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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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9M6 - Saty, JE1JKL will be active again as 9M6NA from Labuan Island (OC-133), East Malaysia on 23-28 May, including participation in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. Outside the contest he will focus on 6m FT8 (50313 and 50323 kHz, and Fox & Hound mode on 50318 kHz). QSL via LoTW and Club Log's OQRS. [TNX NG3K]

CE - Mike, DL2OE has been touring South America since late March, and will be visiting "various places in LU, CE and CX" until 31 May. So far he was QRV as LU/DL2OE and CE8/DL2OE from both sides of Tierra del Fuego (SA-008), and as CE7/DL2OE from Chiloe Island (SA-018). He has been active as CE7/DL2OE from a San Pedro Island since 18 April, an reportedly he will remain there over the Easter weekend. QSL via home call; he will upload his logs to LoTW and Club Log when is back home.

CO - Celebrating its first anniversary, T43A - the Grupo Especial de Expediciones y Concursos - will be QRV on 16-20 May. Look for activity on 80-10 metres SSB, CW, RTTY and FT8. QSL via RW6HS (direct) and LoTW.

EL - Silvano, I2YSB and the Italian DXpedition Team will be active from Liberia from 28 September to 11 October. Announced callsigns are A82X (for CW and SSB) and A82Z (for digital modes). QSL via I2YSB. Bookmark http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/ for updates. [TNX I2YSB]

F - Jean-Marc, F5SGI will be active again as TM6ILE from Groix Island (EU-048) from 27 April to 4 May. He will operate CW only. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. [TNX Les Nouvelles DX]

F - Members of the F6KOP Radio Club (namely F4EYQ, F4FCE, F4GYM, F5NQL and F6DVH) will participate in the IOTA Contest (27-28 July) as TM5S from Sein Island (EU-068). QSL via F5MFV (direct or bureau), or Club Log, eQSL or LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

FO - Rich, KE1B and Anna, W6NN will be active as FO/KE1B from French Polynesia in late Apri-early May. Their first stop will be Moorea (OC-046) on 22-27 April, followed by Bora Bora (OC-067) from 27 April through 2 May. They will mainly be QRV on 20 metres FT8 running QRP. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, eQSL or via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

GD - Hiro JF1OSL as MD0HWX, Toru JH0CJH as MD0ITP, and Shin JR1NHD as MD0IUX will be active holiday style from the Isle of Man (EU-116) from 27 April to 1 May. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 40-10 metres. QSL MD0ITP via JH0CJH (direct or bureau); QSL MD0IUX via JJ2VLY (direct only). Plans are to upload the logs to LoTW and Club Log.

GJ - A team of eight Belgian operators will be active as GJ6EFW from Jersey Island (EU-013) from 30 April to 5 May. They will operate

mainly SSB with some CW and FT8 on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via ON6EF (direct or bureau) and eQSL; they will not use LoTW.

I - Italian stations participating in this year's International Marconi Day (27 April) include IY0GA (from Sardinia), IY0IMD, IY0ORP, IY0TC, IY1MR, IY1SM, IY1SP, IY4FGM, IY5PIS, IY6GM and IY7M. QSL via operator's instructions. [TNX IS0JMA]

J7 - Thomas, SM0CXU (SM2U) and Tore, SM0DZB (SM0T) will be active as J79U and J79TA respectively from Dominica (NA-101) on 7-15 May. QSLs via M0OXO's OQRS. [TNX M0OXO]

J8 - Brian, GW4DVB will be active again as J88PI from Palm Island (NA-025) on 7-14 May. He hopes "to work SSB, FT8, SSTV and if anyone is willing to give it a go CW as well". QSL via home call, direct only (PayPal information on https://www.g4dvb.co.uk/).

KL - The Russian Robinson Club is organizing a DXpedition to take place from Sledge Island (NA-210) in late August-early September. Plans are for a team of 4-6 operators to be active as KL7RRC/p on 40-6m for 5-7 days. Details are expected in due course. [TNX qrz.ru]

LX - Members of the GMDX Group (https://www.gmdx.org.uk/) will be active as LX/GM0OBX from Luxembourg from 25 May to 1 June. The team (GM0OBX, MM0JZB, MM0OBT, MM0OKG and MM0VPY) will operate SSB, CW, FT8 and RTTY on 40-6 metres with three stations. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW. [TNX M0OXO]

OE - Austrian special event station OE19M will be active on 26-28 April. This is an official International Marconi Day station and contacts made on 27 April will count for the IMD Award. QSL via OE1WHC (bureau) or direct to DokuFunk, OE19M, An den Steinfeldern 4A, 1230 Wien, Austria.

OJ0 - Pasi, OH3WS will be active again as OJ0W from Market Reef (EU-053) between 27 April and 4 May. Activity will be limited to his spare time. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

OK - Special callsign OL75CLAY marks the 75th anniversary of Operation Clay, executed during World War II in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia by Czech paratroopers trained in England. Activity started on 12 April and will continue until 31 July. QSL via OK2PXJ.

SV9 - Sepp, OH1VR will be active as SV9/OH1VR from Crete (EU-015) from 25 April to 1 May. Activity will be on 80-10 metres using mostly CW with some SSB. QSL direct to home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

VK9C - Chris, GM3WOJ and Keith GM4YXI will be active again as VK9CZ from the Cocos (Keeling) Islands (OC-003) on 12-29 November. They will operate SSB, CW and FT8 ("we will run a third station on FT8 for as many hours per day as possible, using MSHV, JTDX or WSJT-X") on 160-10 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest. The logs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log; traditional QSL cards via N3SL. See http://www.vk9cz2019.com/ for more information and updates.

VU7 - Shabu, M0KRI and other two operators expect to be active as VU7RI from the Lakshadweep Islands (AS-011) on 19-31 October. Plans are to operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 80, 40, 30, 20, 15 and 6 metres. QSL via M0KRI, Club Log's OQRS and LoTW. Bookmark https://vu7ri.com/ for updates.

W - The Long Island CW Club (W2LCW) and the Great South Bay Amateur Radio Club (W2GSB) will participate in the International Marconi

Day (27 April) from the Lewis Pond Marina, Babylon (NY). Marconi had a training school in 1901 near by and the house is still there today. [TNX WB2UZE]

ZA - Mike, DF8AN will be active as ZA/DF8AN from Albania on 18-22 April. He will operate mainly CW and FT8 on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via home call (direct or bureau); he does not use LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

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3Y0I ---> "The entire 3Y0I Bouvet Team is home and all are resting after the Rebel attempt at Bouvet", they posted to https://www.rebeldxgroup.com on 18 April. "Our license is renewed, our equipment stored in Cape Town", they add, and "we're already making plans for Bouvet in the Fall".

425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The March 2019 issue is now available for download at http://www.425dxn.org/index.php. [TNX IZ3EBA]

INTERNATIONAL MARCONI DAY ---> Organized by the Cornish Radio Amateur Club, the International Marconi Day (IMD) is a 24-hour amateur radio event held annually to celebrate the birth of Guglielmo Marconi (25 April 1874). It is not a contest, but an opportunity for amateurs around the world to make contacts with historic Marconi sites using HF communications techniques. This year's event will be held on 27 April, from 00.00 UTC to 23.59 UTC. Details, including information on the Award Certificates and the listing of participating stations, can be found at http://gx4crc.com/.

INTREPID SPIRIT AWARD ---> The Intrepid-DX Group is pleased to announce that Kenneth Opskar, LA7GIA is the recipient of this year's Intrepid Spirit Award for his "outstanding efforts to activate Malawi (7Q7GIA), Comoros (D67GIA), Equatorial Guinea (3C7A), Central African Republic (TL8AO), Congo (TN5E), Somalia (6O6O) and Chad (TT8KO)". The Intrepid-DX Group recognizes "Ken's unselfish acts to activate these challenging and much needed entities on behalf of a grateful Global DX Community", and acknowledges his "pursuit of operating excellence in making these difficult activations". Made in memory of James McLaughlin, WA2EWE/T6AF (killed in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 27 April 2011), the Intrepid Spirit Award "is intended to recognize and honor those individuals or teams that boldly activate rare entities where their own personal safety is secondary to their pursuit of providing contacts to the DX Community".

J20DX --- > Col, MM0NDX and Jonathan, MM0OKG reported on 16 April that their "radio equipment was impounded by customs at the Djibouti-Ambouli International Airport upon arrival", despite the fact that the third operator (Christian, EA3NT/J20NT) had cleared customs "smoothly" two days

earlier. On 17 April, being still unable to retrieve their bags, the team decided to cancel their planned activity from Sept-Freres (AF-059) "due to time constraints", and to use Christian's equipment from Moucha Island (AF-053).
On 18 April "at 0700 local we departed the mainland for the 40 minute crossing to Moucha Island", they posted to the DXpedition's website (https://j20dx.com/news/). "We identified an excellent location for radio upon arrival and immediately assembled a 15m VDA and 17m & 20m vertical dipoles. Our intention was to add more antennas as the day progressed. Literally 5 minutes before the first CQ from AF-053 we received a phone-call from National Security saying signatures were needed for the authorization letter to permit us to collect our impounded gear. This same letter would also allow us to depart Djibouti without anymore issues at airport customs. However, we had to return to the mainland to get the letter. The weekend is Friday and Saturday here in Djibouti meaning this would likely be our final chance of obtaining the important authorization letter prior to heading home. Before we had even started, teardown begun. Yes, we left the island 2 hours after arriving. AF-053 is now also cancelled. Upon returning to the mainland we headed straight to the National Security offices. Yes, you guessed it - no authorized letter to be seen. We had basically been told fake news. We've now had enough of this country and look forward to heading home".

QSL VIA M0OXO ---> In addition to TL8AO (November 2016), TN5E (May 2017), 6O6O (January 2018) and TT8KO (October 2018), M0OXO is taking over the QSLling duties for LA7GIA's past expeditions to Malawi (7Q7GIA, June 2014 and February 2015), Comoros Islands (D67GIA, September 2015) and Bioko Island (AF-010), Equatorial Guinea (3C7A, March 2016). QSL via M0OXO's OQRS for direct and bureau cards (https://www.m0oxo.com/oqrs/logsearch.php).

VP6D ---> Gene, K5GS reports that "as announced at the International DX Convention, Visalia on 14 April, the entire VP6D log has been uploaded to LoTW. Please direct any questions about your QSOs to Tim, M0URX".

XR1RRC ---> The IOTA expedition to Santa Maria Island (SA-069) [425DXN 1458] made 3,900 QSOs on 7-10 April; the log has been uploaded to Club Log and the OQRS has been enabled: https://clublog.org/logsearch/XR1RRC_SA069. Please contact R7AL (rv6ali[@]yandex[dot]ru) for any log issue. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred); those who want to go direct in a traditional way should mail their request to EU7A (maildrop): Andrey N. Teterukov, P.O. Box 13, 212030 Mogilev-30, Belarus. Club Log's IOTA Matching function will be enabled after one month for those who request a direct card, and after one year for all others.

+ SILENT KEY + Astronaut Owen Garriott, W5LFL passed away on 15 April at 88 years of age. "A passionate amateur radio operator and ionospheric physics researcher, Owen inspired the amateur radio community to reach for the stars. His multi-decade vision to bring amateur radio with him as part of his journey in space was realized in 1983 on the STS-9 Space Shuttle Columbia mission, where hams the world over for the first time heard a fellow ham call CQ from space". The complete obituary can be found on https://www.ariss.org/.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 5A0YL, 5T2AI, 5W0GC, 9J2BO, 9Q6BB, 9X4XX, A52IC, A5A, AP2NK, C5YK, CE0Y/NP4G, CM2MA, CP6CL, DU3LA, ES5RR, ET3AA, FM5FJ, HD8M, JD1BMH, JW4PUA, KL7RA, KV4FZ, OD5ZZ, OH0Z, OH10X (EU-192), OX/OZ1LXJ, OX7AM, P29VCX (OC-025), PJ4/NE9U, PJ4P, RI0B, RI1ANL, RI1ANO, SV9RGI, UN7G, V31GX, VK4/JA8COE (OC-138), XR208C, XT2SZZ, YJ0GC, ZB2CM, ZY6C (SA-023).

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