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 *** 4 2 5 D X N E W S ***
 **** DX INFORMATION ****
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- 5N - Members of the Rebel DX Group expect to be active as 5N9DTG from Nigeria "for up to 3 weeks" starting the third week of January. QSL via Club Log's OQRS. After that, they will go to South Africa "to take care of our expedition vessel and pack most of the equipment for southern ocean voyage". [<https://www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup>]
- 9N - Robert, 9N7AA (S53R) is going to be active on the low bands on 10-12 January. This will be "a real DXpedition" to a hill near Kathmandu, carrying some 200 kg of equipment. The plan involves operating on 30 and 40 metres initially, with the intention to set up vertical antennas for 80 and 160 metres the following day, depending on the success of the first night and local QRM. The antennas are expected to remain in place for a few months. QSL via LoTW, or direct to S56DX.
- G - GB70RS is the special callsign celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Radio Society of Great Britain's weekly news service (GB2RS), which has been running continuously since 25 September 1955 (<https://rsqb.org/main/gb2rs/>). GB70RS is operated by the radio amateurs who work to deliver GB2RS each week, both the editorial staff at RSGB HQ and the newsreaders spread around the UK and Crown Dependencies who transmit it every Sunday. QSL via the bureau, LoTW and eQSL.
- HB9 - HB20SOTA is the special callsign for the Swiss SOTA Group (HB9SOTA) to celebrate its 20th anniversary throughout 2025. A certificate will be available, see <https://hb9sota.ch/en/> for more information.
- HI - HI59UD is the special callsign for the Union Dominicana de Radioaficionados, the second oldest amateur radio club in the Dominican Republic, to celebrate the 59th anniversary since its foundation. Look for activity on the HF bands SSB and digital modes, from 17 to 25 January. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, and QRZ Logbook.
- I - Team IG9/S51V will participate in the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest as a Multi-Single entry from Lampedusa Island (AF-019). Outside the contest, on 19-29 January, look for team members S51V, S52OT, S52P, S54W, S56DX, S57UN, S58MU, S59A, S59ZZ, IV3CTS and YT3H to be QRV as IG9/home call on the HF bands. QSL via home calls. [TNX S59ZZ]
- LZ - Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2025 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: LZ403ES (January and February), LZ372SG (March and April), LZ286MDK (May and June), LZ591MK (July and August), LZ117ME (September and October) and LZ306WW (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2025 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/>.
- OH - OF60AP is the special callsign for members of the Central Uusimaa Radio Amateurs Association (OH2AP) to celebrate their club's 60th

anniversary throughout 2025. QSL via Club Log's OQRS. A certificate will be available, see https://oh2ap.fi/?page_id=491.

TG - Dwight, VE7BV will be active again as TG9BBV from Guatemala on 10-28 January. He will operate CW, SSB and possibly FT8 on 40-6m. QSL via home call and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

VU - Team AU2V (namely (VU2RS, VU2TT, VU3DXA, VU3GDS, VU3TPW and VU3WEW) is planning a DXpedition to Sacrifice Rock (AS-161). This challenging island and highly sought-after IOTA group was activated only once, back in January 2002.

The team has received informal approval from local authorities and is awaiting formal confirmation to proceed, with the activation tentatively planned for the second week of February. "We have two CW operators and four SSB/digital operators", Sarath, VU2RS says, "ensuring that we can run three stations simultaneously, if permitted, or two stations round the clock. We'll be using a range of antennas, including a 40-6m beam, 6 and 10m beam, and verticals, to ensure maximum coverage and efficiency". Donations to help offset the significant costs can be sent via PayPal to sarath[@]lven.in. A website is apparently under construction at <https://au2v.vu2rs.com>. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS.

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BOUVET 2026 ---> Team 3Y0K has announced the "completion of a major milestone" with the signing of a contract with the company that will take them to Bouvet Island in February 2026. They have also secured a contract with a company that will provide a helicopter, two pilots, and a mechanic for this project.

"We will depart from Cape Town February 1st 2026", the team says, "and the DXpedition is scheduled for 36 days. We intend to stay around the island for more than 21 days, which will provide us with enough time to wait for good conditions to land the team and all the equipment".

The total budget of \$1,675,000 includes a \$450,000 deposit due on 20 January, with funding assistance from private contributions and grants from the Northern California DX Foundation. "NCDXF has discussed the planning with their leadership team and believes that this plan will be successful. There is risk associated with this DXpedition as we all know because of weather and local conditions. The leadership has experienced these challenges and has thoughtfully addressed them as best as they know". There will be two

grants from NCDXF, "totally up to \$200,000. The first will be a down payment of \$100,000. The second will be a dollar for dollar match up to \$100,000. The match will be a challenge to the clubs and hams that donate prior to the DXpedition". To help meet this target, please consider making a donation: see <https://3y0k.com>.

KERGUELEN 2025-26 ---> Thierry, F6CUK and Pascal, F8TRT are working on a project to be QRV from the Kerguelen Islands: <https://kerg-2025.r-e-f.org>. The document outlines the current status and future plans for their proposed DXpedition, addressing challenges faced during the application process to TAAF authorities, the multi-faceted nature of the project, and the urgency to receive approval before a self-imposed deadline in spring 2025 to proceed with the expedition. "With a departure planned between December 2025 and March 2026", they say, "we are granting ourselves until spring to secure the necessary approval; beyond this timeframe, the project will be abandoned".

WSJT-X 2.7.0 ---> Release Candidate WSJT-X 2.7.0-rc8 is ready for download and use by beta testers: <https://wsjt.sourceforge.io/wsjt.html>. RC8 is mostly a bug-fix release of the well-functioning RC7, but it also introduces a new Message System that can be used to invite your QSO partner to QSY to another frequency or mode (e.g. during contests), or to send some general short messages. It consists of the "Message Creator" and the "QSY Monitor". Received messages are displayed as popups. To understand how to use the Message System, read Section 8 of the updated WSJT-X User Guide for RC8: <https://wsjt.sourceforge.io/wsjt-doc/wsjt-main-2.7.0-rc8.html>.

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***** QSL ROUTES *****
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CALL          MANAGER      CALL          MANAGER      CALL          MANAGER
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3D2HAZ        9M8HAZ       DP0GVN        DL5EBE        PA25WWA       LoTW
3Z6I          SP6JIU       EG6WWA        EC6DX         PJ4R          N4RR
3Z7WWA        SQ7U         EH5HNY        EA5ZD         PJ4SON        M0URX
4U1WB         KK4HD        FM4TI         EA5GL         PV2K          EA5GL
5P9Z/p        DL7UZO       FT4YM/p       F5PFP         R2025NY       RQ7L
5W0GE         OE3GEA       FY4JI         EA5GL         RC25BA        RV1CC
6W1RD         EA7FTR       GB1GKA        G4HLN         RI42SP        RN3RQ
8E3R          N2OO         GB1WWA        LoTW          RK25NY        RN3RQ
8Q7FX         DO4FX        GB200LB       M0OXO         RT25NY        RN3RQ
8Q7XF         DF3XY        GB8KW         G0UKN         RU25NY        RN3RQ
9A925T        9A2EU        GB9KW         GW0PUH        RW25NY        RN3RQ
9J2BO         EA5GL        HF33WOSP      SP6ZHP        RX25NY        RN3RQ
9N1CA         EA5ZD        HI8D          NK4Q          SC90SM        SK5SM
A43WWA        EC6DX        HK3X          M0OXO         SN50IWA       SP7IWA
A71AE         EC6DX        HR5/F2JD      F6AJA         TC93HARP      YM9EKE
A91WWA        EC6DX        IA0/IZ1KHY    I1URL         TM850N        F4GFE

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AM150MF	EA3XL	II4FPEN	IQ4FE	UE25NY	RQ7L
AZ1D	EC6DX	JG8NQJ/JD1	JA8CJY [d]	UP7WWA	LZ1YE
C37AC	EA3QS	JG8NQJ/JD1	JG8NQJ [b]	VE2CSI	M0URX
C5RK	EA7FTR	KP4ZZ	EB7DX	VI100IARU	M0OXO
CQ7WWA	CT1GFK	LY13LY	LY8O	VK5KI	M0OXO
CR5WWA	CS5DX	LZ06RN	LZ1ZF	VP6MW	W0VTT
CR6WWA	CT1ILT	LZ403ES	LZ1KCP	WP3C	M0OXO
CS2025HNY	CT1REP	OF60AP	OH2AP	YB0AR	EB7DX
D2ACE	EA7FTR	OU25AEI/p	OZ7AEI	Z81D	OM3JW
D4L	IK2NCJ	OY1OF	M0URX	ZW5B	PY5EG

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