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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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4K - Dirk, DK1DKE will be active again as 4K7DK from Baku, Azerbaijan on 2-6 May. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 80-10m. QSL via DK1DKE and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

4X - Look for special prefixes 4X74 and 4Z74, followed by the station's individual suffix (e.g. 4X1OM and 4Z5OC will be signing 4X74OM and 4Z74OC, respectively) to be used to celebrate the State of Israel's 74th anniversary on 5-11 May. QSL via operator's instructions.

9N - Janusz, SP9FIH and Leszek, SP6CIK have been active from Kathmandu, Nepal as 9N7WE and 9N7CI, respectively, since 25 April, and plan to remain QRV until 19 May. They have antennas for 40, 30, 17, 15, 12, 10 and 6m. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via home calls. See http://www.nepal-2022.dxpeditions.org/ for more information.

BY - Ten stations (B0CRA, B1CRA, B2CRA, B3CRA, B4CRA, B5CRA, B6CRA, B7CRA, B8CRA and B9CRA) from across the country will be active from 12 UTC on 3 May until 12 UTC on 5 May for this year's "5.5 China Amateur Radio Festival" on air event, organized by the Chinese Radio Amateurs Club (CRAC). See http://www.crac.org.cn/55 for log-search, and http://awards.crac.org.cn for the awards (from 1 June). QSL via LoTW, or direct to BA1GG.

DU - Mike, W6QT plans to be active as DU3/W6QT from Subic Bay, Philippines between 1 May and 15 September. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 80-6 metres. QSL via W6QT; the QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log. [TNX The Daily DX]

EA - Special callsign EH40URV will be activated from 30 April to 29 May in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Union de Radioaficionados de Vizcaya (https://www.radioaficionadosbizkaia.com), URE's branch in the province of Biscay. QSL via EA2URV.

EA - Once again the Federacion Digital EA will operate special callsigns AO1EU, AO2EU, AO3EU, AO4EU, AO5EU, AO6EU, AO7EU, AO8EU and AO9EU on 5-9 May to celebrate Europe Day, the anniversary of the Schuman Declaration (9 May 1950) that paved the way to the European Union. See https://www.fediea.org/eudota/ for more information.

EA - Gabriel, EA2EWF will be active as EG2DMA on 20-21 May. QSL via the bureau. The special callsign's suffix stands for Dia Mundial de la Abeja, i.e. World Bee Day. To raise awareness of the importance of pollinators, the threats they face and their contribution to sustainable development, the UN designated 20 May as World Bee Day.

EX - Ilya, R5AF and Igor, R4FCN (R2BZ) will be active as EX/R5AF and EX/R4FCN from Kyrgyzstan on 8-14 May. They expect to visit Bishkek, drive around Lake Issyk-Kul (Issyk-Kul State Nature Reserve) and climb Mount Komsomolets (Ala-Archa Nature Park). They will operate CW, FT8 and some SSB on 40-10m. QSL cards will be sent to everyone

via the bureau. They also plan to upload to LoTW, eQSL, HamLog and Club Log.

F - Franck, F4DTO and Patrick, F4GFE will be active as TM400MO for fifteen days between 2 May and 21 October (see qrz.com for the actual dates). The special callsign memorializes the 400th anniversary since the birth of Moliere, the French playwright widely regarded as one of the greatest writers in world literature. QSL via F4DTO.

G - Jamie, M0SDV will be active holiday style as M0SDV/p from the Isle of Wight (EU-120) on 5-8 May. He will operate SSB and CW on 40-6m. He will upload his log to LoTW and Club Log. [TNX The Daily DX]

GM - After a 2-year hiatus due to Covid, 14 members of the Camb-Hams will be active as GS3PYE/p from near Dunvegan on the Isle of Skye (EU-008) from 30 April to 6 May. They will be running several stations on 80-10m, 6m, 2m, QO-100, and some low earth orbit satellites. QSL via Club Log's OQRS only. [TNX G3ZAY]

HC8 - Gustavo, HC2FG will be active as HD8FG from Santa Cruz, Galapagos Islands (SA-004) on 4-8 May. He will be QRV on 6 metres FT8 and satellite only. QSL via HC2FG. [TNX The Daily DX]

JW - JW9DSA (LA9DSA), HB9DQM, LB1RH and LB8CG will conduct a SOTA DXpedition to Svalbard on 1-5 May. They plan to be QRV from two summits for a couple of hours each. JW/LB1RH/p and JW9DSA/p will focus on SSB (20, 17 and 15m), while JW/LB8CG/p and JW/HB9DQM/p will focus on CW (30, 20, 17 and 15m). See https://jwsota.fun/info/ for more information.

ON - OT2022EPIC is the special callsign for the Pajottenlandse Radio Amateur Club (ON4PRA) to promote the fifth edition of the Antwerp Port Epic cycling race. Activity started on 23 April, and will end on 22 May, i.e. the actual day the race will be held on.

OZ - Wies SP1EG, Hans DK8RE and Hans DL8UUF will be active as 5P1EG from Romo Island (EU-125) on 7-14 May. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on various bands. QSL via SP1EG. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

PA - PA100THALES is a special callsign celebrating the 100th anniversary of the company now known as Thales Nederland. Activity will take place between 21 April and 31 December from the company's five locations in the Netherlands (Eindhoven, Delft, Hengelo, Huizen and Rotterdam). QSL via PB2X.

PZ - The radio squad of the Royal Netherlands Army's 11 Air Assault Brigade is currently active as PZ5JT during their Jungle Warfare Training course in Suriname. Look for activity on 20, 17, 15 and 10 metres SSB. QSL direct to 11 Luchtmobiele Brigade /Radio-groep, PO Box 9208, 6800 HK Arnhem, Netherlands.

TR - Roland, F8EN will be QRV again as TR8CR from Gabon between mid-May and the end of July, with "full time" activity starting no earlier than 1 June. He will operate CW mainly on 40, 30 and 20 metres, and will celebrate his 94th birthday while there. QSL via F6AJA, direct or bureau; logsearch on http://LesNouvellesDX.fr/voirlogs.php. [TNX F6AJA]

UA - A very large number of Russian stations using special prefix RP77 will be active on 2-9 May to celebrate the 77th anniversary of the end of World War II. More information, including the list of participating stations and their QSL routes, will be available on https://pobeda.srr.ru/.

UA9 - Russian Robinson Club's members Sergey R4WAA, Vasily R7AA, Yuri RM0F and Eugene UA6EX will be active as RI0QQ from Brusneva Island (AS-082) on 27-31 July, IOTA Contest included. They will be QRV on 40-15 metres with up to three stations. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via R7AA. See https://dxpedition.wixsite.com/ri0qq/ for updates.

V5 - Paul, ZS2PS will be active as V5/ZS2PS while visiting Namibia from early May until mid-June. "I cannot give you a fixed QTH", he says, "as I will be operating from my Landcruiser and we will be standing where ever we get to from about 4pm local time". He will operate SSB and CW on 80, 60, 40, 20, 30 and 10 metres. QSL via LoTW, eQSL or home call.

VU4 - Yuris, YL2GM will be active as VU4W from the Andaman Islands (AS-001) on 3-16 May. Look for activity on 160-10 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 F/H (see https://www.lral.lv/vu4w/ for the band plan). QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or direct to YL2GN. If you do not use Club Log, email yl2gn[@]lral.lv with the QSO details for bureau cards. A full LoTW upload will follow six months after the end of the DXpedition.

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QSL CP6CL ---> Charles, M0OXO is the new QSL manager for Carlos, CP6CL from Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia. QSL cards are being printed and will be available in due course. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS (https://www.m0oxo.com/oqrs/).

+ SILENT KEY + Roger Western, G3SXW passed away on 24 April. He had been either in hospital or in a nursing home since late October 2019, when he fell off a ladder while clearing leaves from the roof gutter on his house and suffered serious injuries.
Born on 1 September 1946 and licensed in 1964, during the Seventies he lived in Iran and operated as EP2IA (1976-1979); he often visited Afghanistan on business and managed to get on the air a few times as YA1R. He was best known, however, for his CW DXpeditions and contesting, so much so that he was inducted into both the CQ Contest Hall of Fame (1998) and the CQ DX Hall of Fame (2007).
His CQ WW DX CW Contest operations with the Three A's Contest Group from Guernsey (1981 and 1982), Jersey (1983-86) and Luxembourg (LX/G0AAA 1987) were followed by 4U0ITU (1989), CN5N (1990), C56N (1991), ZC4Z (1992), ZF2WW 1993). Then it came the glorious season with the Vooodoo Contest Group, of which he was a founding member (https://www.voodoocontestgroup.com/): 9G5AA (1994), TY5A (1995), 5V7A (1996-98), 9G5AA (1999-2000), XT2DX (2001-02), 5U5Z (2004), TZ5A (2005-06), 3X5A (2007-08), 9L5VT (2010), EL2A (2012) and P3F (2013)
His 100% CW DXpeditions (both solo and with friends, notably G3TXF), includ-

ed, inter alia, C56/G3SXW (1989), H44SX (1991), 3DA/G3SXW (1992), ZC4SXW (1992), ZD9SXW (1993), XX9TSX (1994), 9N1SXW (1995), FH/G3SXW (2000), S79SXW (2000), FW/G3SXW (2000), VK9CXW (2001), ZL7/G3SXW (2001), V63SXW (2003), TJ3G (2004), P29SX (2004), C21SX (2005), FP/G3SXW (2006), FY/G3SXW (2007), JW/G3SXW (2007), OY/G3SXW (2007), YK9G (2008).
Roger's legacy also includes four books on DXing and contesting: "Up Two. Adventures of a DXpeditioner" (2003), "Contesting in Africa. Multi-Multi on the Equator" (2004), "Micro-DXpeditioning Uncovered" (2008) and "DX Delights. Tales of Travels with my Radio" (2009).

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3DA0RU, 5H3WX, 6F6F, 7P8RU, 8P6SH, 8Q7WM, 8Q7WX, 9N7AA, 9Y4GR, CO7KD, CP6UA, CT3IQ, EI8CE, EX0DX, FK8IK, FM/VE3DZ, FR4KR, FR5DZ, FT4YM/p, FW1JG, FY/F4GPK, GB80LAN, HC5VF, J643DS, J68HZ, JT1BV, KP2B, OA4AI, PA50PKZ, PJ5/SP9FIH, PJ5Z, S01WS, S52AW, S79KW, ST0HQ, TK5MH, TO4A, TO6S, TU5PCT, V31ZA, V51MA, V51WH, VK0/FT4YM/p, XV9NPS, YE1AR/6 (OC-245), YV6YV/4 (SA-058), Z21A, Z22O, ZS1OPB.

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