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8Q - Amir, A61MW will be active as 8Q7MW from the Maldives (AS-013) on 27-29 May. "QSL cards are available if you request them by email", he says.

9Q - Vlad, OK2WX will be active as 9Q3WX from the Democratic Republic of the Congo from 15 August to 3 September. He will operate on CW, SSB and digital modes on 80-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via IZ8CCW. See https://www.mdxc.support/9q3wx/ for updates.

DL - Jacek, SP5APW will be active as DL/SP5APW from Usedom Island (EU-129) from 29 May to 1 June. He plans to be QRV on 6 metres only, from WWL JO73cu. QSL via home call, and possibly Club Log's OQRS.

DL - DARC Team SES will operate special event callsign DB23SOWG on 1-25 June. The suffix stands for Special Olympics World Games, the world's largest sporting event for athletes with intellectual disabilities whose 16th edition will be held in Berlin (17-25 June). QSL via the bureau, or direct to DL2VFR.

F - For the 71st year the Association des Radioamateurs de la Sarthe (F6KFI) will operate a special event station for the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Look for TM24H on 28 May-11 June, with activity on various bands and modes. QSL via Club Logìs OQRS, or via F6KFI.

F - Special callsign TM61TC will be activated on 31 May-7 June celebrating Claude Chappe's invention of the optical telegraph, the first practical telecommunications system of the industrial age. QSL via the bureau. [TNX F8REF]

F - Members of the Association des Radioamateurs Vauclusiens (F5KPO) will operate a series of eight special callsigns (TM230VA, TM230UC, TM230LU, TM230SE and TM84VA, TM84UC, TM84LU, TM84SE) on 2-25 June for the 230th anniversary of the creation of the French Department of Vaucluse. QSL via eQSL. A number of certificates will be available, see https://www.qrz.com/db/TM230VA for information.

I - Franco, IZ5IUY will be active again as IL7/IZ5IUY from San Domino, Tremiti Islands (EU-050) on 10-29 June. He will operate SSB on 40-6 metres, as well as on 144 MHz and 433 MHz. QSL via home call, bureau preferred.

KH8 - Lloyd, KH6LC and Oliver, W6NV will be active as KH8W from Pago Pago (OC-045), American Samoa on 26-31 May. They will operate CW only, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. QSL via LoTW, or direct to W6NV.

PA - Ben, DO1BEN has been on Texel Island (EU-038) since 22 May, and will remain there until 2 June. He is QRV as PD/DO1BEN on 40, 20 and 10 metres SSB, with some FT8/FT4 "if propagation is low". QSL via home call (bureau preferred).

PA - PA37AC is the special callsign for the Marine Radio Amateur Club (PI4MRC) to participate in the Museum Ships Weekend (3-4 June) from the former minesweeper "Abraham Crijnssen", moored at the Navy

Museum in Den Helder, Netherlands. [TNX PA3CNI]

SP - Jacek, SP5APW will be active as SP5APW/1 from Wolin Island (EU-132) on 1-6 June. He plans to be QRV on 6 metres only, from WWL JO73gx. QSL via home call, and possibly Club Log's OQRS.

T31 - Team T31TT arrived in Apia, Samoa at 18 UTC on 25 May. After a 2-day stop, the "Sheer Delight" will set sail for Kanton, Central Kiribati. Look for E51DOM/mm on 14183 kHz SSB and 14002 kHz CW during the voyage. Plans are for T31TT to be QRV for 12-14 days with one CW, one SSB and seven FT8 stations. Their band plan can be found on https://www.qrz.com/db/T31TT. QSL via Club Log's OQRS.

UA - Commemorating the role that radio (and radio amateurs) had in rescuing the survivors of the airship "Italia" disaster, special callsigns RT95NS, RT95MS and RT95KG (QSLs via RN3RQ) will be active from 25 May to 12 July. The suffixes memorialize Nikolai Schmidt, the radio amateur who first picked up the SOS on 3 June 1928, and his close friend Mikhail Smirnov, as well as Aleksandr Kozhevnikov and Vladislav Grzhibovsky, radio amateurs and radiomen on board two of the ships that participated in the search and rescue operations. Also active will be R1LK (QSL via RV1AQ), the onboard amateur radio station of the "Krasin", the icebreaker (now a museum ship in Saint Petersburg) that reached the castaways on 12 July 1928. A couple of certificates will be available on https://hamlog.online/ for contacts made with these stations and II1ITR [425DXN 1669].

UA0 - Team RI0Z (namely R7AA, RM0F, UA6EX and UA7A) will be active from Bering Island, one of the Komandorskiye Islands (AS-039), from 18 August to 3 September. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (direct and bureau), or via R7AA. See https://dxpedition.wixsite.com/ri0z/ for more information.

VE - Team VB2M will be active from Petite-ile-au-Marteau (NA-176) on 22-30 July, IOTA Contest included. Plans are to operate 24/7 on 80-6 metres CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW, Club Log, or direct to Federation des clubs radioamateurs du Quebec (RAQI), 7665 Bd Lacordaire Montreal, QC H1S 2A7, Canada.

VU7 - Yuris, YL2GM will be active again as VU7W from the Lakshadweeps on 6-18 June. This time he will operate from Minicoy Island (AS-106), with a focus on 6 metres ("however other bands will also be used", he says). QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or direct to YL2GN. See https://www.lral.lv/vu7w/ for updates.

XW - "I will return again to live in Luang Prabang from about the end of May 2023", Simon, XW0LP (HS0ZIB) says. "I'm just sorting out a suitable house to rent with a garden for my HF antennas. I hope to be operational soon on 160, 40, 20, 15, 12 and 10 metres (80, 30 and 6m are now not authorised for use in Laos)". QSL via EA5GL.

Z3 - Henning, OZ2I will be active as Z38EE from North Macedonia on 24-30 May. He operates CW only, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. "I think of spending some time in the country for the next six months, doing some more of the big contests (it may even be CQ WW)", he says. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via the bureau to OZ2I.

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CQ AMATEUR RADIO HALL OF FAME ---> The CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame was established in January 2001 to recognize those who have made major contributions to amateur radio as a whole, and radio amateurs who have made major contributions to society at large.
The 2023 inductees are:

* Andrew "Andy" Andros, W0LTE (SK), and brother Theodore "Ted" Andros, W0URN (SK), founders of Hy-Gain Corp. Their first antenna, the TH-3 triband trap beam, got the company off to a solid start. The company went on to become a major antenna manufacturer for the amateur, CB, military and diplomatic markets; later sold to Telex and then to MFJ Enterprises, which continues to produce Hy-Gain antennas, rotors and accessories.
* John G. "Jack" Curtis, K6KU (SK) - Revolutionized CW keying by developing circuitry for an iambic memory keyer and putting it on a chip. The chips were later integrated into many commercial transceivers featuring built-in electronic keyers.
* Gerald "Jerry" Lawson, WA6LVN (SK) - Pioneer of home video games, helping to develop the first cartridge-based video game controller, which allowed users to switch between multiple games. Also one of the few African-American engineers working in the computer industry as the first video games were developed.

CQ CONTEST HALL OF FAME ---> Established in 1986, the CQ Contest Hall of Fame honours those amateurs who have made major contributions to the art of radio contesting. The 2023 inductees are:

* Kirk Pickering, K4RO - Founding member, past president and past vice-president of the Tennessee Contest Group; webmaster of TCG website; has hosted many new contesters at multi-ops from his home station; 3-time US winner in ARRL Sweepstakes CW/QRP category and regular top-ten finisher in multiple contests; past editor and columnist ("Contesting 101") for National Contest Journal.
* Ken Claerbout, K4ZW - Accomplished contester both domestically and as DX, operating from over a dozen countries around the world. A driving force in the ongoing training and mentoring of students at ET3AA, the radio club at the Addis Ababa University School of Electrical and Computer Engineering. On a recent visit, he helped students install one of the few HF skimmers in Africa to feed the Reverse Beacon Network. He has served in multiple positions for the YASME Foundation, and is past president of the Potomac Valley Radio Club. In that role, he began a series of contesting-related webinars that has morphed into today's Contest University.
* Bernhard "Ben" Buettner, DL6RAI - Avid contester and contest administrator who has operated from 49 different DX entities. Co-founder and past president of the Bavarian Contest Club (BCC), Ben helped develop and maintain the club's DX cluster, the first in Germany. He is also a past director of the Worked All Europe DX Contest (WAEDC). In that role, he spearheaded the conversion from paper to electronic logging and the introduction of electronic log checking. Ben is also a former member of the CQWW Contest Committee, served as IT manager for WRTC-2018 in Germany, and has been a beta

tester for Win-Test contest logging software.
[The official announcement does not mention that Ben tragically passed away two days before his induction, Ed.]

CQ DX HALL OF FAME ---> Established in 1967, the CQ DX Hall of Fame honours those amateurs who have made major contributions to DXing and DXpeditioning. The 2023 inductees are:

* Arecio "Al" Hernandez, K3VN - Al has been deeply involved in DXpeditions to many rare and difficult to reach destinations. He has traveled to more than 100 countries, operated from at least 20 of them and has participated in close to a dozen award-winning expeditions. Al is a prolific public speaker and author. His first DXpedition article was published in CQ magazine in 1976. He is an expert in electromagnetic interference and compatibility and holds seven patents in the field.
* Adrian Ciuperca, KO8SCA - Adrian has been on 30 DXpeditions in just over seven years, including the recent 3Y0J expedition to Bouvet Island. He actively promotes amateur radio to young people in places that he visits (assuming it's a location with people!), and is frequently the voice or face of various trips to the amateur community, appearing on interview shows and writing about the adventures for CQ and other publications. Adrian is also the tech support person for 4U1UN, the amateur station at United Nations headquarters in New York City, and can frequently be found operating there when he isn't traveling to some remote part of the world.

DXPEDITION OF THE YEAR ---> Presented annually at the DX Dinner by the Southwest Ohio DX Association, the DXpedition of the Year Award recognizes excellence in DXpedition planning and execution from Most Wanted entities. DXpeditions that were completed from March 2022 through February 2023 were eligible for this year's award, which has gone to the Czech DXpedition Group's TN8K operation from the Congo (January 2023, https://www.cdxp.cz/).

MUSEUM SHIPS WEEKEND ---> Sponsored by the Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station (NJ2BB), this year's Museum Ships Weekend will be held from 00.00 UTC on 3 June until 23.59 UTC on the 4th. Information on the event, including the listing of expected participating ships, can be found at https://www.nj2bb.org/museum/.

NCDXF DQRM PROJECT ---> The Northern California DX Foundation (NCDXF) recognizes the negative impact deliberate QRM (DQRM) is having on our hobby. We believe this is a problem that can be mitigated by amateur radio operators applying their vast knowledge and creativity to the advanced receiving and direction finding technology currently available. In order to spur research into solving this problem, the NCDXF Board of Directors at their April 2023 Board Meeting allocated $100,000 for grants to develop DQRM solutions.
NCDXF will entertain grant proposals from individuals or groups that specifically outline their approach to identify bad actors. A group of NCDXF Directors led by Craig Thompson, K9CT and Don Greenbaum, N1DG will weigh the probability of success of their proposals as well as monitor the progress of the grantees.
Funding will be available for research and development, as well as implementation of technology proposals. It is hoped that manufacturers will also assist NCDXF and grantees with equipment and other resources.
NCDXF will shortly outline specifics for how to apply for these DQRM grants.

We have created a webpage devoted to the DQRM Request For Proposal (RFP) Project: https://www.ncdxf.org/pages/dqrm.html

TX5S ---> Paul, N6PSE has joined the operating team of the Perseverance DX Group's DXpedition to Clipperton Island (18 January-1 February 2024) [425DXN 1668]. In addition, joining the team are also two French scientists who will conduct research while on the island, and a member of the Association la Passion-Clipperton, a French organization involved with improving and preserving Clipperton Island's environment.
Band/Mode additions include Satellite and 6m EME. "The fundraising campaign is underway, with 18 Clubs/Foundations and 87 individuals already showing their support for the project", the team's Press Release #3 states. "At 24% of the target, we have a long way to go in order to reach the goal of 50% team member funding of the estimated project cost of USD 350,000. If you need Clipperton for an All Time New One, or will work us, we would appreciate your help, most bills must be paid before we sail": see https://clip.pdxg.net/donate/.
You can also follow TX5S on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/tx5s2024.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3A/IW1RBI, 3B7M, 3Y0J, 4L4DX, 5A1AL, 5W0RS, 5Z4PA, 8B0RARI, 8Q7KB, 8Q7PR, 9U4WX, 9U5R, A75GC, C5YK, CW1C, D2EB, D4NA, DU1/SP5APW (OC-092 and OC-244), ES9UKR, EX0M, FK8IK, FT4YM (AN-017), FT8WW, HD8M, J20MR,J8NY, OF9X, OH0Z, PZ5KV, S01WS, SV2RSG/A, SV5DKL, SY8DX, T88UW, TG9ADM, TI2JS, TK5MH, TM20AAW, TN8K, TR8CR, TX5L, UN9GD, V55Y, VP9KF, VY1CO, XV1X, YC8MJG, YJ0A, Z66X, ZF1S.

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