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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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DL - Special callsign DL0SOP will be active on 1-31 July for the 67th edition of the Sea of Peace Award (see https://dl0sop.darc.de/ for full details). QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW and eQSL.

EI - Gordon, G3PXT will be active as EJ3VP from Arranmore Island (EU-121) from 25 June to 2 July, and from Inisheer Island (EU-006) on 25-30 July, IOTA Contest included. He will operate SSB on 80-6 metres. These operations are part of a three-month tour of Ireland (EI/G3PXT/p and EI3VP/p) and Northern Ireland (GI3PXT/p) that started on 4 June and will end on 5 September.

F - Nicolas, F4HCG will be active as F4HCG/p from Noirmoutier Island (EU-064) on 5-18 July. He will operate SSB on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres.

F - French special callsigns to be activated for this year's 112th edition of the Tour de France include:
TM112TDF operated by F8GGZ between 5 and 26 July, QSL via eQSL only
TM25TDF operated by the Radio Club Emettre between 2 and 26 July; QSL via F5KMY
TM59TDF operated by the Radio Club de l'Agglomeration Dunkerquoise on 5-19 July; QSL via F8KGS and eQSL

HB9 - The 2025 UEFA Women's Championship will run from 2 to 27 July in Switzerland, and eight special event stations will be active from the host cities throughout July: HB2025BA (Basel), HB2025BE (Bern), HB2025GE (Geneve), HB2025LU (Lucerne), HB2025SG (St. Gallen), HB2025SI (Sion), HB2025TH (Thun), and HB2025ZH (Zurich). QSL via LoTW only, paper cards will not be provided. Certificates will be available for contacts made on CW, Phone and/or Digital. See https://www.qrz.com/db/HB2025BA for the details.

HR - Alex, K6VHF will be active again as K6VHF/HR9 from Roatan Island (NA-057) on 3-9 July. He will operate FT8, FT4, SSB and CW on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via K6VHF; QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

JX - Peter, LB2OBG is currently on a work assignment on Jan Mayen (EU-022) and expects to remain there for a few weeks. He plans to be QRV as JX/LB2OG in his spare time, with SSB and FT8 activity on 40 and 20 metres, "and some higher bands". [TNX The Daily DX]

PJ6 - Team PJ6Y [425DXN #1769] is now expected to be active from Saba (NA-145) on 16-30 October. The team will comprise 12-14 on-site operators, including nine first-time young DXpeditioners. The local team will be complemented by 30-40 young remote operators. There will be five stations (three for the local operators) at two sepa- separate sites, with activity on 160-6 meters CW, SSB and FT8, plus satellite. PJ6Y will also participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. See https://pj6y2025.com for more informa-

tion.
"This is more than a DXpedition", the organizers say, "it is an investment in the future of our hobby", as it offers "a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for young amateur radio operators to experience DXpeditioning at the highest level for the very first time. Without support from clubs and individuals this opportunity would not be possible. Our goal is to fully cover the travel and operational expenses of all our young team members - so that financial circumstances are never a barrier to participation for these enthusiastic and dedicated young hams". Donations are gratefully accepted, see https://www.qrz.com/db/PJ6Y for the details.

SM - Celebrating the 100th anniversary of its official inauguration (2 July 1925), the still operational long wave transmitter at the Grimeton Radio Station, callsign SAQ, will be activated on 2 July at 09:00, and again at 13:00 UTC on 17.2 kHz CW. Both events will be broadcast live: https://www.youtube.com/@AlexanderSAQ. The Grimeton Radio Station has been inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list since 2004.
As for the amateur bands, SK6SAQ will be QRV during the day on CW (3517, 7017, 14017 kHz) and SSB (3755 and 7140 kHz). QSL SK6SAQ via the bureau or direct to Alexander GVV Radiostationen, Grimeton 72, SE-432 98 Grimeton, Sweden. See https://alexander.n.se/en/ for more information.

VU - In late May the planned activity from Arnala Island (AS-169) was cancelled due to heavy rains and safety concerns [425DXN 1778]. Sarath, VU2RS has announced that now the new plans are for "a back-to-back expedition" to the islands of Shial Bet (AS-176) on 2-4 November, and Arnala (AS-169) on 6-8 November. Details are expected in due course.

ZD7 - Tim, N0UI will be active as ZD7TIM from St. Helena (AF-022) on 5-13 July. He will operate CW, SSB and maybe some RTTY on 40-10 metres, possibly also on 6 metres if conditions are good. QSL via LoTW, or via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

SPRINT WORLD WIDE AWARD 2025 ---> The HamAward Team announces the "Sprint World Wide Award" chase that will take place from 30 June to 6 July. The WWA combines CW, SSB and digital modes activity from special event stations around the world with real-time award tracking for the chasers: complete information can be found on https://hamaward.cloud/wwa/rules. Special event callsigns include stations from

Indonesia	8A1K
Argentina	LR1WWA
Azores	CR2WWA
Bahrain	A91WWA
Balearic Islands	EG6WWA
Belgium	OR0WWA
Bosnia-Herzegovina	E7W
Canada	VE9WWA
Ceuta & Melilla	EG9WWA
Czech Republic	OL5WWA
Dominican Republic	HI3WWA, HI6WWA, HI7WWA, HI8WWA
East Malaysia	9M4WWA
England	GB2WWA

France	TM0WWA, TM2WWA, TM73WWA, TM7WWA
Germany	DA0WWA, DL0WWA
India	AT4WWA
Iraq	YI0WWA
Italy	II0WWA, II1WWA, II2WWA, II3WWA, II4WWA, II5WWA, II6WWA, II7WWA, II8WWA, II9WWA, IR1WWA
Jersey	GB9WWA
Kazakhstan	UP7WWA
Mauritius	3B8WWA
Namibia	V55WWA
Northern Ireland	GB8WWA
Oman	A43WWA
Philippines	DU0WWA
Poland	SN0WWA, SN2WWA, SN3WWA, SN4WWA
Portugal	CS2WWA
Puerto Rico	W4I
Reunion Island	TO0WWA
Sardinia	IR0WWA
Scotland	GB4WWA
Slovenia	S53WWA
Spain	EG1WWA, EG2WWA, EG4WWA, EG5WWA, EG7WWA, EH3WWA
St. Vincent	J8WWA
Switzerland	HB9WWA
USA	N0W, N1W, N3W, N4W, N6W, N9W

Other participating stations include 3Z6I (Poland), BA7CK and BY1RX (China), RW1F (European Russia), TK4TH (Corsica).

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INDEXA NEWSLETTER ---> The Summer 2025 issue (#145) of the International DX Association's Newsletter is now available for download on the INDEXA website (https://indexa.org/newsletters.html). Highlights include "Message from the President" by Otis Vicens (NP4G), "Yemen Humanitarian Efforts", "2025 CQ DX Hall of Fame" by Bob Schenck (N2OO), "Dateline DX Association and INDEXA Jointly Provide Humanitarian Aid to Basic School on Sao Tome e Principe" by Jose Araujo (CT1DSV), as well as DXpedition reports from 3D2Y (Rotuma Island 2024), 9L5A (Sierra Leone 2024), VK9XU & VK9CU (Christmas Island & Cocos-Keeling Islands 2025), VU4AX (Andaman Islands 2025).

LOTW SYSTEMS UPGRADE ---> "As a part of the ongoing modernization of the ARRL systems infrastructure, LoTW will be receiving major upgrades to the operating system it is running on, the relational database system it uses to store and access logbook and awards data, and server hosting, where it will be fully migrated to the cloud. These changes will, among other improvements, ensure LoTW performance needs can be better met based on user demand.

LoTW will be unavailable from June 27 to July 2, 2025, to complete these upgrades. We will bring LoTW back online if it is available sooner than July 2". [TNX ARRL]

NCDXF'S GRANT TO CLUB LOG ---> The Northern California DX Foundation is Pleased to announce an 8,000 USD grant to Michael, G7VJR, for a hardware upgrade to Club Log.

"Club Log is a free service operating at a global scale, supporting 130,000 callsigns and storing 1.25 billion QSOs. Every second of every day, a worldwide base of HF DXers rely on Club Log to enhance their enjoyment of the hobby. To many, Club Log's features and tools are integral to their pursuit of DX. To operate at this scale, Club Log uses high-end servers of the kind you might find in a major internet company's data centres. Paying for this has only been possible due to major foundations stepping in to give us the help needed. Our server equipment was last updated in 2019, and in the intervening time the use of data modes and our popular livestreams feature has expanded dramatically, putting higher and higher loads on our existing systems.

Now in 2025, we are about to renew and upgrade our equipment again - a daunting expense. Once again, though, NCDXF has stepped forward to support Club Log and give us the backing needed, giving us a grant of around 8,000 USD to cover all of the equipment costs involved. Thanks to NCDXF, once the new servers are deployed, Club Log will be using cutting edge servers which are faster, more energy efficient and ready for years of high-endurance 24/7 work.

On behalf of Club Log and our users, I would like to express my gratitude to the Northern California DX Foundation for their renewed financial support and backing as we renew Club Log's infrastructure this year. Thanks to their help, Club Log can continue to grow, be reliable and ready for whatever the future holds for DXing in an era of innovation. 73, Michael G7VJR".

YASME FOUNDATION GRANT ---> The Board of Directors of the Yasme Foundation has announced a supporting grant for the YOTA (Youngsters On The Air) Region 1 Summer Camp to be held on 18-25 August near Paris. This continues Yasme's tradition of supporting YOTA and youth activities; however, more support is needed; contact Mario Lerma, EA1JAY (ea1jay.mario@gmail.com) for more information.

ZD9BV STATION UPGRADE PROJECT ---> "About six months ago, I was approached by Ken K4ZW (YASME) about the possibility of helping Andy ZD9BV improve his antenna setup on Tristan da Cunha. At that time, Andy's station consisted of a Marine vertical and an IC706MK2G transceiver utilizing the internal tuner. YASME was considering providing Andy with a setup for an RBN. I was asked if INDEXA could assist with the antenna upgrade. Before I could put in a request for INDEXA assistance, I needed to see what might be available that would meet Andy's needs and his property footprint. What evolved was quite a wonderful surprise.

I started by initiating communication with Andy. He had limited space on his property for an antenna. So, compromise rotatable antennas were considered.

I started by contacting DX Engineering. But, while I was at it, I decided to also see if they might consider an improved radio for Andy. They decided to ask ICOM for their help, and a new IC7300 was provided and DX Engineering

agreed to add some lengths of coax and cover the shipping of the items to Andy. As for the antennas, they were not available in the USA so they suggested contacting WIMO in Germany to see what they might have. They would also be able to provide a 240vac rotor which was not available in the USA.

Next, I approached WIMO about the antenna system desires for Andy. This would include a small mini-beam and an 80-6 meter vertical. In addition, a 240vac rotor, associated rotor hardware, a rotor control cable, and a 240v 12VDC power supply were also requested. My plan was to ask for pricing so I would know how much the project would cost before I moved forward looking for financial support. What followed was another heartwarming surprise. WIMO asked why Andy was not considering a HEX Beam, and I advised them that Andy felt that it would not handle the occasional harsh weather that would be experienced on ZD9. So, WIMO offered to add a HEX Beam to the package. WIMO agreed to provide all of the equipment at no charge, but asked if INDEXA would cover the shipping cost which was around $500 USD.

INDEXA does not normally support private stations. However, in this case we had the only licensed ham on a remote island entity whose population is around 250 people. ZD9 is #55 on the most wanted DXCC list (Club Log) even after some serious activity by ZD9W in 2023. In addition, we already had extraordinary support from ICOM, DX Engineering, WIMO and YASME. So, in the end it was an easy decision for INDEXA to cover the shipping expense. Without the support from ICOM, DX Engineering, WIMO, INDEXA, YASME, N3FJP and UX5UO, I would have needed to run a separate funding campaign of some sort.

Andy was logging using an Excel format, and QSLing is all done via direct mail to him on the island. I asked Andy if he would do LoTW uploads occasionally, but he did not have regular logging software there. I approached Scott, N3FJP asking if he would provide his software package to Andy, which would make uploading the log easier either directly from him, or via an assist from me. Scott quickly obliged. This part will be an ongoing project. I will continue to assist Andy on this. Meanwhile, Andy shared his Excel log with me that goes back a few years, and I am working on it to create an ADIF. After Andy gets his hardware together and operational, we will move forward with logging upgrades and work on how to set up LoTW.

Andy wanted to design a new QSL card that promoted the new sponsors and he asked me for help with the design. He has a local printer in South Africa who prints his cards.

So, I asked Gennady UX5UO if he would help design a new card for Andy and I sent him a couple of photos that Andy shared with me. Gennady quickly obliged and provided a professional quality design which Andy will use with his local printer. These will take a while to get printed. But they will be worth the wait.

So, that's our story. I want to thank everyone who helped put this project together. All items have arrived at ZD9 and are currently being assembled. Looking forward to seeing Andy on the air as he gets everything operational. His preferred modes are CW and SSB". [TNX Bob Schenck, N2OO; Vice President, INDEXA]

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******* QSL ROUTES *******
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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
4G0G	4G1GOG	FM4TI	EA5GL	PJ4SON	M0URX
4L8A	M0OXO	FS/W1NA	IZ1MHY	R100KPB	RN1QB
5W1SA	JA1DXA	GS8VL	M0OXO	RI42SP	RN3RQ
7Q5MLV	M0URX	HA950SZ	HA7MS	S79VU	N4GNR
A2NEW	EA7FTR	HF15DXK	SP9GKS	SC90SM	SK5SM
A61Q	EA7FTR	HH2AA	EB7DX	SN1000FPK	SP6IEQ
A65HS	9K2HS	HP1XV	EA5HB	SN100MARKI	SQ5WH
A71AT	EA7FTR	HS30DXA	HS6MYW	SN380PISZ	SP4GED
A71QQ	M0OXO	II0GDF	IZ7PMQ	TF1A	EB7DX
A91PSD	EC6DX	II2RC	IV3DJE	TI5/N3KS	M0URX
AO40PA	EA5RCZ	II4MM	I4IKW	TM120CGB	F5KDC
AP5ARS	IK2DUW	J79BH	FM5BH	TM17KUQ	F6KUQ
CN2DX	F5LRL	JD1BMH	JD1BMH [b]	TM200EN	F4DTO
DC0NORRIS	DB4SCW	JD1BMH	JG7PSJ [d]	TM5RE	F2VX
DL100DM	DL8FA	JD1BQP	JD1BQP [b]	V31HT	G4LHT
E2A	E21EIC	JD1BQP	JP1IHD [d]	VI100SIG	M0OXO
E2M	E21LLR	KP2B	EB7DX	XE3N	EA5GL
EG3PTM	EA3RCI	LZ8A	LZ2KTS	ZC4EE	G4OOE
EG5HSJ	EA5RKB	OE01MIKU	LZ3HI	ZC4RH	DK6SP
EG7SV	EA7URG	OL26WRTC	OK6RA	ZS1EKK	M0OXO
EG8FPM	EA8VI	OT50OVRC	ON4GNT	ZS6/EA1FSO	KK4OMJ
EI3VP	G3PXT	PA80SODS	PA2KM	ZS6CCY	K3IRV
EJ3VP	G3PXT	PJ4DX	M0URX	ZW115CEB	PY1JR

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