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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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- 5N - The Rebel DX Group's 5N9DTG operation from Nigeria, which was expected to start on 25 January [425DXN 1759], has been postponed due to flight cancellations. "It looks like the next available flight for us will be around the 30th of January", they say. Bookmark <https://www.facebook.com/rebelDXgroup> for updates.
- 6W - Willy, ON4AVT will be active again as 6W7/ON4AVT from Warang, Senegal between 1 February and 12 April. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or Club Log's OQRS.
- 9X - Harold, DF2WO will be active again as 9X2AW from Rwanda between 27 January and 15 February. Usually he operates CW, SSB and FT8/FT4 on 160-6 metres, and via QO-100. QSL via M00XO's OQRS.
- A9 - A9100IARU is the special callsign for the Bahrain Amateur Radio Society to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the International Amateur Radio Union. Look for activity for five days each month during 2025. QSL via EC6DX.
- C5, 6W - LB00G, SP1C, SP1FM and SQ1GU will be active as C5PL from the Tanji Bird Reserve (POTA GM-0004), The Gambia between 31 January and 7 February. They will operate CW, SSB, FT8 and maybe FT4 on 80-6 metres, with a focus on 20-10 metres. QSL via LoTW and Club Log's OQRS. They also plan side trips to the West Kiang Marine Park (POTA GM-0008) as C5PL/p, and the Delta du Saloum National Park (POTA SN-0002), Senegal as 6W/homecall/p.
- HP - Bob, NC6Q will be active as HP1TT from Panama on 1-17 February. He will operate CW and possibly some SSB on 40,20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL direct to NC6Q. [TNX The Daily DX]
- HR - Sejo, N3UA expects to be active as HQ9Y from Roatan Island (NA-057) between 22 January and 1 February. QSL via E73Y.
- VK - Reminder: under a permanent agreement with the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA), all Australian radio amateurs may use the alternative AX callsign prefix instead of VK on Australia Day (26 January), ANZAC Day (25 April) and World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (17 May).
- VK - Justin, VK7TW/p and Reuben, VK7FREU/p expect to be active from Mount Story (SOTA VK7/EC-038) on Schouten Island (OC-233) from 21:30 UTC on 24 January until 01:30 UTC on 25 January. They will operate SSB and maybe CW on 40-6 metres. [TNX The Daily DX]
- VP5 - Tony, KD8RTT will be active holiday style as VP5/KD8RTT from the Caicos Islands (NA-002) from 28 January to 2 February. "My main radio focus will be on satellites, FM, APRS, and SSB", he says, "but I will have basic capabilities for QRP FT8 and SSB on HF as well". QSL via LoTW, or direct to home call. See <https://kd8rtt.com> for updates.
- VU - AU75BSG is the special callsign for the Rajapalayam International

Radio Communicators Club (VU2IRD) to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Bharat Scouts & Guides during a jamboree between 26 January and 4 February. QSL via VU2JFF.

- VU - A recent boot camp in the vicinity of Sacrifice Rock has yielded positive outcomes for both 80 and 160 metres. Consequently, team AU2V [425DXN 1759] will set up a dedicated station for these bands, offering an opportunity for those pursuing India on 160/80 metres. Tentative dates are still set for the second week of February. Sacrifice Rock belongs to IOTA group AS-161, which was activated only once, 23 years ago. Bookmark <https://au2v.vu2rs.com/> for updates, donations and other information.
- YB - Emmanuel, F5LIT expects to be active again as YB9/F5LIT from Bali Island (OC-022) from 28 January to 18 February. Usually he operates SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or direct to home call.

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C21TS ---> Phill, C21TS has been active from Nauru since 2023. "I had previously previously stated that I would finish in February 2025", he says, "but I have decided to stick it out a bit longer. Plans at this stage are to stay at least until September 2025, then take two months leave". He has made some 83,500 QSOs so far, "with minimal dupes", and he hopes to reach 100,000 QSOs before leaving the island. "The station is modest and mostly operate at 25 watts FT8 into a small vertical on 30m and above. I use a EFHW on 40m and 80m. I might try do some SSB in coming months. CW not going to happen. I will attempt to get something going on 160m, but no promises". QSL via LoTW and M0OXO's OQRS.

COMING SOON: DXCC TRIDENT AWARD ---> "The Programs & Services Committee and headquarters staff from the Radiosport Department are moving ahead with the creation of a new DXCC award - DXCC Trident - which will recognize those who achieve DXCC using CW, phone, and digital modes. Higher achievement endorsements can be earned at the 200, 300, and Honor Roll levels. The DXCC Trident award is intended to spur greater on-air operating and to inspire those using digital modes to also develop their skills in, and practice, CW and SSB". Details are expected in due course. [Source: ARRL Member Bulletin for January 22, 2025]

CONTEST HALL OF FAME ---> The CQ Contest Hall of Fame was established by "CQ" magazine in September 1986. The programme has maintained a consistent purpose to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to amateur radio contesting, both in support of others and in personal operating achievements. In addition, candidates are to be known for meaningful/measurable contributions to the hobby.

The Contest Hall of Fame is currently managed by the World Wide Radio Operators Foundation (WWROF) in memory of "CQ" publisher Dick Ross, K2MGA. Nominations for the CHOF are evaluated annually, with a firm deadline for applications of 1 March. Nominations may be made by individuals, clubs, or other organizations. The nominations are evaluated and voted on by the Directors of the major CQ contests (WW, WPX, 160, RTTY, VHF). The nomination process is detailed on <https://contesthof.com/nomination-process/>.

DAYTON TOP BAND AND CONTEST DINNERS ---> The 35th Top Band Dinner will be held on 16 May, followed by the 31st Contest Dinner on 17 May. The events will take place at the Hope Hotel near Dayton, Ohio. Registrations are open: see <https://www.topbanddinner.com> and <https://www.contestdinner.com>, respectively.

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3D2XD         OM2DX         DP1POL        DL1ZBO        OX3LX         OZ0J
4L5O          N3SL         E51ALC        WB0QPO        P40AA         DL4MM
4L5P          IK7JTF       E7W           E73Y          PA5150EVH     PF1SCT
4U1UN        HB9BOU       EL2DT         N2OO          R100GL        RA1L
6K0FM         6K5XZE       EL2EF         N2OO          RK25BA        R1II
7Q5MLV        M0URX        FM/F4IFF      EB7DX         S79KW         N4GNR
8Q7KW         LZ1JZ        FM5FJ         KU9C          SU9VB         UA4WHX
9A68AA        9A2AA        FY4BC         IK2DUW        T88XK         JE6KFN
A2NEW         EA7FTR       GB2KWD        G3XWH         TG9BBV        VE7BV
A60MBZ/2      EA7FTR       HC5DX         N4NGR         TI1K          EA5GL
A60MBZ/21     EA7FTR       HH2AA         EB7DX         TM210CN       F4GFE
A60MBZ/22     EA7FTR       HP3AK         K4PWS         TM4S          F6HBI
A60MBZ/5      EA7FTR       HQ9Y          E73Y          UE82M         RQ7L
A71JJ        M0OXO        HS0ZMY        EA5GL         UE82ML        RQ7L
AT44I        VU2DGR       J79WTA        HB9MFM        VO2AC         VE3FU
C21TS        M0OXO        J8AA          EA5GL         WP3Z          EB7DX
C5SP         SP3PS        KP2M          NZ4DX         Z68XX         DL2JRM
CN2FPU        F6FPU        LA100A        LA6M          Z81Z          K4ZW
CN2GN        HB9ERD       ME5W          M0H MJ        ZD7DPX        IK2DUW
CO2XN         E73Y         OG50YL        OH2YL         ZF2BJ         K0BJ
CO7HH         EA7FTR       OH0PM         OH2PM         ZZ3UEB        PY3PDG

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