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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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5Z - 5Z4FOC is a special callsign to mark the occasion of the first FOC (First Class CW Operators' Club) East Africa Dinner during the month of February. QSL via LoTW.

CO - Team T42T will be active from 29 February to 4 March, including an entry in the ARRL DX SSB Contest. Participating in this joint Cuba-USA operation will be CM2TV, CO2II, CO2KL, CO2OY, CO2XN, HI8RD, K5TFL, VO1IDX, W2WCM, W4VKU, W9MK and WB2REM. They will be active on 160-6 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or direct to WB2REM.

FG - Look for Gildas, F6HMQ and Michel, F6GWV to be active again as FG/F6HMQ, FG/F6GWV and TO3Z (QSL via F6HMQ) from Guadeloupe (NA-102) between 15 February and 17 March. There are plans to participate in the SSB leg of the French HF Championship ("Coupe du REF", 24-25 February) and the ARRL DX SSB Contest (2-3 March).

FO - Geri, DK8KW will be active as TX0QRP from Tahiti (OC-046), French Polynesia from 29 February to 3 March. He will operate QRP CW and possibly also FT8. QSL via home call.

I - Special callsign IY9MM will be active on 1-31 March to memorialize the experiments conducted by Guglielmo Marconi from the ship "Regina Elena" in the port of Augusta (9 March 1914). QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or direct to IT9MRM.

KP2 - KC1KUG, W3MLJ and WO5T will be active as NP2R from St. Thomas, Virgin Islands (NA-106) from 27 February to 4 March. They will operate CW, SSB and possibly FT8/FT4 on 160-10 metres. QSL direct to KC3UII; QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW.

PJ7 - PJ7PF and PJ7PH are the callsigns issued on 19 February to Paul DM2PF and Fabian DM7HB, respectively, for their holiday style operation from Sint Maarten (NA-105). They will remain there until 28 February, with activity on 20, 15 and 10 metres.

PJ7 - Tom, AA9A will be active again as PJ7AA from Sint Maarten (NA-105) on 2-30 March. He will operate CW, SSB, FT8 and FT4 on 40-6 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or direct to AA9A. [TNX The Daily DX]

T8 - Hiro-san, JH6GFY will be active as T88GF from Koror (OC-009), Palau from 27 February to 1 March. He plans to operate FT8, SSB and some CW on 80-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via home call (direct and bureau).

TY - Gerard F5NVF, Luc F5RAV and Abdel M0NPT (7X2TT) will be active as TY5C from Cotonou, Benin between 2 and 29 March. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on various bands (6 metres included), and will also be QRV via satellite (QO-100). QSL direct to F5RAV, or via LoTW.

UA - Look for R1MJ/p and R1BET/p to be active from Peredovik Island (EU-117) on 23-25 February. They will operate CW, FT8 and some SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via R1BET.

VE - Members of the Newfoundland based Grassroots Amateur Radio Club (VO1GRC) will be active as VO1TAP from 18 February to 18 March. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. The callsign commemorates the anniversary of the USS "Truxtun" and USS "Pollux" naval disaster that occurred off the coast of Newfoundland on 18 February 1942. QSL via LoTW. See https://grassrootsarc.weebly.com/vo1tap.html for more information.

VE - Look for Mike, VE7ACN/7 to be active from Gabriola Island (NA-075) from 29 February to 4 March. He will operate mainly CW, with some SSB and FT8, on 40-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

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ARGENTINE ANTARCTIC DAY ---> To celebrate Dia de la Antartida Argentina (22 February), a few amateur radio stations at LU bases under the Antarctic Joint Command are expected to be QRV between 22 February and 10 March, subject to the availability of Antarctic operators and propagation conditions: LU1ZA (Orcadas, South Orkneys, AN-008), LU1ZD (San Martin, Antarctica, AN-016), LU1ZG (Belgrano II, Antarctica, AN-016), LU1ZI (Carlini, South Shetlands, AN-010), LU1ZR (Petrel, Antarctica, AN-013), LU1ZV (Esperanza, Antarctica, AN-016), LU4ZS (Marambio, Antarctica, AN-013). More information Can be found on https://www.qrz.com/db/LU3IA.
The Argentine Antarctic Day commemorates the inauguration of the Meteorological Observatory on Laurie Island (South Orkneys) on 22 February 1904, which later became the Orcadas Base. Argentina has maintained an uninterrupted presence in Antarctica since then.

CY9C ---> Planning continues to go well for the DXpedition to St. Paul Island (NA-094) [425DXN 1700], which is scheduled for 26 August-5 September. The team (K4ZLE, K9CT, K9NW, N2IEN, N2TU, W0GJ, W0PR, W4DKS, WA4DAN and WW2DX) will be active on 160-6 metres, including satellite and EME. The main island is off-limits, and all operations will be from the smaller Northeast Island. As there are no dock or landing area for a boat, the team plans to employ two helicopters, one to be deployed before the DXpedition to transport the heavier items to the island. The cost for this DXpedition is very significant and donations are welcome: see https://t-rexsoftware.com/cy9c/ for information.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY ---> Celebrating International Women's Day (8 March) a joint French-German activity will take place between 1 and 31 March. Ten YL operators from the Association des YL de France (including REF President Christine Carreau, F4GDI) will be active as TM88YL (QSL via the bureau) on 1-15 March, while a large group of YL operators from Germany will be active as DM88YLF (QSL via the bureau, or direct to DJ5YL) on 1-31 March.

UNITED KINGDOM: CHANGES TO THE AMATEUR RADIO LICENSING FRAMEWORK ---> Ofcom, the United Kingdom's communications regulator, has made changes to UK amateur radio licenses. The key changes with highest impact on the DX and contesting community are:

* The use of a Regional Secondary Locator (RSL) has become optional. This is is the second letter which we use to identify the DXCC Entity (D for the Isle of Man, I for Northern Ireland, J for Jersey, M for Scotland, U for Guernsey, W fo Wales). For holders of an Intermediate Licence with a callsign starting with a 2, the use of an RSL is still mandatory. All other licensees can choose to either continue using an RSL or drop it.
* Stations in England are allowed to use the RSL 'E' if they wish to do so.
* Licensees are allowed to add any suffix they want to their callsign, following the 'slash' symbol (/), so long as the station remains identifiable.
* Holders of full licenses can now operate 1 kW output on the primary amateur radio bands (up from 400 W).

"The UK DX and contesting community envisage that most stations will continue to use their Regional Secondary Locators", John Warburton (G4IRN) says. "However for contests where the DXCC Entity is a multiplier, it is recommended that contest organisers mandate the use of a prefix that identifies their DXCC Entity".

+ SILENT KEY + Emilio Borea, IZ1GAR (ex IK1CLP) died on 20 February from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. He was 66 years old. A former radio officer in the merchant navy and radio operator at the Italian coastal station ICB (Genova Radio) from 1978 to 1993, he was President of ARI Sanremo and an excellent CW operator, often heard in contests.

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******* QSL ROUTES *******
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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
3W3B	E21EIC	EH5AAW	EA5N	PJ7PF	DM2PF
4KT4AZE	4K4AZE	EH5ANT	EC5JC	PJ7PH	DM7HB
4L2M	EA7FTR	EL2DT	N2OO	PZ5DX	UA2FM
4M1W	EB7DX	EY8MM	W0VTT	R35AFZ	RM9RZ
4UNR	UA3DX	FK8GU	EA5GL	R35DRA	UA4AJD
5H4AYL	OM4AYL	FW8GC	LZ1GC	S570CST	S59CST
5W0AA	YU3AA	H44MS	DL2GAC	S79VU	N4GNR
5W0RC	RC9O	HI6M	EB7DX	SJ8R	SM5AQD
5W0YL	RC9O	HS60RAST	HS6MYW	SK3W	SM5CCT
5W7A	YT1AD	HZ1KWT	HZ1SAR	SK50B	SK0HB
7S6WRD	SK6SAQ	HZ1WRD	HZ1SAR	SN160SPP	SP9KUP
7T22ANT	IK2DUW	HZ3FD	HZ1SAR	SP0ANT	SP3TYJ
7Z1WRD	HZ1SAR	II2GM	IK2WAD	SU1SK	N2OO
8R7X	M0OXO	II2V	IK2AQZ	T45FM	RW6HS
8Z1WRD	HS1SAR	II5ANT	IZ5BTC	TF2R	TF3AO

8Z3FD	HZ1SAR	IM0/I5JVA	IK2WAD	TI7W	M0URX
9H6T	DF1DN	IR1ANT	I1HYW	TM1ANT	F8DHE
9K9NLD	EC6DX	IY4INT	IQ4FE	TM24JMR	F8GGZ
A35RC	RC9O	KL7RA	N4GNR	TM9C	F5OHM
A91KWT	EC6DX	KP2B	EB7DX	TO3Z	F6HMQ
A91SFD	EC6DX	KP2M	NZ4DX	TO4A	VE3DZ
AN100R	EA3EYO	LN8W	LA6YEA	TU5NE	F4VUK
AO5DNC	EA5URG	LZ146GO	LZ1KCP	TX8GC	LZ1GC
AU2RS	M0OXO	LZ235IR	LZ1KCP	TY2AA	IZ8CCW
C37N	C37URA	MW4R	G3NKC	V26DN	AI5DN
CB0ZA	N2OO	MW7C	M0OXO	V31AT	K5PI
CB0ZEW	N2OO	NP2V	EB7DX	V31TP	WC0W
CB0ZW	N2OO	NP3X	EB7DX	V3O	DL8UD
CN2JA	DL2EAD	OL80CLAY	OK2PXJ	V3T	WC0W
CN3A	IK2OHG	OX7AKT	OZ1ACB	V55Y	DK2WH
CR2E	VE3MA	OX7AM	OZ1ACB	VI60IOTA	M0OXO
CR2N	EA5K	P49Y	AE6Y	VP5K	K0PC
CR50MFA	CS5LX	PA24CC	PA2TMS	VP8WA	M0OXO
CR6T	CT1ESV	PB24BP	PA3EFR	VP9I	WW3S
DL60RRDXA	DJ5BWD	PH75PH	PA7HPH	WP3C	M0OXO
ED8W	EA5GL	PJ2T	KU9C	Z68BB	EA5GL
EF6T	EA3AIR	PJ4A	K4BAI	ZP6/N3BNA	KA2AEV
EG2CAI	EA2RCA	PJ4NG	K4BAI	ZT1T	N4GNR

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