beacon System worldwide; supports the World Radio Team Championship.

TX5N: BAND PLAN ---> The 15 April flight from Papeete (Tahiti) has been delayed, and the team will arrive at the guest house on Raivavae (OC-114), Austral Islands "too late in the day to install antennas". Activity on the bands should start around the UTC early evening hours on 16 April. Look for TX5N to operate split on or near (+/- QRM or frequency in use) the following announced frequencies:

CW	1826.5	3523	-	7010	10105	14023	18069	21023	24891	28023
SSB	-	3790	-	7090	-	14185	18130	21285	24955	28485
RTTY	-	-	-	7045	10142	14080	18105	21080	24910	28080
FT8 F/H	1836	3567	5357	7056	10131	14090	18095	21091	24911	28091

See https://tx5n.net for more information. QSL via M0URX's OQRS.

WAZ: NEW AWARD MANAGER ---> Jose Castillo (N4BAA) is the new CQ Worked All Zones Award Manager. He succeeds John Bergman (KC5LK), who has retired after managing the WAZ programme since 2014. Effective immediately, all correspondence relating to the CQ WAZ Award programme should be addressed to Jose Castillo, 6773 South State Road 103, Straughn IN 47387, USA; or via e-mail to n4baa@cq-amateur-radio.com.

WORLD AMATEUR RADIO DAY 2022 ---> 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 "Celebrating Amateur Radio's Contribution to Society" as the theme for this year's World Amateur Radio Day. Announced participants in WARD 2022 include stations from

Bahrain	A91WARD
Canada	VA2RAC, VA3RAC, VE1RAC, VE4RAC, VE5RAC, VE6RAC, VE7RAC, VE8RAC, VE9RAC, VO1RAC, VO2RAC, VY0RAC, VY1RAC, VY2RAC
Croatia	9A22WARD
Denmark	5P0WARD
France	TM97WARD
Germany	DA22WARD
Indonesia	8D97WARD
Netherlands	PA22WARD
Romania	YO22WARD
Saudi Arabia	HZ1WARD
Spain	EH4WRD
Switzerland	HB9WARD
UAE	A60WARD

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3DA0RU, 3V8SS, 5R8AL, 5Z4PA, 7P8RU, 7Q6M, 7Q7CT, 8R1AK/p (SA-068), 9X4X, B2/BY1CY (AS-158), DP1POL, E7DX, JY4CI, KL7FBI (NA-037), KP3RE (NA-249), KP4JRS, LZ1340B, MP7DX, OX7AM, PZ5KV, SU1SK, SV2RSG/A, T77C, TL7M, TU5PCT, TZ1CE, V31GX, YB0AZ, YC1BIQ/6 (OC-245), YE1AR/6 (OC-245), Z21A, Z22O, ZF2OO, ZS1C, ZS7ANF.

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