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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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9A - Look for Marco, 9A/IV3WMS to be active from Solta Island (EU-016) from 25 May to 6 June. He will operate SSB and on the HF bands. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX NG3K]

EI - The EIDX Group will activate all Irish IOTA groups between 1 June and 30 September. They will use EI0DXG from the main island of Ireland (EU-115), and EJ0DXG from the other groups as follows:

15-18 June EU-103
20-22 July EU-007 to be confirmed
24-26 August EU-121 to be confirmed
13-16 September EU-006

The first activity will take place from Little Saltee Island (EU-103) on 15-18 June. Plans are for three stations to operate CW, SSB and digital modes on the HF bands and 6 metres. Updates will be posted to https://www.facebook.com/groups/185038478993063/. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. A plaque will be available for working all four groups, with EI0DXG as a wildcard (see http://dxwanted.net/). [TNX EI9FBB]

I - Launched in 1904, the 'Elettra' was a two-masted steam yacht that Guglielmo Marconi used as a floating laboratory for many experiments. Part of her keel stands in the grounds of Villa Griffone, at Pontecchio near Bologna, from where ARI Fidenza will be active as II4AMP during the Museum Ships Weekend on 2-3 June. QSL via bureau to IQ4FE. [TNX IW4CLV]

OH0 - Juha, OH5CW and the OH5C group will be active as OG0C and OG0C/p from Kokar (grid square KO09), one of the Aland Islands (EU-002), on 2-6 June. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 80-2 metres. QSL via OH5CW and possibly LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

OZ - Special event stations OZ50HRH and 5P0HRH (as well as OX50HRH and OX5HRH from Greenland) will be active on 26 May to celebrate the 50th birthday of H.R.H. the Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark. Look for activity on all bands and modes. QSL via Club Log's OQRS. An award will be available, see OZ50HRH on qrz.com for information.

PZ - Olli, OH0XX is active as PZ5XX from Lelydorp, Suriname until 29 May, including an entry in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. He operates CW on 160-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via OH0XX (direct or bureau). [TNX The Daily DX]

UA - The FIFA World Cup is a quadrennial international football (soccer) tournament contested by the men's national teams of the member associations of the Federation Internationale de Football Association. This year's edition is scheduled to take place in Russia. HQ stations RU18WC and R18REF will be active from 14 June to 15 July for the "Football World Cup Radio Marathon". During the same period, 43 special callsigns will be active to represent the

32 national teams qualified to play the tournament and the 11 host cities: R18ARG (Argentina), R18AUS (Australia), R18BEL (Belgium), R18BRA (Brazil), R18COL (Colombia), R18CRC (Costa Rica), R18CRO (Croatia), R18DEN (Denmark), R18EGY (Egypt), R18ENG (England), R18ESP (Spain), R18FRA (France), R18GER (Germany), R18IRN (Iran), R18ISL (Iceland), R18JPN (Japan), R18KOR (Korea), R18KSA (Saudi Arabia), R18MAR (Morocco), R18MEX (Mexico), R18NGA (Nigeria), R18PAN (Panama), R18PER (Peru), R18POL (Poland), R18POR (Portugal), R18RUS (Russia), R18SEN (Senegal), R18SRB (Serbia), R18SUI (Switzerland), R18SWE (Sweden), R18TUN (Tunisia), R18URU (Uruguay), RC18EK (Ekaterinburg), RC18KA (Kaliningrad), RC18KZ (Kazan), RC18MO (Moscow), RC18NN (Nizhny Novgorod), RC18RO (Rostov-on-Don), RC18SA (Samara), RC18SO (Sochi), RC18SP (Saint-Petersburg), RC18SR (Saransk), RC18VG (Volgograd). Complete information will be published on http://fwc18.hamlogs.net/.

V6 - Tosy JA3FGJ (V63GJ), Sanny JJ3CIG (V63SS) and Mami JP3AYQ (V63YL) will be active as V6J from Ta Island in the Mortlok group (OC-254) in early July (dates TBA). This IOTA group was activated only once back in 2002. They will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 on 40, 30, 20, 17, 15 and 6 metres. While on Pohnpei (OC-010) they will be using their personal V6 callsigns. QSL V6J via Club Log's OQRS, or direct only via JP3AYQ; QSL others via home call. Updates will be posted to https://www.qrz.com/lookup/V6J. Joe, JJ3PRT will be their pilot station.

VK - VK5CE's final update on https://vkiota.wordpress.com/vk5ce-6/ now includes updated operation dates, propagation forecasts and operating times/bands for all six islands of his IOTA Tour:

02 June	VK5CE/6	Rottnest island	OC-164
04-07 June	VK5CE/6	East Lewis Island	OC-199
08-11 June	VK5CE/6	Direction Island	OC-140
15-18 June	VK5CE/6	Cheyne Island	OC-193
20-23 June	VK5CE/6	Woody Island	OC-170
27-29 June	VK5CE/p	St Peter Island	OC-220

QSL via Club Log's OQRS for direct cards only (see the website for direct links to the six logsearches), or via VK5CE (direct or bureau). Those who send in sponsorship before the DXpedition, will automatically receive a QSL for all IOTAs they are in the log of, plus "a special VK IOTA fridge magnet gift". Those who work Craig from 5 out of the 6 IOTAs can apply for the "VK IOTA Tour Award" (free of charge) that also commemorates the 25th anniversary of the Russian Robinson Club. See the website for the details.

VP2V - Kevin, K6TOP will be active again VP2V/K6TOP from Tortola, British Virgin Islands (NA-023) from 23 May to 1 June. He operates CW on 40, 30, 20 and 17 metres. QSL via LoTW or direct to NR6M. [TNX The Daily DX]

YB - Special event station YB50AR will be active on 1-30 June to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Organisasi Amatir Radio Indonesia (ORARI), Indonesia's IARU member society. In addition to the HQ station, other 32 special callsigns will be active from the 32 ORARI Subdivisions (ORARI Daerah) over the same period: YB50AC, YB50BA, YB50BB, YB50BE, YB50BT, YB50GO, YB50JA, YB50JB, YB50JI, YB50JK, YB50JT, YB50KB, YB50KI, YB50KR, YB50KS, YB50KT, YB50LA, YB50MA, YB50MU, YB50NB, YB50NT, YB50PA, YB50RI, YB50SA, YB50SB,

YB50SG, YB50SN, YB50SR, YB50SS, YB50ST, YB50SU and YB50YO. QSLs via LoTW (no paper cards will be issued). Information on the ORARI Golden Anniversary Awards will be posted to http://www.orari.or.id/

CQ WW WPX CW CONTEST ---> The following stations have announced their participation in this year's event (26-27 May):

Call	Category	DXCC	QSL
3V8SS	SO	Tunisia	LotW/LX1NO
4K6FO	SOAB LP	Azerbaijan	LoTW/DC9RI
4L2M	SOSB 160m HP	Georgia	EA7FTR
6Y6N	SO	Jamaica	DK9PY
8P1W	SOAB LP	Barbados	KU9C
8P5A	SOAB HP	Barbados	LotW/HA1AG
9H3EE	SOAB LP	Malta	LoTW/OZ1BII
9K2GS	SOAB	Kuwait	LoTW/EC5AC
9M6NA	SOAB HP	East Malaysia	LoTW/JE1JKL
A25VR		Botswana	VE7VR
AH2R	M/?	Guam	LoTW/JH7QXJ
B4T	M/?	China	BA4TB
B7P	M/?	China	BA4EG
CR3DX	SOAB HP	Madeira	OM2VL
CR3W	M/?	Madeira	DL5AXX
E2A	SOAB HP	Thailand	LoTW/E21EIC
ED5X	M/?	Spain	LoTW
EF8R	SOAB	Canary Isls	LoTW/EB7DX
EX8MJ	SOAB LP	Kyrgyzstan	qrz.com
GB60OT		England	G3KPU
GU3HFN		Guernsey	qrz.com
HC2GRC	SOAB LP	Ecuador	LoTW
HQ9X	M/?	Honduras	LoTW/KQ1F
LY4A	M/?	Lithuania	LoTW
NP2P	SOSB 40m	US Virgin Isls	LoTW
P44W	SOAB	Aruba	LoTW/N2MM
PZ5XX		Suriname	LoTW/OH0XX
SW8WW	SOAB LP	Greece	HA0HW
SX1T		Greece	SV1ENG
V3A	M/S LP	Belize	LoTW/M0OXO
VB2Z	M/S HP	Canada	LoTW
VP5M	M/S LP	Turks & Caicos Isls	LoTW/K4QPL
YE1ZAZ	M/S HP	Indonesia	LoTW
Z3Y	M/S LP	Macedonia	Z37Y
Z68BH		Kosovo	OH2BH
ZP9MCE	SOAB LP	Paraguay	LoTW/EA5ZD

Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/wpxc2018.html - good contest to you all!

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The April 2018 issue is now available for download at http://www.425dxn.org/index.php. [TNX IZ3EBA]

CQ CONTEST & CQ DX HALL OF FAMERS ---> The CQ Contest Hall of Fame (established in 1986) and the CQ DX Hall of Fame (established in 1967) honour those amateurs who not only excel in personal performance in these major areas of amateur radio, but who also "give back" to the hobby in outstanding ways.
The 2018 inductees to the CQ CONTEST HALL OF FAME are:
- Andy Blank, N2NT - Nominated by the Frankford Radio Club, Andy has been the director of the CQ World Wide 160-Meter DX Contest for the past decade. A world-class contester with wins stretching back to 1979, Andy has also competed in five Word Radiosport Team Championships (WRTC) competitions and was Director of Competition for WRTC-2014, held in Massachusetts. He is also a member of the advisory board of the World Wide Radio Operators' Foundation (WWROF).
- Tom Wagner, N1MM - Nominated by both the Yankee Clipper Contest Club and the Northern California Contest Club, Tom is best known for his development of and ongoing upgrades to the N1MM Logger, which has become the world's most popular contest logging software. The program supports more than 240 different contests, multiple operating modes and integration with any number of transceivers and station accessories. Tom now leads a team of developers who are developing further enhancements and were recognized with the YASME Excellence Award in 2015.

CQ Contesting Editor David Siddall, K3ZJ, presented Hall of Fame plaques at an induction ceremony held at the annual Dayton Contest Dinner on 19 May. This year's inductions bring the total number of members of the CQ Contest Hall of Fame to 71.
The 2018 inductees to the CQ DX HALL OF FAME are:
- Kimo Chun, KH7U - was nominated by the Dateline DX Association, of which he is a founding member. He has operated on many major DXpeditions, including Kingman Reef, Christmas Island, Palmyra Atoll, Cambodia and Midway Island. In addition, he routinely provides logistical assistance to hams planning Pacific island DXpeditions; and provides electronic maintenance support for groups administering Pacific island nature preserves, including the Nature Conservancy and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. A longtime member of Hawaii's Department of Emergency Management RACES team, Kimo was recently featured on an NBC News story about last year's accidental nuclear attack alert message sent out in Hawaii, and emphasized the role played by amateurs as the first to alert the public that the message was sent in error.
- Krassimir "Krassy" Petkov, K1LZ/LZ1SA - Nominated by the Araucaria DX Group of Brazil, the Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs and the Yankee Clipper Contest Club, Krassy has made many behind-the-scenes contributions to DXing and contesting over the years. A veteran of two dozen DXpeditions, Krassy has also provided or arranged financial and/or material support to many others. He also co-founded the Young Ham Contest Program in 2003, taking hams under age 21 to operate in major contests

from Caribbean superstations; and served on the board of the 2006 World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC) competition in Brazil. He has also worked with fellow DXers during DXpeditions to promote amateur radio and provide equipment for hams in the countries in which the groups operated.

CQ DX Editor Bob Schenck, N2OO, presented Hall of Fame plaques at an induction ceremony held at the annual Dayton DX Dinner on 18 May. This year's inductions bring the total number of members of the CQ DX Hall of Fame to 73.

FOOTBALL WORLD CUP RADIO MARATHON ---> A large number of special callsigns from countries participating in the Football World Cup tournament, as well as from other FIFA member countries that did not qualify for the finals, will be active between 1 June and 15 July. Participating stations are expected from Algeria (7X2FIFA), Antigua & Barbuda (V218FIFA), Argentina (AY0FWC), Austria (OE18FIFA), Bahrain (A91FWC), Bermuda (VP9FIFA), Bosnia & Herzegovina (E70FIFA), Brazil (ZZ18FWC), Canada (VB18FIFA), Croatia (9A18FIFA), Denmark (OU18FWC), Ecuador (HD18FIFA), Egypt (SU18FWC), England (GB18FWC), France (TM18FWC), Germany (DJ18FWC and DK18FWC), Greece (SX18FIFA), Haiti (HH18FIFA), Hong Kong (VR2FIFA), Hungary (HG18FIFA), Indonesia (YB18FIFA), Iraq (YI0FIFA), Italy (II9FIFA), Kazakhstan (UP18FIFA), Korea (DT18FIFA and DT18FWC), Luxembourg (LX18FIFA), Moldova (ER18FIFA), Netherlands (PA18FIFA), New Zealand (ZL18FIFA), Northern Ireland (GB18FIFA), Panama (HP18FWC), Peru (OC18FWC), Philippines (DX18FIFA), Poland (3Z18FWC), Portugal/Azores (CR2018FWC), Qatar (A71FIFA), Saudi Arabia (HZ18FIFA and HZ18FWC), Scotland (MB18FIFA: 10, 13, 14 July), Serbia (YU18FWC), Slovakia (OM18FIFA and OM2018FIFA), Spain (AO18FWC), Suriname (PZ18FIFA), Sweden (7S18FWC, 8S18FWC, SB18FWC, SC18FWC, SD18FWC, SE18FWC, SF18FWC, SH18FWC and SI18FWC), United Arab Emirates (A60FIFA), Uruguay (CW18FWC), Venezuela (YW18FIFA), Wales (MB18FIFA: 12 June and 12 July). Complete information will be published on http://fwc18.hamlogs.net/.

IOTA DIRECTORY 2018 ---> Edited by Roger Balister (G3KMA) and Steve Telenius-Lowe (PJ4DX), and published by Islands On The Air (IOTA) Ltd, the 2018 edition of the IOTA Directory (128 pages) is now available from the IOTA Shop on https://www.iota-world.org/iota-shop.html. It contains the complete listing of IOTA islands as well as everything you need to know to participate in IOTA. Included in the colour section are fascinating reports on several rare IOTA operations (Ashmore Reef, Bhola Island & and St Martin's Island, Pukapuka Atoll, Busuanga Island, Mokil Island). The rules have been restructured to make them easier to follow. The list of Most Wanted IOTAs has been recast to show the listing in three ways: based on contacts credited all-time, credited to those who updated in the last 10 years and to those who did so in the last 5 years. Regular features such as the Honour Roll and other performance listings, award winners and advice on making a first application are also included. This Directory will probably be the last paper edition to be printed.

KOSOVO & ALBANIA ---> Martti, OH2BH (Z68BH) and Pertti, OG2M (Z68MM) are in Kosovo "to close several open ends with the Kosovo Amateur Radio Society (SHARK) and their Telecom administrators (ARKEP). This includes potential 6m permits for the future". While in Kosovo, Z68BH will participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. Then they will move to Albania with Z61DX and possibly others, and be active as ZA/OG2M "specifically on 6 metres". Ultimately,

they will go to Friedrichshafen, where "at DARC's special invitation they will give a 'Mission Goodwill Kosovo' presentation on 1 June at 4 p.m. in the lecture room Schweiz". As for Z60A QSLs, "all direct requests, OQRS and postal have been mailed. There is no backlog as of today. The LoTW confirmations (54,419) have now reached 55% of the total number of QSOs". [TNX N7NG]

NCDXF ---> The Northern California DX Foundation (http://www.ncdxf.org/) has announced the addition of two new Directors - Ross Forbes (K6GFJ) and George Wallner (AA7JV) - to fill vacancies created by retiring board members. The other eight members of the Board of Directors are John Miller K6MM (President), Kip Edwards W6SZN (Secretary), Don Greenbaum N1DG (Treasurer), Kevin Rowett K6TD, Ned Stearns AA7A, Craig Thompson K9CT, Glenn Johnson W0GJ and Tom Berson ND2T (Directors). The primary purpose of NCDXF is to help fund well-organized DXpeditions to rare, difficult and expensive DXCC Entities.

SOMALIA ---> Baldur, DJ6SI has left Hargeisa, Somalia earlier than expected. He started operating as 6O0X [425DXN 1411], but on 20 May his licence was changed to 6OX. QSL via home call.

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******* QSL ROUTES *******
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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
3B9FR	M0OXO	GB8RNLI	G0NWM	PH18MILL	PI4ZHE
3B9RUN	EA7FTR	GN4FOC	G3SWH	PJ8RV	JA1HGY
3D2TS	FK1TS	GR0AAA	G3TXF	PJ8Z	JH1AJT
3W3B	E21EIC	GR0ANA	GW0ANA	PZ5XX	OH0XX
3W7W	W3HNK	GR3SG	GI3SG	R0LS/p	R0LS
3Z0I	SP7PTM	GR7VJR	M0OXO	R100LPU	RX1CQ
3Z1918N	SP6ZJP	GR9RW	G4DFI	R16JHM	UA9JLL
3Z70I	SP5PDB	GR9RW	G4DFI	R16JIG	UA9JLL
3Z70ISRAEL	SP5PDB	GT4FOC	G3SWH	R16JLA	UA9JLL
4X6TT	N4GNR	HF100JUNG	SP1KQR	R16JNG	UA9JLL
5B4AMX	LZ3SM	HF100LMR	SP5PLW	R16JNV	UA9JLL
5B80FOC	M0URX	HF100R	SP5PPK	R16JRA	UA9JLL
5R8SV	G3SWH	HF1918N	SP6OUJ	R16JSU	UA9JLL
6E5RM/XF3	XE3N	HF80TG	SP5PPK	R16JSV	UA9JLL
6O0X	DJ6SI	HG10CC	HA3JB	R16UGRA	UA9JLL
6OX	DJ6SI	HK3C	M0URX	R315SPB	UF1M
6Y6N	DK9PY	HK3TK	F5CWU	RI1FJ	UA2FM
7X2RO	OM3CGN	HR9/K1XM	KQ1F	RN85KN	R1MP
8R1A	W1CDC	HS0ZJF	ON4AFU	S590RTVS	S50E
9A61AA	9A2AA	IF9A	IT9ATF	SJ9WL	LA7TIA
9A8TQF	HB9TQF	II2MM	IQ2CF	SN0BEM	SP5KVW
9G5AR	N4GNR	II7FOC	I7ALE	SN0ZN	SP3PGR

9H18VLT	9H1SP	JG8NQJ/JD1	JA8CJY [d]	SP100L	SP1ZES
9H3AF	G8MLQ	JG8NQJ/JD1	JG8NQJ [b]	SP145PFT	SP5KCR
9H3KZ	G2BKZ	JW2US	LA2US	SP303PAF	SP5KCR
9H3SV	SV2CLJ	JW7QIA	LA7QIA	SP317PAF	SP5KCR
A25VR	VE7VR	KL7RRC/p	N7RO	SU9JG	EA5GL
A60ITU	A61BK	L66S	LU1SF	SW8WW	HA0HW
AP2NK	W3HNK	LG5LG	LA7TIA	T42A	RW6HS
CE2SV	N7RO	LY80FOC	LY5A [*]	TI5/N3KS	W4FS
CN8KD	EA5XX	MR0CCE	MD0CCE	TM100BS	F5KOU
CN8SG	EA7FTR	MR0GOR	MM0GOR	TM10KHW	F4HTN
CP4BT	DJ2BW	MR0HVU	MM0HVU	TM390SR	F4DTO
CP4MG	EA5KB	MR3AWD	MM3AWD	TM80FOC	F6JOE
CP5HK	EC5AC	OE6YHOTA	OE6SWG	TR8CA	F6CBC
CP6CL	W3HNK	OH0/SK3SN	SM3KIF	TT8FC	EA3GWK
CT9ABN	OM2VL	OH0PM	OH2PM	TZ4AM	W0SA
D41CV	IK2NCJ	OL10ROBOT	OK1DDV	UE80GS	UA1QV
E51BAS	AD7MM	OL90ITALIA	OK1ZKR	V31MA	M0OXO
E51DLD	W6HB	OS100V	ON4OS	VK9LI	VK2CA
E51HXM	WA6HXM	OT70BSE	ON7SS	VP2V/K6TOP	NR6M
E77A	9A2AA	OT70GBN	ON7SS	VR2/AH2Y	HL1IWD
EF0F	EA4URE	OT70ORA	ON7SS	YR18BEE	YO6LB
EG1MCP	EA1AUM	OV1RR	OZ1HHH	YR80FOC	YO3FLR
EG1SPR	EA1URV	OY1OF	M0URX	Z68AA	9A6AA
EG7DFA	EA7URM	P3X	5B4AMM	Z68RBJ	9A5RBJ
EL2EF	NR6M	P40AU	DF5AU	Z81D	OM3JW
FS/KH8Z	JH1AJT	PB18MILL	PB7Z	ZA/IK2RLM	IZ2LSP
GB0HSM	G4LKW	PB6MILL	PA7DA	ZA/IW2JOP	IW2HAJ

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