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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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8Q - Braco, E77DX will be active holiday style as 8Q7DX from the Maldives (AS-013) on 13-27 April. He plans to be QRV on 80-10 metres. QSL via LoTW and E73Y.

CT8 - CQ84AS is a special callsign for Tony, CU8AS to celebrate his 84th birthday on 13-19 April. Located on Flores Island (EU-089), Azores, he will operate mainly CW ("no more than 18 WPM") with some SSB. On 16-17 April he will be QRV only on 30, 17 and 12 metres. QSL via HB9CRV and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

EA - Members of Radio Club Henares will be active as EH4WRD on 8-24 April to celebrate World Amateur Radio Day. QSL via EA4RCH. See https://www.radioclubhenares.org/eh4wrd/ for the certificates.

F - Celebrating the 15th anniversary of SOTA (Summits On The Air) France, special callsign TM15SOTA will be activated for fifteen days between 15 April and 29 May. QSL via eQSL, paper QSLs will not be available.

F - Special callsign TM97WARD will be activated on 16-25 April from France in celebration of World Amateur Radio Day (18 April). QSL via the bureau.

I - ARI Loano will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on the HF bands as IY1TIT on 9-18 April. This will be part of an educational project for the students of a local high school, aimed at commemorating the 110th anniversary since the sinking of the Titanic, celebrating the life and works of Guglielmo Marconi, and highlighting the importance of the emergency communication system. QSL via IK1HLG, LoTW and eQSL. [TNX IK1QBT]

JA - 8N650JP is the special callsign for JARL's Okinawa Branch to celebrate the 50th anniversary since the Okinawa Prefecture was returned to Japan (15 May 1972) after 27 years of American administration. Look for activity between 1 April and 30 September. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau.

PA - The PA Flora & Fauna Programme will hold an "activity weekend" on 9-10 April, with various operations taking place from several Dutch nature parks. Special callsigns include PA225FF, PA226FF, PA44WFF and PF44F: "Not real DX, but certainly a lot of fun!", Enno, PF5X says. See https://wwff.co/2022/04/paff-weekend-april-9-10/.

SP - Special callsign 3Z80AK will be activated between 1 April and 31 May for the 80th anniversary of the formation of the Armia Krajowa (Home Army, the dominant underground resistance movement in Poland during World War II. QSL via SP1PBW.

TL - The TL8AA & TL8ZZ Dxpediton to the Central African Republic [425DXN 1613] has been rescheduled to take place in November, "at the end of the rainy season". Bookmark http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/ for updates [TNX I2YSB]

V7 - Stewie, WV7MS is a newly licenced amateur who is employed as a firefighter on Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands "for the foreseeable future". He will be QRV as V7/WV7MS when time permits. QSL via eQSL and LoTW.

VE - Celebrating its centenary, the Kitchener-Waterloo Amateur Radio Club (VE3IC, https://www.kwarc.org/) will use three special callsigns: VC3C for the Ontario QSO Party (16-17 April), VC3IC for the RAC Canada Day Contest (1-2 July), and VB3C for the ARRL Field Day Contest (25-26 June).

VE - Radio Amateurs of Canada is once again holding a "Get on the Air on World Amateur Radio Day" special event in which it encourages as many amateurs as possible to contact as many RAC stations as possible. Operating across Canada from 00.00 UTC to 23.59 UTC on 18 April, the RAC official stations will be VA2RAC, VA3RAC, VE1RAC, VE4RAC, VE5RAC, VE6RAC, VE7RAC, VE8RAC, VE9RAC, VO1RAC, VO2RAC, VY0RAC, VY1RAC and VY2RAC. QSL via LoTW or via the bureau. Those contacting one or more of these stations, on any band and mode, will be eligible for a special commemorative certificate: https://www.rac.ca/certificates/.

VP2V - Lori KB2HZI, Pat N2IEN, Ray W2RE, Rock WW1X and Lee WW2DX will be active as VP2V/N2IEN from Tortola, British Virgin Islands (NA-023) on 10-16 April. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 160-6 metres with a focus on the higher bands. QSL via EB7DX. Follow @WW2DX on Twitter for live updates.

YB - 8D97WARD is the special callsign for ORARI, the Indonesian IARU society, to celebrate World Amateur Radio Day on 16-18 April. Look for activity on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10m SSB, CW, FT8 and RTTY, plus satellite IO-86 on 435.880 MHz. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, and Club Log.

CARIBBEAN TOUR ---> Michael, DF8AN will be touring the Caribbean between mid-April and early May, and will be active from Martinique (FM/DF8AN) on 13-19 April and again on 1-2 May; from Dominica (J79MN) on 19-24 April, and from St. Lucia (J6 callsign TBA) from 24 April to 1 May. While on Martinique, he will be signing TO8N during the YU-DX-Contest (16-17 April) and other contests. He will operate mainly CW and digital modes on all bands, 6 metres included. QSLs via DF8AN, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

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3Y0J: LATEST NEWS ---> Pete, N0FW has been added to the operating team, which is now complete. "Today it is 9 months until the operators travel to South America to board 'Marama' and go to Bouvet", the 3Y0J team announced on 3 April. In a couple of weeek's time they will conduct a 4-day "detailed inspection" of the ship in Itajai (Brazil), and will also "complete the vessel loading plan".

All team members will then gather in Norway on 28 April, and for four days they will "perform a system integration test where we will do a thorough test of the radios, amplifiers and antennas in a real environment like what we can expect at Bouvet. During this event team members will practice on the installation and familiarize with it. A lot of equipment will undergo its final testing and packing, and be stored until the container leaves Oslo in September". Read the complete Press Release #9 on the DXpedition's website: https://www.3y0j.no/.
A DXpedition to Bouvet Island is "a huge undertaking financially and it would simply not be possible without the support from the vendors, clubs, foundations and individual sponsors". As of 5 April, the fundraising campaign had reached the 85% of its target amount of donations. "Let's continue this path as we are preparing our next vessel deposit to be paid in June", the team urges. "We can not do this DXpedition without your support - let us make this happen together! We have contracted minimum 22 days at Bouvet so this will give everyone a chance to work us both big guns, smaller guns, and small pistols". See https://www.3y0j.no/funding for instructions.

CQ DX MARATHON: NEW MANAGER SOUGHT ---> The CQ DX Marathon is a year-long DX hunt, with participants competing to see who can work the greatest number of countries ("entities") and CQ Zones during the calendar year. Since 2005 it has been managed by John, K9EL. He will still manage the 2022 edition, and then he will step down. So far, however, CQ Magazine has not been able to find a replacement. "If you or any of your contacts has an interest in managing the DX Marathon, please contact me directly. Finding a replacement person or organization now would provide a lot of overlap time as there is plenty to learn": https://www.dxmarathon.com/special_statement.htm.

QSL 7Q7CT ---> A "JH1AJT Team" has taken over from the late Yasuo "Zorro" Miyazawa and picked up the QSLing duties. Use Club Log's OQRS, or send by post to JH1AJT Team, P.O. Box 8, Oiso-machi, Naka-Gun, Kanagawa, 255-0003, Japan.

QSL R150WS ---> The new QSL route for the recent IOTA DXpedition to Rykachev Island (AS-104) is via M0OXO's OQRS: https://www.m0oxo.com/oqrs/. Cards will be printed and available in due course.

YASME EXCELLENCE AWARD ---> Established in 2008 by the Yasme Foundation (https://www.yasme.org/), the Excellence Award is presented to individuals and groups who, through their own service, creativity, effort and dedication have made a significant contribution to amateur radio. The contribution may be in recognition of technical, operating or organizational achievement, as all three are necessary for amateur radio to grow and prosper. The latest recipients, announced on 31 March, are:

* Dan Marler, K7REX - When the COVID pandemic led to cessation of in-person meetings, training sessions and gatherings, Dan converted a small limited-membership Zoom platform to the open presentation forum known as RATPAC [Radio Amateur Training Planning and Activities Committee, Ed.]. In the subsequent two years, RATPAC has hosted over two hundred online presentations that have been viewed by thousands of radio amateurs. Among the wide-ranging topics, half focus on public-service communications, while the rest address technical, operating, scientific and general-interest topics offered by a host of presenters. The recordings of these sessions

are available for public viewing, and constitute a valuable resource for the amateur radio community [https://www.youtube.com/c/RATPAC/playlists].

* Dr. Gordon Gibby, KX4Z - Gordon is a retired emergency-room physician turned high school science teacher who demonstrates how amateur radio can benefit our communities in a wide variety of ways. As an ARES leader in Northern Florida, Gordon promotes and teaches all aspects of preparedness for disasters, from planning and exercises to building and repairing communication hardware to understanding official responders' needs, methods and organization. He advocates cognizance of the amateur's role and its limits, building trust and relationships, and constantly improving our individual skills. He is known around the country for his informative and carefully thought out responses to the many questions from other amateurs seeking to improve their local disaster-response capabilities.

YOTA SUMMER CAMP 2022 ---> After a two-year Covid-related hiatus, the Croatian Amateur Radio Association (HRS) will host the 10th edition of the Youngsters on the Air Summer Camp in the city of Karlovac on 6-13 August. This event brings together young radio amateurs from IARU Region 1 member societies for a week, creating an opportunity to learn all about different nationalities and cultures, foster international friendships and goodwill, and learn new amateur radio skills. Each IARU R1 member society is invited to take part with a team of maximum four persons. Applications must be submitted before 8 May: https://www.ham-yota.com/yota-summer-camp-croatia-2022/

SOME RESPONSES TO RECENT WORLD EVENTS

* The Czech Radio Club (the Czech Republic's IARU Society) has resolved that "the OK-OM DX SSB Contest will be held under the same rules as the CQ contests, i.e. stations from Russia and Belarus cannot participate and also contacts with them are not counted". The contest will take place on 9-10 April (http://www.okomdx.crk.cz/).

* The same decision has been taken by the organizers of the Japan International DX Contest (its CW leg will run from 7 UTC on 9 until 13 UTC on 10 April: http://www.jidx.org/jidxrule-e.html), as well as by the UK and Ireland Contest Club and the British Amateur Radio Teledata Group (BARTG).

* The Estonian Radio Amateur Union (ERAU) has cancelled this year's ES Open HF Championship, which was due to be held on 16 April.

* The Royal Belgian Amateur Radio Union (Belgium's IARU Society) has decided to follow "the actions of the mainstream sporting bodies with regard to all activities of a competitive nature such as contests, awards and ARDF. Russian and Belarusian radio amateurs are therefore currently ineligible to participate in any event that is organised/sponsored by the UBA". The same decision has been taken by Experimenterende Danske Radioamatorer (EDR, the Danish IARU Society).

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3B9FR	M0OXO	FK1TS	M0OXO	P40L	WA3FRP
3Z80AK	SP1PBW	FM1HN	W3HNK	PA50PKZ	PA2PKZ
4A7A	XE2T	FM5BH	W3HNK	PA65UL	PA5UL
4D3X	W3HNK	GB20SOTA	M1EYP	PC70RH	PF1SCT
4L2M	EA7FTR	H25A	LZ3SM	PJ2T	W3HNK
4U9A	9A2AA	HB0/PA3CNO	PE1FLO	PJ4DX	M0URX
4X6FR	4X6OM	HB0/PA3HK	PE1FLO	PJ4R	WD9DZV
5H3MB	IK2GZU	HC4ER	F4BHW	PV2K	EA5GL
5T5PA	PA5X	HD1A	HC1QRC	PW3PI	PY3CT
5Z4VJ	M0URX	HD8MD	K8LJG	PX2V	PY2KJ
6F6F	EA5GL	HF200IL	SP8ZBX	R150WS	M0OXO
8P1W	KU9C	HG3R	HA3NU	R60DME	RZ5D
8S0C	SM0MPV	HG7T	HA7TM	RA30FO	RZ5D
9A5DXX	EB7DX	HG8R	HA8JV	RD30FO	RZ5D
9A5Y	9A7W	HK1O	EA5KB	RI1PB	UA1QV
9A655AX	9A5AX	HK3TK	F5CWU	RJ30FO	RD4HX
9G2DX	EA5GL	IB9A	IZ2FWL	RL30FO	RZ5D
9G5AF	EA5GL	IB9T	IT9TQH	RY30FO	RZ5D
9K2OD	EC6DX	II2S	IZ2FOS	SN2B	SP3CGK
9K9A	EC6DX	II5LDV	IQ5LV	SN760SWA	SP3BBS
A44A	A47RS	II8K	IZ8EPX	SN7Q	SP7GIQ
A61BR	EA5ZD	IR2Q	IK2PFL	SO4R	SP4PND
A71BX	EA7FTR	IR2SM	I2MYF	TF3T	TF3MH
AM5DMA	EA5PC	IR4M	I4IFL	TG9ANF	VE7BV
BI4MBC	BA4MY	KP2B	EB7DX	TI7W	M0URX
C4I	5B4AIE	KP3V	EA5GL	TM22OMAH	PA3EFR
C4W	5B4WN	LN2T	LA2T	TM240HUBB	F4FCE
CB3W	XQ4CW	LN8W	LA6YEA	TM40AMRA	F8EFU
CB6LR	CE6GDR	LO5D	LU8EOT	TM5IB	ON7ZM
CG3T	VE3DZ	LO7H	EA7FTR	TM72FDL	F1IEH
CP1XRM	EA5RM	LP1A	EA7FTR	TM8A	F8DVD
CQ9T	CT3KN	LQ5H	EA5KB	TM9C	F5OHM
CR3DX	OM2VL	LR3D	EA7FTR	TO1Q	F1ULQ
CR6T	CT1ESV	LT100KC	LU4KC	TX5AQ	SP7DQR
CX2CC	EA5KB	LT1E	EA7FTR	UK7AL	EA5GL
CX7CO	EA5GL	LU1DX	EC6DX	V47T	W2RQ
D2EB	IZ3ETU	LU5FF	EB7DX	V55Y	DK2WH
D44EO	SQ9D	LY100BBALL	LY2QT	VE2CSI	M0URX
D44PM	IZ4DPV	LZ303AT	LZ1KCP	VL6C	VK6IR
DA0HEL	DF6QC	LZ5R	LZ1YQ	VP5P	N2OO
DL0IH	DF6QC	LZ60KFZ	LZ1KFZ	WP2Z	KU9C
DL22PEACE	DF8RJ	LZ6V	LZ2KRM	WP3C	M0OXO
DP44WCA	DF6EX	LZ77DIG	LZ2VP	XQ3WD	XQ4CW
DX3H	EA5GL	MM2N	MM0GPZ	YB0AR	EB7DX
DY0DX	DU1XX	NP2AR	EB7DX	YR8D	YO8KRR
E2E	E23NEZ	OE0HLF	OE6HLF	YT5A	YT1AD

E77A	9A2AA	OE0MORSE	OE6VIE	ZP4KFX	IK2DUW
EE5FG	EA5WI	OE25MFCA	OE6XMF	ZP5AA	ZP5DBC
EG1SSV	EA1URV	OE2S	OE2GEN	ZP6RAI	IK2DUW
EI100C	EI3KD	OH0EG	SP1EG	ZS1OPB	N4GNR
EP2ABS	RW6HS	OK4WFF/p	OK2APY	ZW1CN	PY1BJN
EP2HAM	M0OXO	OK8CX/p	DL7CX	ZX2P	PT2OP
EP2MRK	RW6HS	OK8NM	OM2FY	ZX5J	NZ4DX
EV30FO	RZ5D	OM7M	OM4MM	ZY2K	PY2RIO
EX2V	RW6HS	OZ50DDXG	OZ1ACB	ZZ1M	PY1SAD

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