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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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5H - Chas, NK8O will be active again as 5H3DX from near Dodoma, Tanzania between 18 and 30 June. In his spare time he will operate CW, FT8 (F/H) and FT4 on 30-10 metres. QSL direct to NK8O (see qrz.com for instructions), or via eQSL and LoTW (in due course).

8Q - Felix, DL6JF will be active holiday style as 8Q7JF from the Maldives (AS-013) on 16-29 June. He will operate CW and some FT (F/H) on 30-6 metres. QSL via DM5JBN (direct or bureau) and LoTW.

9M8 - Team 9M1Z will be active from Tanjung Datu (the western tip of Malaysian Borneo), Sarawak on 15-30 June. Look for activity on 80-6 metres SSB, CW and FT8. See https://www.marhazk.com/9m1z/ for more information. QSL direct to 9W8ZZK or 9M8WIN; QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log, LoTW, and QRZ Logbook.

DL - DM60IOTA is the special callsign for DARC Team SES to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Islands On The Air programme. Plans are to be active from all of the German IOTA groups (EU-042, EU-047, EU-057, EU-127, EU-128 and EU-129). QSL via the bureau, or direct to DL2VFR.

DL - DARC Team SES will be active as DL2024E, DL2024U, DL2024R and DL2024O from 14 June to 14 July during EURO 2024, the 17th edition of the UEFA European Football Championship to be held in Germany. QSL via the bureau, or direct to DL2VFR.

F - Celebrating the Olympic Games Paris 2024, members of Radio Clubs F5KDC and F4KLW will be active as TM63JO on 16-23 June, 26-28 July and 8-11 August. eQSL via https://www.oly24.fr/awardform.html; paper cards will not be issued.

F - Special event station TM51OG will be active on 23-30 June as the Paris 2024 Olympic Torch Relay passes through the French Department of Marne. It will be followed by TM51JO (to be active from 26 July to 9 August during the Olympic Games), and by TM51JP (to be active from 28 August to 8 September during the Paralympic Games). QSL for the three special callsigns via F5JYD, direct or bureau. [TNX F5JYD]

F - Members of Radio-Club d'Esquerdes will be active as TM62FLAM from 29 June to 3 July. The special callsign marks the progress of the Olympic flame through French Department 62 on its way to Paris. They will also be active as TM2024JO from 27 July to 10 August during the Olympic Games. QSLs via the bureau to F5KAI.

I - Launched in 1904, the 'Elettra' was a two-masted steam yacht that Guglielmo Marconi used as a floating laboratory for many experiments. Part of her keel stands in the grounds of Villa Griffone, at Pontecchio near Bologna, from where ARI Fidenza will be active as IY4RFE on 8-9 June. QSL via IQ4FE.

I - Francesco, IK6QON will be active as ID9/IK6QON from Salina Island

(EU-017) on 15-22 June. QSL via home call.

JD1_mt - Take, JG8NQJ expects to be back to the weather station on Minami Torishima (OC-073) around 20 June , his QSL manager reports. Usually he remains there for about three months, and is QRV as JG8NQJ/JD1 in his limited spare time. He operates CW and some FT8 (please note that he wants you to call with your signal report, not your grid square). QSL via JA8CJY (direct), JG8NQJ (bureau) and LoTW.

OZ - Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the IOTA Programme, three special callsigns will be active on all bands and modes between 1 July and 31 August:
OZ60IOTA will be used from mainland Denmark
5Q60IOTA/# will used by residents on Danish islands
5P60IOTA/# will be used during island DXpeditions
The suffix appended to 5Q60IOTA and 5P60IOTA will indicate the IOTA group as follows: /0 = EU-030, /1 = EU-171, /2 = EU-172, /5 = EU-125, /8 = EU-088, /9 = EU-029. There will be an activity calendar on https://www.supersaas.dk/schedule/EDR/OZ60IOTA. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), LoTW, or via OZ1ACB. A number of certificates will be available, see https://www.qrz.com/db/OZ60IOTA for complete information.

T8 - Nobu, JA0JHQ will be active again as T88PB from Koror (OC-009), Palau on 14-17 June, with main activity during the CW leg of the All Asian DX Contest. QSL via LoTW (preferred), or direct to home call.

VK9L - Jeff, W7BRS will be active as VK2/W7BRS from Lord Howe Island (OC-004) from 20 July to 1 August, including an entry in the IOTA Contest. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8 (F/H) on 40-10 metres. QSL via M0URX's OQRS. See https://howeania2024.org/ for more information.
According to the Australian Communications and Media Authority's updated "Amateur Radio Call Sign Policy" [425DXN 1723], VK9 prefixed callsigns can be used only by operators located in an Australian External Territory other than the Antarctic. Lord Howe Island is part of New South Wales, hence the use of VK2/homecall.

VP2V - Dave, W9DR will be active as VP2V/W9DR from Anegada (FK78tr), British Virgin Islands (NA-023) on 19-25 June. He will operate FT8, SSB and CW on 6m only. QSL direct to home call.

W - Andy, AA5JF plans to combine a business trip with some IOTA activations. His tentative schedule is as follows:

NA-139	Assateague Island	7 June (19 UTC) to 8 June (18 UTC)
NA-140	Middle Hooper Island	8 June (19 UTC) to 10 June (01 UTC)
NA-136	Outer Thimble Island	15 June (14-20 UTC)
NA-148	Georges Island	June 16 (15-18.30 UTC)
NA-046	Martha's Vineyard	June 19 (14-21 UTC)

He will be signing AA5JF (neither /m nor /p) from all the islands, and will operate mainly CW, with some SSB and FT8 (not from NA-136 and NA-148). QSL direct to home call; all QSOs will be uploaded to to Club Log and LoTW, and IOTA matching will be available at the earliest possible date/time.

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Access to the main functions of www.425dxn.org is provided by the 425DXN App for Android. It is available on Google Play - free of charge, no ads. Enjoy!

3Y0K: BOUVET ISLAND 2026 ---> The sailboat contract has been cancelled and there will be no January 2025 operation. The organisers are negotiating a contract for a large expedition vessel and helicopter operation to take place in January 2026. [Source: https://3y0k.com/]

ARRL SYSTEMS SERVICE DISRUPTION ---> In its Member Bulletin dated 6 June, the ARRL informs "of a serious incident that has impacted ARRL's operations. On or around May 12, 2024, ARRL was the victim of a sophisticated network attack by a malicious international cyber group. We immediately involved the FBI and engaged with third party experts to investigate.

On May 16, on the eve of the ARRL National Convention in Ohio, we posted a notice on our website to inform members about the incident. Since then, we have made substantial progress to mitigate the impact of this attack on our organization. We have been posting regular updates, including the status of restored services. Please refer to our dedicated news post at https://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-systems-service-disruption.

We are aware that certain members believe we should be openly communicating everything associated with this incident. We are working with industry experts, including cyber crime attorneys and the authorities, who have directed us to be conservative and cautious with our communications while restoring the ARRL network.

Many of our services and programs have been impacted by this attack. We have been diligently assessing each system to ascertain the extent of compromise. For example, while the Logbook of The World server and related user data were unaffected, we have taken the precautionary measure of keeping the service offline until we can ensure the security and integrity of our networks. Similarly, access to Online DXCC is unavailable, although individual award data remains secure.

Fortunately, some of our key systems, such as the ARRL website and our association membership system, were unaffected. Despite the severity of the attack, no personal information was compromised. Additionally, ARRL does not store credit card information anywhere on our systems, and we do not collect social security numbers.

Our Directors have heard from some members who are concerned about managing their membership renewals. Members can renew online at www.arrl.org/join or by phoning ARRL.

We understand the frustration and inconvenience this incident has caused, and we sincerely appreciate your patience and understanding as our dedicated staff and partners continue to work tirelessly to restore affected systems and services. Thank you for your ongoing support".

DAYTON HAMVENTION PHOTO GALLERY ---> The 2024 Dayton Hamvention Photo Gallery is now up on Tom, K8CX's Ham Gallery. It includes 413 photos, which makes a total of 7,523 Dayton Hamvention photos, all searchable by callsign: http://hamgallery.com/dayton2024/.

INTERNATIONAL MUSEUMS WEEKENDS ---> The International Museums Weekends (IMW) will take place during the weekends of 15-16 and 22-23 June. Details about the event, including a list of announced participating stations, can be found at https://www.radio-amateur-events.org/IMW/.

PETER I ISLAND 2027 ---> "We plan to activate Peter I Island in February 2027 with a team of 19 operators", Ken, LA7GIA posted to Facebook on 4 June (https://www.facebook.com/groups/1787070508410564). "We will go to Peter I with a large vessel and two helicopters, and the DXpedition will be led by an external expedition leader from an Antarctica expedition company - Spirit of Sydney. The capacity of the expedition leader and the vessel have been reviewed and approved by Norwegian Polar Institute and is the basis for the landing permit we received in April 2024. Our expedition leader has supported more than 80 expeditions to Antarctica, and has previously landed on Peter I three times. With the landing permit and external resources involved we're ready to move forward signing the contracts.
It should be noted that the total cost of this expedition is approximately $2,000,000, including all logistics, marine, aviation, insurance, safety and rescue, and Antarctica permits. Our website (https://3y0k.com/) will be updated to reflect the changes.
At the time of activation in 2027, it will be 21 years since the last DXpedition to this island. In preparation for the contract you can support our adventure by donating via PayPal (donate@3y0l.com)".

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3A2MW, 3B8CW, 3B8HK, 4A5D (NA-244), 4W8X, 4X6TT, 5H4AYL (AF-063), 5H8HZ, 7P8EI, 7Q6M, 8R7X, 9X2AW, A52CI, AO100RADIO, C21TS, CO7WT/6Y, CX5A, DU1IVT, EP2LMA, FK/LZ1GC, FW8GC, H40WA, J38R, J79WTA, JD1BMH, KP4DDY, LU7VB, N6WM/mm, OD5ZZ, EX0M, RI0POL, RI1ANE, S01WS, S21AF, SU1SK, T32EU, T44DX (NA-056), TI4JEV, TJ3TS, TX5S, TX8GC, TZ4AM, UN9GD, VI60IOTA, VK5FIL (OC-261), VP6G, WH0B, WH7T, XP3A, XU7GNY, XV9G, XW4DX, XW4KV, YE9BJM, YI1YY, YI3WHR, Z21ML, Z62NS, ZB2MD, ZD7Z, ZD8HZ.

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