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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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5R - Eric, F6ICX is active again as 5R8IC from Sainte-Marie Island (AF-090) until 31 March. He operates mainly CW on 40-10 metres and on the QO-100 satellite. QSL via LoTW, or via home call.

5X - Alan, G3XAQ and Don, G3XTT will be active as 5X1XA from Uganda on 12-20 February. They will operate CW only, including an entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest (17-18 February). QSL via LoTW, or direct to G3SWH (OQRS on https://www.g3swh.org.uk/multiple-request.php). QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log and G3SWH's web site after the activity. [TNX G3SWH]

A2 - John, VK2NEN has lived in Botswana since 2011, and has no plans to leave the country in the near future. He has recently been licenced as A2NEW, and for the time being he is QRV typically between 16 and 19 UTC using a vertical whip mounted on his car. QSL via EA7FTR.

A3 - Bob, W7YAQ as A31DK (QSL via LoTW, or direct to home call) and Al, K7AR as A31DL (QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or direct to home call) will be active from Nuku'alofa, Tongatapu (OC-049), Tonga on 15-27 February.

CN - Yannick, F6FYD will be active as CN2YD from Marrakech, Morocco on 10-23 March. He plans to operate as CN2YD/p from IOTA group AF-065 sometime during his stay. QSL via F6FYD. [TNX F6AJA]

EA - In celebration of World Radio Day (13 February) and the 100th anniversary of the start of regular radio broadcasting in Spain, special callsign AO100RADIO will be active on 1-29 February. This activity is taking place as part of the celebrations for the 75th anniversary of the Union de Radioaficionados Espanoles, Spain's IARU member society. QSL via EA4URE (bureau preferred).

EA - Commemorating the 44th anniversary of the 1980 referendum for autonomy and representing the provinces of Andalusia, eight special callsigns will be activated on 22-28 February: AN44AL (Almeria), AN44CA (Cadiz), AN44CO (Cordoba), AN44GR (Granada), AN44HU (Huelva), AN44JA (Jaen), AN44MA (Malaga), AN44SE (Sevilla). In addition, AN44AND will be active on 28 February (Andalusia Day). A number of certificates will be available, see https://www.qrz.com/db/an44and for information.

OX - Look for OX5DM (QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or direct to OZ1ACB), OX7AKT (QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via OZ1ACB), and OX7AM (QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via OZ1ACB) to be active from Kangerlussuaq, Greenland (NA-018) on 13-22 February. Alex, OX7AM will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest, while OX5DM and OX7AKT will operate FT8 and SSB. [TNX NG3K]

P4 - Ed, W0YK will be active again as P49X from Aruba (SA-036) on 5-12 February. He will operate mainly CW and RTTY, including an entry in the CQ WPX RTTY Contest (10-11 February, https://cqwpxrtty.com/).

QSL via LoTW (preferred), or direct to home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

PY - Look for ZW2FF to be active from Comprida Island (SA-028) on 11-14 February. QSL via PY4YY.

SM - Celebrating the Scandinavian CW Activity Group's 50th anniversary, special callsign SC50AG will be active during February. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau and LoTW.

V2 - Chuck, KG9N will be active as V26CV from Antigua (NA-100) on 6-20 February. He will operate mainly CW and SSB on various bands. QSL via LoTW, or via home call.

VP9 - Darrell, AB2E will be active as AB2E/VP9 (QSL via home call) from Bermuda (NA-005) on 14-19 February, including an entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest as VP9I (QSL via WW3S). Outside the contest he will operate mainly CW, with some FT8 and a focus on 30, 17 and 12m. [TNX NG3K]

XV - "BJ", WA7WJR will be active holiday style as XV9WJR from Vietnam on 12-22 February. He plans to be QRV from the Can Gio Mangrove Biosphere Reserve and the Binh Chau-Phuoc Buu Nature Reserve during this trip. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres. QSL direct to WA7WJR; all QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log and QRZ.

Z8 - Ken, K4ZW will be in Juba, South Sudan on 4-7 February. Depending on his work schedule and "security restrictions", he might be QRV as Z81Z. QSL via LoTW, or via K4ZW. [TNX The Daily DX]

PACIFIC TOUR ---> Hrane, YT1AD and his team (Anatoliy RC9O, Olga UA9OYL and Stevan YU3AA) will be active from Fiji (3D2), Samoa (5W) and Tonga (A3) as follows:

7-10 February	3D2AD (YT1AD)
	3D2AB (YU3AA)
	3D2LY (UA9OLY)
	3D2RC (RC9O)
10-19 February	5W8A (YT1AD)
	5W0AA (YU3AA)
	5W0LY (UA9OLY)
	5W0RC (RC9O)
20-27 February	A35AD (YT1AD)
	A35AA (YU3AA)
	A35LY (UA9OLY)
	A35RC (RC9O)
27 February-1 March	3D2AD (YT1AD)
	3D2AB (YU3AA)
	3D2LY (UA9OLY)
	3D2RC (RC9O)

QSLs via home calls.

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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, including both on-air and off-air accomplishments and activities. Nominations should be sent by 1 March to Rich Moseson, W2VU (cqw2vu@gmail.com). Be sure to put DX Hall of Fame in the subject line. Inductees will be announced in May and the induction ceremony, with help from the International DX Association, will be held at the Dayton DX Dinner.

IOTA AT HAM RADIO 2024 ---> The motto of the 47th Ham Radio to take place in Friedrichshafen on 28-30 June (https://www.hamradio-friedrichshafen.com) is "60 Years of Islands on the Air: Technology Meets Adventure!". Created by Geoff Watts (BRS-3129, the first and only SWL inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame), since 1964 the IOTA Programme "has been promoting radio contacts with stations on islands around the world, from small rocky reefs in the vast ocean to the largest islands in the world. That sounds like adventures in remote corners of the earth, and that's exactly what many IOTA fans and active participants can tell tales about. IOTA stands for the joy of discovery that every radio amateur develops, even if he or she does not set sail personally, but IOTA is also a symbol of friendly competition among radio amateurs. Finally, IOTA is a symbol of the significance of amateur radio as a global unifying force".
Apart from having a booth at Ham Radio, "we intend to organize an IOTA Forum on Saturday morning (29 June), as well as other activities, which will be announced on the IOTA website (https://www.iota-world.org/) later on", VE3LYC, IOTA Deputy General Manager and Operations Manager says. Plans are to organize an anniversary dinner at one of the local restaurants: "please let us know at info@into-world.org, as soon as possible, if you are interested to participate to this special get-together event, number of seats required, and if you have a preference for a specific evening during the meeting. We will compile the results of this quick survey to book an appropriate venue. More details will be provided in due course".

TX5S ---> After a last effort by three stations during the local night between Saturday and Sunday, the "Shogun" departed Clipperton Island on 28 January at 21.30 UTC. As of 2 February, the log contained 113,739 QSOs (51.73% Digital, 25.98% CW, 22.29% SSB) made with 23,830 unique callsigns. The OQRS for both TX5S and N6WM/mm (there are no /mm operations on the return voyage to San Diego) is now up and running on M0URX's website: https://www.m0urx.com/oqrs/logsearch.php.

YOTA SUMMER CAMP 2024 ---> The Czech Radio Club will host the 12th edition of the Youngsters on the Air (YOTA) Summer Camp in Prague on 16-23 August. The event will bring together young radio amateurs from IARU Region 1 member societies as well as guest teams from Regions 2 and 3, creating an opportunity to learn all about different nationalities and cultures, foster international friendships and goodwill, and learn new amateur radio skills. IARU R1 member societies are invited to take part with a team of maximum four persons. Preliminary applications should be submitted before 29 February: see "Call for applications - YOTA Czechia 2024" on https://www.iaru-r1.org/.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3A/I1UWF, 3D2AG, 4L2M, 5Z4PA, 7O8AD, 7O8AE, 7X2RF, 9J2BO, 9M8DEN, B0A, CN2DX, CR6K, E21AX/p (AS-126), E51JD (OC-013), E6AJ, E6AM, ET3AA, EY8MM, H44WA, HH220Y, HH2AA, HI3A, HI3LT, J52EC, J74D, KP2B, OE40WO, P43RR, PR0T, PY0FR, T32AN, TJ9MD, TO9W (NA-105), UN6LN, V26B, V51MA, V6EU, VK9CY, VK9XY, VO2NS, VU7W, W8S (OC-200), XE1XR, XU7AME, YJ0TT, ZB2FK, ZD7BG, ZD9W, ZF2OO, ZL7IO.

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