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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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7P - The confirmed dates for the EI DX Group's DXpedition to Maseru, Lesotho [425DXN 1701] are 20-29 March. A large team will be active as 7P8EI on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and digital modes with up to eight stations. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. Updates will be posted to https://www.facebook.com/groups/185038478993063/

CO - The Camaguey DX Group will be active as T47C and CO9JAB from Cayo Romano (NA-086) on 29-31 March. Nine operators will be QRV on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres SSB, CW and digital modes. QSLs direct to IK2DUW; QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW. [TNX DX World]

F - Celebrating the 135th anniversary of the official inauguration of the Eiffel Tower (31 March 1889), Michel, F8GGZ will be active as TM135TE on 24-31 March. QSL via the bureau.

F - Philippe, EA4NF and Jerome, F4DXV will be active as TM4J from Noirmoutier Island (EU-064) on 1-4 April. This will be a satellite only operation (https://twitter.com/TM4J_SAT). QSL via EA4NF and LoTW.

FG - Jean-Luc, F1ULQ will be active again TO1Q from Guadeloupe (NA-102) from 25 March to 7 April. He will operate SSB and FT8 on the HF bands and 6 metres, and will possibly be QRV on satellites as well. QSL via home call, Club Log's OQRS and LoTW. [TNX DX World]

FY - Starting on 6 April, members of the Radio Amateurs Club de Kourou (FY5KE), French Guiana will be active as TO60CSG for eight weekends in April, May and July (see qrz.com for the actual dates). The special callsign celebrates the 60th anniversary of the Centre Spatial Guyanais (Guiana Space Centre), Europe's Spaceport based in Kourou since 1964. QSL via LoTW, or direct to Laurent Haas, 19 rue de la Duee, BP 11, 75020 Paris, France.

HD8 - Rick, HC1MD (NE8Z) and Maria, HC1MM will be active again from the Galapagos Islands (SA-004) on 20-29 March. Look for HD8MD to operate CW, SSB, FT4 and FT8 (sometimes MSHV) on 40-6 metres, with "extra attention for 6 meter openings in all directions 24/7", while HD8MM will operate SSB "occasionally". QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW on a daily basis; direct or bureau QSL cards via K8LJG or NE8Z.

HS - Members of the Red Star Contest Club will be active holiday style as E28AM/p from Chang Island (AS-125) on 22-25 March. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 40-10 metres. QSL via E21LLR.

I - Members of ARI Sondrio (IQ2UL) will operate special event station II2AUT from 25 March to 7 May for the World Autism Awareness Day. QSL via the bureau and eQSL; QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log. Back in 2007 the United Nations General Assembly declared 2 April as World Autism Awareness Day to highlight the need to help improve the quality of life of autistic individuals so they can lead full and meaningful lives as an integral part of society.

I - Special callsign II4CLM will be active on 1-30 April in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Guglielmo Marconi. QSL via the bureau. Joining the celebrations will be IY4FGM (the amateur radio station at the Guglielmo Marconi Foundation) and the club stations of the 17 ARI branches in the Emilia-Romagna region (namely IQ4AD, IQ4AX, IQ4BQ, IQ4DJ, IQ4FA, IQ4FC, IQ4FD, IQ4FE, IQ4FH, IQ4FJ, IQ4HI, IQ4LH, IQ4PI, IQ4RA, IQ4RE, IQ4RN and IQ4SC). Further information, including real time log search, can be found on https://www.150marconi.org/.

J8 - Look for Kevin, W1DED to be active as J8NKI from Bequia (NA-025), St. Vincent and the Grenadines, from 23 March to 1 April, including an entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via LoTW, or direct to home call.

OE - Special event station OE100RADIO is active until 31 December to celebrate the 100th anniversary since regular radio transmissions began in Austria (1 October 1924). QSL via the bureau.

OK – In celebration of World Amateur Radio Day (18 April), Martin, OK1RR and Slavek, OK1TN will be active as OL1WARD on 1-30 April. They will operate CW only on the HF bands. QSL via LoTW; paper cards will not be available. [TNX OK1RR]

ON - Special event stations OR24WARD and OP24WARD will be active on all bands and modes on 1-30 April in celebration of World Amateur Radio Day (18 April). QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via eQSL. A certificate will be available, see https://www.uba.be/en/hf/awards/uba-awards.

SP - SN55DIG is the special callsign that Adam, SQ9S will be using until the end of the year to celebrate the 55th anniversary of the Diplom Interessen Gruppe. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. See https://diplom-interessen-gruppe.info/ for information about the DIG.

TA - Once again members of the TC Special Wireless Activity Team and the Giresun Wireless Radio Amateurs Association will be active as TC18M on 15-22 March to commemorate the anniversary of the naval battle of 18 March 1915 during the Dardanelles Campaign. QSL via LoTW; a certificate will be available on https://tadx.org/awards.

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3Y0K: BOUVET ISLAND 2025 ---> Ken, LA7GIA reports that plans for the January 2025 trip are firm and all necessary contracts, including the vessel, logistics, and landing contracts, have been secured. 3Y0K is the only group with a valid DXpedition license for that period.
The fundraising is encountering some challenges, though, particularly with major US clubs. To ensure the success of the DXpedition, the following decisions have been taken: the vessel inspection and deposit have been postponed until May; all purchases have been postponed until May; the remote

RIB operation has been cancelled (a 7-man team will operate on the island with six radios and amplifiers); the budget has been reduced to the bare minimum of USD 400,000.
However, the team still needs a minimum of $85,000 to make it to the island: https://3y0k.com/#supportus. Bouvet is the top priority: if the operation is postponed or cancelled due to insufficient donations, the 2026 DXpedition to Peter I will be similarly affected. A decision will be made in May based on the funds raised during March and April.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8/OK6DJ, 3C3CA, 3X1A, 4W/VK1AO, 4W6RU, 5W0LM, 7O73T, 9J2NK, 9K2NO, 9L5M, D2EB, DP1POL, EK6TA, EP4HR, FW2CW, H44WA, HI3/IK4QJF, HZ0YL, J62K, JG8NQJ/JD1, PR0T, SU1SK, T42T, TJ9MD, TK5MH, TO9W, V62P (OC-155), V62S (OC-299), VP6MW, VU4N, VU7A, XF3RAM (NA-135), XW0LP, XW3DT, XW4DX, YI1SAL, ZF2NQ, ZL7DX, ZL7IO.

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