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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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5B - Special callsign 5B50CARS celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Cyprus Amateur Radio Society (CARS). Look for activity on 15 April (the actual anniversary date), 18 April (World Amateur Radio Day) and 25-26 April (100th anniversary of IARU and 75th anniversary of IARU Region 1). QSL via LoTW and QRZ Logbook.

5H - Maurizio, 5H3MB (IK2GZU) reports that, despite the equipment being disconnected during the storm, a lightning strike destroyed his radio, power supply and PC. He has a backup radio and will attempt to repair the power supply. However, he is currently unsure if he will be able to resume operations before his departure. He will be in Tanzania until 8 April.

8Q - Flavio, IW2NEF will be active holiday style as 8Q7EF from the Maldives (AS-013) on 3-10 April. He will operate digital modes and SSB on 40-6 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or direct to IK2DUW.

D6 - D68Z will participate in this weekend's CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as a single-band entrant (10 metres, low power). Elvira will QRT on 31 March or 1 April. Nearly 75,000 QSOs have been logged so far. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via IK2WAD (direct and bureau).

ER - ER100IARU is the special callsign for the Amateur Radio Society of Moldova (ARM) to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the IARU between 22 March and 30 April. QSL via the bureau; QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log, eQSL, QRZ Logbook and HamLog.

F - This year marks the centenary of the Reseau des Emetteurs Francais, the French member society of the International Amateur Radio Union. To commemorate this event, the REF is launching a "Radio Challenge" which will run from 1 April to 30 June and will see the participation of a very large number of special callsigns. These will include TM100REF (21 April-5 May), from TM01REF to TM95REF (departments of metropolitan France), TK2AREF and TK2BREF (Corsica), TO###REF and TX###REF (overseas departments and territories, e.g. TO974REF for La Reunion). Various certificates will be available, see https://tm100ref.r-e-f.org/ for information.

FJ - Jim, K6EI and Scott, KK6IK will be active as FJ/K6EI and FJ/KK6IK from St. Barthelemy (NA-146) on 5-12 April. They will operate CW, FT8 and FT4 on 80-6 metres with two stations. QSLs via LoTW, or direct to home calls. [TNX The Daily DX]

GU - The Guernsey Amateur Radio Society will operate special event station GU80LIB on 9-11 May to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Channel Islands at the end of World War II. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, direct, or via the bureau. [TNX GU6EFB]

HI - Celebrating World Amateur Radio Day (18 April), members of the

Sociedad Dominicana de Radioaficionados (SDRA) will be active as HI0DMRA on 1-30 April.

HS - Celebrating the International Amateur Radio Union's centenary, members of the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand (RAST) will be active on the HF bands, 2 metres and satellites as HS100IARU on 1-30 April. QSL via LoTW and Club Log's OQRS.

JD1_oga- Koji, JI1LET and Takeshi, JA1UII will be active as JD1BOI and JD1BON, respectively, from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara on 8-17 April. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8/FT4 on 160-6 metres. QSLs via LoTW, or direct to home calls.

LX - LX100IARU is the special callsign for the Radioamateurs du Luxembourg (RL), a founding member of IARU, to celebrate the centenary of the International Amateur Radio Union until 31 July. QSL via Club Log's OQRS.

OZ - In celebration of World Amateur Radio Day, a number of Danish stations will be signing 5P0WARD/x with different suffix extensions on 18 April. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW, or via OZ1ACB. An award will be available, see https://www.qrz.com/db/5p0ward for information.

PJ6 - Team PJ6Y will be active from Saba (NA-145) on 17-29 October. The team will comprise 14 on-site operators, eight of whom will be under the age of 25. The local team will be complemented by 25-30 remote operators. There will be five stations: three for the local operators, and two NexGenRiBs2 for remote operation. Activity will be on 80-6 meters CW, SSB and FT8, plus satellite. PJ6Y will also participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS; full LoTW upload within 6 months after the conclusion of the expedition. Fundraising is in progress, with the goal of covering all expenses for the young operators. See https://pj6y2025.com for more information and updates.

TY - Red, DL1BUG is active as TY5FR from Cotonou, Benin until 9 April. He operates CW and SSB on 80-10 metres. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log. [TNX The Daily DX]

VE - Ted, VE3EDE might be active as VE3EDE/VY0 from Iqaluit, Baffin Island (NA-047) on 28-30 March. He will operate QRP, using mainly FT8 on 30, 20, 17, 15 or 12 metres as propagation permits.

Z3 - Celebrating IARU's centenary, members of the Radioamateur Society of Macedonia (Z37RSM) will be active as Z3100IARU from 25 March to 18 May. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, QRZ Logbook.

ZC4 - Dave, G4WXJ expects to go back to Dhekelia, UK Sovereign Base Areas on Cyprus, on 6-11 April. He will be active holiday style as ZC4RH on 40-6 metres CW, SSB, FT8 and FT4. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

OPERATIONS MANNA & CHOWHOUND COMMEMORATION ---> Operation Manna and Operation Chowhound were a series of humanitarian food drops to feed Dutch civilians at risk of starvation during the final days of the Second World War in Europe.

Commemorating the 80th anniversary, special callsigns VB7MAN will be used from Canada between 1 April and 10 May, and VK80MAN will be used from various locations in Australia between 24 April and 10 May.

Main activity is expected to take place on 25-27 April, when the commemoration will be joined by special event stations GB80CHO, GB80MAN and GB8MAN

from England; PH80MAN from the Netherlands; SN80MAN from Poland; W4C from the US. A certificate will be available, see https://manna80.radio/ for more information

WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY ---> W2A will be active on 2-8 April for the third World Autism Awareness Week Special Event. QSL via Club Log's OQRS. Also active are expected to be a number of other special callsigns, including stations from Canada (VC2AA), Dominican Republic (HI0A), England (GB2AA and GB4AAW), Indonesia (8A2AAW), Scotland (GB2AAW, GB5AAW, GB6AAW, GB9AAW), United Arab Emirates (A60WAAD and A60WAAD/#)), Wales (GB0AAW and GB2WAA). QSL via operators' instructions. See https://www.qrz.com/db/W2A for more information.

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CASS AWARDS ---> The Cass Awards honour the wisdom and spirit of Cass WA6AUD (SK), and encourage DXpeditions to maximize the number of DXers worked with a Plaque for the single-operator DXpedition that works the most unique callsigns within 2 weeks or less, and a Plaque for the "unlimited" DXpedition that works the most unique callsigns within 4 weeks or less, with no limit on the number of operators of the activity.
Janusz Wegrzyn, SP9FIH has won the 2024 Single-Operator Cass Award by working 15,396 unique callsigns (a new record) during his A52P operation from Bhutan. This is the seventh Cass Award for Janusz, who has already been a winner for six years in a row (2017-22).
The PX0FF team (Bernd Och DA1DX, Markus Staude DK2CX, Andreas Paulick DL5CW, Wolfgang Klier OE2VEL, Ville Hiilesmaa OH2MM, and Renner Pedroza PY7RP) has won the 2024 Unlimited Cass Award by working 34,336 unique stations from Fernando de Noronha.
Sponsored by Club Log, the Northern California DX Club and DXLab, the Cass Awards are presented annually and issued in March for DXpeditions during the preceding year. See http://www.cassaward.com/ for complete information.

IARU 100 ---> Special event stations/callsigns from IARU societies celebrating the 100th anniversary of the International Amateur Radio Union at various times in April (not necessarily throughout the month) include:

3Z100IARU	PZK	Poland	425DXN 1762
4X100IARU	IARC	Israel	14-24 April
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8A100IARU	ORARI	Indonesia	425DXN 1768
9A100IARU	HRS	Croatia	425DXN 1768
A9100IARU	BARS	Bahrain	425DXN 1761
AO100IARU	URE	Spain	425DXN 1766
AO1IARU	URE	Spain	425DXN 1766
AO2IARU	URE	Spain	425DXN 1766

AO3IARU	URE	Spain	425DXN 1766
AO4IARU	URE	Spain	425DXN 1766
AO5IARU	URE	Spain	425DXN 1766
AO6IARU	URE	Balearic Isls	425DXN 1766
AO7IARU	URE	Spain	425DXN 1766
AO8IARU	URE	Canary Isls	425DXN 1766
AO9IARU	URE	Ceuta & Melilla	425DXN 1766
CN100IARU	ARRAM	Morocco	
CX100IARU	RCU	Uruguay	425DXN 1768
DA0IARU	DARC	Germany	425DXN 1762
E7100IARU	ARABiH	Bosnia- Herzegovina	1-30 April
ER100IARU	ARM	Moldova	425DXN 1769
GB0IARU	RSGB	United Kingdom	425DXN 1768
HA100A	MRASZ	Hungary	425DXN 1768
HA100B	MRASZ	Hungary	425DXN 1768
HA100C	MRASZ	Hungary	425DXN 1768
HA100E	MRASZ	Hungary	425DXN 1768
HA100I	MRASZ	Hungary	425DXN 1768
HA100IARU	MRASZ	Hungary	425DXN 1768
HA100L	MRASZ	Hungary	425DXN 1768
HA100N	MRASZ	Hungary	425DXN 1768
HA100O	MRASZ	Hungary	425DXN 1768
HA100R	MRASZ	Hungary	425DXN 1768
HA100T	MRASZ	Hungary	425DXN 1768
HA100Y	MRASZ	Hungary	425DXN 1768
HF100IARU	PZK	Poland	425DXN 1762
HG100IARU	MRASZ	Hungary	425DXN 1768
HL100IARU	KARL	Republic of Korea	425DXN 1765
HS100IARU	RAST	Thailand	425DXN 1769
LX100IARU	RL	Luxembourg	425DXN 1769
ON100A	UBA	Belgium	425DXN 1767
ON100I	UBA	Belgium	425DXN 1767
ON100R	UBA	Belgium	425DXN 1767
ON100U	UBA	Belgium	425DXN 1767
OO100A	UBA	Belgium	425DXN 1767
OO100I	UBA	Belgium	425DXN 1767
OO100R	UBA	Belgium	425DXN 1767
OO100U	UBA	Belgium	425DXN 1767
OP100A	UBA	Belgium	425DXN 1767
OP100I	UBA	Belgium	425DXN 1767
OP100R	UBA	Belgium	425DXN 1767
OP100U	UBA	Belgium	425DXN 1767
OQ0IARU	UBA	Belgium	425DXN 1767
OQ100A	UBA	Belgium	425DXN 1767
OQ100I	UBA	Belgium	425DXN 1767
OQ100R	UBA	Belgium	425DXN 1767
OQ100U	UBA	Belgium	425DXN 1767
OR0IARU	UBA	Belgium	425DXN 1767
OR100A	UBA	Belgium	425DXN 1767
OR100I	UBA	Belgium	425DXN 1767
OR100R	UBA	Belgium	425DXN 1767
OR100U	UBA	Belgium	425DXN 1767
OS100A	UBA	Belgium	425DXN 1767

OS100I	UBA	Belgium	425DXN 1767
OS100R	UBA	Belgium	425DXN 1767
OS100U	UBA	Belgium	425DXN 1767
OT100A	UBA	Belgium	425DXN 1767
OT100I	UBA	Belgium	425DXN 1767
OT100R	UBA	Belgium	425DXN 1767
OT100U	UBA	Belgium	425DXN 1767
OZ100IARU	EDR	Denmark	425DXN 1765
PA100IARU	VERON	Netherlands	
S5100IARU	ZRS	Slovenia	425DXN 1762
SN100IARU	PZK	Poland	425DXN 1762
SO100IARU	PZK	Poland	425DXN 1762
SP100IARU	PZK	Poland	425DXN 1762
SZ100IARU	RAAG	Greece	425DXN 1768
TC100IARU	TRAC	Turkey	
VI100IARU	WIA	Australia	
VU1IARU	ARSI	India	425DXN 1768
Z3100IARU	RSM	North Macedonia	425DXN 1769

INDEXA NEWSLETTER ---> The Spring 2025 issse (#144) of the International DX Association's Newsletter is now available for download on the INDEXA website (https://indexa.org/newsletters.html). Highlights include "Message from the President" by Otis Vicens (NP4G), "A Solar Project for Nauru (C21MM)" by Werner Hasemann (DJ9KH), and "Dateline DX Association and INDEX A Jointly Provide Humanitarian Aid to Basic School on Sao Tome e Principe (S9Z)" by Jose Araujo (CT1DSV).

IOTA CHECKPOINT VACANCY IN BRAZIL ---> "The IOTA Board were sorry to hear from Luciano Sampaio de Souza, PT7WA that he had decided to step down from the post of Checkpoint for Brazil. We are grateful to him for the many years' service in that role since 2009 and thank him most sincerely for the care and attention he has paid to it. We wish him the very best for the future.
It follows that we are now looking to appoint an IOTA enthusiast to fill the post of Checkpoint for Brazil. It is a volunteer one, not heavily loaded, but it does require a good knowledge of English, awareness of key IOTA rules and a commitment to uphold the principles of the IOTA Programme, and sufficient IT skills to process online applications. This is a good opportunity to join a group of dedicated folk whose interest is to support IOTA into the future as a leading international programme aimed at promoting activity on the bands. Fuller details are available on request from g3kma[@]outlook.com where applications supported by a statement of personal skills should be sent before 21 April 2025".

VOACAP & ITURHFPROP ---> Developed by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the ITURHFProp propagation prediction engine is now fully integrated into VOACAP Online for Ham Radio (https://voacap.com/hf/).
ITURHFProp provides point-to-point HF propagation predictions across all amateur radio bands. With VOACAP and ITURHFProp using different prediction methodologies, you can now compare their results side by side and gain deeper insights into HF propagation.
The latest version of the comprehensive VOACAP Online User's Manual can be downloaded here: https://www.voacap.com/2023/documents/VOACAP_Manual.pdf

ZS8A ---> This is the callsign of a new permanent receiving station in the International WSPR Beacon Project (https://github.com/HB9VQQ/WSPRBeacon) that the South African National Space Agency will install on Marion Island sometime in April.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8/YU6DX, 4U1ITU, 4U1WB, 7Q6M, 7Q7EB, 9J2AO, A25AO, A35GC, A61KZ, AP2TN, C5T, D4C, DP1POL, E51SGC, FM5KC, FR4OM, FR8TZ, FY5KE, HR3KBS, J79BH, JT1CO, PJ2ND, PJ4G, S79VU, S9Z, SU9VB, TI1T, TR8CA, VK9CV, VP5M, VY2RCAF, YJ0VV, Z22AO, ZA1RR, ZD7KYD, ZD7W.

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