No 1757

==========
*** 4 2 5 D X N E W S ***
**** DX INFORMATION ****
==========

Edited by I1JQJ & IK1ADH
Direttore Responsabile I2VGW

8Q - Fabian, DF3XY and his wife Xenia, DO4FX will be active as 8Q7XF and 8Q7FX, respectively, from the Maldives (AS-013) on 5-13 January. They will operate mainly FT8 on 40, 30 and 20 metres. QSLs via home calls, direct or bureau.

DL - Celebrating the city of Chemnitz, one of the European Capitals of Culture for 2025, special event callsigns DL2025C, DL2025B, DL2025E, DL2025S and DL2025W will be active from 18 January to 31 March. All QSOs will be uploaded to eQSL, LoTW, Club Log and DCL (DARC Community Logbook); paper QSL cards will not be issued, but digital QSLs - as well as a number of certificates - will be downloadable from the event's website. Complete information on the "2025C Ham Radio Event" can be found on https://2025c.de/.

DL_ant - Felix, DL5XL will be active again as DP1POL from the German research station "Neumayer III", Antarctica (AN-016) between 12 January and 25 February. He will operate mainly CW on the HF bands, with some digimode and SSB. QSL via DL1ZBO; QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log.

H40 - Darren, VK4MAP will be active holiday style as H40DA from Pigeon Island in the Reef Islands (OC-065), Temotu Province from now for a couple of weeks. He operates SSB on 80, 40, 20, 15, 12 and 10 metres. QSL direct to home call.

HR - Upcoming activities from Roatan Island (NA-057), Honduras include:
* K6VHF/HR9 on 5-12 January. Usually he operates mainly digital modes on various bands. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or direct to home call.
* VE3VSM/HR9 on 6-25 January. He will operate CW and FT8 on 30-20 metres. QSL via LoTW, or via home call.

I - Throughout 2025 ARI Fidenza will use a series of special callsigns, each representing one of the many patents registered by Guglielmo Marconi between 1897 and 1926: II4FPEN (January), II4FPUS (February), II4SHLD (March), II4GHPR (April), II4JGGR (May), II4RXOS (June), II4COHR (July), II4LDMA (August), II4RADS (September), II4WLTX (October), II4EACC (November) and II4TJTB (December). QSL via IQ4FE and LoTW. Information about the "Marconi - Patended By" award: http://www.arifidenza.it/.

J5 - Livio, IZ3BUR will be active again as J52EC from Guinea-Bissau from 26 January to 1 March. In his spare time, he will be QRV on 20, 15 and 10 metres SSB and possibly digital modes. QSL direct to home call.

PJ2 - Upcoming activities from Curacao (SA-099) include:
* PJ2/W2APF from 12 January to 8 April. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 80-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, or via home call.
* PJ2/PD1DRE from 14 January to 4 February. He will operate SSB on

40, 20 and 10 metres. QSL via eQSL.

PJ4 - The "JA3 DX Vacation Group" (JA1CJA/JH3LSS, JA3AVO, JA3HJI, JA3IVU, JA3UJR and JH3PBL) will be active as PJ4JA from Bonaire (SA-006) on 13-20 January. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-6 Metres and possibly via satellite. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or direct to JA3AVO. Team members with US callsigns might be QRV as PJ4/AE6XY (JA1CJA/JH3LSS), PJ4/K1TAI (JA3IVU), PJ4/W3HJI (JA3HJI), PJ4/W7AVO (JA3AVO) and PJ4/W7PBL (JH3PBL).

V4 - Kim, K5TU will be active as V4/K5TU from St.Kitts (NA-104) on 7-14 January. He will operate CW and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

VK9 - DF4GV, DJ9RR, DL2AMD, DL2AWG, VK6CQ and VK6SJ will be active as VK9XU from Christmas Island (OC-002) from 18 February to 4 March, and as VK9CU from the Cocos/Keeling Islands (OC-003) on 4-11 March. They will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 (F/H or Super Fox) on 160-6 metres with three stations. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via DL2AWG; QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW three months after the DXpedition.

VU - Once again the West Bengal Radio Club (VU2WB) will provide assistance during the Ganga Sagar Mela on Sagar Island (AS-153). This is the annual gathering of Hindu pilgrims to take a holy dip in the Ganges, where the river merges with the Bay of Bengal. Expect some activity on the HF bands as AU2WBRC sometime between now and 20 January. QSL via operator's instructions.

YB - Jozef, ON6HX is guest operating as YB9/ON6HX from Lombok Island (OC-150) until 6 February. QSL via home call (direct and bureau), LoTW, and eQSL.

ZF - Bruce, K0BJ will be active holiday style as ZF2BJ from the Cayman Islands (NA-016) on 5-17 January. He will operate CW and possibly FT8. QSL via LoTW, or via home call.

==========
*** 4 2 5 D X N E W S ***
**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
==========
Edited by I1JQJ & IK1ADH
Direttore Responsabile I2VGW

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!

2025 IOTA HONOUR ROLL & ANNUAL LISTINGS ---> The last date for submitting applications or score updates to checkpoints for inclusion in the 2025 Honour Roll and Annual Listings is 31 January 2025. If submitted after that date, they will be processed in the normal way, but the scores will be held over to the following year's listing. Where packages with cards are involved, these need to be posted/dated before 31 January. Participants who have not updated since the 2020 annual listings and wish to remain listed should make a submission on or before 31 January 2025. Those who have not logged into their record for more than two years, will need to revalidate their registration through info@iota-world.org. Do not leave it to the last moment as you may run out of time. [Source: https://www.iota-world.org]

ARRL SYSTEMS SERVICE DISRUPTION: DXCC ---> "In October, we reported that the ARRL DXCC System had been returned to service. Since then, over 3,000 DXCC

applications have been logged into the DXCC System for processing. It is important to understand that the queue of submitted applications is very large, and has included nearly 6 months of applications for processing. ARRL Awards staff and additional staff and volunteers have been working extended hours and weekends to process applications.

DXCC is ARRL's most popular award. Even while previously submitted applications are being processed, new applications are being submitted and received every day. We continue to appreciate everyone's patience as we process the large queue of submitted applications.

Application Processing Queue

DXCC applications enter the DXCC System from one of three sources: from DXCC applications created by users in Logbook of The World (LoTW), from traditional paper applications, and from the Online DXCC Application.

The DXCC System has logged applications received via Logbook of The World from May through October 23, and paper applications received through mid-December. On December 13, the Online DXCC Application was returned to service.

We are currently processing paper applications received in November and December, and applications from LoTW submitted in November.

We have resumed mailing orders for paper DXCC Certificates and endorsement stickers. Over 350 certificates were mailed on December 26.

The easiest way to determine if your DXCC application has been processed is to review your LoTW account (https://lotw.arrl.org/). From the Award Account Menu, select Account Status. The "Awarded" column will reflect those QSOs that have been awarded to you after your application(s) has been fully processed.

We appreciate your continued patience as we work to return to normal processing times. Our team is committed to ensuring that all applications are handled as quickly and efficiently as possible. Thank you once again for your understanding and support during this time". [Source: ARRL, 27 December 2024]

C8K: POSTPONED ---> The Czech DXpedition Group's C8K DXpediton to Mozambique [425DXN 1756] has been postponed until 2006.

"It is with deep disappointment that we must inform you that due to the current security situation in Mozambique, we are compelled to postpone our planned expedition originally scheduled for departure on January 17, 2025.

After careful examination of the travel advisories issued by the US, UK, Germany, and the Czech Republic's foreign ministries, all of which have raised their warning levels and currently advise against travel to Mozambique, we have concluded that the risks associated with carrying out the expedition are too high. The safety of our members and team is our highest priority.

The situation in Mozambique has become unstable due to recent presidential elections leading to demonstrations, roadblocks, looting, and vandalism. Furthermore, a recent prison riot near the capital city of Maputo, which resulted in the escape of several thousand prisoners, only underscores the uncertainty in the region. Additionally, the owner of our planned accommodation has informed us that the situation is unclear, with supply issues and occasional roadblocks.

For these reasons, we have decided not to cancel the expedition but to

reschedule it to January/February 2026. We believe that by then, the situation in Mozambique will stabilize, allowing us to carry out our project without unnecessary risks.

Regarding the change in plans, we will be contacting our sponsors individually to discuss further actions concerning their support. We appreciate your support and understanding during these challenging times. We will keep you informed of further developments and the new planning for the expedition". [Source: https://www.cdxp.cz/]

CWOPS AWARD ---> First presented in 2016, the "CWops Award for Advancing the Art of CW" recognizes individuals, groups and organizations that have made the greatest contributions toward advancing the art or practice of radio communication by Morse code. Nominations must be received by 14 March 2025. See https://cwops.org/the-cwops-award-for-advancing-the-art-of-cw/ for the details.
The Radio Officers' Association (https://radioofficers.com) is the recipient of the 2024 Award. Comprising nearly 400 former professional radio officers, half of whom hold amateur radio licences, the ROA highlights the history and achievements of more than 100 years of professional maritime and aeronautical radio. ROA's ongoing efforts preserve CW as a vital communications medium by serving as a repository of the history of the role of CW in maritime and aeronautical communications through publication of its long-time journal plus many activities.

DX SOUND CLIPS ---> Tom's (K8CX) DX sound clips for 2024 can be found at http://hamgallery.com/dx2024/. The collection of 428 clips (MP3 format) covers DXpeditions, rare and semi-rare DX. This makes 27 full years of sound clips available.

NCDXF NEWSLETTER ---> The Winter 2024-25 issue of the Northern California DX Foundation's Newsletter is now available for download on the NCDXF website: https://www.ncdxf.org/newsletters/2024-WINTER.pdf. Highlights include
* "St. Paul Island, CY9C. DXing on the Rock" by Patrick Dolan, N2IEN
* "Glorioso Island, FT4GL. A One-Man DXpedition" by Marek Lamachou, F4VVJ/FH4VVK
* "Burkina Faso, XT2MD. An Up and Down DXpedition" by Emil Bergmann, DL8JJ
* "Somaliland, 6O3T. An Unsuccessful DXpedition" by Fabrizio Vallefuoco, IV3JPP
* "Liberia, A8OK. Overcoming challenges" by Karel Odehnal, OK2ZI
* "Better Low Band Reception for DXpeditions" by George Wallner, AA7JV

QSL CO2OQ ---> Effective 1 January 2025, Boris, E73Y is the new QSL manager for Osmany, CO2OQ. Logs from 2022 onwards are electronic, and QSOs have been uploaded to Club Log, where the OQRS has been activated for direct requests. Please contact Boris (qsl[@]e73y.ba) if you need a confirmation for older QSOs. The QSL cards are being designed, and hopefully Boris will get them by the end of January. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW by Osmany himself.

QSL GALLERY ---> The large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's website has been updated. Seventeen different galleries include 22,528 cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (2014-23), the 62 deleted DXCC Entities, obsolete prefixes, stations from Maghreb from 1945 to 1962, Allied Forces stations in Germany (1945-80), special stations commemorating

ITU and IARU, stations using the United Nations prefix (4U), Antarctic bases and TAAF (Terres Australes et Antarctiques Francaises), amateur radio "globetrotters", the various French DXCC island Entities in the Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean and the Americas (1945-1969), pre-1945 countries, French Departments and CONUS, plus a gallery for cards not accepted by DXCC. Your participation is welcome: http://www.lesnouvellesdx.fr/galerieqsl.php. [TNX F6AJA].

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8M, 3DA0DL, 4U1UN, 5R8CI (AF-057), 5R8WE (AF-057), 5U5K, 5X4E, 5Z4BU, 7Q1, 7Q5MLV, 9K2HN, 9M1Z (OC-088), 9N1CA, A41MI, BA4TB, CO2XN, D2ACE, E2A, E6AQ, E6FS, EF0F, ER4KAA, ET3AA, EX0M, FK8GM, HQ9X (NA-057), JD1BQP, K0AP/5 (NA-168), K5M (NA-120), KH6ZB, LP1H, LU4EFC, OL88YL, OX3LX, PX0FF, PZ5DX, TI1I, TI9/TI2JJP, TO7PX, V31TL, V51MA, VP2ELR, VP6DF, VP8G, VP9NR, WC6DX (NA-066), WH0RU, XU7GNY, YB1AYO, YD8USA, YI3AA, YR95CC, Z68BB, ZD7BG, ZD7DC, ZD7G, ZF2OO, ZF9DX, ZS5HR.

****

425 DX NEWS HOME PAGE: http://www.425dxn.org
425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE: http://www.425dxn.org/monthly

****

425 DX News is a free of charge weekly bulletin
edited by Mauro Pregliasco, I1JQJ and Valeria Pregliasco, IK1ADH

Its contents may be used, reproduced and distributed
in part or full provided that
"425 DX News" or "425DXN" receive proper credit

Contributors are invited to send their DX information to
Mauro Pregliasco, I1JQJ (425dxn@alice.it)
The deadline is 12 UTC on Fridays

****

Direttore Responsabile
Gabriele Villa, I2VGW
Giornalista Professionista - Tessera n. 071675
Ordine Nazionale dei Giornalisti
Roma, Italia

****