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*** 4 2 5 D X N E W S ***
**** DX INFORMATION ****
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E6 - Alex, 5B4ALX has been joined by Tim, NL8F during his E6ET operation from Niue Island (OC-040) through 2 April. During the weekend Alex will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as E6ET (SOSB 20m), while Tim begin be operating with his own call E6AW. [TNX The Daily DX]

EA - Celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Union de Radioaficionados Espanoles, Spain's IARU member society (https://www.ure.es/), Spanish radio amateurs are allowed to use special prefixes on 1-30 April: EA stations can sign AM + call area + 70 + suffix (e.g. EA4ZZZ can use AM470ZZZ), EB stations can sign AN + call area + 70 + suffix (e.g. EB4ZZZ can use AN470ZZZ), EC stations can sign AO + call area + 70 + suffix (e.g. EC4ZZZ can use AO470ZZZ).

F - Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the ATL Radio Club (F6KBK), special event station TM50KBK will be active on 1-15 April. QSL via F4GTB, LoTW and eQSL.

F - Jerry, F4HJO will be active as F4HJO/p from Belle Ile en Mer (EU-048) on 13-21 April. He will operate SSB, RTTY and FT8 on 80-15 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via the bureau to home call.

F - World Amateur Radio Day marks the foundation of the International Amateur Radio Union (Paris, 18 April 1925). The Reseau des Emetteurs Francais (REF, the French IARU member society) will be active as TM94WARD on 13-21 April for World Amateur Radio Day 2019. QSL via LoTW and the bureau.

FW - Nobby, G0VJG now expects to be active as FW/G0VJG from Wallis Island (OC-054) [425DXN 1453] starting on or around 8 May for two weeks, with the possibility of a short side trip to Futuna Island (OC-118). He will operate SSB and FT8 Fox & Hound on 40-6 metres (maybe also on 60m). Before the FW operation he will be QRV as 3D2AS from Fiji starting on 3 May for five days. QSLs via M0OXO's OQRS. [TNX M0OXO]

J2 - Chris, EA3NT will be active as J20NT from mainland Djibouti on 13-14 April, while waiting for his J20DX team mates [425DXN 1455] to arrive. QSL via EA3NT.

KH8 - Joe, OZ0J and Palle, OZ1RH will be active as KH8/OZ0J and KH8/OZ1RH from Tutuila (OC-045), American Samoa between 16 and 22 April [425DXN 1454]. They will be QRV on 80-15 metres CW, SSB and FT8 Fox & Hound with two stations. Their band plan can be found on https://kh8.oz0j.dk/dxpedition/band-plan/. On 80 and 60m they will operate only CW and FT8 with a focus on Europe and the Americas at their sunrise (around 16.30 UTC), and on Africa, Asia and Oceania at their sunset (around 5 UTC). They plan to upload their logs to Club Log on a daily basis, depending on their connection to the Internet. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS and eQSL; traditional cards

for both callsigns should be sent direct to OZ0J.

KL - Mike, K9AJ and Bruce, KD6WW [425DXN 1440] will be active as K7Y from Khantaak Island, in the Yakutat County Group of Alaska (NA-250, new one for IOTA) on 10-13 May. Plans are "to be on the island & set up by local sunset on Thursday, May 9" (early morning hours on 10 May UTC), and to "cease operations & break camp around local sunrise on Monday, May 13" (around 12-13 UTC). They will operate mainly CW on 40, 30, 20 and 17 metres, with some SSB and possibly some FT8 as well. If conditions allow, they will have two stations QRV during most of their operation. Bruce, N9BX will be their pilot station. They will not be able to upload their logs to Club Log during the operation, as there is no Internet access from the island. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via K9AJ (direct or bureau). The Club Log Matching function will be enabled at a later date. [TNX K9AJ]

VE - The Yukon Canam Contest Club (VY1AAA) has secured Canadian special prefixes for use by all Canadian licensees from 28 March through 28 May: VEs can use CK, VAs can use CJ, VYs can use CZ, and VOs can use CY. The special prefixes are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Official Languages Act of Canada. The club itself has secured the special call CZ1Z (QSL via LoTW). [TNX DX World]

VK - Tim, NL8F will be active as VK4COF/p from Fraser Island (OC-142) for a few days sometime between 4 and 10 April. [TNX The Daily DX]

XT - Once again Harald, DF2WO will be active as XT2AW from Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso on 7-26 April. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

CQ WW WPX SSB CONTEST ---> The following stations have announced their participation in this year's event (30-31 March):

| Call | Category | Country | QSL |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3V8SF | SOSB 160m | Tunisia | LoTW/LX1NO |
| 3Z6V | SO | Poland | LoTW/SP6DVP |
| 4L/F5RAV | SO | Georgia | F5RAV |
| 4Z7Z | SOAB HP | Israel | 4X1DX |
| 7W7W | M/? | Algeria | qrz.com |
| 8P1W | SOAB LP | Barbados | KU9C |
| 8T8A | SO | India | VU3ELR |
| A42K | M/2 | Oman | LoTW |
| B1Z | | China | EA7FTR |
| B4T | | China | BA4TB |
| BP0P | M/? | Taiwan | qrz.com |
| BW/JG1WBB | SOSB | Taiwan | JG1WBB |
| BW/JI1NLJ | SOSB | Taiwan | JI1NLJ |
| BW/JL3RDC | SOSB | Taiwan | JL3RDC |
| CB1H | M/? | Chile | LoTW |
| D4C | M/M | Cape Verde | LoTW |
| DU6/N6SS | SOSB 40m | Philippines | N6SS |
| E2A | SOAB HP | Thailand | LoTW/E21EIC |
| E6ET | SOSB 20m LP | Niue | IZ4AMS |
| EB8AH | SOAB HP | Canary Isls | LoTW |
| ED9E | M/? | Ceuta and Melilla | EA9CD |
| EF9Z | SOAB | Ceuta & Melilla | LoTW/EA5KB |

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| IG9MO | M/? | AF Italy | IK4ALM |
| IO5O | M/S | Italy | LoTW |
| KH2KY | M/? | Guam | LoTW/JA1MFR |
| LY29A | SOAB | Lithuania | LY5A |
| MU2K | SOAB LP | Guernsey | GU8ITE |
| NP2P | SO | US Virgin Islands | LoTW |
| P44W | SOAB LP | Aruba | LoTW/N2MM |
| PJ2T | M/? | Curacao | LoTW/W3HNK |
| PJ4K | SOAB | Bonaire | KU9C |
| PJ4R | SOAB | Bonaire | LoTW/WD9DZV |
| RL3A | M/S | Russia (EU) | W3HNK |
| SI9AM | | Sweden | ON3UN |
| TM3Z | SOAB | France | F4DSK |
| TM5CQ | | France | F4FRG |
| TO2BC | SO | French Guiana | LoTW/DL7BC |
| V31VP | SOAB HP | Belize | WB0TEV |
| V85RH | SO | Brunei | LoTW |
| VC2W | SOAB HP | Canada | LoTW |
| VC2Z | M/S | Canada | LoTW |
| VP5P | M/? | Turks & Caicos | LotW/N2OO |
| VP9I | M/2 | Bermuda | LoTW/WW3S |
| WP4X | SO | Puerto Rico | |
| YB2BOB | SOSB 20m | Indonesia | LoTW/YB2BOB |
| YB2DX | SOAB | Indonesia | LoTW/YB2DX |
| YB9ZGD | M/S | Indonesia | YB9ZGD |
| YC9DE | M/2 | Indonesia | LoTW/YB3MM |
| YJ0CA | SO | Vanuatu | VK2YUS |
| YV1KK | SOAB HP | Venezuela | LotW/OH0XX |
| Z66Y | M/S | Kosovo | Z62FB |
| ZL7C | M/? | Chatham Islands | ZL2AYZ |
| ZV1FF | | Brazil | LoTW/PS8RV |
| ZZ4A | M/? | Brazil | LoTW |

Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at https://www.ng3k.com/Misc/wpxs2019.html - good contest to you all!


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3Y0I: POSTPONED ---> "On March 26 the vessel had been approaching a Cyclonal storm wandering nearby Bouvet Island", the 3Y0I Press Officer posted to the DXpedition's website. "The captain analyzed the latest weather reports indicating a chance to break through the storm - it hadn't been that strong at that time. Unfortunately, the storm developed and intensified in a matter of an hour. Around 5-6 o'clock GMT, just 70 nautical miles off Bouvet island, the ship has been hit by a series of 11+ meters (36+ ft) tall waves

+ wind exceeding 83 knots/h (approx. 160 km/h). The fierce oceanic forces swept past the upper deck, taking one of the radars, including VSAT, VHF and HF marine antennas, off the mast and throwing them all overboard. The hit was so hard the vessel tilted as much as 45 degrees". Under such circumstances "the captain of the MV Atlantic Tuna had to take a difficult but responsible decision to take a course back to Cape Town, South Africa". The 3Y0I DXpedition is not cancelled, though. "Once they reach Cape Town and go through a detailed technical inspection of the vessel", the 3Y0I Team Leader (Dom, 3Z9DX) "will decide when and how the DXpedition will take place again. Repeat: we're definitely talking about rescheduling the expedition to the nearest possible and reliable term, not aborting or suspending our plans". Read the latest updates on https://bouvetoya.org/blog/:
- "3Y0I to be continued"! (Press Release #6, 28 March)
- "Hams simply rock" (Press Release #5, 27 March)
- "3Y0I postponed" (Press Release #4, 27 March)
- "Bouvet vs. Hams 2:0?" (Press Release #3, 27 March)
- "Furious 50s, how are you?" (Press Release #2, 25 March)

CASS AWARD ---> The annual Cass Awards (http://www.cassaward.com/) honour the wisdom and spirit of Cass WA6AUD (SK) and encourage DXpeditions to maximize the number of DXers worked with a Plaque for the single-operator DXpedition that works the most unique callsigns within 2 weeks or less, and a Plaque for the "unlimited" DXpedition that works the most unique callsigns.
Janusz Wegrzyn, SP9FIH has won (for the second year in a row) the 2018 Single-Operator Cass Award "by working 8257 unique stations during his one-man DXpedition to St. Eustatius Island as PJ5/SP9FIH".
Yuris Petersons YL2GM, Kaspars Uztics YL1ZF and Girts Budis YL2KL "worked 18,812 unique stations as 3C0W on Annobon Island, winning the first Unlimited Cass Award and demonstrating an outstanding effort to log as many DXers as possible".

CY0C: SABLE ISLAND 2020 ---> Permission has been granted for a DXpedition to Sable Island (NA-063) sometime in in autumn 2020. The team for the August 2019 CY9C DXpedition to St. Paul Island (https://cy9c.com/) [425DXN 1451] will be the primary makeup of the Sable team. "The permit process took over a year of emailing, phone calls, and furnishing documents. Sable at this point is no longer easily 'permitted' for Ham Radio DXpeditions, as the policies have changed with the change in administration. In fact our permit finally was graciously authorized as a 'one time special use permit'. We believe that it is very probable that permits in the future may be essentially 'nil' for a very long time. Among other policies, visitors to the island are not permitted overnight stays. Thankfully, we have been authorized to stay there for 7-8 days ($300 per person per day). We are grateful and excited and look forward to meeting the challenge of a sizeable operation as if it were the last one for a very long time".

DXCC YEARBOOK ---> The 2017 ARRL DXCC Yearbook, which includes the Clinton B. DeSoto Challenge top scorers and the Annual Listing, can be found at http://www.arrl.org/files/file/DXCC/DXCCYearbook/DXCC%20YEARBOOK%202018.pdf. The Annual Listing of DXCC membership contains the call signs and credited totals for new awards and endorsements during the calendar year period from 1 January through 31 December 2018. The DXCC Honor Roll includes those who

are within 9 entities of the ""current" Entity count for Mixed, Phone, CW, and Digital modes. As of 31 December 2018, there were 340 Entities on the DXCC List, and entry level DXCC Honor Roll was achieved at level 331.

IOTA DXPEDITIONER OF THE YEAR 2018 ---> The inaugural Island Radio Expedition Foundation's (IREF) "IOTA DXpeditioner of the Year" Award will be presented at the 34th DX Dinner, to be held on 17 May at the Marriott Hotel in Dayton (tickets can be purchased at http://swodxaevents.org/). The DX Dinner is held in conjunction with the Dayton Hamvention and is sponsored by the Southwest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA). The new award from IREF will join the list of awards presented annually at the DX Dinner, including DXpedition of the Year, DXpeditioner of the Year (DXCC) and the presentation of the CQ DX Hall of Fame inductees. Details on the "IOTA DXpeditioner of the Year" award can be found at https://irefradio.com/activator-award/.

NORTH MACEDONIA ---> After nearly three decades of disagreement on the name of the country called Macedonia (otherwise known as FYROM, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia), the dispute between Greece (SV) and Macedonia (Z3) was settled in June 2018 with an agreement that the country should rename itself "Republic of North Macedonia" (Republika Severna Makedonija). After the agreement was ratified by both sides, it entered into force on 12 February 2019. DXCC wise, only the Entity name has changed. You will find it listed as "North Macedonia" on LoTW, and as "North Macedonia (Republic of)" in the March 2019 edition of the ARRL DXCC List. The DXCC "country code" number remains 502.

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******* QSL ROUTES *******
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| 3B9FR | M0OXO | CS2TCB | CT1ARR | OD5VB | EA5GL |
| 3V8CB | LX1NO | CS2TCM | CT2JYO | OG60IPA | OH4MDY |
| 3W3B | E21EIC | CS2TCS | CT7ABF | OL50MR | OK1MR |
| 3W9JF | EA5GL | CS2TCT | CT1ARR | P3X | 5B4AMM |
| 4D3X | W3HNK | D4Z | HB9DUR [d] | P40L | WA3FRP |
| 4K6FO | DC9RI | D4Z | IK2NCJ [b] | P44W | N2MM |
| 4L6QL | RW6HS | DL1250G | DL8SCU | PD38EU | PD5MVH |
| 4L8A | K1BV | DR50DIG | DH1PAL | PJ2DX | W0CG |
| 5B4AGN | M0URX | E51HMK | DK2HM | PJ4/KK9A | WD9DZV |
| 5P1PT | DL1PT | E6AF | SP9FIH | PJ4K | KU9C |
| 5T5PA | PA5X | E6ET | IZ4AMS | PJ4KY | M0URX |
| 6E0P | XE1EE | E7CW | E73ESP | PJ7TM | K2GSJ |
| 6W/IK5BSC | IK2DUW | EA8/G3XAQ | G3SWH | PS2T | K3IRV |
| 6W/IV3FSG | IK3GES | EE100V | EA5YJ | R108M | RK3LC |
| 8P6DR | G3RWL | EG2AZF | EA2URZ | R125IL | RZ5D |
| 9H3FC | G4UDG | EG8TSI | EA8URE | R1961G | RV3LZ |
| 9H3HI | DL7VFM [d] | EH1FSJ | EA2DVN | RD0B/p | RD0B |

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| 9H3HI | EU4CK [b] | EH5TYF | EA5RKB | SI9AM | ON3UN |
| 9H3JD | DL7VFM | EM1U | UT7UA | T88US | JF1OCQ |
| 9K9A | EC6DX | EO65QRC | UR4QZZ | TG9AJR | M0URX |
| 9M19TEA | 9M2CDX | EP2C | EA5GL | TM29FFA | F5KOU |
| 9M2CNC | G4ZFE | EP2LMA | EA5GL | TO2BC | DL7BC |
| 9V1YC | W5UE | EP4HR | IK2RZQ | TY2AC | DL9USA |
| A35JP | JA0RQV | EV125IL | EV6C | UP0L | DL8KAC |
| A71YY | M0OXO | GB100RAF | G8FC | V31RF | K8NDS |
| B5/IK7YTT | IW7EGQ | HC5TLM | HC5VF | VA7XW/VE1 | VE7ACN |
| BW2/JP1RIW | BM2JCC | HF50ZAT | SP3ZAT | VE3LYC/KL7 | VE3LYC |
| C4W | 5B4WN | IG9MO | IK4ALM | VE7ACN/VE1 | VE7ACN |
| C7A | UA3DX | II0BIKE | 9A5URI | VP2ETE | W3HNK |
| C91CCY | K3IRV | IS0/OM8A | OM2VL | VP5/AF3K | N2OO |
| CJ3A | VE3AT | J28PJ | F1TMY | VP5/W2TT | N2OO |
| CN2AM | M0OXO | J43N | SV1NK | VP8CTR | DL5EBE |
| CN2CL | CT1QP | JT5DX | JT1CO | VY0ERC | M0OXO |
| CN2FA | RN2FA | JW6VDA | OH6VDA | XZ2C | JH1NBN |
| CN2MA | LY5W | LY800SMG | LY2NZ | YO3IPA | YO3AAS |
| CN3A | IK2OHG | LZ50ZF | LZ2UW | YU73BFG | YU8A |
| CR5O | CT7AJL | MJ5Z | M0CFW | ZL7C | ZL2AYZ |
| CS2CTS | CT1ARR | NA8O/KH2 | JK1FNL | ZV1FF | PS8RV |

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