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5U - 5UA99WS' departure from Niger [425DXN 1669] has been brought forward, and he is now scheduled to leave the country on 1 June. In his spare time Giorgio operates FT8, FT4 and SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, or via EA5GL.

A9 - A91GCC is the special callsign for the Bahrain Amateur Radio Society to celebrate the 42nd anniversary of the Gulf Cooperation Council on 19-25 May. QSL via EC6DX. Established on 25 May 1981, GCC is a regional intergovernmental political and economic union that consists of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

C6 - Look for KN4NTX to be active as C6AWA from Bimini (NA-048), Bahamas on 26-28 May. He will operate CW only, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. QSL direct to home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

GM - Col, MM0NDX and Jonathan, MM0OKG will be active as MS0INT from the Isle of Tiree (EU-008) on 26-29 May. They will be QRV on 17-6m. QSL via LoTW. "There is a small chance they may try activate the neighbouring Treshnish Islands (EU-108) for a few hours, but this will depend on weather, and will very much be a decision made on the day (possibly 28 May)". [TNX DX World]

GM - Dan, F5DBT plans to be active as MM/F5DBT from several islands off the west coast of Scotland between 28 May and 15 June. He will operate SSB, FT8 and FT4 on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or direct to home call.

H4 - Originally scheduled for March 2024 [425DXN 1668], the H44WA DXpedition to the Solomon Islands has been brought forward to 15-29 November 2023. Five operators (N7JP, N7QT, N9ADG, NU7J and WA7CPA) will be active on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and FT8 (F/H). QSL via M0URX's OQRS; there will be no full log upload to LoTW, and bureau cards will not be available. See https://www.h44wa.com/ for updates and detailed QSLling policy.

I - As of 18 May, the list of special callsigns celebrating the centenary of the Italian Air Force until 20 June includes

II0AAA	II2BGY	II4PNF	II9CMS
II0AQN	II2BRS	II5GRO	II9CTF
II0BPL	II2GHD	II5MSC	II9CVT
II0CMP	II2MIL	II5PIO	II9PAB
II0FRO	II2VGT	II5PIS	II9SIG
II0GUI	II2VNG	II5PON	II9TMM
II0LAT	II3AFT	II6PES	IO3CVM
II0MVV	II3AVI	II7BPM	IO5LUT
II0OVF	II3BLN	II7BRI	IO7BPM
II0PDM	II3CDF	II7GDC	IO9MAR
II0PEG	II3GOR	II7LEG	IY0TC
II0RMC	II3IST	II8RCL	IY1TO

II1ALB II3PDV II8REG
II1CAM II3PRL II8SSC
II1CME II3VEL II8VVL

The activity is organized by the Associazione Radioamatori Italiani (ARI) in collaboration with the Air Force General Staff; each call-sign represents a place that had or still has significant importance in the ITAAF history. A certificate will be available; see https://www.ari.it/images/stories/diplomi/centenarioam23.pdf for information.

I - Look for Lorenzo, IB0/IZ0BVU and Dario, IB0/IW0RLC to be active from Ventotene Island (EU-045) on 25-28 May. They will operate SSB, FT8, FT4 and RTTY on 40, 20, 15, 10 and 6 metres (maybe also on 80m). QSL via home calls and LoTW.

JA - Take, JI3DST will be active from Shodo Island (AS-200) from 23 May to 5 July. He will operate SSB and CW as JJ5RBH (including participation in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest) JI3DST/5, JS6RRR/5 and JR8YLY/5, as well as JI3DST/p, JS6RRR/p and JR8YLY/p on FT8. He will pay special attention to 6m. The QSOs will be made available for Club Log and LoTW Matching on the IOTA website.

JA - Ichy, JH7IPR will be active from Ishigaki Island and Iriomote Island (both count for IOTA group AS-024) on 24-28 May. He will be signing JH7IPR/6 (CW, RTTY, SSB, AM) and JH7IPR/p (FT4, FT8 and other digital modes). QSL via Club Log and LoTW.

KH8S - Originally scheduled for March 2020 and postponed repeatedly, the W8S DXpedition to Swains Island (OC-200) is now set to take place on 4-17 October. The team (DJ9RR, DL2AMD, DL6JGN, KO8SCA, NG7M, PA2KW, PA3EWP, PA4WM, PA5X and PG5M) will operate CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY on all bands with six stations from two operating sites. "Due to Covid and the global economic situation, our costs have increased considerably compared to 2020", PA3EWP says. The total cost has increased to EUR 125,000, and donations will be gratefully accepted. See https://swains2020.lldxt.eu/ for more information.

KP4 - Manuel,WP4TZ will be active from Vieques Island (NA-249) on 23-30 May. He will be QRV on 40-6 metres from parks, summits and beaches for the POTA, SOTA and BOTA programmes. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. Updates will be posted to https://twitter.com/elradiohead.

LA - Ric, DL2VFR and Fred, DL4BBH will be active as LA/DL2VFR and LA/DL4BBH from IOTA group EU-061 and the Ytre Hvaler National Park on 2-6 June. They will operate CW and SSB. QSLs via home calls, LoTW, and Club Log. [TNX DL2VFR]

OK - The private company Radiojournal began regular radio broadcasts in Czechoslovakia on 18 May 1923. OL100RADIO, OL100RJ, OL23RADIO and OL23RJ are the special callsigns for the Czech Radio Club to mark "100 years of broadcasting in OK-land". Look for activity on all bands and modes from 18 May to 18 June. A certificate will be available, see qrz.com under any of the special callsigns for information.

P4 - John, W2GD will be active as P40W from Aruba (SA-036) on 23-30 May. Main activity will be during the CQ WW WPX CW Contest, with some spare time operations on 30, 17 and 12 metres outside the contest. QSL via LoTW, or direct to N2MM.

SM - Ric, DL2VFR and Fred, DL4BBH will be active as either SM6/DL2VFR or SD7V/6 (if his licence is renewed) and SM6/DL4BBH from Orust Island

(EU-043) on 31 May-2 June. They will operate CW and SSB. QSLs via home calls, LoTW, and Club Log. [TNX DL2VFR]

V4 - Once again John, W5JON will be active as V47JA from St. Kitts (NA-104) from 23 May to 7 June. He will operate SSB and FT8 on the HF bands and especially 6m. QSL via LoTW, or direct only to W5JON.

VP2M - K2DM, George will be active as VP2MDM from Montserrat on 25-29 May. He will operate FT8 and SSB on the HF bands and 6 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. QSL via LoTW, or direct to K2DM. [TNX The Daily DX]

VP5 - John, K4BAI will be active as VP5/K4BAI from Providenciales (NA-002), Turks & Caicos Islands on 23-30 May. QSL via home call. Along with other operators, he will participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest as VP5M (QSL direct to K4QPL). [TNX The Daily DX]

VP9 - Darrell, AB2E will be active as AB2E/VP9 from Bermuda (NA-005) on 24-29 May. Main activity will be during the CQ WW WPX CW Contest; before and after the contest he will operate CW, SSB, and FT8 on 160-10m, with focus on the WARC bands. QSL via LotW, or direct to home call.

TF - Chris, DL1MGB will be active as TF/DL1MGB from Iceland on 26-29 May. Main activity will be on 80-10 metres during the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]

YU - The Amateur Radio Union of Serbia (YU1SRS) will host the 26th IARU Region 1 General Conference, to be held at Zlatibor on 1-4 November. A special callsign has been issued, YT26IARU, which may be operated until 31 December by the hosting society as well as by the conference amateur radio station. QSL via LoTW.

CARIBBEAN TOUR ---> Bob K4UEE, Rob K5PI, Bill W5SJ and Madison W5MJ will be active from Antigua (NA-100) on 23-28 May, including a M/S HP entry in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest, and from Montserrat (NA-103) on 29 May-4 June. The callsigns will be V26RC and VP2MUE (for K4UEE), V26GB and VP2MKP (for K5PI), V26MJ and VP2MMJ (for W5MJ), V26BP and VP2MSJ (for W5SJ). [TNX The Daily DX]

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QSL VIA M0OXO ---> On 15 May 4438 3Y0J cards were mailed to 83 countries, Charles reports. You can still request QSLs via OQRS (https://www.m0oxo.com) or direct post mail, but "time is approaching for my vacation", he says. "If you require any direct mailed cards, I would suggest requesting them very soon. My last mailing will be May 30th. Although log updates, missing call enquiries and emails will receive a reply, no cards will be issued in June".

+ SILENT KEY + Bernhard "Ben" Buettner, DL6RAI (P44X) lost his life on 18 May in a tragic accident while doing maintenance at his QTH in Aruba. He was working on one of the contest station's towers when it unexpectedly buckled,

and Ben, "who was attached with a safety belt, was left hanging in the air. They cut the cables and brought him to the ground and performed cardio-pulmonary resuscitation. Police and ambulance were called out but in vain. A doctor pronounced Ben dead shortly afterwards", Jacobo, P43P reports.

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******* QSL ROUTES *******
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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
4F1DY/p	EA5GL	E77DX	E73Y	PA6RYS	PA2AM
4L5P	IK7JTF	E7RUBOS	E74BYZ	PD6SUAM	PD0HWE
4L6QL	RW6HS	EG1MAR	EA1UVR	SP122WP	SP3PDO
4U100QO	M0URX	EG1SPR	EA1URV	SP50GVU	SP6GVU
4U1UN	HB9BOU	EH7IR	EA7LH	SU1SK	N2OO
5F1SC	RW6HS	EJ6KP/p	EI6KP	T88HZ	JH6HZH
5Z4VJ	M0URX	EP2ABS	RW6HS	TC19M	YM1KE
6D33M	XE2M	FG8OJ	M0OXO	TI5CDA	EA5GL
7X4CZ	M0OXO	FO/F6BCW	F6EXV	TM100KOB	F5KOB
7Z1ES	IZ8CCM	GB0AEL	MI0HOZ	TM350DA	F4GFE
8P2K	KU9C	GB9RC	G4XEX	TM350DN	F1EOY
8S80AA	SK5AA	H25A	LZ3SM	TM4JDD	F8KGS
9J2BO	EA5GL	HC2GRC	LY5CA	TM5I	F5PTI
9X2AW	M0OXO	HC7AE/1	EA5GL	TM5JADE	F6KSV
A60AP	EA7FTR	HF9MUZEUM	SP9KAG	TO5L	DK2PZ
A61DI	EA7FTR	HG0WFF	HA0HW	V31MA	M0OXO
A61Q	EA7FTR	HG73WTD	HA1KHJ	V85A	EB7DX
A62A	EA7FTR	HI3SD	EC6DX	VI75G	VK3ATL
A65CW	DL2RMC	ID9/OP8L	ON8WTF	VK5KI	M0OXO
A71AE	EC6DX	II1MRN	IW1EHL	VP2ETE	W3HNK
A71WW	EA7FTR	II3ALP	IQ3UD	VP8BTR	M0OXO
A91WTIS	EC6DX	II3RCT	IQ3TS	VP8KCC	VP8LP
C31CT	EA3QS	MS0TJT/p	GM4ZNC	VP8KCR	M0OXO
CJ3TTB	VA3TTB	OD5ZZ	N4GNR	VP9HE	KN3X
CK3AT	VE3AT	OT40PRA	ON4PRA	XV9NPS	JA2NPS [b]
CK3ZN	VE3ZN	OY/4X6TT	N4GNR	XV9NPS	JA2ODB [d]
CX1VH	EA7FTR	OY1OF	M0URX	YR65KBS	YO7KBS
D44EO	SQ9D	P44X	DJ4MX	YU75SRS	YU1SRS
D44PM	IZ4DPV	PA100ETM	PE1RDP	Z21ML	N4GNR
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