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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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4X - Special event stations 4X03I and 4X04I will be active from Grafon (WWL KM70kr, Holyland Square F29BS) and Haluza (WWL KM71hd, Holyland Square D24BS), respectively, on 8-9 March. Both sites are located in the World Heritage-designated area of the "Incense Route and the Desert Cities in the Negev". QSLs via 4X6ZM, and logsearch on https://www.iarc.org/incense/. The Incense Trade Route was an ancient network of major land and sea trading routes linking the Mediterranean world with eastern and southern sources of incense, spices and other luxury goods.

C6 - Jay, WA1JAY will be active again as WA1JAY/C6A from Paradise (Hog) Island (NA-001), Bahamas on 15-22 March. He will operate holiday style on the FM satellites, as well as SSB and FT8/FT4 on 40-10m. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log.

FH - Marek, FH4VVK will be active as TO4VV from Pamandzi, Mayotte (AF-027) on 23-31 March, and again on 6-7, 13-14 and 20-21 April. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW.

GU - Ron, G4DIY and Jay, M0UNN will be active again as MP7DX from Guernsey (EU-114) on 8-12 March. They will operate CW and SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL direct to G4DIY; QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log.

KH5 - The Dateline DX Association and George, AA7JV have announced that permission has been received from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for a 13-day DXpedition to Jarvis Island National Wildlife Refuge starting around 1 August.

Jarvis Island (OC-081) is ranked #18 on Club Log's global Most Wanted List (#9 in Europe) and was last on the air in 1990.

Permission to visit has been difficult to obtain: "we have worked very hard for the past few years on this permission, and after demonstrating the success of the RIB concept with remote operators from various locations in 2023, we have received a permit that allows 4 operators on the boat to visit Jarvis with 6 stations on land".

The on-site team - namely George (AA7JV), Don (N1DG), Tomi (HA7RY) and Mike (KN4EEI) - will install 6 RIB (Radio In a Box) stations on the island, and will operate CW, SSB and FT8 (F/H) on 160-6 metres. They will be accompanied by a team of three USFWS biologists conducting science. In addition, 25 remote operators from Asia, Europe and North America will be running CW and FT8.

Details are expected in due course.

OZ - Stefan, DL7AOS will be active holiday style as 5P5K from Romo Island (EU-125) from 23 March to 6 April, possibly including an entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. He will operate SSB and digital modes on 80-6 metres. QSL via DL7AOS (direct or bureau) and LoTW.

PY - Team ZZ2FF (PS8RV, PU4MDO, PY2AE, PY2ITM, PY4KM and PY4YY) will be active from Ilha dos Buzios (SA-028) on 15-17 March. They will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 and 6 metres. QSL via LoTW and Club Log.

VP8_ssh- Esteban, XQ7UP will be working at the Chilean Antarctic Base Presidente Eduardo Frei Montalva on King George Island, South Shetland Islands (AN-010) on 9-15 March. He was supposed to be there on 6-12 March [425DXN 1713], but his outgoing flight has been rescheduled due to weather conditions. He hopes to be QRV as XQ7UP/9 in his spare time, and to operate SSB and FT8 on 40-10m. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or direct to XQ7UP. [TNX The Daily DX]

YJ - Chris, VK2YUS will be active again as YJ0CA from Port Vila (OC-035) Vanuatu on 11-21 March. He will operate SSB on 40-10 metres, mainly between 21 UTC and 10 UTC. QSL direct to home call. [TNX NG3K]

CARIBBEAN TOUR ---> Thomas, F4HPX will be active holiday style as FS/F4HPX from St Martin on 13-15 March and again on 24-26 March; he might also go to Sint Maarten and be QRV as PJ7/F4HPX. He hopes to be active from the British Virgin Islands (VP2V) on 16-23 March, if he can get a licence. From all locations he will be QRV on 40-10 metres; he says he will "try to limit digital modes and use more voice, and try, at least, more CW although I am still a beginner in this area". QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via home call (bureau).

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YASME EXCELLENCE AWARD ---> Established in 2008 by the Yasme Foundation (https://www.yasme.org/), the Excellence Award is presented to individuals and groups who, through their own service, creativity, effort and dedication have made a significant contribution to amateur radio. The contribution may be in recognition of technical, operating or organizational achievement, as all three are necessary for amateur radio to grow and prosper. The Yasme Excellence Award is in the form of a cash grant and an individually-engraved crystal globe. The latest recipients, announced on 8 March, are:

* Philip Gladstone, N1DQ: "The Gladstone Signal Spotting Challenge is named for Philip, the creator and maintainer of the PSKReporter.info website, also known as the Digimode Automatic Propagation Reporter. Philip has made a tremendous contribution to Amateur Radio operating, citizen-science, and ionospheric research through the data ('spots') which are collected and stored on PSKReporter.info".
* Paul Schreier HB9DST (AA1MI): "Mr. Schreier serves as a Board member of the Helvetia Telegraphy Club and is very active in the Summits On The Air program. Paul is always available when it comes to organizing events (e.g. World High Speed Telegraphy Championships in 2012 in Switzerland) or to introduce newcomers in the wonderful world of CW and SOTA".

YASME FOUNDATION GRANTS ---> The Board of Directors of the Yasme Foundation has announced that it has made grants of $5,000 each to the Foundation for Amateur Radio (FAR) and the ARRL Foundation scholarship programs; YOTA/Ham Radio 2.0 and HamSCI group activities at Dayton Hamvention; Contest University (CTU) Dayton; Merzuke Gediktas, TA7YLY for the Czech Republic YL Event. [TNX K4ZW]

YOTA CONTEST 2024 ---> 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 10 March (1000-2159 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 + Bob Heil, K9EID - "the man who defined the sound of live rock 'n' roll music and brought audio engineering principles into mainstream amateur radio use" - passed away on 28 February at the age of 83. He founded Heil Sound in 1966, and designed sound systems for legendary musicians such as The Grateful Dead, The Who, Joe Walsh, and Peter Frampton. "Parallel to his commercial and artistic success in live music, was his passion for amateur radio. He was active in ham radio from a young age and merged his expertise in audio engineering with his love for radio. Heil Ham Radio was founded to produce microphones, headsets, and other gear for radio amateurs with an emphasis on high-quality audio" [TNX ARRL]

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******* QSL ROUTES *******
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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
3B8CW	N4GNR	FM8QR	F5EAN	OE6Z	OE6CLD
3D2RC	RC9O	G4SGX/6Y	M0OXO	OK5Z	OK2ZI
4J0SFR	4K4K	GB8FT	MM0DFV	OK7O	OK1DOL
4K6FO	DC9RI	GM5X	N3SL	OZ0ROM	DK1VK
4O7CC	UA4CC	H40WA	M0URX	P4/WE9V	WD9DZV
4X03I	4X6ZM	HB9W	HB9DKZ	P40L	WA3FRP
4X04I	4X6ZM	HF40RVG	SP1EG	PB31EASTER	PC1K
5H3PV	EA5GL	HK3C	M0URX	PJ2/W4IPC	EB7DX
5H3VJG	M0OXO	HP3AK	K4PWS	PJ4G	K4BAI
5R8IC	F6ICX	IB1D	IK1TAZ	PJ7AA	AA9A
5Z4VJ	M0URX	IB9T	IT9TQH	PT5J	PP5JR
6Y1A	6Y5PW	II2S	IZ2FOS	PV2G	PT2IC
8P2K	KU9C	II4CPC	IQ4DJ	RI1ANE	RN3RQ
8P5A	HA1AG	II4SUCC	IQ4FE	S21RC	EB7DX
9A67AA	9A2AA	II5IDK	IQ5LI	TF3XO	EA5GL
A42K	EA5GL	II7ICE	IZ7WEM	TI1K	EA5GL
A60SHD	EA7FTR	II8ICN	IQ8XS	TI1T	EA7FTR
AO5IWD	EA5URV	II9ICF	IT9MRM	TM0FEC	F5KMB
C21TS	M0OXO	II9IGJ	IT9MRM	TM1K	F8KGM

C4W	5B4WN	IO5O	IK5RLP	TM20VM	F6KSM
C91CCY	K3IRV	IP0A	OM2FY	TM6P	F4DVX
CB1B	HA1AG	IP4X	I4VEQ	V51WH	DK2WH
CQ8M	EA5GL	J38R	M0URX	VI2024PRIDE	VK4XSS
CR2N	EA7HBC	J645DS	EB7DX	VK0AI	VK5MQ
CR2X	OH2BH	J73ESL	EA5GL	VP2ERK	DK7PE
CT9ABN	OM2VL	J79WTA	HB9MFM	XU7GNY	DL4WK
CU2KG	OH2BH	KL7SB	N4GNR	XW0LP	M0OXO
E2A	E21EIC	KP4JA	EB7DX	YQ75MSCC	YO2MKI
E2M	E21LLR	LP1H	EA5GL	YR95AR	YO2KBQ
E51ANQ	DJ5NQ	LY11LY	LY2QT	YR95CC	YO2KBQ
ED3X	EA3QP	LY34A	LY5A	YR95CH	YO2KBQ
ED3Z	EA3DZ	LZ543BN	LZ1KCP	YR95IN	YO2KBQ
ED5R	EA5SR	LZ5R	LZ1JZ	YR95LI	YO2KBQ
EE5FALLAS	EA5URV	LZ74IPA	LZ3HI	YR95PE	YO2KBQ
EH5VEF	EA5URV	MD2C	MD0CCE	YR95SE	YO2KBQ
EI30T	EI3ENB	NP4Z	N4AO	ZF1A	K7ZO
FG4KH	F1DUZ	OA4SS	KB6J	ZF1BB	W9KKN
FM5KC	F5VHJ	OE60RRDXA	OE6VIE	ZF2ZO	K7ZO

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