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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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3W - Igor, RW0BG is active as XV9BG from Phu Quoc (AS-128), Vietnam until 26 March. He operates CW and SSB on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS.

BV - Bodo, DF8DX will be active as BW/DF8DX from Taiwan (AS-020) on 27-30 March and again on 24-30 June. QSL via home call, Club Log's OQRS and LoTW.

C9 - A large group (CS8ABG, CU2CO, DL8JJ, ON1DX, ON4ACP, ON4AMX, ON4CCV, ON4EI, ON4QX, ON5CD, ON6LY, ON7RU, ON7TQ and ON8KW) from the Lion DX Team (OT8T) will be active as C8T from Mozambique on 2-15 May. They will operate SSB, CW and RTTY on 160-10 metres with four stations; a fifth station will operate 2m EME, 60m and "extra digimodes on all bands". QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via ON1DX. See https://mozambique2018.wordpress.com for more information.

DU - Bodo, DF8DX will be active as DU1WQY/1 from Palawan Island (OC-128) on 15-18 April. QSL via home call, Club Log's OQRS and LoTW.

F - Special callsign TM93WARD will be active on 14-22 April in celebration of the 93rd World Amateur Radio Day (18 April, the day the International Amateur Radio Union was formed in Paris). [TNX F6AJA]

FG - Pascal, F6ASS will be active as TO5GI from Guadeloupe (NA-102) from 24 March to 6 April. QSL via F5XX. [TNX NG3K]

FJ - AI5P, N0KV, W0ZA and WD0E will be active as FJ/N0KV and FJ/AI5P from St. Barthelemy Island (NA-146) on 19-27 April. They will operate SSB, CW and RTTY on 80-10 metres, with satellite operation by WD0E. QSL FJ/N0KV via home call (direct or bureau) and LoTW; QSL FJ/AI5P via home call (direct or bureau, he does not use LoTW). They do not plan to use Club Log. [TNX The Daily DX]

I - Ninety years ago the airship "Italia" crashed on the ice on its way back from the North Pole, and a small tent dyed red for maximum visibility was the only shelter for the survivors. Commemorating the role of radio (and amateur radio) in rescuing the Red Tent survivors, ARI Vigevano will be active as IB2RT between 20 March and 20 October. QSL via I2MYF or eQSL. [TNX IK2AVH]

JD1_mt - Take, JG8NQJ/JD1 has been on Minami Torishima [425DXN 1400] since 13 March, and will be leaving on 11 April (earlier than expected). If he has time, he might be QRV on 17 and 15 metres. His QSL manager (JA8CJY) says that Take expects to be back on the island from mid-May to mid-August.

JD1_oga- Once again Makoto, JI5RPT (www.ji5rpt.com/jd1/) will be active as JD1BLY from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara on 2-4 May. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 30-6 metres. QSL via home call direct or bureau; logsearch on Club Log and updates via Twitter (@jd1bly). [TNX NG3K]

KH9 - Philip, N7NVK will be on Wake Island (OC-053) for a rotation of three months on and one month off starting sometime in April. In his spare time he will be active as KH9/N7NVK, for the time being running QRP into either a G5RV or a Buddipole. Once he determines his availability, he will post the information to qrz.com (look for KH9/N7NVK). He plans to use LoTW, and hopes "to work out the logistics and cost for the QSL cards for those that want them".

PJ - Prior to their activity from Bonaire [425DXN 1401], Philipp DK6SP and Jamie M0SDV operated as PJ2/DK6SP and PJ2/M0SDV from Curacao on 17-23 March. Then they will be heading back to Bonaire and be active as PJ4/DK6SP and PJ4/M0SDV until 2 April. They will participate in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest as PJ4V along with PJ4DX, PJ4KY and PJ4NX. QSL PJ2/M0SDV and PJ4/M0SDV via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS or direct to M0SDV; QSL PJ2/DK6SP and PJ4/DK6SP via LoTW or DK6SP (direct or bureau); QSL PJ4V via LoTW or M0URX's OQRS.

PJ5/6 - Before and after his activity from St. Barthelemy (see FJ above), Rick, AI5P will be active as PJ5/AI5P from Sint Eustatius (NA-145) on 9-16 April, and as PJ6/AI5P from Saba (NA-145) from 28 April to 5 May. QSL via home call; he does not use LoTW or Club Log.

T31 - Following their DXpedition in 2016, the Rebel DX Group will be active again as T31T from Kanton Island, Central Kiribati (OC-043) (http://www.rebeldxgroup.com/). Their journey will start around 10 May from Samoa. Plans are to have three stations for CW and SSB, plus two stations operating FT8 around the clock. There is still room for five operators. Contact dom[@]rebeldxgroup.com for information.

VE - To mark the 40th anniversary of the mysterious explosive phenomenon known as the Bell Island Boom (2 April 1978), special callsign VD1BOOM will be active from Bell Island (NA-198) on 20 metres each Saturday and Sunday during the month of April. QSL direct to VO1IDX, LoTW and QSL; logsearch on Club Log.

XW - Champ, E21EIC will be active again as XW1IC from Laos on 27-31 March. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW, or via home call. [TNX DX World]

XZ - XZ2A is "the first resident amateur radio station in Myanmar since 1962". The station is operated by Simon, HS0ZIB, who is currently licenced to use 15, 12 and 10 metres only. He operates SSB and various digital modes. QSL via LoTW or Club Log's OQRS. See https://www.qrz.com/db/XZ2A for more information.

Z6 - Gabriele, HB9TSW will be active as Z68BG from Kosovo between 29 March and 19 April. In his spare time he will operate CW on 80, 40, 30, 20 and 17 metres. QSL via HB9TSW (direct or bureau), LoTW and eQSL. [TNX The Daily DX]

CQ WW WPX SSB CONTEST ---> The following stations have announced their participation in this year's event (24-25 March):

Call	Category	Country	QSL
3V8SS	SO	Tunisia	LoTW/LX1NO
3Z6V	SO	Poland	LoTW/SP6DVP
4H1K		Philippines	DU1KIR
4L2M	SOSB 40m	Georgia	EA7FTR
7Q7EI	M/M	Malawi	LoTW/M0OXO

8P5A	SOAB HP	Barbados	LoTW/HA1AG
9Y4D	SOSB 15m	Trinidad	9Y4D
B1Z	M/?	China	EA7FTR
BP0P	M/?	Taiwan	qrz.com
C4A	M/2	Cyprus	LoTW/5B4KH
CN2AA	M/S	Morocco	Lotw/UA2FM
CN4P	SOSB	Morocco	EA5XX
CN7EJ	M/2	Morocco	IK2OHG
CQ3W		Madeira	LoTW
E2A	SOAB HP	Thailand	LoTW
ED9E	M/?	Ceuta	EA9ACD
EF9R	SOAB HP	Ceuta	LoTW/EA5KB
EI7T	SO2R	Ireland	LoTW
FK/5B4ALX	SOSB 15m LP	New Caledonia	IZ4AMS
GB60OT		England	G3KPU
HS0AC	M/2	Thailand	HS5NMF
IF9A		Sicily	IT9PPG
IO5O	M/S	Italy	IK5RLP
IO9R	M/2	Sicily	LoTW/ON3AR
LM90NRRL	M/S	Norway	bureau
MD0GOR		Isle of Man	LoTW
NH7A	SOAB HP	Hawaii	LoTW/F5VHJ
NP2N	M/?	US Virgin Isls	LoTW
OH5Z	M/2	Finland	LotW
P49Y	SOAB	Aruba	LoTW/AE6Y
PJ2T	M/M	Curacao	LoTW/W3HNK
PJ4R	SOAB	Bonaire	WD9DZV
PJ4V	M/2 HP	Bonaire	LoTW/M0URX
PJ5T		Sint Eustatius	SP2GCJ
PX2A	M/M	Brazil	PY2VM
SI9AM		Sweden	SM3FJF
TO2BC	SO	French Guiana	LoTW/DL7BC
TO5GI	SOAB	Guadeloupe	F5XX
UF1F	M/S	Russia (EU)	eQSL
V31VP	SO HP	Belize	WB0TEV
V73NC	SO	Marshall Isls	JA0JHQ
VB2Z	M/S	Canada	LoTW
VK3HF	M/?	Australia	LotW/M0OXO
VP5P	M/?	Turks & Caicos	LoTW/W2TT
VR20/W1DQR		Hong Kong	JJ1DQR
XU7AEY	M/S	Cambodia	LoTW
YB0NDT	SOSB 20m HP	Indonesia	LoTW
YB2DX	SOAB HP	Indonesia	LoTW
ZV5O	M/2	Brazil	LotW/PY5QW

Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/wpxs2018.html - good contest to you all!

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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Access to the main functions of www.425dxn.org is provided by the 425DXN App for Android. It is available on Google Play - free of charge, no ads. Enjoy!

3C0W ---> The DXpedition to Annobon Island will go QRT on 24 March in the morning. The log will be uploaded to Club Log a few hours later, when the operators are back to Malabo. They will return home on the 27th, but no more 3C3W activity is planned.

9M0W ---> The Spratly Islands log has been uploaded to Club Log and the OQRS has been enabled. It contains 23,453 QSO made with 9,539 unique calls made on 8-12 March.

CLUB LOG ---> Effective 1 April, Club Log will no longer accept HTTP, and all traffic will be redirected to HTTPS. Please check to make sure you refer to Club Log as https://clublog.org to avoid problems. This is especially pertinent for anyone developing software with Club Log API calls that still use HTTP.
API features are used, for example, by logging software which connects to Club Log to integrate with uploads and real-time logging. If you are still using Windows XP, you can normally browse to the website, but you will be unable to use applications that make use of API features connecting via the operating system to Club Log.

CROZET AND GLORIOSO ---> Sebastien, F5UFX wrote a letter to update the amateur radio community on the project for operations from two Most Wanted DXCC Entities managed by the French Southern and Antarctic Lands (TAAF) administration. "Based on these experiences [FT5ZM, FT4TA and FT4JA, ed.] and the very good relationship with the TAAF, we worked in parallel on two new destinations as soon as we returned from Juan de Nova: Grande Glorieuse Island (FT/G) and Crozet (FT/W)", Seb says. "Despite the research work done, the innovative solutions proposed, and a complete and documented dossier, our requests were rejected. The arguments put forward focus on the danger posed by our antennas for the bird population and the risk of introduction of new species during our landing. Despite our work to demonstrate that these elements are controlled and in no way invalidate our activities, it is the precautionary principle that is privileged for the moment. The logic remains to say that if there is no project then there is no risk. Unfortunately, amateur radio expeditions are not part of the core activities and priorities". Read Seb's long project report on DX World: www.dx-world.net/project-for-an-expedition-to-crozet-and-glorioso-islands.

F6BFH ---> Alain, F6BFH has uploaded his A71/F6BFH/p log (January 2018) to LoTW and has enabled Club Log's OQRS. [TNX F6AJA]

YOTA 2018 ---> The South African Radio League (SARL) will be hosting 80 young radio amateurs between 16 and 25 years old, representing 34 countries, at the 8th edition of the Youngsters on the Air (YOTA) Camp, to be held in Gauteng on 8-15 August. This annual event brings together young people from IARU Region 1 member societies for a week, creating an opportunity to learn all about different nationalities and cultures, foster international friendships and goodwill, and learn new amateur radio skills. Please visit

http://www.zs9yota.co.za/ for more details.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3XY3D/p (AF-096), 4S7AB, 5A1AL, 6O6O, 7V9A, 9G5W, 9M2YDX, 9U4M, C4I, C81G (AF-061), CO8LY, E31A, H72DX, JD1BNA, OP2A, RI1ON (EU-066), VC1G (NA-126), VI70HI, ZC4A.

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