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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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3B8 - Timo, OH1NA will be active holiday style as 3B8/OH1NA from Mauritius (AF-049) from 25 February to 7 March. He will operate CW, SSB, FT8 and FT4. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via home call.

5H - Nobby, G0VJG will be active holiday style as 5H3VJG from Zanzibar Island (AF-032), Tanzania on 7-20 March. He will operate mainly SSB with some CW and FT8, and will try to be QRV for the RSGB Commonwealth (BERU) Contest (9-10 March). QSL via M0OXO's OQRS; QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log.

9K - 9K9NLD is the special callsign for members of the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society to celebrate both Kuwait National Day (25 February) and Liberation Day (26 February). QSL via EC6DX.
Also joining the celebrations are expected to be the Saudi Amateur Radio Society as HZ1KWT on 19-25 February; the Emirates Amateur Radio Society as A60KWT (QSL via EA7FTR) on 19-27 February; the Bahrain Amateur Radio Society as A91KWT (QSL via EC6DX) on 20-26 February.

CO - Team T44DX (namely CO1CB, CO1ND, CO2LKY, CO2ROD, CO5MK, CM1YC, CM2ARY, CM3EFM and CL1MAC) will be active from Isla de la Juventud (NA-056) on 21-25 March. They will operate SSB, CW, FT8 (F/H) and FT4 on 160-10 metres, as well as via satellite. QSL via RW6HS; QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW.

FO/A - Jeff, K5WE and Craig, W5CCP will be active as TX7W from Raivavae (OC-114), Austral Islands on 16-30 April. They will operate mainly CW and FT8 (multi stream mode, not F/H), with some SSB, RTTY and FT4, on 160-6 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), LoTW, or direct to K5WE. Depending upon a reliable Internet connection, logs will be uploaded to Club Log daily, and Club Log's Livestream will be enabled. See https://k5we.com/tx7w/ for more information and updates.

H40 - The Intrepid DX Group's DXpedition to Pigeon Island (OC-065), Temotu Province is set to take place from 22 February to 7 March. Look for team H40WA (Rob N7QT, Paul N6PSE, Scott NE9U, Jay K4ZLE, Jay AC7DC, Bruce K3NQ, Don N6JRL and David AH6HY) to operate CW, SSB and FT8 (F/H) on 160-6 metres with up to 5-6 stations. While on the island, the team will post frequent updates to their Facebook group (https://www.facebook.com/groups/h40wa). QSL via M0URX's OQRS (see https://intrepid-dx.com/h40wa/ for the detailed QSLling policy).

HZ - Members of the Saudi Amateur Radio Society (HZ1SAR) are active as 7Z3FD, 8Z3FD and HZ3FD on 14-22 February. The special callsigns celebrate Saudi Arabia's Founding Day (22 February).

PJ7 - Gary, KC9EE will be active again as PJ7EE from Sint Maarten (NA-105) from 21 February to 6 March. He will operate mainly CW, with SSB during the ARRL DX SSB Contest. He will be looking for openings

towards Asia especially on 17-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or direct to home call.

PY - Team ZY5A will be active from Ilha do Arvoredo (SA-027) on 16-18 February during the American Lighthouses Weekend. They will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on various bands from 160 to 10 metres. QSL via PP5EI.

TF - Chuck, KC4KQE will be active as TF/KC4KQE from Iceland on 17-26 February. He will operate SSB and FT8, with plans "to attempt multiple POTA and SOTA activations" during the local daylight hours (09.30-18.00 UTC).

VP6 - Gerben PG5M will be active as VP6G from Pitcairn Island (OC-044) on 4-14 April. He will operate CW and FT8 on 40-10 metres: "I will run two stations (if antenna situation permits), primarily CW and additionally FT8 using MSHV", he says. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW. See https://dx.to/vp6g/ for more information.

V4 - Jeff, K1ZN will be active holiday style as V44/K1ZN from St. Kitts (NA-104) from 27 February to 6 March. He will operate mainly FT8 and SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]

VU - Members of the Bengal Amateur Radio Society (namely VU2AES, VU2DLU, VU2GMT, VU2GOR, VU2SFM, VU2ZOC, VU3DBA, VU3UEP, VU3XCR and VU3ZHZ) will be active as AT8BRS [425DXN 1710] from a few islands in IOTA group AS-153 between 17 and 21 February as follows: Ghoramara (17 February), Agnimari Char and Suparbhanga (18 February), Jambudwip (19 February), Lothian (20 February) and Bulcherry (21 February, if time permits).They will operate SSB on or around 7140, 14240, 24280 and 28485 kHz, as well as FT8 on 14074 and 21074 kHz.

W - Team N4T will be active from Garden Key , Dry Tortugas (NA-079) on 23-26 February. They plan to be QRV on 80-6 metres with up to three stations during the day and at least one station overnight. Updates will be posted to https://www.drytortugas.info/. The same callsign will be used between 19 February and 1 March from various POTAs in the Florida Keys. QSL direct to W3NY; QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log and LoTW.

YJ - Matt K0BBC, Luke VK3HJ, Chris VK3QB and Alan VK6CQ will be active as YJ0VK from Efate (OC-035), Vanuatu from 29 March to 11 April. They will be QRV on 40-6 metres, with a focus on SSB and CW during the first week, while during the second week they will concentrate on CW and FT8. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS; QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log. Bookmark https://www.qrz.com/db/YJ0VK for updates.

YO - Celebrating the 95th anniversary of the first amateur radio association in Romania's Arad County, special callsigns YR95AR, YR95CC, YR95CH, YR95IN, YR95LI, YR95PE and YR95SE will be active from 16 February until 31 May. The event is being organised by C.S. Radioclub Admira (YO2KBQ), the successor of the club that was established almost a century ago. See https://www.qrz.com/db/YR95AR for more information.

ZD7 - Oliver, W6NV has been active again as ZD7W from St. Helena Island (AF-022) since 15 February and will remain there until 23 February. He will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest, after which he will be available for DX contacts with a focus on 160, 80 and 40 metres CW. QSL direct to W6NV. Information on the operating schedule will be posted to https://www.qrz.com/db/ZD7W..

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ANTARCTIC ACTIVITY WEEK ---> The Worldwide Antarctic Program has announced that the 21st Antarctic Activity Week will be held on 18-25 February. The aim of this annual event is to promote worldwide interest in the Antarctic continent. Special callsigns (QSL via operator's instructions) are expected to be aired during this year's AAW from Algeria (7T22ANT), France (TM1ANT, TM21AAW), Italy (II2ANT, II5ANT, IR1ANT), Netherlands (PA6ANT, PF88ANT), Poland (SP0ANT), Spain (EH3ANT, EH5AAW, EH5ANT), USA (K4K, N5T). Complete information on the AAW can be found on http://www.waponline.it/.

H40WA: FT8 SPOOF PREVENTION ---> The upcoming DXpedition to Temotu will operate FT8 using WSJT-X in Fox/Hound mode. In an effort to combat piracy, the team will be testing the anti-spoofing technology for FT8 developed by Brian Moran (N9ADG). H40WA will transmit CQ and work stations, and every few cycles will send a callsign followed by a 6-digit verification number, e.g.
010200 -3 0.1 300 - H40WA 695243
010200 -3 0.1 360 - CQ H40WA RH29
Only the genuine H40WA will be able to send the right code for a particular timestamp, which can be verified here: https://www.9dx.cc/verify/H40WA. This should help calling stations have confidence that they are not copying a pirate. In addition, Club Log's Live Stream feature will be enabled for QSOs in all modes: https://clublog.org/livestream/H40WA.

YOTA CONTEST 2024 ---> Organized by the IARU R1 Youth Working Group in cooperation with the Hungarian Amateur Radio Society (MRASZ), the aim of the YOTA Contest is to increase youngsters activity on the air, strengthen the reputation of the YOTA programme, and demonstrate support for youngsters across the world. The three sessions of this year's YOTA Contest will be held on 10 March (1000-2159 UTC), 20 July (1000-2159 UTC), and 30 December (1000-2159 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.

+ SILENT KEY + Bob Allphin, K4UEE passed away on 10 February, and the radio amateur community mourns the loss of one of the giants of DXing. Bob was an organizer of and/or participant in several expeditions that have made DX history over the past forty years or so, notably XF4DX (Revillagigedo 1987), AH1A (Howland Island 1993), XR0Y (Easter Island 1995), VK0IR (Heard Island 1997), A52A (Bhutan 2000), FO0AAA (Clipperton Island 2000), K5K (Kingman Reef 2000), VP8GEO (South Georgia 2002), VP8THU (South Sandwich 2002), VU7RG (Lakshadweeps 2007), 3Y0X (Peter I Island 2006), K5D (Desecheo Island 2009), PJ6A (Saba 2010), HK0NA (Malpelo Island 2012), FT5ZM (Amsterdam Island 2014) and K1N (Navassa Island 2015). Inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame in 2001, Bob was also an active contester who participated in some 40 contest DXpeditions, and competed in two World Radio Team Championships events in 1996 and

2000. His "Adventures in Ham Radio" are on https://t-rexsoftware.com/k4uee/.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3W9C (AS-130), 4L8A, 5Z4PA, 6Y/NP4Z, 6Y/VY2MA, 6Y1V, 6Y5HN, 6Y9V, 7O8AD, 7O8AE, 7X5CY, 9K2GR, 9X5RU, A41DX, CT9/UR9IDX, D2UY, E6AM, EI4II, EI80MB, EI9HX, EX0M, FK8DD, FM5BH, FR8UA, FS/AC4LN, FY5KE, H40RH, H44WA, HH220Y, JD1BMH, KH0/DL2AH, KL7RRC (NA-028), PJ7PL, PR0T, S79KW, S79VU, T2C, T88HS, TG9ADM, TJ9MD, TO8FH (AF-007), TO9W (NA-105), TR8CA, TX7L, TZ4AM, V26EI, V6EU, V85T, VP2V/W1DED, VP8FLY, VP8LP, VP9KF, VU7A, W1DED/C6A, W8S (OC-200), XF3RAM (NA-135), XT2MAX, XV9BPO, XW3DT, YT3M, Z81D, ZB2R, ZD7CA, ZD7Z, ZL7IO.

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