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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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- ET - Ken, K4ZW and Bob, W9XY will return to ET3AA, the Ethiopian Amateur Radio Society's club station at the Addis Ababa University, Institute of Technology, on 19-29 June. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on the HF bands (neither 160 nor 80 metres) and 6 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via N200.
- F - Members of Radio Club F5KDC will be active as TM400BPA on 17-20 June and again on 6-16 October. Look for activity on 80, 40 and 20m SSB and CW. The special callsign memorializes the 400th anniversary since the birth of Blaise Pascal, the French mathematician, physicist, inventor, philosopher and writer (19 June 1623). [TNX F8REF]
- G - GBOECA and GBOWCA are two special callsigns used from various locations (castles, forts, stately homes, etc) across England. QSL via eQSL. Established in January 2021 and managed by Bob Saunders (MOMJA), the English Castles Awards (ECA) is an awards programme for chasers and activators of Castles On The Air (COTA), and it is an integral part of WCA (World Castles Awards). Complete information can be found on <https://englishcastlesawards.uk/>.
- GI - Paul, G4PVM will be active holiday style as GI4PVM from Rathlin Island (EU-122) on 25-29 June. He will operate CW and SSB on 40-10 metres, possibly also on 80 and 6m. QSL via LoTW and eQSL; he will also upload his log to Club Log for QSO matching on the IOTA website.[TNX DX World]
- JA - Masa, JF3ELH will be active as JF3ELH/6 (CW and SSB) and JF3ELH/p (FT8) from Okino Erabu, Amami Islands (AS-023) on 23-26 June. He will be QRV on 80-6 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX JI3DST]
- KH2 - Yas, JA1QQU will be active as KH2/JA1QQU from Guam (OC-026) from 29 June to 4 July. He plans to be QRV between 23-2 UTC, and 10-14 UTC. QSL via LoTW and eQSL (after 7 July), or via home call.
- KH8 - Yuri N3QQ, Hal W8HC and James KB2FMH will be active as KH8RRC from Tutuila (OC-045), American Samoa on 4-18 July. They plan to operate CW, SSB and FT8/FT4 on 80-6 metres from a mountaintop location within the American Samoa National Park. This will be the first ever POTA activity on the island. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or direct to KB2FMH, "LoTW afterwards".
- LU - Radio Club QRM Belgrano (LU4AAO) will be active on 17-25 June to celebrate Argentine Flag Day. Look for activity on all bands SSB, FT8, CW and SSTV. Special award and QSL will be available, see http://lu4aao.org/cert_dia_de_la_bandera.htm for information. [TNX LU4AAO]
- VP2V - Dave, W9DR will be active as VP2V/W9DR from Anegada (FK78tr), British Virgin Islands (NA-023) on 23-29 June. He will operate FT8, Q65, SSB and CW on 6m only. QSL direct to home call. [TNX NG3K]
- VP6 - VP6A started operations from Ducie Island (OC-182) [425DXN 1675] on 12 June around 23 UTC. Activity is now expected to continue until

26 June. See <https://www.grz.com/db/VP6A> for the band plan. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via HA7RY; logs will also be uploaded to LoTW as QSLs are ordered, and full log when the flow of direct requests decreases.

"VP6A is on the air with four stations", George, AA7JV reported on 16 June. "We have started with two remotely operated FT8 stations, and one locally operated CW/SSB station. The remote FT8 operation is going well with over 20,000 QSOs in the log. The local CW and SSB operation has been seriously curtailed by the difficult conditions we are operating under.

When we arrived at Ducie, the entrance to the lagoon, where it is easy and safe to land - and where past DXpeditions were operating from - was completely blocked by huge crashing waves. We have established a very precarious hold for the boat on the exposed north shore and landed the RIB boat across the rocky bars and surf.

The three of us (KN4EEI, W6IZT and AA7JV) have been working hard to keep the boat safe and to keep the stations operating. We have only a limited time to operate the local SSB/CW station. We understand that demand for CW and SSB is high. We have just brought on the air the fourth station, which is a remotely operated CW station. We hope this will be able to satisfy the demand for more CW operations.

We continue hanging on under difficult conditions. Forecasts indicate favorable weather for the next two days, followed by some very strong NW winds and the passage of a cold front. This will require us to relocate for one or two days. Once the front has passed, we will be able to return to the north shore, hopefully for the rest of the operation.

This is an entirely self-funded DXpedition, mainly to prove that remote operation is possible with a small support team and a minimal footprint. As environmental restrictions increase, this may be the only future way to activate many much wanted entities. We appreciate the support of the Amateur Radio community in our efforts".

Z6 - Tapani, OH5BM and Naim, Z62NS will be active as Z66X on 60 and 6 metres from 14 June until late on 18 June. QSL via OH2BH. The 5 Mhz frequency band has been recently approved for amateur radio services in Kosovo. [TNX OH2BH]

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DAYTON HAMVENTION PHOTO GALLERY ---> The 2023 Dayton Hamvention Photo Gallery is now up on Tom, K8CX's Ham Gallery. It includes 444 photos, which makes a total of 7,105 Dayton Hamvention photos, all searchable by callsign: <http://hamgallery.com/dayton2023/>.

W8S: PROPAGATION PREDICTION CHART ---> Jari, OH6BG has prepared a propagation prediction chart for W8S, the 4-17 October DXpedition to Swains Island [425DXN 1672]. "The timeframe in October as well as the antennas and power that will be used on Swains are set by default, so you only have to put your grid square and antenna situation in the designated boxes and the chart will show you the best bands and times to make it into our log":

<https://swains2020.1ldxt.eu/propagation/>.

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***** QSL ROUTES *****
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CALL          MANAGER      CALL          MANAGER      CALL          MANAGER
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3B8CW         N4GNR        DP0POL        DL5EBE        R300PD        UF8F
3B8HK         N4GNR        EE3TDM        EA3DVP        R300PI        RV9FF
3Z8GSC        SP8GSC       EG5DATV       IU1BOT        R300PL        RC9F
4K6FO         DC9RI        EK6TA         DJ0MCZ        R300PS        UA9FFV
4K6MAR        DC9RI        EL2DT         N2OO         R320P         R1NU
5B4AAB        G8CLY        EP2LMA        EA5GL         RI1AND        RN1ON
5B4AMX        LZ3SM        EY8MM         W0VTT        SA6G/7        SM6CUK
5H6PJ         VU2BGC       FK8HM         F5MFV        SJ9WL         LA7TIA
5W1SA         JA1DXA       FS4WBS        IZ1MHY        SN0AA         SP3ZIR
6Y5HM         EA5GL        HF50HDA       SP7HDA        SN70ME        SP9KKA
7X2HF         EA5GL        HH2MK         EB7DX         SO100TRA      SP9CJM
7Z1VD         EA5GL        HI3MM         EB7DX         SP100JCH      SP3PDO
9A50RKP       9A6KX        HI3R          EB7DX         SP100TRA      SP3TYJ
9K2ES         EC6DX        HI8D          NK4Q          TF4ZQ         SA7AZQ
9K2GR         M0OXO        HS0ZJF        ON4AFU        TG9ADM        EA5GL
9K2GS         EC6DX        HZ1AM         EA7FTR        TG9AWS        N2OO
9K2NO         EC6DX        II1DCI        IK1GPG        TM016JNTO     F5MCC
9K2OF         EC6DX        II2BGBS       IW2NNZ        TM17LOTI      F8KIS
9K2YD         EC6DX        II2MM         IQ2CF         TM200TC       F5KOI
9K2YM         EA5KB        JY5HX         E73Y         TM28RT        F4KLW
9N1CA         EA5ZD        KH6BB         KH6DL         TM2TW         F5PTI
9V1YC         W5UE         KK2H/KH6      JL1UXH        TM400BP       F8GGZ
A47RS         EC6DX        LG5LG         LA7TIA        TM5CO         F4FRG
A71VV         M0OXO        LU1ZV         LU3IA         TM61TC        F4HAQ
A71XX         EC6DX        LU8DBS/Z      LU4DXU        TM62TLG       F4KLR
AP2HA         JA1WIO       LZ78KA        LZ1KCP        TM6J          F6KCZ
AP2IN         IK2DUW       NP3XF         EA5GL         TM80MAX       F8KLY
AP2SD         EA5ZD        NP4TT         KU9C          TR8CR         F6AJA
AP2TN         N4BAA        OD5ET         EB7DX         VC9FEMBOY     VE2TBR
CN2AWB/p      CT7AWB       OD5TX         IZ8CLM        VP6A          HA7RY
CQ8AOV        CT7AOV       OD5VB         IZ8CLM        VU7W          YL2GN
CS2CO         CS5CRE       OH0Z          W0MM          YI3MUT        IK2DUW
CT9/OM3RG     OM2FY        OL100R        OK1MP         YS1CH         EA5GL
CT9ABV        DL5AXX       OL750HOL      OK1MR         YS1ECB        EA7BO

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CX4DI EA5GL OQ95RCL ON3AR Z66X OH2BH
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DP0GVN DL5EBE PS5M PT2OP ZC4RH DK6SP

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