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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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- 3D2 - Dom, 3Z9DX will once again be active as 3D2AJT from Nadi, Fiji Islands for 30-40 days starting on 18 March. The callsign is in memory of the late Yasuo "Zorro" Miyazawa, JH1AJT, who passed away on 23 March 2022. QSL via Club Log's OQRS.
- CE0Z - Felipe, CE3SX will be active as CB0ZIX from Juan Fernandez from 21 March to 4 April. He will be QRV almost exclusively on 6 metres SSB and FT8 (F/H). QSL via LoTW, traditional QSL cards will not be available.
- EA - The Union de Radioaficionados Espanoles, Spain's IARU member society, was founded on 1 April 1949. Celebrating URE's 75th anniversary, a month-long activity will take place from 1 to 30 April. Look for AO75URE and 18 other special stations representing the Autonomous Communities and Autonomous Cities of the country:
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| AO75AN Andalucia | AO75GA Galicia |
| AO75AR Aragon | AO75IB Islas Baleares, EA6 |
| AO75CA Cantabria | AO75IC Islas Canarias, EA8 |
| AO75CL Castilla y Leon | AO75LR La Rioja |
| AO75CM Castilla-La Mancha | AO75MA Madrid |
| AO75CT Cataluna | AO75MC Melilla and Ceuta, EA9 |
| AO75CV Comunidad Valenciana | AO75MU Murcia |
| AO75EU Euskadi i.e. Basque Country | AO75NA Navarra |
| AO75EX Extremadura | AO75PA Principado de Asturias |
- In addition, CQ75URE will be active from Portugal. A large number of awards will be available: see <https://75aniversario.ure.es> for detailed information, logsearch and OQRS (to be activated after 30 April).
- ER - ER30ARM is a special callsign celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Amateur Radio Society of Moldova (ER1KAA). Look for activity from 20 March to 30 April. QSL via the bureau, direct, and LoTW.
- FM - Miguel, EA1BP will be active holiday style as FM/EA1BP from Martinique (NA-107) from 23 March to 1 April. He will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as TO70. QSL via LoTW, or via home call. [TNX EA1BP]
- FT/G - Marek, FH4VVK will be active as FT4GL from Grande Glorieuse, Glorious Islands (AF-011) from 24 May to 19 June. The most recent activity from the islands dates back to 2009 (FT5GA), and the Glorieuses are currently ranked 8th on Club Log's DXCC Most Wanted List. This one-man operation will be carried out in parallel with Marek's professional activities. He hopes to be QRV daily with two stations at the same time - one on FT8 and one on SSB or RTTY (he lacks sufficient knowledge of CW to manage a huge pile-up). There will be no activity on 6 metres, EME, or via satellite. QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log on a daily basis; access to the Internet

will be available for two hours a day, from 18 to 20 local time. QSL via F4FTV (direct or bureau); full LoTW upload will follow six months after the end of the DXpedition. Bookmark <https://ft4ql.blogspot.com/> and <https://www.facebook.com/61557262192352> for more information and updates.

- I - Launched in 1904, the "Elettra" was a two-masted steam yacht that Guglielmo Marconi used as a floating laboratory. Members of ARI Loano (IQ1LA) & Marconi Club will be active as IY1EY on 1-14 April to memorialize the experiments conducted in the Ligurian Sea between 1919 and 1936. QSL via IQ1LA.
- I - Celebrating the 150th anniversary of the birth of Guglielmo Marconi, members of ARI Asti will be active as IR1GM on 1-30 April. QSL via the bureau, LoTW, eQSL, or direct to IK1XPK.
- I - Members of ARI Venezia (IQ3VE) will be active as IR3POLO between 1 April and 30 June. The special callsign commemorates the 700th anniversary since the death of Marco Polo, the Venetian merchant and explorer who travelled through Asia along the Silk Road (1271-1295). All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. [TNX I3MDU]
- PA - Laurens, PF3X and Barry, PC1K will be active as PA24WAAD from 23 March to 7 April for the World Autism Awareness Day. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW.
- PJ7 - Ken, KJ9B will be active as PJ7KB from Sint Maarten (NA-105) from 30 March to 6 April. He will operate SSB and FT8/FT4 on 20-10m. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]
- V4 - Pete, G0TLE will be active again as V4/G0TLE from St Kitts (NA-104) from 23 March to 5 April. He will operate CW and SSB on 40-10m. QSL via LoTW, or direct to home call; QSOs will be uploaded also to Club Log. [TNX DX World]
From 26 March to 2 April, also look for V47NT (QSL via LoTW, or direct to W2RQ), V4/K5ZD (QSL via LoTW) and V4/HA1AG (QSL via home call) to be active from St. Kitts. They will operate CW and SSB on 160-10 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as V47T (QSL via LoTW, or direct to W2RQ). TNX The Daily DX
- VP5 - AF3K, KH6M and W2TT will be active from Providenciales (NA-002) from 26 March to 2 April, including an entry in the CQ WPX SSB Contest. Outside the contest they will operate SSB, CW, FT8 and FT4 on 160-6 metres. QSL VQ5P via N200; all QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log. [TNX The Daily DX]
- ZD7 - Torsten, DL9GG will be active as ZD7GG from St. Helena Island (AF-022) on 23-30 March. He will operate mainly CW and some SSB on 160-10 metres. QSL via home call, or eQSL. [TNX The Daily DX]

CARIBBEAN TOUR --- > Mike, DF8AN will be active from four Caribbean islands as follows:

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| 29-30 March | FS/DF8AN from St. Martin (NA-105) |
| 30 March-5 April | VP2V/DF8AN from the British Virgin Islands (NA-023) |
| 5-9 April | V26MN from Antigua (NA-100) |
| 9-17 April | VP2MMN from Montserrat (NA-103) |
| 17-19 April | V26MN from Antigua (NA-100) |

He will operate mainly FT8 (F/H) and FT4 with some RTTY and CW on 160-6m. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. He does not use LoTW. [TNX The Daily

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***** QSL ROUTES *****
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Table with 6 columns: CALL, MANAGER, CALL, MANAGER, CALL, MANAGER. It lists various amateur radio call signs and their corresponding managers in a grid format.

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| 5W1SA | JA1DXA | HR5/F2JD | F6AJA | T88UW | JH7IPR |
| 5X4E | IQ3CO [b] | IY4SUC | IQ4FE | TM88YL | F4IFD |
| 5X4E | IZ3ZLG [d] | JG8NQJ/JD1 | JA8CJY [d] | V31MA | M0OXO |
| 6Y5HM | EA5GL | JG8NQJ/JD1 | JG8NQJ [b] | VP2MDX | W2APF |
| 6Y6YI | G3VYI | LQ4D | LU4DQ | VP6MW | W0VTT |
| 7P8EI | M0OXO | LU4DJB | EC6DX | VP8KCA | G5KC |
| A2NEW | EA7FTR | NL8F | N7RO | VP8VK | GM3ITN |
| A65HS | 9K2HS | OL4ACF | OK1AR | XF3AB | EA5GL |
| A73A | M0OXO | OV5YL | DJ5YL | XU7AKU | JA1DXA |
| CN2GBY | F4GBY | OX3LX | OZ0J | YN9H | EA5GL |
| DL100ANA | DH7WW | OY1OF | M0URX | Z39A | EA5GL |
| DL60RRDXA | DJ5BWD | P35A | 5B4AQN | Z81D | OM3JW |
| DM88YLF | DJ5YL | PJ2MAN | EC5AHA | ZF1EJ | K6AM |
| DR44WCA | DF6EX | PJ4SON | M0URX | ZF2LC | W2SM |
| EG1SSV | EA1URV | PV2K | EA5GL | ZL7DX | M0OXO |
| EG7SSM | EA7DK | R108M | RK3LC | ZW2WSP | PU2TWZ |

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KH0/KC0W Thomas M. Callas, P.O. Box 1058, Minnetonka MN 55345, USA
KH0W Thomas M. Callas, P.O. Box 1058, Minnetonka MN 55345, USA
MP7DX Ron Bennett, 17 Truro Close, St. Helens, WA11 9EL, United Kingdom
OG66X Jouni Mehtomaa, Kylmalantie 1, FI-92140 Pattijoki, Finland
RW6HS Vasiliy M. Kasyanenko, P.O. Box 8, g. Novopavlovsk, Stavropolskiy kr., 357300, Russia
TM72FDL Guillaume Francoise, 7 impasse Jacques Danton, 72470 Champagne, France
YJ0CA Chris Ayres, 3/19-21 Eastern Rd, Turrumurra NSW 2074, Australia

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