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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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5R - Richard, HB9FHV is active holiday style as 5R8RH from Nosy Be (AF-057), Madagascar until 7 March. He can operate SSB on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. As for QSL, "I will send PDF by email", he says.

8P - Chris, WA7RAR will be active as 8P9CB from Barbados (NA-021) on 5-16 March. He will operate SSB and CW on 20-10 metres, often from POTA sites. QSL via LoTW, QRZ Logbook, or direct to home call.

8R - Aldir, PY1SAD will be active again as 8R1TM from Georgetown, Guyana between 11 March and 26 April. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on the HF bands and via satellite. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, QRZ Logbook, or direct to home call.

9L - Peter, VK3HEX is in Sierra Leone until 7 March. He is QRV as 9L/VK3HEX on 10 metres SSB during the local evenings and the week-ends. QSL direct to VK3HEX, or via eQSL.

D6 - Elvira, IV3FSG will be active as D68Z from the Comoro Islands (AF-007) from 3 March until at least 18 March. Her actual arrival date will be 28 February, but she will be busy with other tasks prior to the start of the expedition. She will operate SSB, FT8/FT4 (MSHV), CW and RTTY on 160-6 metres. Club Log's Livestream will be enabled and IK0XBX will be her pilot. See https://www.qrz.com/db/D68Z for suggested frequencies, more information and updates. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via IK2WAD (new QSL route for direct and bureau cards).
During her trip, Elvira will also be mentoring three local youths (thanks to Don, 7Q6M/D60AB for making this possible) who will learn how to raise antennas and work the pile-up before attending this year's YOTA Summer Camp in August. There are also plans in the works for the station to be operated remotely, by experienced operators as well as YOTA Italia members.

FJ - Janusz, SP9FIH will be active as TO1P from St. Barthelemy (NA-146) from 24 March to 4 April. He will operate SSB, FT8 and RTTY on 40, 17 and 10 metres. See http://fj.dxpeditions.org for updates. QSL via Club Log's OQRS. [TNX NG3K]

G - GB0IARU is the special callsign for the Radio Society of Great Britain to take part in the celebrations of the centenary of the International Amateur Radio Union. Look for activity on 1-30 April, and be aware that GB0IARU may be activated from all of the seven different DXCC Entities in the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Guersey, Jersey and the Isle of Man). QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW.

HL - Celebrating the centenary of the International Amateur Radio Union, members of the Korean Amateur Radio League (KARL) will be active as HL100IARU from March to April. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, eQSL and Club Log; direct cards to HL1IWD.

I - Members of ARI Bari will operate the commemorative Marconian station IY7M (QSL via IZ7XNB) from the San Cataldo lighthouse on 1 March, for the opening of the Museum of Radio, Lighthouses and Coastal towers of Apulia. It will be joined by other stations operating from other local lighthouses. In particular, members of ARI Lecce will be active as II7SML (QSL via IQ7AF) from the lighthouse at Santa Maria di Leuca, from 9 to 14 UTC.

KH9 - Allen, KH7AL/KH9 recently passed the 5,000 QSO mark. He expects to remain on Wake Island (OC-053) for about three more weeks on this rotation: "then I will be home for a month, and then back for about three more months on Wake. I am enjoying my time and work here, so as long as my family supports my absence I will stay with this position". He regularly announces and updates his operating schedule on https://kh7al.site/kh9-upcoming-activity/.

OZ - OZ100IARU is the special callsign for members of EDR, Denmark's IARU society, to celebrate the centenary of the International Amateur Radio Union on 19-27 April. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via the bureau to OZ1ACB. An award will be available, see https://www.qrz.com/db/OZ100IARU for the details.

PA - Celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Dutch Marine Radio Amateur Club (https://www.marac-radio.nl), special callsign PA40MARAC will be active between 1 March and 31 December. A QSO with this station earns 10 points for the MARAC awards (see PI4MRC on qrz.com). QSL via PA3CNI. [TNX PA3CNI]

PJ7 - Tom, AA9A will be active again as PJ7AA from Sint Maarten (NA-105) from 9 March to 5 April. He will operate CW, FT8 and FT4 on 40-6 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or direct to AA9A. [TNX The Daily DX]

V4 - Fred, G4XWM will be active as V4/G4XWM from St.Kitts (NA-104) on 8-29 March. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log, and QRZ Logbook. [TNX The Daily DX]

V7 - Tim, KZ4V will be touring the Marshall Islands between 15 March and 20 April, as part of a scientific mission to various atolls Including Enewetak (OC-087), Bikini (OC-028), Rongelap (OC-028), Majetto (at the northwest end of Kwajalein Atoll, OC-028), Wotje (OC-029) and Majuro (OC-029). "Most operations will be /mm on SSB", he says, "although I will also run FT8 portable on several of the atolls" using the callsign V73MT. In particular, he will camp out on Enewetak for five days and hopefully will have some time to be QRV on 40, 20 and 17 metres. QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log, LoTW and QRZ Logbook. [TNX The Daily DX]

VP2V - Bavarian Contest Club members DA1DX, DK9IP, DM6EE and DL8LAS will be active as VP2VI from the British Virgin Islands (NA-023) on 10-27 April. They will operate SSB, CW and FT8 (MSHV) on 160-6 metres with five stations. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via DJ4MX.

The callsign VP2VI was initially assigned to Bob Denniston (W0DX), whose efforts as IARU President (1966-74) were instrumental in preparing the allocation of the WARC bands for amateur use. This operation marks the 100th anniversary of IARU and honours Bob's contributions. See https://www.qrz.com/db/vp2vi for more information and updates.

VP5 - Rockwell, WW1X will be active holiday style as VP5/WW1X from Pro-

videnciales (NA-002), Turks and Caicos Islands on 8-15 March. "This operation is QRP with SSB only", he says, "and maybe FT8 if I feel like it". QSL via LoTW only.

VP8 - Ian, G3WVG as VP8CIW and Nigel, G3TXF as VP8TXF will be active from the Falkland Islands during a short CW-only trip which will be focused on participation in the Commonwealth Contest (8-9 March). QSLs via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW.

ZA - Mark, W4CK, will be active as ZA/W4CK from Tirana, Albania, on 2-8 March. He will operate CW on 80-10 metres. QSL via LoTW.

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COMMONWEALTH CONTEST ---> The 88th edition of the Commonwealth (BERU) Contest (https://berucontest.wordpress.com) will be held on 8-9 March, from 10.00 UTC to 10.00 UTC, on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres CW. Only stations operating from the Commonwealth Call Areas may participate in this contest.

HERITAGE CQ AMATEUR RADIO HALL OF FAME ---> The CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame was established in 2001 to recognize those individuals, whether licensed radio amateurs or not, who significantly affected the course of amateur radio; and radio amateurs who, in the course of their professional lives, had a significant impact on their professions or on world affairs.
CQ Magazine has discontinued but the Heritage CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame will continue to honour select qualified individuals. Hamgallery will be the new steward of this award, which will be reviewed by a select and diverse group of amateurs. Nominations will be accepted from 1 January through 15 April of each year. See http://hamgallery.com/HOF/AmateurRadio/ for more information, nomination procedure included.

SWODXA DX DINNER ---> The 40th DX Dinner, sponsored again by the SouthWest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) and held in conjunction with the 2025 Dayton Hamvention, will be on Friday, 16 May at the Marriott at the University of Dayton. The "DXpedition of the Year" and the inductees into the CQ DX Hall of Fame will be announced during the event; see https://swodxaevents.org for the tickets and the list of DX Dinner prizes. [TNX AJ8B]

VU7 PROJECT: STUDENT PARTICIPATION PROGRAM ---> The VU7 Project is a DXpedition that will take place from the Lakshadweep Islands on 16-31 January 2026. The organizers invite "student amateur radio operators around the world" to join the team: "this is a unique opportunity for you to learn from experienced and eminent amateur radio operators, gain hands-on experience, and be a part of a thrilling adventure". If interested, please contact Sarath, VU2RS (sara@vu2rs.com) before 1 May.

YASME FOUNDATION GRANTS ---> The Board of Directors of the Yasme Foundation

(https://www.yasme.org) has announced the following grants.

* A supporting grant of $7,500 to the World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC) United Kingdom 2026 organizing committee for general expenses and a second grant of $3,000 to fund the Ham Widow's Ball for spouses in attendance. The board encourages other organizations and individuals to support this global event (https://www.wrtc2026.org/).
* A grant covering the expenses of Hamvention 2025 space rental for HamSCI and YOTA/HR2.0
* A grant to the Ethiopian Amateur Radio Association for a club construction project of a QRP Labs QMX+ 160-6m, 5W multi-mode transceiver kit.
* A grant of $7,500 in support of YOTA 2025 Summer Camp in Denver (15-20 June). The board encourages other organizations and individuals to support this growing event (https://youthontheair.org/denver2025/) for youth in North America and amateur radio.
* A supporting grant to Contest University at Hamvention 2025 in Xenia.

The Yasme Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation organized to support scientific and educational projects related to amateur radio, including DXing and the introduction and promotion of amateur radio in developing countries.

YOTA CONTEST 2025 ---> 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 9 March (10:00-22:00 UTC) on the five classic bands CW and SSB. Everyone can work everyone. Complete rules can be found on https://yotacontest.mrasz.org.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3D2Y, 3DA0DL, 4J75M, 4X8X, 4X9X, 7X2EZ, 8E3R, 9J2FI, A35GC, AP2NK, AU2K (AS-179), AU2S (AS-153), C5T, C91BV, CX6TU, D4DX, DP0GVN, DP1POL, E51SGC, EX9A, FR8TZ, FR8UA, FT4GL, GD0OUD, GU0SUP, IG9/S52OT, JY5IB, KH6KB, NP3YL, P40AA, PJ2MAN, PJ2ND, RI1ANE, S21DX (AS-140), SV8QDJ, T22T, T30UN, T5/IH9HRK, T77C, TG9AHM, TL8ES, TO0J, UK8IQ, V26B, V31CN (NA-180), VE8MN, VK9CV, VP2V/AA7V, VP2V/WE9G, VP9/AA1AC, VP9KD, VR2P, XT2MD, XV9T, YN9H, YR0XMAS, ZB2JK, ZD7BG, ZD7DPX, ZF2OO.

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