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4O - Giuseppe, IK5WWA will be active as 4O7GD from Montenegro on 18-28 June. He will operate SSB on 80-6 metres, possibly also on 2m. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX IK5WWA]

4W - James, 9V1YC and Wilbert, PE7T have been active as 4W/N1YC and 4W/PE7T from Timor Leste (OC-148) since 3 April, and will remain there until 11 April. Activity so far has been on 80-10 metres CW. QSL 4W/N1YC via LoTW or W5UE (direct only), QSL 4W/PE7T via LoTW or PE7T (bureau only). [TNX The Daily DX]

5V - David, OK6DJ and Petr, OK1FCJ will be active as 5V7P from Togo on 21-29 April. They will operate SSB, CW and RTTY with two stations on 160-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (direct or bureau), traditional QSLs via OK6DJ. The logs will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL after six months. See http://www.cdxp.cz/ for further information.

9M8 - Allpa 9M8ADX, Dennis 9W8DEN and Aldrin 9M8WAT will be active as 9M8RC from Satang Besar (OC-165), East Malaysia from around 4 UTC on 29 April until around 2 UTC on 1 May. They will be QRV on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via 9W8KIF.

C5 - Pedro, ON7WP is active again as C5WP from the village of Buntung (The Gambia) until 9 April. Pedro is actively involved in a private charity organization (www.SmileGambia.org), and his operations are limited to his spare time. On 5-13 April he will operate mobile on or around 14345, 18145 and 21285 kHz. QSL via ON7WP, direct only. [TNX The Daily DX]

DU - Andy 4F1GNW, Ed 4F1OZ, Gil 4F2KWT and Nani DU1COP will be active as DZ4C from Tinaga Island (OC-202) on 21-23 April. This IOTA group was last activated back in 2003. They will operate CW and SSB on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 metres. QSL via VE7DP (Philippine stations can QSL via 4F1OZ). [TNX VE7DP]

E4 - Janusz SP9FIH, will be active as E44WE from Bethlehem, Palestine during the second half of April. This will be a reconnaissance trip, with activity limited to 17, 10 and 6 metres. More operations are expected later. His license expires on 22 March 2018. QSL via Club Log's OQRS or via SP9FIH. See http://www.e4.dxpeditions.org for more information.

F - Special event station TM17CV will be active on 15-17 April from Chatelaillon-Plage in the Charente-Maritime department in southwestern France for the annual Festival de Cerf-Volant et du Vent (Kite and Wind Festival). QSL via F8FZC. [TNX F8REF]

F - Jerry, F4HJO will be active holiday style as TM5CT from Ile d' Ouessant (EU-065) on 15-22 April. He will operate SSB and RTTY on 80-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (search for TM5CT/EU065) or via F4HJO, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

F - Frank ON4KZ, Tim ON5HC, Patrick ON7PQ and Francis ON8AZ will be

active as TM7U from Saint-Nicolas Island (EU-094) on 21-26 May. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 80-10 metres. QSL via ON8AZ. More information and logsearch on http://TM7U.be. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

FJ - SP3CYY, SP3GEM, SP6EQZ, SP6IXF, SP6JIU and K1CC will be active as TO2SP from St. Barthelemy (NA-146) on 16-30 November, including a multi-op entry in the CQ WW DX CW Contest. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-10 metres with four stations. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW; traditional cards via SP6IXF (direct or bureau). [TNX DX World]

FP - Once again Eric, KV1J will be active as FP/KV1J from Miquelon Island (NA-032) on 4-18 July, including activity during the IARU HF World Championship, the North American RTTY QSO Party and the CQ WW VHF Contest (on 6m only). Plans are to operate mainly SSB and RTTY on 160-10 metres, "generally on the highest frequency band open". He will also "be checking 6m for indications of openings". QSL via home call (direct or bureau), LoTW and eQSL. Logsearch on Club Log. See http://www.kv1j.com/fp/July17.html for more information.

GJ - The Low Land DX Team (http://www.lldxt.eu/) will return to the Island of Jersey (EU-013) on 5-11 May. Plans are for Alex MJ/PA1AW, Ron MJ/PA3EWP, Jo MJ/PA9JO and Bob MJ/PB5X to "activate all bands between 160 and 2 meters in as many as possible modes". QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW (daily uploads); traditional cards via PA1AW for all callsigns.

HC8 - Tim, LW9EOC will be active as HC8/LW9EOC from Isabela, Galapagos Islands (SA-004) [425DXN 1352] on 15-29 May. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-6 metres, with a focus on 30, 17 and 12m. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

J6 - Steve, WF2S as J68SL and Ralph, K1ZZI as J6/K1ZZI will be active from Gros Islet, St. Lucia (NA-108) on 17-28 April. QSLs via LoTW; J68SL will be also available via Club Log's OQRS.

JA - Look for Tak, JR1LZK/6 and Mitsu, JE1HXZ/6 to be active from Minami-Daito (AS-047) from 28 April to 6 May. They will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and JT65 on 40-6 metres. QSL via home calls (direct or bureau), Club Log and LoTW. [TNX JN6RZM]

JD1_mt - Take, JG8NQJ/JD1 went QRT on 27 March, but he expects to be back to the weather station on Minami Torishima (OC-073) from mid-May to mid-July. He operates CW and RTTY in his spare time. QSL via JA8CJY (direct) or JG8NQJ (bureau).

PA - Look for Ben, PD/DO1BEN (http://www.do1ben.de) and Barbara, PD/DO1IQ to be active from Texel Island (EU-038) on 14-20 April. They will operate digital modes (RTTY, PSK31 and PSK63) and SSB mainly on 20 and 40 metres. QSL via home calls, bureau preferred. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

T8 - Look for T88FT (JA7WFT), T88IH (JI6IHG), T88TA (JM1LRA) and T88UW (JH7IPR) to be active from Koror (OC-009), Palau on 14-21 April. They will operate CW, SSB, JT65 and JT9 on the HF bands and 6m. QSL via home calls (T88UW also via LoTW, eQSL and Club Log's OQRS). [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

TI - TI2CC, TI2CDA, TI2JJF, KM4HI and N3KS will be active as TE8DX from Chira Island (NA-116), Costa Rica on 8-12 June. They will operate SSB and CW on 80-6 metres. A second station will be active during the ARRL June VHF Contest (10-12 June). QSL direct to via TI2CDA,

logsearch on Club Log.

UA_ssh - Alex, RX0QM is currently active as RI1ANB from Bellingshausen station on King George Island, South Shetlands (AN-010). Length of stay not know, but his license is valid through 1 February 2018. QSL via EW4DX. [TNX DX World]

VK - Chris, VK3FY will be active as VK3FY/p from Phillip Island (OC-136) on 13-17 April. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS.

VK9C - Keith, GM4YXI and Chris, GM3WOJ will be active again as VK9CZ (callsign to be confirmed) from Cocos-Keeling (OC-003) from 23 October to 6 November, including a Multi-2 entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. This "will give you another opportunity to work VK9C if you miss VK9CI", which finishes on 17 October [425DXN 1345]. A website will be online in May. QSL via N3SL and LoTW. [TNX GM3WOJ]

VP5 - Jim, K3NK and Joe, W3HNK will be active as VP5/K3NK and VP5/W3HNK from Providenciales (NA-002) on 11-18 April. They will operate CW, SSB and possibly digital modes on 80-10 metres. QSL via home calls. VP5/K3NK's log will be uploaded to Club Log and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

XW - Bruce, 3W3B will be active again as XW4XR from Laos on 12-26 April. He will operate CW, RTTY and JT65 on 160-10 metres. QSL via E21EIC and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

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Thanks to Leonardo Lastrucci (IZ5FSA), the renovated website for 425 DX News is now up and running at the usual address: http://www.425dxn.org/.
Responsive design and a new simplified interface are its main distinguishing features. Deliberately "no frills", its purpose is to preserve the memory of the world of DX as reported by 425DXN over the years, and to provide a depository of searchable information that can be easily navigated also by users with slow Internet connections. The weekly bulletins and the monthly magazines can be read online or downloaded for free, and the online enhanced version of the Calendar provides the relevant piece of information for each entry.
Access to the main functions is also provided by the brand new 425DXN App for Android (soon also for iOS). Developed by Max Laconca (IK8LOV), it is available on Google Play - free of charge, no ads. Enjoy!

CLUB LOG & LOTW ---> "Club Log has become the first logging service to achieve Trusted Partner status for Logbook of the World (LoTW)", ARRL and Club Log announced on 3 April. This means that "we can sign and upload QSOs, or download LoTW matches directly from server to server". A comprehensive guide ("How to use Club Log's LoTW tools") can be found here: http://clublog.freshdesk.com/support/solutions/3000003111

DXCC DELETION OF MIDWAY AND KURE ISLANDS ---> On 31 March the ARRL announced that "Midway and Kure Islands have been placed on the list of DXCC deleted entities, effective August 26, 2016". Midway Island (KH4) "had qualified for

DXCC status by virtue of its being governed by a separate administration. Because it is now under the administration of Papahanaumokuakea Marine National Monument, however, it becomes a deleted entity".
Kure Island (KH7K), a part of Hawaii, "is separated from the rest of the state by Midway; because of that, it qualified for DXCC status under Section II, 2 (b) (iii) of the DXCC Rules - separation from its 'parent' Hawaii. Midway Island's change in DXCC status in turn made Kure Island no longer eligible for DXCC status, since Kure no longer is separated from the rest of Hawaii by intervening land or islands that are part of another DXCC entity". See www.arrl.org/news/midway-and-kure-islands-are-now-deleted-dxcc-entities.
As a consequence of the deletion, the total number of Current Entities on the DXCC List has dropped from 339 to 337, and Honor Roll status will now be attainable after confirming 328 Entities on the List.
DXCC members who have affirmed credit with Midway and/or Kure will see their current entity totals drop by two or one points on their DXCC awards. They will also see their DXCC Challenge totals drop commensurately.
DXCC wise, contacts made with Midway and Kure after 25 August 2016 will count for Hawaii.

R71RRC ---> The R71RRC team began operations from Arakamchechen Island (AS-071) [425DXN 1350] around 8.30 UTC on 6 April. They are currently located on the southern part of the island, while waiting for spare parts to fix their all-terrain vehicle. Hopefully they will be able to move to their planned location on the northern part of the island, which is far better in terms of open path over the North Pole. Their progress can be followed on http://www.r71rrc.ru/gps_tracking_ru, but instability in satellite communication may cause delays. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via UA3AKO (direct or bureau). [TNX UA9OBA]

VK9MAV ---> Cyclone Debbie caused havoc at Airlie Beach and the Whitsunday Region of Queensland in late March. Andy, VK5MAV says that his VK9MAV's 15-25 May IOTA expedition to Marion Reef (OC-257) [425DXN 1338] "hasn't been cancelled, just (possibly) postponed", as "people there have much more important things to worry about than someone's hobby".

QSLs received direct or through managers: 4I7COW, 4O/KC0W, 5A1AL, 5T5TI (AF-050), 8R1AK, 9G5X, 9H3YY, 9X2AW, A73A, E2X (AS-125), E51ADD, E51AMF, EJ7NET (EU-121), HI1UD (NA-122), HR5/F2JD, J8/KI8IR, JT1CO, JY9FC, P4/JS3LSQ, RI0FS (AS-062), S01WS, SV8/IW2NEF, T88DT, TL8TT, TU5MH, TX5T, TZ4AM, V51WH, VK9VKL (OC-002), VR2XAN, XR5M (SA-061), XR7T (SA-043), YV2CAR/1 (SA-089), YV4KW/1 (SA-089), ZA/ZA1P, ZD8W, ZF2CJ.

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