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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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9A - Once again Jan, PA4JJ will be active holiday style as 9A/PA4JJ from mainland Croatia between 30 April and 5 June. Expect him to operate mainly FT8 on 40-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS or via home call. [TNX PA4JJ]

DU - Audie, DU1ZDR and Gazelle, DU1ZDQ will be active as DZ1A from Siargao Island (OC-235) on 4-5 May. Look for them on or around 14260 and 7055 kHz. [TNX DX World]

HS - To mark the coronation of King Rama X, the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand will be operating special event station HS10KING/mm on 3-6 May. Activity will take place from the Royal Thai Navy aircraft carrier, the "Chakri Narubet", in the Gulf of Thailand. The station will be QRV on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres, as well as on 2 metres and amateur radio satellites, including the Es'hail 2/QO-100 satellite.

JA - Look for JR0UIU/6, JA6UFF/6 and 8J6VLP/6 to be active from Kuchino Island (AS-049) from 28 April to 2 May. They will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 on 160-6m. QSL JR0UIU/6 and JA6UFF/6 via home calls, (direct or bureau); QSL 8J6VLP/6 via the bureau only. [TNX JN6RZM]

JA - Once again the ITU Association of Japan's Amateur Radio Club will operate special event station 8J1ITU from 30 April to 31 May to celebrate the World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (17 May) and the creation of the International Telecommunication Union. Activity will take place from the city of Kasumigaura on Honshu Island (AS-007). QSL via the JARL bureau and eQSL.

JT - Andrey, R9YU will be active as JT9/R9YU from Mongolia on 2-12 May. A communications specialist during a research mission to the Great Lakes Basin, he will operate SSB on 40, 20 and 15 metres. QSL direct to home call; he does not use LoTW or Club Log. [TNX The Daily DX]

LU - Look for Horacio, LU5BE/T and Enrique, LU8EFF/T to be active from Susques and Purmamarca in the Argentine province of Jujuy on 1-5 May. Amateur radio activity from this region is uncommon. They will operate SSB, CW, FT8, JT65, PSK31 and HELL on 80-6 meters, possibly with two stations. QSL via eQSL. [TNX LU5BE]

OA - Mike, AC0PR will be active as OA3/AC0PR from Peru on 5-11 May. Activity will be limited to his spare time, most likely in one hour sessions on 40-10 metres CW QRP. QSL via home call, and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

OZ - Bernd, DL9LBR will be active as OZ/DL9LBR from Fano Island (EU-125) on 4-11 May. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau.

PA - Roland, DL1EAL will be active again as PA/DL1EAL from Texel Island (EU-038) from 27 April to 9 May. He prefers CW and "all digital modes", and will be QRV holiday style on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres.

QSL via home call (direct or bureau), eQSL and LoTW. [TNX DX Newsletter]

PA - Wino, PA0ABM and Rich, PA0RRS will be active as PF6W in May, with an emphasis on the low bands. Main activity will be during the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, eQSL, or via PA0RRS. [TNX PA0RRS]

SM - Lennart SM6KNL, Steve SM6HRR, Tom SM6VVT, Thor SM6LZQ and Harry SM6RWT will be active again as SE6VING from Vinga Island (EU-043) and lighthouse on 3-5 May. QSL via LoTW, or direct to SM6VVT.

UA - A very large number of Russian stations using special prefix RP74 (where the letter P stands for 'pobeda', i.e. 'victory') will be active on 3-9 May to celebrate the 74th anniversary of the end of World War II. More information and the list of participating Stations will be published on https://pobeda.srr.ru/.

CARIBBEAN TOUR ---> Members of the Medical Amateur Radio Council (MARCO) will be active from Belize, Honduras and the Cayman Islands during MARCO post-annual meeting cruise:

1 May V31D Belize City 16-21 UTC
2 May HQ9D Roatan Island 16-19 UTC
3 May ZF2D Grand Cayman 17-21 UTC

Plans are to operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 20 and 17 metres with two stations. QSLs via AA4FL and LoTW.

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CE7/DL2OE ---> Owing to a case of homonymy that resulted in a honest misunderstanding, over the Easter weekend Mike, CE7/DL2OE was not active from Isla San Pedro in the SA-053 IOTA group, but from the Isla San Pedro included in the Chiloe Archipelago (SA-018). "I apologize to all IOTA hunters for this great mistake", Mike says, "but I cannot change this situation". [TNX EU7A]

SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS 2020 ---> The Northern California DX Foundation (http://www.ncdxf.org) has announced it will be a major contributor to the Perseverance DX Group's February-March 2020 DXpedition to the South Orkney Islands (https://sorkney.com/) [425DXN 1455]. "With the cost of ships, fuel, and freight continuing to rise the future of major DXpeditions rests in the hands of the worldwide DX community", the PDXG says. "We appreciate the Foundation's generosity and their confidence in our project team and plans". The primary purpose of NCDXF is to help fund well-organized DXpeditions to rare, difficult and expensive DXCC Entities like the South Orkneys (currently #16 on Club Log's Most Wanted List). Since 2016, NCDXF-supported DXpeditions activated five of the ten most-needed Entities, and during the last 47 years NCDXF has granted nearly $1.2 million to hundreds of

DXpeditions.

THE FT4 PROTOCOL FOR DIGITAL CONTESTING ---> The following announcement was posted by Joe Taylor, K1JT to the WSJT software development mailing list on 22 April:
"Soon after the 'FT8 Roundup' held on December 1-2, 2018, we started serious work on a faster, more contest-friendly digital mode that can compete with RTTY-contesting QSO rates while preserving many of the benefits of FT8. The result is FT4 - a new digital mode specifically designed for radio contesting.
Over the past month a small group of volunteers have been conducting on-the-air tests of FT4. The early tests were very successful and helped us to make a number of important design decisions. We believe FT4 has considerable promise for its intended purpose.
We'll soon be ready for testing by a larger group. If you might be interested in participating and offering your considered feedback, please read the descriptive document "The FT4 Protocol for Digital Contesting", posted here: http://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/FT4_Protocol.pdf.
We plan to post downloadable installation packages for WSJT-X 2.1.0-rc5 on April 29. The document linked above includes
- Instructions for installing WSJT-X 2.1.0-rc5 and FT4 configuration
- Operating instructions for FT4
- Basic description of the FT4 protocol, modulation, and waveform
- Detailed sensitivity measurements for FT4 under a wide variety of simulated propagation conditions
- Schedule for upcoming test sessions"

TQSL: NEW VERSION ---> A new version (v2.4.7) of LoTW's Trusted QSL (TQSL) has been released: http://www.arrl.org/tqsl-download. This version corrects a defect in the Windows autoupdate process when performing the download and install of a new version. Because this defect was present in TQSL v2.4.4, v2.4.5 and v2.4.6 , those versions are unable to automatically update themselves to v2.4.7. In order to upgrade, users with those versions of TQSL installed must manually download and install TQSL v2.4.7 from here: http://www.arrl.org/files/file/LoTW%20Instructions/tqsl-2.4.7.msi

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******* QSL ROUTES *******
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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
3V8CB	LX1NO	DX1CC	EA5GL	OL120AB	OK4RM
3W3B	E21EIC	E51AUZ	DL1AUZ	OL250VEK	OK1KQI
3W9XG	DF2XG	E6AF	SP9FIH	OL50MR	OK1MR
3Z0WARD	SP6IEQ	E750RKK	E71CQ	OL60ZH	OK2RZ
4E8T	M0OXO	EK1915GM	EK3GM	OL75CLAY	OK2PXJ
4K9W	DL6KVA	EK1915RR	EK1RR	OO70NATO	ON4JM
4L8A	K1BV	EM4IFF	US5IQ	OZ2SPACE	OZ1ACB

4O7CC	UA4CC	EM5DIG	UY5AX	PA52KDA	PA0RSM
5B4NC	5B4KH	EN185UNIV	UT8UF	R1961G	R3LA
5E5R	CN8YZ	EN33U	US0UX	R2019DG	RQ7L
5P0WARD	OZ1ACB	EX8NR	RW6HS	RW1AI/9	RW1AI
5P0WHD	OZ1ACB	FG8OJ	F4AVX	S549APR	S51A
5T2AI	N4GNR	GB0SNB	G3SVK [d]	S550DDR	S59DDR
5T5PA	PA5X	GB0SNB	GB0SNB [b]	SK50HD	SM6FKF
6E0P	XE1EE	GB4GCT	M0OXO	SN0OMS	SP2PBY
7P8GOZ	ZS1CDG	GB5SM	LZ1JZ	SN10WFF	SP5C
8P6DR	G3RWL	HB9WARD	HB9JOE	SN1944P	SP5ZHH
8Q7AM	IW0HBY	HF100A	SP2ZFT	SN1IW	SP2PBY
9G5GS	IZ4YGS	HF100K	SP1ZZW	SN75PW	SP5ZIP
9H3YO	YO7CKQ	HF100L	SP8ZHY	SN75W	SP5PEP
9J2BO	G3TEV	HF100O	SP5ZHJ	SO1944W	SP5PSL
9M6ZAE	W3HNK	HF100P	SP7ZHP	SP1944W	SP5PWA
A25SL	N4GNR	HF100S	SP2ZCI	SP75PW	SP5KCR
A43WARD	A47RS	HF9ZPM	SP2ZCI	ST2/EK6DO	K6EID
A60WARD	A61BK	HG8ARDF	HA8BE	TM17CV	F8FZC
A65DR	N4GNR	HI8K	W2CCW	TM17FFF	F4GFE
A93DX	A92AA	HR1LW	JA1LW	TM19PAQ	F4HZS
AM870PT	EA8PT	II3GIRO	IV3TMM	TM4G	ON4ZD
AM870ZS	EA8ZS	II5LDV	IK5ZUB [d]	TM500LDV	F4GPB
AP2MKB	EB7DX	II5LDV	IQ5LV [b]	TM94WARD	F6BEE
AX5GR	M0OXO	IO5CNPP	IZ5RHU	TY2AC	DL9USA
AX5IR	W3HNK	IR0IAR	IK6IJF	UE18DG	RQ7L
AX5PAS	M0OXO	J20NT	EA3NT	V31MA	M0OXO
BV50CYMC	BV4VR	J28PJ	F1TMY	V73NS	W3HNK
BW2/JP1RIW	BM2JCC	J79BH	FM5BH	VK5MAV/6	RN3RQ
CB3R	XQ3SK	LZ19ECC	LZ1KSP	VP2EMB	PA3FYC
CE2SV	N7RO	LZ50ZF	LZ2UW	VP2ETE	W3HNK
CM2XN	EB7DX	OD5TE	IZ8CLM	XU7AKJ	JA3ULS
CO0CW	CO3JK	OD5TX	W4JS	XZ2B	JH3SIF
CP5HK	EC6DX	OD5VB	EA5GL	YO15IPA	YO3AS
CT7ANG	M0OXO	OE19M	OE1WHC	YU73BFG	YU8A
CX2AQ	EA5KB	OG0YL	OH2YL	Z66Z	OZ1ACB
CX2DK	EA5GL	OG70AD	OH3AD	ZF2TH	N3DL
CX7CO	EA5GL	OH0CO	SM6CCO	ZW8T	PS8HF
CX9AU	EA5GL	OJ0W	OH3WS	ZX8T	PY4KL
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