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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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3A - Operated on 40-10 metres SSB by IU3EDK and IZ3KUZ, look for 3A/IU3EDK to be QRV from a couple of POTA sites (MC-0002 and MC-0003) in Monaco on 25 May. QSL via IU3EDK (direct and bureau) and eQSL.

8Q - Yosuke, JJ1DQR will be active holiday style as 8Q7QR from the Maldives (AS-013) from 28 May to 1 June, including part-time participation in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

9X - Alain, F8FUA will be active holiday style as 9X5KM from Kigali, Rwanda on 4-13 June. He will operate CW, SSB and Digital on various bands. QSL via home call (direct and bureau); QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log and LoTW.

A3 - Oliver, W6NV will be active as A31WW from Nuku'alofa on Tongatapu Island (OC-049), Tonga from 23 May to 2 June. He will operate CW on the HF bands, with main activity during the CQ WW WPX CW Contest (30-31 May). QSL via LoTW.

EA - Georgette ON6AK/EA5HZC, Jean ON5JV/EA5HZB and members of the Radio Club Torrevieja (EC5RKT) will be active as EH5DEL and EH5ALB on 6-7 June during the Museum Ships Weekend. The stations will be installed on the "Delfin", a submarine formerly in service with the Spanish Navy, and the patrol boat "Albatros III". See qrz.com for more information. [TNX ON5JV]

F - Once again the Association des Radioamateurs de la Sarthe (F6KFI) will operate a special event station for the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Look for TM24H between 30 May and 14 June, with activity on various bands and modes. QSL via F6KFI.

F - Marc, F6HQP will be active as F6HQP/p from Ile de Re (EU-032) on 21-26 June. He will operate SSB mainly on 40 and 20 metres (also on 15 and 10 metres, if propagation allows), typically during his morning and evening hours. QSL via the bureau and LoTW. [TNX F6AJA and Les Nouvelles DX]

G - The BBC's historic Long Wave (LW) service, broadcast on 198 kHZ from the Droitwich transmitting station in England and its two Scottish sister stations (Westerglen and Burghead), will close for good at 00:00 UTC on 27 June. For more than 90 years, the service provided a vital voice that stretched across the entire UK and far into mainland Europe. To mark the end of an era in British broadcasting, four special callsigns will be activated between 21 and 27 June:

* GB1500M by members of the RSGB and the BBC Amateur Radio Group from any of the seven British DXCC Entities;
* GB198END by the Moray Firth ARS (Scotland);
* GB198KHZ by the Stirling and District ARS (Scotland);
* GB198LW by the Cray Valley Radio Society (England).

QSL for all callsigns via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW. Full details are on https://rsgb.org/ (search for "BBC Long Wave Shutdown").

HB0 - Kasimir, DL2SBY will be active again as HB0/DL2SBY from Liechtenstein on 25-31 May. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8 (MSHV) on the HF bands with verticals and an inverted vee, and on 6 metres with a 5-element yagi. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or direct to home call.

HB9 - Members of the Radio Amateur Club Swissair (HB9VC) will be active as HB200LF between 1 June and 31 July. The special callsign commemorates the 200th anniversary of the birth of Louis Favre, the Swiss engineer who in 1872 contracted to build the first Gotthard railway tunnel, the longest in the world at that time. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log; a certificate will be available (see https://www.qrz.com/db/HB200LF), but paper QSL cards will not be provided.

HC8 - Edgar, K2IN will be active again as HC8M from San Cristobal, Galapagos Islands (SA-004) from 28 May to 2 June, with main activity during the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS.

I - The United Nations Global Service Centre ARC (4U1GSC) in Brindisi is active as 4U29MAY until 31 May. QSL via 9A2AA. The special callsign honours the International Day of UN Peacekeepers (29 May). DXCC wise, it counts for Italy.

I - Franco, IZ5IUY will be active again as IL7/IZ5IUY from San Domino, Tremiti Islands (EU-050) from 20 June to 9 July. He will operate SSB on 40-6 metres, as well as on 144 MHz and 433 MHz. He plans to be QRV on a daily basis at 05:00-06:30 UTC, 11:30-13:00 UTC, and 17:00-21:00 UTC. QSL via home call, bureau preferred.

I - Once again Vin, IK7IMO will participate in the IOTA Contest (25-26 July) as IB7V from San Pietro, Cheradi Islands (EU-073). He will operate SSB running high power. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

JA - Take, JI3DST and Ken, JA4GXS expected to be active from the Danjo Islands (AS-056) on 22-23 May [425DXN 1828], but anticipated severe weather has forced their charter vessel to cancel the trip. Consequently, the entire operation has been called off. With Japan now entering the rainy season, rescheduling anytime soon is extremely difficult, so they are now aiming for May of next year.

JY - Celebrating the 80th anniversary of Jordan's independence, special event callsign JY80ID will be active on various bands and modes on 23-25 May. QSL via QRZ.com.

OH - Look for OH/DL2VFR, OH/DL4BBH, and OH/DL4SVA to be active from Emasalo Island (EU-097) on 1-2 June, and from Kaunissaari Island (EU-140) on 3-7 June. QSL via home calls, LoTW and Club Log.

OJ0 - Markus, OH1MN and Juha, OH1LEG will be active as OJ0MN and OJ0Z, respectively, from Market Reef (EU-053) between 30 May and 6 June. They will operate mainly FT8 and SSB on various bands. QSL via home calls.

PA - Dennis, PA2DK and Pim, PA5PR will be active as PC38EU from Texel Island (EU-038) on 24-26 July, including participation in the IOTA Contest. QSL via the bureau and LoTW. Outside the contest they will try and be QRV also on 6 metres.

SP - Members of the Radioklub Stargard (SP1KCJ) will be QRV as SP0HANZA on 23 May and again for the 46th International Hanseatic Day to be

hosted by their city on 11-14 June. QSL via the bureau. A certificate will be available: https://radiodyplom.pl/ses/257.

T8 - Nobu, JA0JHQ will be active again as T88PB from Koror (OC-009), Palau on 27-31 May, with main activity during the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. QSL via LoTW (preferred) or direct to JA0JHQ.

UA - Back in 2001, the Arctic High-Latitude Radio Expedition to "The Lost Islands" activated six IOTA groups, including a new one (AS-156) and three rare ones. To mark the 25th anniversary of that memorable DXpedition, three special callsigns will be active on 21-31 May: RA25LI (Novosibirsk), RN25LI (Norilsk), and RD25LI (Dikson Island). QSLs via RZ3EC. This operating event is organized by the Russian Robinson Club: https://robinsons.ru/lost-islands-2026/ (in Russian)

VE - Mike, VE2XB will be active again as VY0ZOO from Coral Harbour, Southampton Island (NA-007) between 21 May and mid-June. Usually he operates SSB and CW on 40-10 metres in his spare time. QSL direct to home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

VU - To mark the 90th anniversary of Akashvani (aka All India Radio), India's state-owned public radio broadcaster, VU3YBH will be active as AT90VANI between 25 May and 16 August. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 20, 15, 12 and 10 metres. QSL via the bureau; QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

2026 FIFA WORLD CUP ---> The FIFA World Cup is the quadrennial international men's football (soccer) championship contested by the national teams of the member associations of the Federation Internationale de Football Association. Jointly hosted by the United States, Mexico and Canada, the 2026 "World Soccer Tournament" will take place from 11 June to 19 July, and amateur radio operators from the sixteen host cities will be active to celebrate the event:

4A1CMX	Mexico City	W2C	New York/New Jersey
4A1GDL	Guadalajara	W4C	Atlanta
4A1MTY	Monterrey	W5C/D	Dallas
K0C	Kansas City	W5C/H	Houston
K4C	Miami	W6C	Los Angeles
VB7F	Vancouver	W6S	San Francisco
VC3F	Toronto	W7C	Seattle
W1C	Boston	WM3PEN	Philadelphia

Complete information, including detailed operating schedules and certificates, can be found on https://wc2026ses.org/.

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CONTEST HALL OF FAME ---> The Contest Hall of Fame was established by CQ

Magazine in September 1986 to recognize those amateurs who have made major contributions to the art of radio competition. Today, the Contest Hall of Fame is managed by the World Wide Radio Operators Foundation. This year's inductees, announced on 16 May during the annual Contest Dinner held in conjunction with the Dayton Hamvention, are Mark Pride (K1RX), Paul Young (K1XM), Tom Lee (K8AZ) and Doug Zweibel (KR2Q). Their complete profiles can be found on https://contesthof.com.

CQ DX HALL OF FAME ---> Established in 1967, and now under the stewardship of the International DX Association (https://indexa.org/), this prestigious award honours those amateurs who have made exemplary contributions to DXing and DXpeditioning, including both on-air and off-air activities and accomplishments. This year's inductees, announced on 15 May during the annual SWODXA DX Dinner, are:

* CHARLES WILMOTT, M0OXO - Charles has taken the QSL management process to a new level. He handles logs with more than 9 million QSO's in them. He has become one of the first QSL Managers contacted to handle many of the larger DXpeditions that come along. But not only does he handle the "big ones", he also handles numerous smaller stations around the world. He has converted his garage into a small office, and he can be found out there from early morning through late evening in all weather, including winter when the temperature in there is just above freezing. He is truly an example of someone serving the DX community by going well above and beyond the call of duty.
* ELVIRA SIMONCINI, IV3FSG - Elvira (most recently 3X3A) has been an avid DXpeditioner who has operated from 34 different DXCC Entities since 1990, often including a strong humanitarian effort as well, which included an association with "Informatici Senza Frontiere". In a world constantly facing new digital challenges, this association seeks to bridge the digital divide through the intelligent supportive and sustainable use of technology by implementing nonprofit projects in marginalized and emergency situations worldwide. It also promotes innovative IT initiatives for people with disabilities. After a professional life entirely dedicated to teaching, this voluntary work led to extensive travel opportunities for activating amateur radio along the way, almost all carried out independently while continuing to optimize the portable setups used. This volunteer work often included introducing young students to amateur radio through dedicated courses and demonstrations.

DXPEDITION OF THE YEAR ---> Presented annually at the DX Dinner by the Southwest Ohio DX Association, the DXpedition of the Year Award recognizes excellence in DXpedition planning and execution from Most Wanted entities. This year, the award was presented to the Russian DXpedition Team for their 9U1RU expedition to Burundi, which logged 179,831 QSOs and moved the entity from #60 to #106 in ranking.

DXPEDITIONER OF THE YEAR AWARD ---> The Southwest Ohio DX Association's DXpeditioner of the Year award honours those operators who made an exceptional contribution to the DX community. This year, the award was presented to Yuris Petersons, YL2GM for his solo ZS8W operation from Marion Island. His expedition logged 31,672 QSOs and helped activate an entity that moved from #11 to #25 in ranking.

JARL 100TH ANNIVERSARY ---> On 12 June 2026, the Japan Amateur Radio League (JARL) will mark the 100th anniversary of its founding. Then, in September 2027, amateur radio itself in Japan will celebrate its own centennial milestone. To honour this historic moment and to open the door to the next 100 years, the JARL has designated the period from 1 June 2026 through 30 September 2027 as its Centennial Celebration Period, during which a wide range of commemorative activities will be carried out: https://100th.jarl.org/.

THE HERITAGE CQ AMATEUR RADIO HALL OF FAME ---> Established in 2001, and now under the stewardship of Hamgallery, it recognizes those individuals who significantly affected the course of amateur radio; and radio amateurs who, in the course of their professional lives, had a significant impact on their professions or on world affairs.
The 2026 inductees are Prof. David B. Leeson, PhD, W6NL (ex-W6QHS); Richard Dean Straw, N6BV (SK); Dr. Jose "Otis" Vicens, NP4G. Their profiles can be found on https://hamgallery.com/HOF/AmateurRadio/.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 4L8A, 5Z4VJ, 6O3T, 7Q7EB, 7X2GK, 8Q7ZW, 8R1TM, 9G5ZZ, 9H4JX, 9U1RU, A61DI, A71AT, D2A, DB100FT, E51JD, EA9KB, EP5TJS, EW1MM, FM8QR, FO/F6BCW, FP5KE, FR/G3JUN, FY4BC, HB0A, HD8R, IR0RIVA, JG8NQJ/JD1, KI6LT/ZD8, KP4Z, KP5/NP3VI, LX9POL, OY1OF, PJ7PH, RI0SP, T70A, T88UW, T8OK, TI8X, TY5FR, TZ4AM, UN3M, UN8PT, V47EM, V51WH, VK9DX, VP2EEU, VP2EKG, WH7Z, XE1DEL, YI1RN, YI3AIA, YJ0GC, YN9H, ZD7AQH, ZL7/LZ1GC, ZP4KFX.

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