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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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DL - Mike, DG5LAC will be active as DG5LAC/p from Amrum Island (EU-042) from 30 April to 6 May. He will operate SSB on 80-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau; OQRS on Club Log. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

FM - Gerd, DL7VOG (www.dl7vog.de) will be active as FM/DL7VOG from Martinique (NA-107) from 6-11 May and again from 23 May to 6 June, with a side trip to St Lucia in between (see J6 below). He will be QRV on 80-6 metres mainly CW and RTTY, and will participate in the CQ WPX CW Contest. QSL via home call (bureau preferred); OQRS on Club Log.

G - Nigel G0GDA, Mark G0GQT and Keith M0KJA will be active as MX0VRC from Lundy Island (EU-120) on 2-7 May. They will be QRV on SSB, CW and digital modes between 6 and midnight (local time) daily. All logs will be uploaded to eQSL and Club Log, but apparently no paper cards will be available.

GJ - ON4LEM, ON5TC, ON6QO, ON7GLF, ON7WZ and ON8VP will be active as MJ/ON4RSX from St. Brelade, Jersey (EU-013) on 5-8 May. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 40-6 metres. QSL via bureau to ON4RSX or direct to ON8VP. [TNX The Daily DX]

GM - M1LOL and M1REK will be active as MM1LOL from the Isle of Muck (EU-008) on 1-6 May. QSL via M1REK, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

GM - A team from the Grantham ARC (2E0FYQ, G0RCI, G4IAQ, G4IAR, G4VUA, G6SSN, M0USY and maybe a couple of others) will be active as GM0GRC and GM7GRC from the Isle of Arran (EU-123) on 13-21 August. They will operate SSB and digital modes on all bands. QSL direct only to G0RCI; the logs will be uploaded to Club Log. [TNX G0RCI]

I - IY0GA (from Sardinia), IY0IMD, IY0ORP, IY0TC, IY1MR, IY1SP, IY4FGM, IY5PIS, IY6GM and IY7M will participate in the International Marconi Day on 23 April. QSL via operators's instructions. [TNX IS0JMA]

JA - Look for Tak, JR1LZK/6 and Mitsu, JE1HXZ/6 to be active from Yonaguni Island (AS-024) from 23 April to 1 May. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 40-6 metres. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX JN6RZM]

J6 - Gerd, DL7VOG will be active as J68GU from St. Lucia (NA-108) on 12-22 May. He operate mainly CW and RTTY 80-6 metres. QSL via home call (bureau preferred); OQRS on Club Log.

KL - Rick, K6VVA plans to be active as K6VVA/KL7 from several IOTA groups in Alaska between 1 June and 31 August. The island name & IOTA group "will remain a mystery until after the expedition is completed". Details - including specific date(s) of activity, locations and QSLling instructions - will be published on

www.k6vva.com/iota/. You can also follow Rick on Twitter (@K6VVA).

OZ - Rene, DL2JRM will be active as OZ/DL2JRM from Bornholm (EU-030) and other nearby islands on 5-8 May. QSL via DL2JRM, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

PA - PI35ETL is the special callsign for VERON's Section 54 to celebrate its 35th anniversary. It will be used on the HF and VHF bands on 1-28 May and again on 1-28 December. Special QSLs will be sent automatically via the bureau; the QSL route for direct cards is via PA1CPA. An award will be available: www.qrz.com/db/pi35etl for information.

PJ7 - Laurent, FM5BH will be active holiday style as PJ7BH from Sint Marteen (NA-105) on 1-8 May. He will operate mainly CW on 40-10 metres. QSL via FM5BH (direct); logsearch and OQRS on Club Log. [TNX NG3K]

SM - Frank, DL2SWW and Gaby, DF9TM will be active as SD7W and SD7M respectively from Oland Island (EU-037) on 21-26 April. QSL via home calls. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

T2 - John, KK7L and Jared, N7SMI will be active as T2R from Tuvalu (OC-015) from 27 September to 4 October. They will operate SSB, CW, and RTTY on 80-10 metres. QSL via N7SMI; the use of Club Log's OQRS for direct and bureau cards is strongly recommended. All QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL shortly after the operation. "This is not a typical DXpedition", as John and Jared "will provide training to the local amateurs and ensure equipment is in place with intentions to establish a permanent and active Tuvalu Amateur Radio Club. Your donations go directly to supporting local amateurs getting on the air". See www.T2Radio.com for further information.

T8 - Kan, JJ2RCJ will be active as T88RF from Koror (OC-009), Palau on 1-5 May. He will focus on the digital modes, mainly RTTY. QSL via JJ2RCJ (direct), LoTW and eQSL; logsearch on Club Log. [TNX NG3K]

UA - Five Russian Robinson Club's memebrs (namely R6MG, R7MR, RA6ABC, UA0FAM and UA3EDP) will be active as RI0FS from Shikotan Island (AS-062) for a few days indicatively between 5 and 15 August. They plan to operate on all bands and modes with two stations. Bookmark http://ri0fs.ru/en/ for updates. [TNX qrz.ru]

V6 - Kou, JR2GAG will be active again as V63GG from Micronesia on 20-26 April. This time he will operate from Yap (OC-012). QSL via home call, direct or bureau, preferably through Club Log's OQRS. [TNX NG3K]

VK - John, VK6AG and Pavel, VK6NAX will be active as VK6AG/p and VK6NAX/p from Garden Island (OC-164) during ANZAC Day (from 16 UTC on 24 April until 15.59 UTC on the 25th). Australian radio amateurs may use the alternative AX callsign prefix instead of VK on this day. See www.qrz.com/db/VK6NAX/P for updates and QSLling instructions. [TNX DX News]

W - A team of five (K4JTT, K4NHW, KD0DTS, W0QH and WK4U) will be active as K4T from Garden Key (NA-079) in the Dry Tortugas National Park from 16 UTC on 6 May until around 16 UTC on the 9th. They will operate CW and SSB on 80-10 metres, plus 6m (50130 kHz) and via satellite SO-50. QSL via eQSL, LoTW or direct only to K4JTT. Updates will be posted to qrz.com.

XT - Jusei, JA3IVU and Junichi, JH3AEF will be active again as XT2IVU and XT2AEF from Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso from 27 April to 4 May. They will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31 on 80-6 metres. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX DX World]

XU - IZ8CCW, I2VGW and a large multi-national team from the Mediterraneo DX Club will be active as XU7MDC from Sihanoukville, Cambodia on 4-14 November. They will operate several stations on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via IK2VUC (direct or bureau); the logs will be uploaded to LoTW a few months after the DXpedition. Logsearch and OQRS will be available on www.mdxc.org/xu7mdc/.

YJ - Chris, HB9LCA will be active holiday style as YJ0CS from Vanuatu on 1-27 May. He will operate mainly CW with some SSB and JT65 on the HF bands. QSL via home call.

ZD7 - Subject to the airport final certification and operational readiness, Bill, G0VDE expects to go to St. Helena Island (AF-022) on one of the first commercial flights. He plans to be active as ZD7VDE from 23 May to 5 June, and to operate SSB, with some RTTY and PSK31 and maybe just "a little CW", on 40-10 metres. Logsearch and OQRS on Club Log. See www.sthelenadx.com for more information and updates. [TNX DX World]

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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1U4UN ---> This was Dima, RA9USU, who on 19-20 April operated from Bir Tawil, a no man's land located along the border between Egypt and Sudan. QSL via UA3DX. Bir Tawil's terra nullius status prevents this area from being considered by DXCC under the current rules: "Any area which is unclaimed or not owned by any recognized government is not eligible for inclusion on the DXCC List and will not count for DXCC purposes" (DXCC Rules, Section II.4.b).

50 MHZ MARATHON ---> The seventh edition of the 50 MHz Marathon, organized by ARI Firenze in memory of Roberto Rossi (I5RRE), will take place from 1 May through 31 August. Direct link to the rules (also in English) can be found at www.arifirenze.it/maratona. [TNX IZ5HQB]

EMERGENCY TRAFFIC ---> In the wake of the catastrophic earthquake in Ecuador, the Amateur Radio community is being asked to keep 7.060 MHz clear for Cadena HC emergency traffic. DXpeditions operating RTTY on 40 meters are requested to keep pileups below 7.060 MHz. [TNX ARRL]

QSL D4C, D4Z & D41CV ---> If you plan to attend Ham Radio 2016 (Friedrichshafen, 24-26 June), you will be able to collect your cards for D4C, D4Z and D41CV at the Monteverde Contest Team's booth (A1-664). The QSL request forms can be found at http://d4c.cc/?page_id=12298. The service expires on 15 June. [TNX HB9DUR]

HC2GRC/P ---> Alexey, HC2AO and Vasily R7AA were active as HC2GRC/p from

Isla Puna (SA-034) [425DXN 1301], and made 1,001 QSOs between 21:52 UTC on 16 April and 15:08 UTC on the 17th. While they were on the island, the most devastating earthquake in decades struck Ecuador, and they had to return to the mainland as soon as was possible. The QSL route for this operation is via R7AA, direct or bureau, preferably by using the OQRS provided by Club Log: https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/HC2GRC_P.

INTREPID SPIRIT AWARD ---> The Intrepid-DX Group (www.intrepid-dx.com) is pleased to announce that Yasuo "Zorro" Miyazawa, JH1AJT is the recipient of the 4th annual Intrepid Spirit Award, made in memory of James McLaughlin, WA2EWE/T6AF (killed in Kabul Afghanistan, on 27 April 2011). The award - presented at the International DX Convention (Visalia) on 16 April - is to recognize Zorro's outstanding efforts to activate rare and often difficult entities such as Eritrea, Myanmar and Bangladesh.

IOTA DIRECTORY 2016 ---> The 17th edition of the IOTA Directory, edited by Roger Balister (G3KMA) and Steve Telenius-Lowe (9M6DXX), is now available at the RSGB Shop (www.rsgbshop.org/acatalog/Online_Catalogue_IOTA_42.html). This 128-page book contains the complete, official listing of IOTA islands as well as everything you need to participate in IOTA. Also included are reports of rare and costly IOTA operation - S79C (Coetivy Island, AF-119), VY0M (Melville Island, NA-248) and ZL9A (Antipodes Island, OC-286). [TNX G3KMA]

IOTA HONOUR ROLL ---> "The 2016 Honour Roll and Annual Listings have been posted on the IOTA website (www.rsgbiota.org/info/). 186 record-holders have scores of 1000 or more IOTA groups and 519 of at least 750 groups which is the number required for the IOTA Plaque. Amateurs from 100 countries now have the starter 100 Islands certificate. Congratulations to all who have joined the IOTA family or updated in the last year". [TNX G3KMA]

IOTA LTD ---> "Following agreement with the RSGB, management of the IOTA Programme has now moved to Islands on the Air (IOTA) Ltd, a new not-for-profit company, limited by guarantee in UK law. This body now has full responsibility for all aspects of the programme, its day to day management, strategy, policy, finance, development, promotion and marketing. The company has been registered in the names of Roger Balister, G3KMA and Stan Lee, G4XXI who are its current directors but a full Board of Directors will be formed shortly.
The new IOTA Directory, published by the RSGB this month, refers to the newly set-up company under a different name but this has now been changed in the way always intended. It will take a little time to carry through all aspects of the changed governance but IOTA enthusiasts should be assured that the new company is fully committed to completing the paperless QSLing project that will allow electronic confirmation of contacts. No significant change of policy is otherwise envisaged. More information shortly". [TNX G3KMA]

IOTA RULE CHANGES ---> The new Directory introduces some fairly significant rule changes, made in the interests of simplification, which will take effect from 1 June 2016:
a. The discontinuation of the issue of paper certificates.

b. The discontinuation of giving credit for VHF / UHF contacts in the Standard Category of Application.
c. Charges have been increased and the charging regime has been simplified.
d. The threshold figure defining a "rare" IOTA group has been raised to cover those groups which 20% (previously 15%) or fewer participants have credited to their scores.

Read the complete press release on www.rsgbiota.org. [TNX G3KMA]

OPERATING FROM BRAZIL ---> Foreign amateur radio operators visiting Brazil for the Olympic and Paralympics Games this summer (1 August to 30 September) will be able "to operate in Brazil, whether or not a reciprocal agreement between the respective countries exists. No IARP or CEPT license is necessary, and no fees are required. The Brazilian Amateur Radio League (LABRE) has obtained permission from ANATEL, the Brazilian telecommunications regulator, to handle authorizations. Amateurs who want to operate in Brazil should send LABRE (executiva[@]labre.org.br) a copy of a valid passport (identification pages), a copy of the applicant's Amateur Radio license, a list of cities in which the radio amateur plans to operate and the respective dates and an e-mail address". [TNX ARRL]

SWODXA DX DINNER ---> The SouthWest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) has announced that Martin F. Jue (K5FLU) will be the keynote speaker discussing "The Early Days of MFJ" at their 31st annual DX dinner. The dinner, held in conjunction with the 2016 Dayton Hamvention, will be on Friday, 20 May at the Marriott Hotel in Dayton. The newest inductee(s) in to the CQ Hall of Fame will be announced as well as the much anticipated DXpedition of the Year. For more information and to order dinner tickets, please visit www.swodxaevents.org. [TNX W8GEX]

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8HD, 3XY1T (AF-051), 4J20RO, 4S7GWG, 4V1TL, 4X429DS, 5E7R, 5V7FMD, 8Q7NC, 8R1AK, 9X0PY, A35T, A52NH, B7/BD7IHN (AS-129), CN40AM, CN40KD, CN40MAA, CN40VO, CN40ZG, CN90IARU, CO2GL, D44KS, DU1/YL3JM, EA6UN, ED1M, EK4JJ, FY5KE, GD0A, GD4SKA, J52HF, J62DX, J79XF, J8/UA4CC, JY4CI, N5WR/4 (NA-213), PJ2T, PJ6/GM3YTS, RI1ANR, S79C (AF-119), T32SB, T32TR, T32WW, T41C, TR8CA, TZ9A, V44KAI, V6Z, V73D, VK5CE/6 (OC-243), VK5MAV/6 (OC-243), VP8IDX (SA-002), VP8RHF (SA-002), VP8SGI (AN-007), VP8STI (AN-009), W1AW/KG4, W1AW/KP2, W1AW/KP4, YB5QZ, YB8RW/5, YC8ROP, YD9RWY/P, YF1AR/8, ZD7FT.

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