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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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5W - Jacek, SP5EAQ will be active again as 5W0AF from Apia, Samoa (OC-097) between 22 March and 11 April. He will operate SSB on 80-10m. QSL via LoTW and SP7DQR's OQRS (http://sp7dqr.pl/en/oqrs.php). See https://5w0af.dxing.pl/ for more information.

8P - Mike, VE2XB will be active holiday style as 8P9XB from Barbados (NA-021) on 21-28 February. He will operate CW and SSB on 80-10 metres. QSL direct to home call. [TNX NG3K]

8Q - Lubo, OM5ZW and Laco, OM4WM will be active as 8Q7ZW from the Maldives (AS-013) from 28 February to 12 March. Look for activity on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and FT8, with a focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log's OQRS. [TNX DX World]

E5/S - After operating as FO0ALE from Moorea (OC-046, French Polynesia), Bert, CX3AN will be active holiday style as E51AAN from Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cook Islands on 14-20 February. He operates SSB and CW. QSLs direct only via home call; he does not use LoTW or Club Log.

F - Members of the Radio Club Jean Bart, F6KMB are active again as TM6C until 21 February during the traditional Dunkirk Carnival (Carnaval de Dunkerque). QSL via eQSL only.

F - Team TM13X will participate in the SSB leg of the French HF Championship (21-22 February) from Ratonneau Island (EU-095). All QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log and eQSL, and will also be con-confirmed automatically via the bureau.

FJ - Andreas, DK6AS is active again as FJ/DK6AS from Saint Barthelemy (NA-146) until sometime in March. He operates CW and FT8/FT4 on 80-6 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

J3 - Gert, PA2LO will be active holiday style as J38TT from Grenada (NA-024) on 10-19 February. He operates mainly SSB on 40-6 metres. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via PA2LO

JD1/M - Take, JG8NQJ/JD1 expects to be back to the weather station on Minami Torishima (OC-073) on 26 February until mid-May. In his limited spare time he will operate mainly CW with some FT8 (note that he wants you to call with your signal report, not your grid square). QSL via JA8CJY (direct), JG8NQJ (bureau) and LoTW.

OE - Celebrating World Radio Day, the VIC Amateur Radio Contest DX Club (https://4u1a.club/) will operate CW, SSB and digital modes as 4UNR (United Nations Radio) on 13-28 February. This activity counts for Austria for DXCC, and for the Vienna International Centre for the CQ DX Marathon. QSL via Club Log's OQRS.

P4 - John, W2GD will be active again as P44W from Aruba (SA-036) on 16-23 February, with main activity during the ARRL DX CW Contest (21-22 February). Before the contest he will operate CW on 30, 17 and 12 metres. QSL via LoTW, or direct to N2MM. [TNX NG3K]

T8 - Czech DXpedition Team's members OK1BOA, OK2ZA, OK3RM and OK6DJ will be active as T8OK from Palau on 4-19 March. They will operate CW, FT8, SSB and RTTY on 160-10 metres, plus 6m. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via OK6DJ; full LoTW upload after six months.

TY - Red, DL1BUG will be active again as TY5FR from Cotonou, Benin from 6 March to 5 April. He will operate CW and SSB on 80-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS. [TNX The Daily DX]

V3 - Uwe, DL8UD will be active as V31KO from Belize on 19-26 February. He will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest (21-22 February) as V3O. QSL via EA5GL.

V4 - Chris, WA7RAR will be active as V4/WA7RAR from St. Kitts (NA-104) from 21 February to 7 March. He will operate SSB and CW on 20-10 metres, also with portable activity from various POTA sites. QSL via LoTW, QRZ Logbook, or direct to home call.

VP2E - Jacek M0PLX (VP2ELX), Janusz SP9FIH (VP2EWE), and teenager Adrian SQ2RAD (VP2EAD) will be active from Anguilla (NA-022) on 3-20 March. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 160-6 metres. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS. See https://vp2.dxpeditions.org/ for more information.

VP9 - Darrell, AB2E and John, K3TEJ will be active from Bermuda (NA-005) on 17-24 February. They will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest as VP9I (QSL via WW3S); outside the contest they will operate CW, RTTY and FT8 as AB2E/VP9 and K3TEJ/VP9, with a focus on the low and WARC bands. QSL via home calls. [TNX NG3K]
Also active from the same QTH is Robert, SP5XVY as VP9/SP5T until 16 February. During this weekend's CQ WPX RTTY Contest he too will be signing VP9I.

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ANTARCTIC ACTIVITY WEEK ---> The Worldwide Antarctic Program has announced that the 23rd Antarctic Activity Week will be held on 16-22 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 used during this year's AAW from Bulgaria (LZ23ANT), France (TM23AAW), Germany (DA0ANT, DM50ANT, DP50ANT), Italy (II1SR, II3MNA, II5ANT), Netherlands (PA6ANT, PF88ANT), Poland (SP0ANT), Spain (EH3ANT), Ukraine (EM30KCC, EM30KY, EM30LV, EM30VER, EN30UA), USA (K4C). Complete information on the AAW can be found on https://www.waponline.it/antarctic-activity-week/aaw-2026/.

ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST ---> Object of the contest is for W/VE amateurs to work as many stations in as many DXCC Entities as possible on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres, while DX stations work as many W/VE amateurs in as many of the 48 contiguous states and provinces as possible (see https://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx for the rules). This year's event will be held

on 21-22 February (CW) and 7-8 March (SSB). Give a look at the Announced Operations listings maintained by Bill, NG3K: https://www.ng3k.com/Contest/.

KP5/NP3VI: DXPEDITION EXTENDED ---> "The original recovery date was 12 February; however, deteriorating sea conditions have required us to delay equipment recovery until 3 March.
As a result, the DXpedition will remain on the air longer, providing additional opportunities for operators to work Desecheo Island for an All Time New One (ATNO), which remains our primary focus. During the extension period, we will continue to operate on the bands and modes that have proven most effective and productive.
We will be conducting an ATNO Day for twelve hours, beginning at 12:00 UTC on 15 February, and ending at 00:00 UTC on 16 February. During this period, we will be focused on FT8 from 12:00-14:00 UTC, after which we will focus on SSB. Operation will be in the U.S. General portion of the bands.
We respectfully ask operators who do not need Desecheo Island for an ATNO to please refrain from calling us during this period. This will help maximize opportunities for those who still need this rare entity in their log".
See https://www.facebook.com/people/Desecheo-2026-Dxpedition/61585525894897/ for updates.

LIGHTHOUSE WEEKEND ---> The 18th American Lighthouses Weekend will be held on 20-22 February. Details, including a listing of participating stations, can be found on https://www.grupodxbb.com.ar/.

SHARON TARATULA (1962-2026) ---> I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of ARRL Awards Manager Sharon Taratula on 4 February. Since joining the ARRL in January 1994, Sharon held several key roles before becoming Awards Manager in 2016. She was widely respected for her expertise, particularly in managing the DXCC program. Although we never met in person, Sharon and I exchanged countless emails and calls over the years. As a Card Checker, I knew I could always rely on her helpfulness, patience, and unwavering commitment to solving problems quickly and effectively. The amateur radio community owes her a debt of gratitude, and she will be greatly missed. Rest in peace, dear Sharon. 88 de Mauro, I1JQJ

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3G9S (SA-050), 3W9T, 5K0UA, 7P8EA, 9L8MD, 9L9L (AF-037), C5R, C5YK, E44OM, EX7CQ, FY5KE, HH2AA, HI3K, HS0ZMY, HS0ZOA, JW0V, KP2B, OD5TX, OX3LX, PJ4KV, PJ5C, PJ6Y, PZ5OZ, T88AR, T88SM, TF1A, TJ1GD, TL8GD, TT1GD, TY5FR, TZ4AM, V26K, V31DL, VK2/SP2FIH, VK9/SP9FIH VP2MAA, VP8VK, XF4B, XU7RRC (AS-133), XW4YY, ZD9BV.

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