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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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3D2 - Jacek, SP5APW will be active as 3D2JK from Lakeba Island (OC-095) on 17-22 April. He will operate FT8 and SSB on 20-10 metres, and mainly FT8 on 6 metres. Last activated in 2004, OC-095 remains the rarest IOTA group in Fiji. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or direct to SP5APW; full LoTW upload after six months. More information on https://3d2jk.blogspot.com/.

5X - Richard, HB9FHV is active as 5X4TA from Uganda until 28 February. Look for him "almost daily" on or around 14185, 21185 and 28485 kHz from 15 to 16 UTC. QSL via eQSL.

9G - Arno, DL1CW has been active as 9G5ZZ from Ghana (WWL IJ95jc) since 19 February, and will remain there until 3 March. He operates mainly CW, with some RTTY possible, on 80-6 metres. QSL via LoTW, or via the bureau to home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

9G - The Italian DXpedition Team's activity from Ghana [425DXN 1812] is scheduled to start during the first half of April (dates TBA). The team will be QRV on 160-6 metres as 9G5RR (CW, SSB and RTTY) and 9G5CC (FT8, not Fox & Hound) from Busua Beach on the mainland. Activity from Abokwa Island (AF-084) will depend on weather and sea conditions. Plans are for two operators to be as 9G5ZP on 15 metres daily, from morning to evening. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8. All QSLs direct to I2YSB. More information, including the link to I2YSB's OQRS, can be found on https://www.i2ysb.com/idt/index.php.

9K - 9K9NLD is the special callsign for the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society to celebrate Kuwait National Day (25 February) and Liberation Day (26 February) on 16-28 February. QSL via EC6DX. Also joining the celebrations will be the Saudi Amateur Radio Society as HZ1KWT on 19-25 February, the Emirates Amateur Radio Society as A60KWT on 19-27 February, and possibly the national society of Bahrain (A91KWT).

HZ - Members of the Saudi Amateur Radio Society (HZ1SAR) are active as 7Z3FD, 8Z3FD, and HZ3FD on 18-22 February. The special callsigns celebrate Saudi Arabia's Founding Day (22 February).

J5 - Team J51A will be active from Bubaque Island (AF-020), Guinea-Bissau [425DXN 1812] for three weeks, starting sometime next week. The actual dates will be posted to https://www.qrz.com/db/J51A once the team has reached its destination. QO-100 has been added to the planned activities, with SSB, CW and FT8 (MSHV) operations expected to start a couple of days after the other bands.

JA - Moto, JA1GZV will be active again as JS6UKY/6 from Miyako Island (AS-079) and Okinawa Island (AS-017) between 24 February and 6 March. He will operate CW on or around 7011, 10123, 14011, 18075, 21011, 24897, and 28011 kHz. QSL via JS6UKY (bureau), eQSL, or direct to JA1GZV.

LU - Members of the Radio Club QRM Belgrano will be active as LU4AAO and

other callsigns between 28 February and 8 March to celebrate the club's 58th anniversary. Awards and special QSL are available. See http://lu4aao.org/58_aniv_lu4aao.htm for more information. [TNX LU4AAO]

S2 - Team S21WD will be active from IOTA group AS-140, Bangladesh [425DXN 1812] from 20 March to 1 April, including an entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. They will operate CW, SSB, RTTY, and FT8 (MSHV) on 160-10 metres with up to five stations. In addition, activity via QO-100 is planned using CW, SSB and FT4. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via DJ4MX; if the on-site internet connection is stable, QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW on a daily basis. See https://www.next-generation-dx.com/s2/ for more information; bookmark https://www.facebook.com/S21WD/ for updates.

XU - XU7AMO, the National Polytechnic Institute of Cambodia's radio club, will be active again during a satellite communication training session at the Telecom Department of the Electronics Faculty in Phnom Penh (OK21jo), from 27 February to 2 March. Look for activity via QO-100, using CW, SSB and FT8. The operators will be NPIC students, as well as JA1COU, JK2XXK, JA3GEP, VK6DX and F5VMJ. In addition, they will use also LEO satellites (RS-44, SO-50 and FO-29).

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DESECHEO 2026 ---> The KP5/NP3VI team will be active during the ARRL International DX CW Contest on 21-22 February. To manage the energy requirements of their solar-powered Remote Deployment Units, and be aligned with propagation windows to North America, their contest operations are scheduled for 00:00-03:00 UTC and 17:00-00:00 UTC.
While one station competes, they will maintain the second radio in DXpedition mode. This ensures that the global amateur radio community still has opportunities for a contact outside the contest environment. They kindly request that stations outside of North America refrain from calling the contest station during the windows listed above.

IOTA HONOUR ROLL ---> The 2026 Honour Roll and Annual Listings have been posted on the IOTA website https://iota-world.org/: click on PERFORMANCE LISTINGS in the dropdown menu under PROGRAMME INFORMATION. They show the position as of 31 January 2026.
The Honour Roll lists the stations with a checked score equalling or exceeding 50% of the total of numbered IOTA groups, excluding those with provisional numbers, at the time of preparation. The Annual Listing lists the stations with a checked score of 100 or more IOTA groups but less than the qualifying threshold for entry into the Honour Roll.
IOTA rules limit inclusion in the listings to those participants who have updated their scores at least once in the preceding five years (i.e. since

February 2021) and have opted to have their scores published.

NEW DIGITAL MODE: FT2 ---> This is a new, experimental digital mode that has entered its on-air beta testing phase since 16 February. According to its developer (IU8LMC), it is not intended to replace FT8 or FT4, but it is "a specialized mode for when pure speed is what matters". FT2 achieves 3.8 second cycles, allowing to reach 240 QSOs per hour. See https://www.ft2.it/ for more information.

PACIFIC TRIP ---> Hrane YT1AD (N9YU), Steva YU3AA (NS3A) and Sergey R7KW are planning a tourist-style DXpedition to the Philippines, Guam, and Saipan. They will operate CW, SSB, FT8 and FT4 as follows:
4-12 March DU6/N9YU and DU6/NS3A
13-17 March KH2/N9YU and KH2/NS3A
17-23 March KH0/N9YU and KH0/NS3A
QSLs N9YU via YT1AD, QSLs NS3A via YU3AA.

YASME FOUNDATION ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ---> The Board of Directors of the Yasme Foundation is pleased to announce the following Officers and Directors for 2026: Ward Silver N0AX (President), Rusty Epps W6OAT (Treasurer), Ken Claerbout K4ZW (Vice President and Secretary); Ward Silver N0AX, Rusty Epps W6OAT, Ken Claerbout K4ZW, Marty Woll N6VI, Dave Sumner K1ZZ, James Brooks 9V1YC, Hans Blondeel Timmerman PB2T, Bob Vallio W6RGG, Mark Beckwith N5OT, Martti Laine OH2BH (Directors).
The Yasme Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation organized to support scientific and educational projects related to amateur radio, including DXing and the introduction and promotion of amateur radio in developing countries. [TNX K4ZW]

YASME FOUNDATION GRANTS ---> The Board of Directors of the Yasme Foundation (https://www.yasme.org) has announced the following grants.
* A supporting grant of $5,000 to the World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC) United Kingdom 2026 organizing committee for general expenses. This grant supplements prior year financial support to WRTC. The board encourages other organizations and individuals to support this global event. Information about WRTC 2026 can be found at https://www.wrtc2026.org.
* A supporting grant of $6,000 to support YOTA (Youth On The Air) Youth Engagement Camp (YEC) in Slovakia. The YEC will teach prospective YOTA hosts how to plan & schedule your first youth activity, project budgeting basics, social media & PR workshops, and a ready-to-run activity plan to deliver at home, help to grow the YOTA program. Further information can be found at https://www.ham-yota.com/youth-engagement-conference/.
* Supporting grant covering the expenses of Hamvention 2026 space rental for HamSCI and Ham Radio 2.0.
* Grant to Don Jones K6ZO/7Q6M to support amateur radio activities in Malawi and Comoros.
* Supporting grant to Contest University (CTU) at Hamvention 2026 in Xenia.
* Grant to Ashwin Mandary (3B8GL) for the repair of his RBN node in Mauritius.
* Grant to the ARRL Foundation Scholarship Program.

+ SILENT KEY + Colin Thomas, G3PSM passed away on 17 February, aged 85. A prominent figure in amateur radio, he held several senior leadership and

technical roles within both the Radio Society of Great Britain and the IARU Region 1. In particular, he served as IARU-R1 HF Manager (2005-2008) and as Executive Committee member (2008-2014); until 2017, he led the External Relations Committee, representing the interests of radio amateurs to international political and regulatory bodies. Upon his retirement, he was presented with the IARU-R1 Roy Stevens G2BVN Memorial Award. On that occasion, the RSGB wrote: "Colin's contribution to the acquisition and defence of radio spectrum use by radio amateurs has been unparalleled. Within Region 1 he has played a leading role in the acquisition of additional bands. They include 136 kHz, 472 kHz, allocations at 5 MHz, and the expansion of 7 MHz. He has also led the successful defence of our existing allocations at a time when they are under great pressure. IARU Region 1 radio amateurs owe him a huge debt".

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******* QSL ROUTES *******
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3B8G	VU3OPT	EG7CPR	EA7URF	SP0ANT	SP3TYJ
3G1DX	CE1KR	EH3ANT	EA3EYO	SP100G	SP2PGD
3W9MAE	DL5MAE	ET3AA	N2OO	SQ100D	SP2PGD
3Z0SYBIR	SP8SW	FG4KH	F1DUZ	TM23AAW	F8DVD
3Z100A	SP2PGD	HD5MW/8	M0OXO	TO4A	VE3DZ
4L2M	EA7FTR	HF100I	SP2PGD	TU5MM	F5HPE
4UNR	4U1A	HH2AA	EB7DX	TU5MZ	F4WEO
5Z4VJ	M0URX	HR5/F2JD	F6AJA	TZ1CE	DK1CE
8P5A	HA1AG	II1SR	IK1NEG	V31AT	K5PI
8R1WA	IZ0EGA	II2V	IK2AQZ	V31DJ	W0CP
9G5ZZ	DL1CW	II3JUMP	IN3ANF	V31DK	K0ZV
9J2FI	DL1RTL	II5ANT	IZ5BTC	V31KO	EA5GL
AT44I	VU2DGR	J38TT	PA2LO	V31MA	M0OXO
AU7RS	M0OXO	J79OL	TF1OL	V51WH	DK2WH
AZ1D	EC6DX	LX7I	LX2A	V55Y	DK2WH
C4E	LZ3SM	LZ1426EN	LZ1KCP	VE2CSI	M0URX
CN3A	IK2OHG	OV9R	DF2SD	VP2EEU	N6YEU
CR3DX	OM2VL	OX3LX	OZ0J	VP8TDX	NE8Z
CT9ABO	OM3GI	OX7AKT	OZ1ACB	VP8TM	DC8TM
D2ACE	EA7FTR	OY/4X6TT	N4GNR	VP9I	WW3S
D4AUS	CT7AUS	P49Y	AE6Y	VY0BRR	VE2XB
D4VR	DD0VR	PI4AMF	PA3EYC	WP3C	M0OXO
DA0BCC	DL2JRM	PI4COM	PA1AW	XU7O	DL4WK
DL26BBQ	DJ9YL	PI4FL	PA3HEB	XV9R	EA5GL
DP0POL/mm	DL4BBH	PJ4K	KU9C	Z81D	OM3JW
DU0A	KU9C	SN100N	SP2PGD	ZF2MJ	N6MJ
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