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>>> I4EAT - IN MEMORIAM <<<

Fausto Minardi, I4EAT died of Covid-19 on 31 March aged 71. Your trulies have lost a dear personal friend, and Italy has lost one of its top DXers.
Licensed since 1968, during the Seventies Fausto operated almost exclusively on 2 metres. While experimenting with all propagation modes, in 1978 he made the first ever 2m EME QSO from Italy, and in 1979 he established a TEP world record (QSO with ZS3B, nearly 8,000 kilometres away).
Fausto started activity on the other bands in 1979, and in August 1982 he got his 5BWAZ with 200 Zones. He made the first Top Band QSO in 1984: "for several years my chances were limited due to very modest setup", he recalled, but "with the new century I have experienced the extraordinary performance of the beverage antennas and my score on that band really improved". He became QRV on 6 metres in April 2001, and it took only seven months for him to work the 100th Entity on the Magic Band. Fausto's latest scores on 160 and 6 metres are 317 and 229 respectively; his current/total DXCC Honor Roll scores are 340/357 (Mixed), 340/357 (Phone), 339/349 (CW) and 332/335 (Digital).
With 3129 band points, he won the 2007 DXCC Challenge DeSoto Cup and took the title away from W4DR for the first time ever. Fausto maintained the lead until 2012; the current DXCC Challenge standings see him in third place with 3239 band points.
In 1999 he entered the IOTA Programme and developed a genuine enthusiasm for island chasing. The latest IOTA Honour Roll Listing shows I4EAT with 1116 groups out of a possible 1136 that have seen activity, and he still leads the IOTA VHF Listing with 221 credits.

9A - Radio Club Libertas (9A4J) will be active as 9A25RBM on 1-30 April. The special callsign is a tribute for Ronald H. Brown, the US Secretary of Commerce who was killed, along with 34 others, in a plane crash near Dubrovnik (3 April 1996).

C9 - The A25RU team (Vasily R7AL, Vlad R9LR, Mike RU3UR and Leo UI8J) will leave Botswana on 2 April and drive up to Mozambique. Plans are to be active as C92RU on 4-12 April, and to operate CW, SSB and FT8 (Fox & Hound) on 160-10metres with four stations. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, and eventually LoTW. More information can be found on https://rv6ali.wixsite.com/mozambique2021.

CT7 - Markus, DJ4EL will be active as CT7/DJ4EL from Culatra Island (EU-145) on 2-10 April. He will operate SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW. [TNX DX World]

CT8 - Celebrating Antonio, CU8AS' 83rd birthday, special callsign CQ83AS will be aired on 13-19 April from Flores Island (EU-089), Azores. QSL via HB9CRV. [TNX CT4NH]

DL - Special callsign DK30FFO will be active from 1 April until 31 December to celebrate the 30th anniversary of DARC's Ortsverband Frankfurt (Oder). All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau and eventually LoTW.

EA - Members of Radio Club Henares will be active as EH4WRD on 12-18 April to celebrate World Amateur Radio Day 2021. QSL via EA4RCH.

F - TM100SHT is the special callsign for the Societe Havraise de Telegraphie Sans Fil (F6KOH, https://shtsf.fr) to celebrate its 100th anniversary. Activity will start on 4 April, and will continue during various weekends between 24 April and 5 September.

GU - The Guernsey Amateur Radio Society will operate special event station GB5LIB on 8-14 May. The station will be on air on all bands and modes to celebrate the 76th anniversary of the liberation of the islands in the Bailiwick of Guernsey. QSL via LoTW (preferred) or GU8ITE. [TNX GU0SUP]

HS - Jorge, AB6WP expects to be active as HS0ZOK from Phuket Island (AS-053) "on or about the first week of April", with "no defined end date". He will operate SSB and "some occasional CW" on 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres. QSL via LoTW, or direct to his Thai address (see qrz.com).

JA - Kenji, JA4GXS he will be active as JA4GXS/4 from Ohzu Island (AS-117) on 17-18 April. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 40, 30 and 20 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX DX World]

JD1_oga- Takio, JH3QFL expects to be active as JD1BQA from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara on 23-30 April. He plans to operate FT8 and FT4 on 160, 80, 40 and 6 metres, and CW on the RS-44 satellite. QSL via LoTW or direct to home call.

JW - JW1I is the club callsign for the Meteorological Station on Bear Island (EU-027), Svalbard (http://bjornoya.org/). The operator is Erling, JW/LB2PG, who is expected to stay there until 15 May. QSL via the bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

OX - Bo, OZ1DJJ will be active again as OX3LX from Greenland between 8 April and 1 May. Plans are to stay at Kangerlussuaq (NA-018, WWL GP47ta) for 5-7 days, then move first to Tasiilaq Island (NA-151, WWL HP15eo) and then to Nuuk (NA-018, WWL GP44de). He will be QRV in his spare time, typically around lunch time and after dinner (local time is UTC-2), also at night and in the morning hours during the weekends. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS or direct to OZ0J. [TNX DX World]

UA - Leonid, RA1WU will be active as R800ANP on 1-10 April. The special callsign celebrates the 800th anniversary of the birth of Alexander Nevsky, commonly regarded as a key figure of medieval Russia and best known for the victory over the Teutonic Knights in the Battle on the Ice (5 April 1242). QSL via RA1WU.

UA - Special event station R75RAA will be active on 1-30 April to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Radio Club Tambov (RK3R). A certificate will be available, see qrz.com for information. QSL via RN3RQ.

UA - Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the first manned space flight by Yuri Gagarin (12 April 1961), special event stations R60RDK will be active on 10-12 April, and R1961GP and R1961AG will be active on 7-12 April. QSLs via operator's instructions.

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4U1A: QRX OR QRT? ---> Located at the UN International Centre in Vienna, Austria, the Amateur Radio Contest DX Club (4U1A) has been very active since 2014. The club has now "entered a period of severe turbulence", as they have been told that their antenna systems "do not comply with new fire safety rules and other standards and will be dismantled by the VIC building maintenance service by the end of March 2021". Reinstalling the antennas will take a lot of time and money, as the work must be done "by a company certified by the UN in Vienna and fully authorized to do so". The club "will gratefully accept any donation to support the club and cover the costs of the work": see http://www.cqdx.ru/4u1a/arcdxc/4u1a-arcdxc-2021-qrt-or-qrx/ for information.

7D5RI ---> The logs for the 7D5RI DXpedition to Rupat Island (OC-245) have been uploaded to Club Log. The logsearch contains 2,089 QSOs made on 25-27 March. QSL via EA5GL (see https://www.qrz.com/db/ea5gl for PayPal instructions for direct cards).

CLUB LOG ACTIVITY REPORT: 2021 UPDATE ---> "As in previous years, I've generated some new reports to reveal trends about how we're using different modes on the bands", Michael, G7VJR posted to his website on 27 March. "This year, I've generated a few extra reports to try and explore other relevant trends about activity levels (working from home, perhaps?) and the use of different bands (which correlates well with solar activity)". At the time of writing, "Club Log has 731 million QSOs recorded, which is sufficient for trends found in the data to be robust". The report can be found on https://g7vjr.org/2021/03/club-log-activity-report-2021-update/.

QSL NL0H ---> Henry, NL0H (St. Lawrence Island, NA-040) "has finally managed to sort out his QSLs requests that up to now had not been processed". These cards are for QSOs made in 2019 and 2020 before M0OXO took over the role as his QSL manager. Henry "apologises for the delay and advises that the cards will be mailed out the next time he is in Nome on the mainland. Hopefully this will be within the next fortnight". [TNX M0OXO]

VISALIA 2021 ---> Last year's International DX Convention was cancelled owing to health and safety issues arising from the Covid-19 pandemic. This year there will be a Virtual Convention to be held on 15 and 16 May, with eight DX-related and eight exhibitor Zoom webinars respectively. Free pre-registration is required and will begin on 18 April. The webinars will be recorded and posted to the Northern California DX Club's website at a later date. See https://www.dxconvention.com/ for more information, including the programme details.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3D2AG, 3D2AG/p, 3D2CR,5V7DE, 7C9T (OC-150), 9G5FI, CO2KY, CT3MD, DU1JM, E51BQ, ER1OO, FR4NT, FR4OM, FS4WBS, GM4KGK (EU-010), HL2WA, J69DS, JD1BMH, KH0/KC0W, KH0W, NL0H (NA-040), P44W, S79KW, SD400SU, T6AA, TI2YO, V51WH, V73NS, VR2BLE, YB4KAR, ZD7JC, ZD7MY, ZD8SC, ZF2MJ.

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