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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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3B8 - Fabian, DF3XY will be active holiday style as 3B8/DF3XY from Mauritius (AF-049) from 21 May to 2 June. He will operate mainly FT8 on 40, 30 and 20 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

3D2/R - 3Z9DX (3D2USU), SP5ES (3D2EZ), SP5MXZ (3D2SP) and a fourth operator TBA expect to be active as 3D2RRR from Rotuma (OC-060) in the near future. Two of them will concentrate on CW, one on SSB, and one on FT8 (Fox & Hound) and FT4. "Don't be surprised if you see our two signals on the same band but different frequencies (for example 14.074 and 14.090, or 18.100 and 18.095, and so on). One operator will operate on 3-4 stations/laptops at the same time. There is no robot involved". See qrz.com for their planned frequencies. QSL via Club Log's OQRS.

C5 - Gerard F5NVF, Luc F5RAV and Abdel M0NPT will be QRV again as C5C from Kololi, The Gambia from 23 May to 10 June. They will be on 80-6 metres CW, SSB, FT8, FT4 and the QO-100 satellite. They also plan to be active again as C5B from the Bijol Islands (AF-060): it will be a one day operation (date TBA), indicatively from 8 to 16 UTC. QSLs via LoTW, eQSL, or direct to F5RAV.

CY0 - The DXpedition to Sable Island (https://cy0dxpedition.net/) has received "formal written permission", and is expected to take place sometime in October or November (exact dates to be determined in the next coming weeks). The team has applied for the call CY0S. Nine operators (K4UEE, K4ZLE, K5YY, N2IEN, N2TU, W0GJ, W4DKS, WA4DAN and WW2DX) plan to be QRV on 160-10 metres for 8-9 days. More details will be released in due course.

D4 - Freddy, F5IRO will be active as D44RO from Sao Tiago (AF-005), Cape Verde on 8-20 May. In his spare time, mostly during his evening hours, he operates QRP on 40, 30 and 20 metres CW, FT8 and FT4. QSL via home call (bureau preferred) and LoTW.

F - The Radio Club de Prix-les-Mezieres will operate special callsign TM8ADJ on 19-28 May in memory of their friend Yves Lepicie, F8ADJ, who passed away on 13 June 2021. QSL via F4KJP.

F - Marc, F6HQP will be active from Oleron Island (EU-032) on 20-25 May. He could also be QRV from the nearby islands of Nole (not IOTA, DIFM AT-123) and Madame (not IOTA, DIFM AT-024). Main operations will be on 40 and 20 metres SSB. QSL via the bureau to home call. [TNX F6AJA]

FG - Reiner, DL2AAZ will be active holiday style as TO2AS from Basse-Terre (NA-102), Guadeloupe from 27 May to 10 June. He will operate CW and SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

FM - Gerd, DL7VOG will be active holiday style as FM/DL7VOG from Martinique (NA-107) on 11-24 May. Look for him on 40, 20 and 10 metres CW, FT8 and some RTTY on request. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW,

or via DL7VOG (bureau preferred).

FM - Marius, ON4RU will be active as FM/OQ3R from Martinique (NA-107) from 21 May to 4 June. He will operate CW only on 160-10m, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest as TO3F. QSLs direct to ON4RU. [TNX NG3K]

FT/X - Arthur Perrin, FT4XW - an electronic engineer currently stationed at Port-aux-Francais, Kerguelen Islands, until December [425DXN 1597] - "has found a location for his equipment and he still has to find a place to install his inverted V". [TNX Les Nouvelles DX].

GM - Bob, W7YAQ will be active holiday style as MM/W7YAQ from the Shetland Islands (EU-012) on 21-30 May, including the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. [TNX The Daily DX]

HH - Members of the Radio Club d'Haiti will be active as HH18MAI on 18-23 May. The special callsign is for Flag Day, which commemorates the creation of the flag of Haiti (18 May 1803). QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via N2OO.

HS - Champ, E21EIC and others (E20NKB, E22JTJ, E24OYI, E25KAE, E25OKO, E29TGW, HS2KYA, HS2UPR and HS3NBR) will be active as E20AX/p from Koh Samet (AS-107) starting around 10 UTC on 15 May until around 2 UTC on 17 May. They plan to operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 40-10 metres (also 80m, if space permits) with two or three stations. QSL via LoTW and E21EIC (all QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau); logsearch and OQRS on Club Log.

I - The United Nations Global Service Centre ARC (4U1GSC) in Brindisi is active as 4U29MAY until 31 May. QSL via 9A2AA. The special callsign promotes the International Day of UN Peacekeepers (29 May). DXCC wise, it counts for Italy.

JA - Once again the ITU Japan Amateur Radio Club is operating special callsign 8J1ITU until 31 May to celebrate the World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (17 May) and the creation of the International Telecommunication Union. QSL via the bureau. Also taking part in the celebrations are A91WTIS from Bahrain on 11-17 May (QSL via EC6DX), and HZ1WTIS from Saudi Arabia on 13-17 May (QSL via LoTW).

OH0 - Keijo, OG5O (aka OH2OT and OG55W) and Raili, OH2HOD will be active as OH0/OG5O and OH0/OH2HOD from Lemland (grid square KO09cx), Aland Islands (EU-002) on 21-27 May. They will operate CW and digital modes on various bands, 60 and 6 metres included. QSLs via LoTW and Club Log's OQRS. [TNX NG3K]

OZ - Mike, DG5LAC will be active as OZ/DG5LAC from Romo Island (EU-125) on 15-27 May. He will operate SSB and FT8/FT4 on the HF bands. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via home call.

P4 - John, W2GD will be active as P44W from Aruba (SA-036) on 24-31 May. Main activity will be during the CQ WW WPX CW Contest (28-29 May), with some spare time operations on 30, 17 and 12m outside the contest. QSL via LoTW, or direct to N2MM. [TNX NG3K]

T8 - T88HF, T88JH and T88SG will be active on various bands and modes from the Palau Radio Club (https://palau-radio-club.jimdofree.com/) on Koror Island (OC-009) on 13-17 May. QSL T88HF via JF1GHX (direct), LoTW and eQSL; QSL T88JH via JR3QFB, LoTW, Club Log's OQRS and eQSL; QSL T88SG via JK1SZX.

V4 - Bob, WX4G will be active again as V48A from St. Kitts (NA-104) on 24-31 May. He will operate mainly CW, FT8 and FT4, and will take

Part in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, eQSL, or WX4G.

V7 - Stewie, WV7MS is a newly licenced amateur who is employed as a firefighter on Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands "for the foreseeable future" [425DXN 1614]. Previously QRV as V7/WV7MS, as of 6 May he holds the callsign V73MS. He operates SSB on 15, 17 and 20m. QSL via eQSL and LoTW.

W - Bruce, K5TEN will be active again as K4D from Dog Island (NA-085) on 16-26 May. He will operate SSB, CW and FM on 40-6 metres. QSL direct to home call.

Z6 - Bodo, DF8DX will be active as Z68QQ from Gjilan, Kosovo on 23-30 May. He will participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest as Z66BCC along with DL2JRM. QSL Z68QQ via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via DF8DX; QSL Z66BCC via DL2JRM.

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425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The April 2022 issue is available for download at https://www.425dxn.org/. [TNX IZ3EBA]

4U1ITU ---> The International Amateur Radio Club's station at the ITU HQ in Geneva, is back on the air. "The operation is real and the station will be on the air until 3 June", Hans, PB2T reported on 11 May. "After a two year lock down, the ITU building in Geneva is back in business. Currently a series of meetings of Study Group 4 (satellites) and 5 (terrestrial and amateur) Working Parties takes place.
The two year lockdown has not been good for equipment and antennas. Lots of technical issues had/have to be solved. As it looks now (but we have to wait and see) 4U1ITU can operate on WARC bands with dipole fixed NW/SE and use the SteppIR on 40/20/15/10. A second radio is now being set up for 6 meters including FT8.
This activity will most likely be the last one before the reconstruction of the ITU building starting by the end of the year. The shack will be closed soon for several years. It is recommended to fill empty band slots now". QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or direct to IARC, P.O. Box 6, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland.

YOTA CONTEST 2022 ---> The first session of this year's YOTA Contest, organized by the IARU R1 Youth Working Group in cooperation with the Hungarian Amateur Radio Society (MRASZ), will take place on 21 May (0800-1959 UTC) on the five classic bands CW and SSB. Everyone can work everyone. Complete rules can be found on https://ham-yota.com/contest.

+ SILENT KEY + Franz Langer, DJ9ZB passed away on 7 May aged 80. First licensed in 1965, he was an accomplished DXer with 340/366 and 338/346

(current/total) credited Entities in the DXCC Honor Roll Phone and CW standings, as well as 2700 DXCC Challenge points; in 1976 he gained the 5 Band DXCC, and in 1987 the 5 Band WAZ (200 Zones).
Above all, he participated in countless DXpeditions, including VK9ZR (Mellish Reef and Willis Islands 1982), FO0XX (Clipperton 1985), PY0SK & PY0SR (St. Peter & St. Paul Rocks 1991), ET3DX & 9E2A (Ethiopia 1993), 3XA8DX (Guinea 1997), E30GA (Eritrea 1998), 6O1Z (Somalia 1999), J5Z (Guinea-Bissau 2000), 5U7Z (Niger 2000), XR0X (San Felix 2002), 3C0V (Annobon 2003), K7C (Kure 2005), 9U9Z (Burundi 2007), TN9Z (Congo 2007), 9X0Z (Rwanda 2008), K4M (Midway 2009), E30FB (Eritrea 2015), E31A (Eritrea 1993, 2017, 2018 and 2019), HK0NA (Malpelo 2012), PJ7E (Sint Maarten 2010), XZ1J (Myanmar 2013), XZ1A (Myanmar 2016), A5A (Bhutan 2016 and 2018), A50BOC (Bhutan 2019) - just to name a few.
He also operated from Yemen (7O1A in 1996, which an unfortunate bureaucratic setback prevented from being acceptable for DXCC credit), as well as from the now Deleted DXCC Entities of the Yemen Arab Republic (4W1ZB in 1975), Abu Ail (OE6XG/A in 1979 and J20/A in 1980) and Southern Sudan (PA3CXC/ST0 in 1990). In 1982 Franz was inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame.
A prolific author, he documented many of his DXpeditions in a series of books (https://www.blurb.co.uk/user/9zulub), and was especially renowned for his "DX World Guide" (four editions between 1988 and 2018). Franz was also a founding member and President of the German DX Foundation (1996-2021), a long time Director of the International DX Association (INDEXA), and the QSL manager for several stations.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 5A0YL, 5H3WX, 5R8AL, 5T5PA, 5Z4PA, 6Y5HN, 6Y6Y, 8P9AN, 8Q7WM, 9N7AA, 9V1VV, CP1XRM, CP4BT, CX5UA, D2EB, E21EIC, E51BQ, E51WL, EA8DED, EA9KB, EK1KE, EL2DT, EX0DX, HD1QRC90, JT1CO, JV1A, KH0/KC0W, LS2D, OH0SCA, OP20FENIKS, OX7AKT, PY0F, S01WS, S9OK, ST2NH, SV2RSG/A, SV9IOI, T47C, TI2YO, TL7M, TO1Q,TO6S, TR8CA, TZ1CE, V55Y, VK9DX, WH7T, WP4WW, XT2MAX, XV1X, YB9KA, YB9UA, YI1WWA, Z21ML.

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