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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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3A - Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the passing of Albert I, Prince of Monaco (1848-1922), members of the Association des Radio-amateurs de Monaco (ARM) will operate SSB, CW and digital modes as 3A5M from 1 April to 31 May. QSL via the bureau. Prince Albert devoted much of his life to oceanography, exploration and science; his active involvement in oceanography culminated in his establishment of the Oceanographic Institute in Paris and the world-renowned Oceanographic Museum of Monaco. [TNX F6AJA]

DL - Peter, DF6QC, will be active as DA0HEL from Helgoland Island (EU-127) between 25 March and 2 April. A side trip to nearby Helgoland Dune is also planned; activity as DL0IH will only be during the UTC morning and early afternoon hours. QSL via DF6QC, direct or bureau.

F - Guillaume, F1IEH will operate special callsign TM72FDL from 27 March to 10 April for the traditional "Fete des Lances" that takes place at Champagne (Sarthe department). QSL via F1IEH.

FG - Jean-Luc, F1ULQ will be active as TO1Q from Guadeloupe (NA-102) from 24 March to 8 April. He will operate SSB and FT8 , and will possibly be QRV on satellites and EME as well. QSL via LoTW or via F1ULQ (direct or bureau); logsearch on Club Log.

HA - Special callsigns HG200AN, HG200DO, HG200EF, HG200IR, HG200OT and HG200PS [425DXN 1610] will be activated between 15 March 2022 and 15 March 2023 to commemorate the 200th anniversary since the birth of Petofi Sandor, one of the greatest Hungarian poets. QSL via LoTW and Club Log's OQRS.

OE - C7A is the callsign for the VIC Amateur Radio Contest DX Club (4U1A https://4u1a.club/) to celebrate World Meteorological Day on 23-31 March. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via UA3DX. This activity counts for Austria for DXCC, and for the Vienna International Centre for the CQ DX Marathon.

OX - Bo, OZ1DJJ will be active again as OX3LX from mainland Greenland (NA-018) on 18-21 March. He is 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.

PJ5 - Look for Janusz PJ5/SP9FIH, Roman PJ5/SP9FOW, Dariusz PJ5/SP9MQA to be active from Sint Eustatius (NA-145) from 24 March to 7 April. They will operate SSB, CW, RTTY and FT8 on 40-10 metres. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS, or via SP9FIH (for both PJ5/SP9FIH and PJ5/SP9FOW) and SP9MQA (for PJ5/SP9MQA).

SP - Special callsigns HF21DKS (operated by SP9CJM) and SP21DKS (operated by SP3POB) will be activated on 19-27 March to mark World Down Syndrome Day (21 March). QSL via the bureau.

TY - The Russian DXpedition Team will be active as TY5RU from Benin on

10-25 October. The team (R4FCN, R5AF, R7AL, R9LR, RA1ZZ, RT2O, RW8A and RW9JZ) will be QRV on 160-6m and the QO-100 satellite, CW, SSB and FT8 with several stations and a wide range of antennas. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW. Bookmark https://ty5ru.org/en/ for more information and updates.

VP5 - Ross, W2TT and John, AF3K will be active as VP5/W2TT and VP5/AF3K from Providenciales (NA-002), Turks and Caicos Islands on 23-29 March. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 80-6 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as VP5P. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via N2OO. [TNX DX World]

XE - Celebrating the 62nd anniversary of the Asociacion de Radio Aficionados de la Republica Mexicana, special callsigns 6D1A, 6D2A and 6D3A will be active from 15 March to 15 April. QSLs via LoTW. See http://puebladx.org/spcall/spcall_log_grupal.php?Evento=ARARM62 for downloadable certificates and QSLs.

XE - XI0X is the special callsign for Ramon, XE1KK to use "during the rest of 2022 mostly on digital modes". QSL via LoTW only.

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3Y0J --- > The Bouvet Island 3Y0J team is looking for one more operator, and posted the following announcement on 15 March:
"Specifically we're looking for a NA SSB operator.
If you always have wanted to go on a most wanted DXpedition like Bouvet then send us an email: info[@]3y0j.no. We would love to have you on the team, and can guarantee an exciting challenge! It will be all hard work. You will have to sail for 10 days, get seasick, then carry 6.3 metric ton into a zodiac, do a wet zodiac landing, fight the elephant seals, climb a rock, haul all equipment up, install the camp in harsh and cold environment, operate A LOT (we have 12 radios, one for each), sleep in a cold place, no beer or steak being served but you eat MRE, toilet is w/o insulation - but great seaview, be prepared for an emergency evacuation, and sail back for another 8 days. Team agreement says you can talk your own native language in the pileup and say hello to your friends in Romania, Germany, Colombia or whatever. There ss no shower for 3 weeks. The fee for this luxury vacation is only $20,000. But you will have the biggest pileup ever. And if there is a shortfall of donations you have to pay more. Requirements:
(1) can take 7 weeks vacation in Jan/Feb 2023
(2) SSB contester or DXPedition experience
(3) from NA"

CY0C ---> "The DXpedition has been authorized", it was posted a few days ago to the Sable Island DXpedition's website, "however, the exact date is not yet been provided. The request is for October 2022. Indications have been positive; however there are still issues for Parks Canada as to the schedule

due to Parks projects on the island that will take priority. They are working hard to get the DXpedition scheduled". Updates will be posted to http://cy0dxpedition.net/index.html.

R150WS ---> The team left Sopochnaya Karga on 13 March, one day later than planned, and reached Rykachev Island (AS-104) on 18 March around 08.30 UTC. Activity on the bands is expected to start on 19 March. As for the RI0BI operation from Isachenko Island (AS-050), ice conditions in that area seem to be deteriorating and the situation does not look promising.

TX5N ---> The Austral Islands DXpedition project [425DXN 1605] is on schedule, planned to be on the air on 16-28 April. "Several last minute topics were discussed during a March 15th team meeting, including entry formalities for French Polynesia, the government's required Covid documentation and the operator scheduling. Our equipment was delivered to Raivavae (OC-114) by cargo ship and is now stored at the guest house from where we will operate". The team (K0BEE, K5GS, N6XG, N7BX, N7QT, W1SRD and DJ9RR) will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 on 160-10 metres. See https://tx5n.net/ for their bandplan and other information. QSL via M0URX's OQRS. [TNX K5GS]

SOME RESPONSES TO RECENT WORLD EVENTS

* "After careful deliberation, the SP DX Contest Committee, together with Polish Amateur Radio Union (PZK) and the SP DX Club, has decided to cancel the 2022 SP DX Contest". The decision was taken on 14 March in light of the current "extraordinary circumstances", which see Polish amateurs "giving shelter to Ukrainian refugees in their homes and offering their help and services in every way possible": https://spdxcontest.pzk.org.pl/2022.

* The Latvian Radiosport Federation (LRSF) supports Ukraine during these tough times and invites radio amateurs around the world to join this support by donating: https://www.lral.lv/lrsf/index.html. Over the past few years LRSF founder Yuris Petersons (YL2GM) organized several DXpeditions, whose team members often included Ukrainian operators.

* "CQ Communications, Inc., publishers of CQ Amateur Radio magazine and sponsor of the CQ World Wide DX and WPX Contests, announced today [17 March, Ed.] that in light of the invasion of Ukraine by Russia and Belarus, it will not accept competitive entries in any of its sponsored contests by amateur radio stations in Russia, Belarus or the separatist Donbas region of Ukraine (unofficial D1 prefix). Logs submitted by these stations will be accepted only as check logs. In addition, contacts with these stations by other participants will have zero point value and will not count as multipliers.
  This is in line with a similar action taken by the Radio Society of Great Britain, following the lead of other international sports federations around the world.
  'We regret the need to take this action', said CQ Publisher Richard Ross, K2MGA, 'and recognize that the vast majority of our fellow amateurs who are affected by it are innocent bystanders who had no role in their government's decision to invade another sovereign country. However, in

light of the great suffering being inflicted without cause on the people of Ukraine by Russia's leaders, we cannot in good conscience stand by and do nothing'.
The CQ policy will take effect with the 2022 CQ WPX SSB Contest on March 26 and 27. Future events will be considered on a case-by-case basis, depending on the situation at that time".

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3D2AG, 4L1FL, 9H5JY, 9M2SAF/p (AS-072), 9M8DEN, E20AX/p (AS-125), EA9ACD, EP2C, GW5R, HR9/AD8J (NA-057), HS3PHX, HZ1TT, OA9DVK, OE120XGM, PJ7P, PY5ERG, S79KW, SV2RSG/A, TL7M, V31MA, WP3C, XV1X, ZP6/N3BNA, ZY6A (SA-023).

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