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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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3B9 - Team 3B9DJ (namely OK1CRM, OK2ZA, OK6DJ and OK7GU) will be active from Rodrigues Island (AF-017) from 24 March to 5 April. They plan to operate CW, FT8 and SSB on 160-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), LoTW, or via OK6DJ.

4S - Team 4S7SPG (namely SP3CFM, SP6EQZ, SP6JIU, SP9FIH) will be active from Nilaveli, Sri Lanka (AS-003) from 16 February to 1 March. They will operate CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY on 80-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via SP6CIK. See http://4s.dxpeditions.org/ for more information.

5H - Chas, NK8O will be active again as 5H3DX from Tanzania between 20 February and 6 March. He plans to operate FT8 and CW in his limited spare time. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or direct to home call (see https://www.qrz.com/db/5H3DX for instructions). [TNX The Daily DX]

5H - Maurizio, IK2GZU will be active again as 5H3MB from Tanzania from 18 March to 8 April, while doing volunteer work at a local school. In his spare time he will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 80-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW and eQSL, or via IK2GZU (direct or bureau).

5X - Currently based in Nairobi (Kenya), and using his 5Z4J callsign, John, ZS5J has just received his 5X1J license. "I have an office in Uganda and I travel by road to Uganda from Kenya on a regular basis, usually for 2 to 3 weeks for each trip", he says. "It is on these trips that I will be using my 5X1J callsign. I will be operating mostly from Jinja, at the source of the River Nile near Lake Victoria". QSL only via LoTW. More information and updates will be posted to https://www.qrz.com/db/5X1J.

8Q - Takio, JH3QFL will be active as 8Q7FL from the Maldives (AS-013) from 26 February to 6 March. He will operate FT8 on 40-6 metres. QSL direct to home call and LoTW.

9K - 9K9NLD is the special callsign for the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society to celebrate Kuwait National Day (25 February) and Liberation Day (26 February) throughout the month of February. QSL via EC6DX. Also joining the celebrations will be the Saudi Amateur Radio Society as HZ1KWT on 19-25 February, and possibly the national societies of Bahrain (A91KWT) and the UAE (A60KWT).

C5 - C5DX will be activated again on 14-21 February as part of a school trip to Banjul, The Gambia. In his spare time Alan, G4DJX will operate CW on 40-10 metres. QSL via LoTW; paper QSLs will not be provided.

DU - Team 4I2I will be active from Itbayat Island (OC-093) on 26-31 March. Team members include DU1BP, DU1JM, DW2GBB/KN6GB, N6AKO, VE3GJP/WL7OW, W2DDY, WD0PE and WJ1P/DU1X. They will operate SSB on 160-10 metres, including an entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL

via VE3GJP. Updates will be posted to https://www.qrz.com/db/4I2I.

EA - Commemorating the 45th anniversary of the 1980 referendum for autonomy and representing the provinces of Andalusia, eight special callsigns will be activated on 22-28 February: AN45AL (Almeria), AN45CA (Cadiz), AN45CO (Cordoba), AN45GR (Granada), AN45HU (Huelva), AN45JA (Jaen), AN45MA (Malaga), AN45SE (Sevilla). In addition, AN7AND will be active on 28 February (Andalusia Day). A number of certificates will be available, see https://diadeandalucia.ure.es/ for detailed information.

F - Team TM13X will participate in the SSB leg of the French HF Championship (22-23 February) from Ratonneau Island (EU-095). All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau.

F - Members of Radio Club Jean Bart, F6KMB will be active as TM6C from 24 February to 9 March during the traditional Dunkirk Carnival (Carnaval de Dunkerque). QSL via F6KMB.

HI - Members of the Liga Dominicana de Radio Amateurs (HI8LD) will be active as HI2LD from Isla Saona (NA-122) on 27 February, starting around 13 UTC. They will operate SSB on 40, 20, and 10 metres. QSL via LoTW, QRZ Logbook and eQSL.

HK0_sa - Ray, K3ARC will be active as HK0A from San Andres Island (NA-033) on 9-19 March. He will operate SSB and QRS CW on 20-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, or direct to home call. [TNX DX World]

HZ - Members of the Saudi Amateur Radio Society (HZ1SAR) will be active as 7Z3FD, 8Z3FD and HZ3FD on 15-22 February. The special callsigns celebrate Saudi Arabia's Founding Day (22 February).

LU - Carlos, LU8DCH will be active as LU8DCH/D from Martin Garcia Island (SA-055) on 14-18 February. He will operate SSB, FT4 and FT8 on 80-10 metres. QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log, LoTW and eQSL. [TNX The Daily DX]

PY - Fabio, PP5BZ will be active as ZW5W from Ilha Santana de Fora (SA-088) on 21-23 February. He will operate SSB and CW on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. This island is uninhabited and lacks anchoring infrastructure, rendering its operation strongly weather dependent. QSL via PP5BZ, direct or bureau.

TR - Roland, F8EN is back to Gabon and active as TR8CR until at least April, maybe longer. He operates CW only. QSL via F6AJA; logsearch on http://LesNouvellesDX.fr/voirlogs.php. [TNX F6AJA]

V6 - Rikk, WE9G will be active as V6WG from Kosrae Island (OC-059), Micronesia from 18 March to 1 April. This will be a SO2R operation on 160-6 metres; he will operate FT8/FT4 (MSHV and Super Fox) with some SSB and CW, and will enable Club Log's Live Stream. QSL via WE9G (direct and bureau), Club Log's OQRS, LoTW.

VK9N - Members of the Caboolture Amateur Radio Club (VK4QD) will be active from Norfolk Island (OC-005) between 22 February and 1 March. The callsigns used for this operation will be VK9QD (club station), VK9AB (VK4AWB), VK9YB (VK4YB), VK9/VK4CJB, VK9/VK4KCA, VK9/VK4KLA, VK9/VK4PBE and VK9/VK4TG. "All HF bands will be covered at some stage"; VK9YB will attempt to set a new world record distance on 630 and 2200m. QSL via operator's instructions. [TNX The Daily DX]

VU - Datta, VU2DSI and Ajay, VU3LPQ will be active as AU6LON on 20-24 February from the shores of Lonar Lake, created by the impact of a meteorite some 570,000 years ago. They will be QRV on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL direct to VU2DSI.

W - Team N4T will be active from Garden Key, Dry Tortuga's National Park (NA-079) between 19 and 24 February. They plan to be QRV on various bands and modes with up to three stations during the day and at least one station overnight. Updates will be posted to https://www.drytortugas.info; QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log and LoTW.

CARIBBEAN TOUR ---> Mike, DF8AN will be active again from the Caribbean as follows:

19-27 February	FS/DF8AN, TO8AN	St. Martin (NA-105)
28 February-1 March	V26MN	Antigua (NA-100)
1-9 March	VP2MMN	Montserrat (NA-103)
9-10 March	V26MN	Antigua (NA-100)
10-11 March	FS/DF8AN, TO8AN	St. Martin (NA-105)

He will operate mainly digital modes and CW on 80-6 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

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5N9DTG ---> "There will be a lot of FT8 traffic during this activity, as FT8 is our priority", the Rebel DX Group posted to Facebook on 11 February. "We will use Super Fox latest version on 20, 17, 15, 12, 10m together with MSHV on the same bands, same time to increase the number of QSOs, and give a chance to small pistols and stations with wire between the trees. Don't be confused if you see us on e.g. 20m 14.074 and 14.090 or 21.074 and 21.091 at the same time.
Super Fox will be used till we see low trafic, then MSHV will take over. 30, 40, 60, 80, 160m will be done on MSHV. 6m if any other - on MSHV only. CW and SSB not very important for us, but there will be some activity as well". See https://www.qrz.com/db/5N9DTG for the FT modes band plan.

9V QSL BUREAU ---> The Singapore Amateur Radio Transmitting Society (SARTS) has closed its 9V QSL bureau effective 14 February 2025, and is no longer accepting cards. [TNX W5ZN, IARU Secretary]

ANTARCTIC ACTIVITY WEEK ---> The Worldwide Antarctic Program has announced that the 22nd Antarctic Activity Week will be held on 17-23 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 Canada (VA3WAP), France (TM22AAW), Germany (DA0ANT), Italy (II2ANT, II5ANT, IR1ANT, IR8ANT), Netherlands (PA6ANT, PF88ANT), Poland (SP0ANT), Spain (EH3ANT, EH5AAW), and USA (K4K). See https://www.waponline.it/antarctic-activity-week/aaw-2025/ for complete information.

H7RRC & YN6RRC: CANCELLED ---> The 11-16 February operations from Isla del Cardon (NA-212) and POTA NI-0055 [425DXN #1759] have been cancelled. "Unfortunately, today we finally found out that we were denied our application for activity from the territory of Nicaragua, which was submitted back in May 2024", the team reported on 13 February. They are still on track to operate as TI1RRC/p (Isla del Cano, NA-117) and TI1RRC between 19 and 25 February, and as 3F3RRC from Panama between 26 February and 3 March. [TNX RW3RN]

IARU NEWS ---> The IARU member-societies have voted to admit the Libyan Communications Amateur Society (LCAS) as its newest member society. Founded on 12 May 2024, LCAS has seven licensed amateurs as members. Office bearers are 5A21MB (Chairman), 5A21ZX (Deputy Chairman) and 5A21AF (President of the General Assembly). The address of LCAS is P.O. Box 14158, Alhadba Alkhadra, Tripoli, Libya. [Source: IARU Calendar #206, 10 February 2025]

NCDXF PRESS RELEASE ---> The Northern California DX Foundation has announced "its financial support for a $35,000 grant to fund the NexGen RIB 2 systems. This project was submitted and led by Gregg, W6IZT. His proposal is to utilize three Elecraft K4 radios Radio-In-Box (RIB) kit that can be used by DXpeditioners. He has a proven setup and will immediately embark on preparing these for deployment.
NCDXF will own the RIBs and keep them maintained for deployment. DXpeditions need to request these units with their NCDXF DXpedition grant applications. This grant follows the successful launch of the first generation of RIBs using FlexRadio by George, AA7JV. Many QSOs have been made successfully in several DXpeditions where the entity footprint was minimized, and the operators could be remote. These RIBs are still maintained and in use.
The mission of NCDXF is to provide necessary financial support for well-organized DXpeditions to desirable DXCC entities and to support advances in DXpeditioning skills, technology, and infrastructure. These funds come from the contributions of our supporters in the DX community. Your contribution will help make DX happen: https://www.ncdxf.org/". [TNX K9CT]

WRTC 2026 ---> The WRTC 2026 Competition Rules have been approved and published: https://www.wrtc2026.org/2025/02/10/wrtc-uk-competition-rules/. In a nutshell: the event will be a Multi-2 style competition; CW and SSB contacts with the same location will score equal points. "Small changes from earlier WRTC rules are primarily aimed to ensure the competition is a test of operator skills as much as possible".

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8M, 3D2AG/p, 3W9Z, 4L7T, 4S7AB, 4Y1A, 5A1AL, 5R8WE, 5X4E, A71AM, A71YY, CY9C, D44PM, DU3LA, E6AQ, FM/DF8AN, FP5BZ, FS4WBS, FY/WE9G, GB200LB, HD8CW, HK4SAN, HS0ZLV, IG9/S52OT, JD1BMH, JT5DX, JY5MM, K6VHF/HR9, KH0W, OF60IRON, OH0AM, OH0Z, OJ0T, OX/5Q2J, OX7AM, PJ4JA, PZ5JW, S21DX (AS-140), SP9FIH/VP9, TI9/TI2JJP, TO0J, TO9W, TR8CA, TT8ES, TZ4AM, UK9AA, UN3M, V31CN (NA-180), V55LA, V73WE, VK5KI (OC-139), VK6SJ, VK9CV, VP8G, VP9/K2WK, VU3WEW, WP3C, XT2MD, XU7GNY, XV9NI, XV9X (AS-128), YI1YY, YJ0TT, YN9H, Z81Z, ZD7W, ZD9GJ, ZF2OO.

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