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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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3B8 - David, OK6DJ will be active as 3B8/OK6DJ from Mauritius Island (AF-049) on 20-27 February. QSL via Club Log's OQRS.

5H - Sysa, OM4AYL will be active as 5H4AYL from Pemba Island (AF-063), Tanzania on 18-28 February. Look for activity on 80-10 metres SSB, CW and FT8. QSL via OM4AYL; QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

5R - Borut, S53BV will be active holiday style as 5R8BV from Nosy Be (AF-057), Madagascar from 17 February to 3 March. He will operate CW and SSB on 80 and 40 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or direct to home call.

5X - DJ6TF, DK1BT, DL4WK and DL7BO have been active as 5X7O from Uganda since 7 February, and will remain there until 19 February. They operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-10 metres. QSL via DJ6TF, LoTW, Club Log's OQRS. [TNX DX World]

5X - Dick, W6TK will be active as 5X2G on 12-29 February while visiting family in Uganda. He will operate CW and FT8/FT4, and hopes to participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest on a part time basis. QSL via LoTW.

7P - Pista, HA5AO has been back to Lesotho since 5 February, and will remain there until 19 February. In his spare he operates CW, FT8 and SSB on 40-10 metres as 7P8AO. QSL via LoTW, or via his OQRS (https://www.ha5ao.com/index.php). [TNX DX World]

9Y - 9Y24C is the special callsign to be used on various bands and modes on 10-13 February for the National Carnival Celebration in Trinidad and Tobago. QSL via LoTW only.

BY - Look for B5/BH4FSK to be active from Daishan Island (AS-137) on 13-15 February. He will run 5-10 watts on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 10 and 6 metres.

CE0Z - The DXpedition to Robinson Island (SA-005), Juan Fernandez is set for 10-24 February. Three callsigns will be used:
* CB0ZA operated by the 7-member on-island team
* CB0ZEW operated remotely
* CB0ZW operated only during the ARRL DX CW Contest

"Barring any unforeseen difficulties", the team anticipates arrival at their primary accommodation on 10 February in the local afternoon. They plan to get the remote station on the air as soon as possible. About fifty operators from around the world have signed up to operate CW or FT8 while the on-island team is busy the next couple of days setting up the stations on the mountain above within the National Park. Once the two mountain top operating camps are established, the RIB will be taken up on top as well and added to the stations there.

The DXpedition will enable Club Log's Live Stream.

FT8: the CB0ZEW remote station will be running WSJT-X F/H mode; the CB0ZA on-island stations will be running MSHV multi-stream.
6 metres: plans call for 6m EME using Q65A; if the terrestrial propagation opens, the station will QSY to 50300 or 50313 kHz and use FT8.
Nathan, K4NHW will serve as the CB0ZA DXpedition Pilot. Inquiries (non-QSO and non-QSL related) or comments should be sent to cb0za[@]k4nhw.com. See https://cb0za.com/ for the band plan, more information and updates, which will also be posted to Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/100093132288335).
QSLs via Club Log's OQRS, or via N2OO; full upload to LoTW after six months.

DL - DP9GLHN is the special callsign that members of DARC's Ortsverband Norderney will be using from 1 February to 31 December to mark the 150th anniversary since the Norderney Island (EU-047) lighthouse was put into service. QSL via the bureau.

EA - Special callsigns AO1WRD, AO2WRD, AO3WRD, AO4WRD, AO5WRD, AO6WRD (Balearic Islands), AO7WRD, AO8WRD (Canary Islands) and AO9WRD (Ceuta and Melilla) are expected to be active on 9-18 February in celebration of World Radio Day. QSL for all callsigns direct to EA3RKF: Federacion Digital EA, Apartado Postal 3050, 08200 Sabadell (Barcelona), Spain. World Radio Day was proclaimed in 2011 by the Member States of UNESCO, and adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012 as an International Day. This year's theme is "Radio: A century informing, entertaining and educating".

F - Celebrating World Radio Day, F8GGZ will be active as TM24JMR (Journee Mondiale de la Radio) on 13 February. Michel will operate SSB and CW on 80-10 metres. QSL via eQSL, or via the bureau.

FM - Yuri, VE3DZ will be active as FM/VE3DZ from Martinique (NA-107) on 13-21 February. He will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest as TO4A. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS, or via home call. [TNX DX World]

HL - 6K2BYF, 6K2CFI, 6K2GRX and DS1TUW will be active as DT0IP from Anmyon Island (AS-080) on 17-19 February. They will operate CW, FT8 and SSB on 40-10 metres with two stations. QSL via LoTW, or direct to 6K2CFI.

HS - Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand, RAST members will be active as HS60RAST from 10 February to 10 March. QSL via HS6MYW.

HZ - HZ1WRD, 7Z1WRD and 8Z1WRD are the special callsign for the Saudi Amateur Radio Society (HZ1SAR) to celebrate World Radio Day on 11-13 February.

P4 - John, W2GD will be active again as P44W from Aruba (SA-036) on 12-20 February, ARRL DX CW Contest included. Before and after the contest he will operate SSB and CW on 160-10 metres, with a focus on 30, 17 and 12m as time permits. QSL via LoTW, or direct to N2MM.

PJ7 - Fabian, DM7HG and Paul, DM2PF will be active holiday style from Sint Maarten (NA-105) on 15-28 February. They will be QRV on 20, 15 and 10 metres as either PJ7/home call or a PJ7 callsign is they can get one. [TNX DX World]

PY - Fabio, PY4YY and Marcio, PU4MDO will be active as ZW2FF from Comprida Island (SA-028) on 11-14 February. They will operate SSB on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via PY4YY (direct); QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log.

TY - Antonio, IK7WUL is active as TY2AA until 20 February while on a humanitarian mission to Benin. In his spare time he operates SSB only. QSL via IZ8CCW and LoTW.

V4 - Once again John, W5JON will be active as V47JA from St. Kitts (NA-104) on 17-27 February. He will operate SSB and FT8 on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via LoTW, or direct only to W5JON.

VK - Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Islands On The Air programme, special event callsign VI60IOTA will be in use across Australia during 2024: "whenever VI60IOTA is heard on the air", the organizers say, "it will be from one of the VK IOTA entities", including the main islands of Australia (OC-001) and Tasmania (OC-007). Andrey, VK5MAV is using the callsign during part of his current VK5MAV/4 activity from Magnetic Island (OC-171) [425DXN 1703], and team VK5FIL will also operate VI60IOTA during part of their 14-21 April expedition to Flinders Island (OC-261) [425DXN 1707]. QSOs will be made available for Club Log and LoTW Matching on the IOTA website; traditional QSLs via M0OXO's OQRS. Updates and information about the certificates that will be available for working VI60IOTA will be posted to https://www.qrz.com/db/VI60IOTA.

VU - Members of the Bengal Amateur Radio Society expect to be active as AT8BRS from one or more islands qualifying for the AS-153 IOTA group on 17-22 February. [TNX The Daily DX]

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425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The January 2024 issue is available for download at https://www.425dxn.org/. [TNX IZ3EBA]

ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST ---> Object of the contest is for W/VE amateurs to work as many stations in as many DXCC Entities as possible on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres, while DX stations work as many W/VE amateurs in as many of the 48 contiguous states and provinces as possible (see https://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx for the rules). This year's event will be held on 17-18 February (CW) and 2-3 March (SSB). Give a look at the Announced Operations listings maintained by Bill, NG3K: https://www.ng3k.com/Contest/.

DX MENTOR RECOGNITION PROGRAM ---> The Southwest Ohio DX Association, SWODXA in conjunction with ICOM America, Inc. announces the DX Mentor Recognition Program "to recognize and reward amateur radio operators who have played a key role in helping other amateur radio operators achieve DXCC" (note that "those amateurs receiving the mentoring must be under 30 years of age during the calendar year for the award"). The award will be presented at the SWODXA DX Dinner, held annually in conjunction with the Dayton Hamvention. The judging committee will be staffed by SWODXA representatives, as well as a representative from both the Northern California DX Foundation (NCDXF) and

the International DX Association (INDEXA).
See https://www.swodxa.org/DX-Mentor-Program/ for more information and the application form. [TNX AJ8B]

IOTA GROUPS: FIVE-YEARLY REVIEW ---> "With a review due this year, the IOTA Board has decided not to delay the announcement of Hans Island, located in the high Arctic between Canada and Greenland, as the new IOTA NA-251P.
This follows the final stage of ratification last December of an agreement between Canada and Denmark (representing Greenland) to split the island's sovereignty equally between their two countries. IOTA Programme rules specify that split sovereignty island groups can qualify for separate listing (IOTA Programme Structure B.1.7).
In fairness to all activators who might consider activating what is a demanding group, the Board has felt it necessary to insert a delay in implementation of the decision, and will only consider operations that take place on or after 1 July 2024.
The Board has also considered the whole review exercise. Aware that due to the pandemic in the last three years there has been a major absence of IOTA operations from the rarer IOTA groups, it has decided on a pause in creating any further groups in the immediate future that might draw attention away from these. The current tragic world political situation is also one factor in this decision. It is not clear how long this pause may last, and it is best not to assume that it will end any time soon and what the decision will be when it does". [G3KMA and the IOTA Board, 7 February 2024]

LIGHTHOUSE WEEKEND ---> The 16th American Lighthouses Weekend will be held on 16-18 February. Details, including a listing of participating stations, can be found on https://www.grupodxbb.com.ar/.

QSL VIA EA5GL ---> Pedro is the new QSL manager for YN9H (ex-YN9HAU) and OX3HI. He is also taking care of the QSL cards for 3C3CA, and those who still need a QSL can request it from him. Ersoy, TA2OM was active as 3C3CA from Bioco (AF-010), Equatorial Guinea from September 2022 to September 2023 and made nearly 196,000 QSOs.

+ SILENT KEY + Noted contestman and DXer Slavko Celarc, S57DX passed away on 4 February. No later than a couple of weeks ago he was signing IG9/S57DX from Lampedusa Island during the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest. First licenced in 1973 and initially active as YU3EIJ and YT3T (club callsigns), he was issued personal callsigns YU3TUX (1978-1984) and YU3BQ (1984-1992), before getting S57DX in October 1992. He was QRV on a daily basis, and made more han 984,000 QSOs over the past 31 years as either S57DX and S573DX. In 2007, while working for the United Nations' World Food Programme in Sudan, he was active as ST2R. He was also the QSL manager for several operations, including the ongoing activity by 9N7AA from Nepal. The QSL chores for 9N7AA are now handled by Pavla, S56DX (Slavko's widow).

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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
3B9FR	M0OXO	E7CW	E73ESP	R81AWD	RX6LQH
3D2AD	YT1AD	EG1GOY	EA1URV	RI0SP	RN3RQ
3D2AY	YU3AA	EL2EF	N2OO	RI1ANE	RQ8K
3D2BT	AJ4BT	EN185UPP	UR4UWY	SN2WOSP	SP2UUU
4S7KKG	DC0KK	FR4AV	EA5GL	SN40RVG	SP2UUU
4U13FEB	9A2AA	HC1MD/2	K8LJG	SN7R	SP7RFF
4U1UN	HB9BOU	HF5WOSP	SQ5ABG	SN7T	SQ7OTK
5X7O	DJ6TF	HH2AA	EB7DX	TM1HR	F5OCL
7P8AO	HA5AO	HR5/F2JD	F6AJA	TM21AAW	F8DVD
7X3WPL	7X3DL	II0LOVE	IQ0TE	TM25JMC	F8GGZ
9J2BO	EA5GL	II4INTU	IQ4FE	TM4A	F1SUN
A2NEW	EA7FTR	J79WTA	HB9MFM	TM4K	F4EGZ
A44A	EC6DX	JG8NQJ/JD1	JA8CJY [d]	TM4S	F6HBI
A61Q	EA7FTR	JG8NQJ/JD1	JG8NQJ [b]	TM4Y	F6KGL
A62A	EA7FTR	KH7XX	EB7DX	TM50KRK	F6KRK
A92GW	EA5GL	MU5E	GU4YOX	TM6C	F6KMB
AO100RADIO	EA4URE	NL8F	N7RO	V26CV	KG9N
CN2FPU	F6FPU	OD5ET	EB7DX	V26K	AA3B
CN2GS	EA5GL	OF60IRON	OH8DR	V31DJ	W0CP
CP4MG	EA5KB	OL4ACF	OK1AR	V31MA	M0OXO
CR3DX	OM2VL	OX3HI	EA5GL	VK5KI	M0OXO
CT9/F4IFF	EB7DX	OY1OF	M0URX	VP2MDX	W2APF
D4SAL	EA7KNT	PF88ANT	PA0RDY	VP6MW	W0VTT
D4X	OH5ZA	PJ4SON	M0URX	VY1JA	N3SL
DP0GVN	DL5EBE	PV2K	EA5GL	XU7AKU	JA1DXA
DP1POL	DL1ZBO	R101AE	RQ7L	YI3AA	IK2DUW
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