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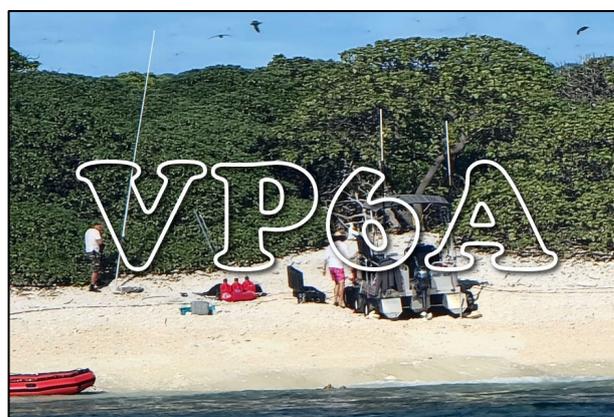
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# DX INFORMATION

**3C** - Ersoy, TA2OM has been active as 3C3CA from Bioko Island (AF-010), Equatorial Guinea since October 2022. His current plans are to stay there for another two months. He uploads his log to Club Log and LoTW on a regular basis.

**4W** - After the 4W1A scouting trip in April, a major DXpedition to Timor Leste is being organized for November, featuring a large team of skillful and experienced operators from Germany, Poland, Austria, Hungary and England. The first contingent will arrive on 5 November and start with preparations. After two or three days the first signals may appear on the air, but only for a few hours, and after local sunset. Most team members will arrive on 12 November, to finish the setup and start the 24/7 shifts. Plans are for 4W8X to operate CW (including a Multi-Multi entry in the CQ WW DX CW Contest on 25-26 November), SSB, RTTY and FT8 with at least two signals per band at the same time (except for 160, 80, 60 and 6m). They will also have equipment for EME on 144 MHz, 432 MHz and 1296 MHz. Takedown will start after the end of the contest. More information will be available in August, see <http://timor-leste-dx.de/> for updates.

**7Q** - Don, K6ZO will be active again as 7Q6M (QSL via home call and LoTW) from the station at the Embangweni Mission Hospital in northern Malawi from 21 June until possibly the end of July. He expects to put a special emphasis on six meters during this visit. He will be joined by Dick, K4CUE on 21-28 June, as well as by Jerry, W1IE and Bill, KC4D (7Q7WW) from 21 June through 2 July. Their operations will likely be restricted to local evening hours (18-24 UTC) and occasionally early morning hours (3-5 UTC). QSL 7Q7WW direct to WOMAN.

**8Q** - Kasimir, DL2SBY will be active again as 8Q7KB from the Maldives (AS-013) on 13-21 June. This time he will operate «more CW and SSB» with a focus on 12, 10 and 6 metres. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or direct to home call. He no longer uses the bureau.

**8Q** - Bert, CX3AN will be active holiday style as 8Q7HU from the Maldives (AS-013) on 11-18 July. He will be QRV on 40-6 metres. QSL via EB7DX (direct).



**8R** - «Four young ambitious DXers ranging in age from 20 to 25 years old» (namely Sven DJ4MX, Philipp DK6SP, Tomi HA8RT and Jamie M0SDV) will be active from Guyana on 14-24 February 2024 (callsign TBA). They will operate CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY on 160-6 metres. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW.

See <https://8r-2024.com/> for more information and updates. The Northern California DX Foundation will provide \$5,000 in financial support for the expedition, as they «want to encourage the next generation of Dxpeditors». NCDXF wants also «to let any planned DXpedition know that, if they request funding from NCDXF and we provide a grant, we will also underwrite the costs of a younger (ages 20-35) person/s on the trip».



**9Q** - Vlad, OK2WX was expected to be active as 9Q3WX [425DXN 1673]; however, owing to «the dangerous situation» in that province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, he has

changed his plans. Now he will be QRV as 9Q2WX, and the new dates are from 20 August to 9 September. Vlad will operate on CW, SSB and digital modes on 80-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via IZ8CCW. [TNX DX World]

**CE0Y** - Look for Manuel, CE0Y/CA3YMR (QSL direct to home call), Leo, CE0Y/CE3KEY (QSL direct to home call) and Cristian, CE0Y/XQ3PCN (QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW) to be active from Easter Island (SA-001) on 12-19 June. They will operate SSB and FT8 on 40-10 metres.



**CE0Z** - A multi-national team (AB5EM, CE1EW, CE1KV, HA1AG, HI3R/NK4DX, N5KO, NP4G, XQ1KZ, XQ3SA and XQ3SK) will be active as CBOZA from Robinson Crusoe Island (SA-005), Juan Fernandez on 13-20 February 2024. They have received authorization from the National Forest Corporation to operate from Cerro Centinela, within the Juan Fernandez National Park, which will give them a clear takeoff. They will be QRV on 160-2 metres using SSB, CW, RTTY, FT8 and EME (6m and 2m). QSL via HA1AG and LoTW. More information and updates will be posted to <https://cb0za.com/>.

**DL** - Special callsign DL0SOP will be active on 1-31 July for the 65<sup>th</sup> edition of the Sea of Peace Award (see <https://dl0sop.darc.de/> for full details). QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, eQSL, or direct to DL4SVA.



**ET** - Ken, K4ZW and Bob, W9XY will return to ET3AA, the Ethiopian Amateur Radio Society's club station at the Addis Ababa University, Institute of Technology, on 19-29 June. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on the HF bands (neither 160 nor 80 metres) and 6 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via N200.



**F** - Members of the Radio-Club de Caen will operate special station TM6J from the historic site of the Merville Gun Battery on the eastern flank of "Sword", one of the beaches where the Normandy landings took place on D-Day (6 June 1944). They will be QRV on 6-18 June on 80-6 metres CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via F6K CZ. [TNX F8REF]

**F** - Commemorating the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the birth of Blaise Pascal, the French mathematician, physicist, inventor, philosopher and writer (19 June 1623), Michel, F8GGZ will be active as TM400BP on 14-21 June. QSL via home call. In addition, members of Radio Club F5KDC will be active as TM400BPA on 17-20 June and again on 6-16 October. Look for activity on 80, 40 and 20m SSB and CW.



**F** - ON6OM, ON6ZV and ON7EG will be active as TM4IPA (maybe also as F/ON4IPA and F/OO6P) from Noirmoutier Island (EU-064) on 17-23 June. They will operate SSB

and digital modes on 40-6 metres. QSL via ON6ZV, bureau and direct.

**F** - On the occasion of the centenary of the 24 Hours of Le Mans, F1IEH is active as TM100GPF from 18 June to 2 July. QSL via home call. The special callsign's suffix stands for Grand Prix de France, the motor race held in June 1906 that has become known as the first Grand Prix.

**F** - French special callsigns to be activated for this year's 110<sup>th</sup> edition of the Tour de France include TM110TDF on 1-3, 8, 9 and 14-23 July (QSL via F8GGZ) and TM33TDF on 8-9 July (QSL via F6KUQ).

**FO** - Manfred DK1BT, Wolf DL4WK, Annette DL6SAK, Tom DL7BO and Frank DL7UFR will be active as TX6D from Tahiti (OC-046), French Polynesia on 2-15 October. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-10 metres (60m included) with up to five stations. QSL via DL7DF (direct or bureau) and LoTW «within 6 months after the DXpedition». See <http://www.dl7df.de/fo/> for



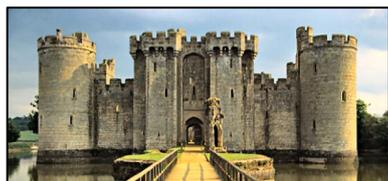
logsearch and OQRS.

**FP** - Once again Eric, KV1J will be active as FP/KV1J from Miquelon Island (NA-032) from 27 June to 11 July, including activity during the RAC Canada Day Contest (1 July) and the IARU HF World Championship. Plans are to operate primarily SSB and FT8, plus some CW, RTTY and FT4, on 80-6 metres,



«generally on the highest frequency band open» with a focus 12, 10 and 6 metres. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS and eQSL, or via home call. Bookmark <http://www.kv1j.com/fp/July23.html> for updates.

**G** - GB0ECA and GB0WCA are two special callsigns used from various locations (castles, forts, stately homes, etc) across England. QSL via eQSL. Established in January 2021 and managed by Bob Saunders (MOMJA), the English Castles Awards (ECA) is an awards



programme for chasers and activators of Castles On The Air (COTA), and it is an integral part of WCA (World Castles Awards). Complete information can be found on <https://englishcastlesawards.uk/>.

**GI** - Paul, G4PVM will be active holiday style as GI4PVM from Rathlin Island (EU-122) on 25-29 June. He will operate CW and SSB on 40-10 metres, possibly also on 80 and 6m. QSL via LoTW and eQSL; he will also upload his log to Club Log for QSO matching on the IOTA website. [TNX DX World]



**GM** - MMOUKI is going to be QRV again from Rockall (EU-189) on 20 July, when Nobby, GOVJG and the SV *Taeping* will go and collect Cam Cameron after his 60-day fundraising expedition comes to an end. Mainly the return visit is to get Cam off the islet safely along with all the equipment, however Nobby plans to be QRV

for 4-6 hours on 40 and 20 metres SSB. QSL via

M0OXO's OQRS. [TNX DX World]



**GU** - The Guernsey Amateur Radio Society will be running special event station GB5IG on 7-15 July for the XIX NatWest International Island Games, the "Small Islands Mini Olympics". Look for activity on 80-10 metres SSB and FT8/FT4, with some CW and some satellite work (QO-100). QSL via LoTW, or direct to GU8ITE.

[TNX GU0SUP]

**HA** - Special callsign HG23TISZA (QSL via HA7VK and LoTW) will be used again during this year's Tisza Cup, the International CW Contest to be held on 3 June (from 02.00 UTC to 14.59 UTC). Complete information can be found on <https://www.tiszacup.eu/>.

**I** - ARI Perugia will operate two stations during their Open Day from Pian di Massiano (JN63ec). Look for II0PEG to be active via the QO-100 satellite (SSB and CW) on 4 June (7-15 UTC), and IQ0PG/p to participate in the IARU Region 1 Field Day CW (3-4 June).

**I** - Launched in 1904, the *Elettra* was a two-masted steam yacht that Guglielmo Marconi used as a floating laboratory for many experiments. Part of her keel stands in the grounds of Villa Griffone, at Pontecchio near Bologna, from where ARI Fidenza will be active as IY4FGM on 10-11 June.

**I** - IL3P is a special callsign to be used between 1 July and 30 September from various locations in the Italian region of Veneto. On 28-31 July team IL3P will be active from Pellestrina Island (EU-131), including participation in the IOTA Contest. QSL via IU3EDK, direct or bureau.

**JA** - Masa, JF3ELH will be active as JF3ELH/6 (CW and SSB) and JF3ELH/p (FT8) from Okino Erabu, Amami Islands (AS-023) on 23-26 June. He will be QRV on 80-6 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX JI3DST]

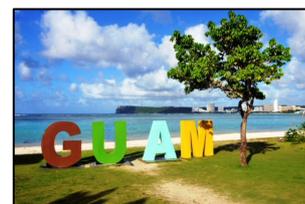
**JA** - Once again Taka, JA8COE will be active as JA8COE/8 from Yagishiri Island (AS-147) on 23-25 June. He will operate mainly SSB and FT8 on the HF bands and 6 metres (WWL QN04qk). QSL Club Log's OQRS, or via home call.

**JD1/M** - Teru, JE7IZM will be on Minami Torishima (OC-073) on 8-9 June. He expects to be QRV on 17 and 15 metres as JE7IZM/JD1 in his spare time. QSL via the bureau to home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

**JY** - JY7RW is the special callsign for members of the



Royal Jordanian Radio Amateurs Society (JY6ZZ) to celebrate the wedding of Hussein bin Abdullah, Crown Prince of Jordan, and Ms. Rajwa Al Saif on 1-4 June.



**KHO** - Harry, JG7PSJ will be active again as WH0RU from Saipan (OC-086), Mariana Islands on 21-27 June. He will operate CW and SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL direct to home call and LoTW (after three months); logsearch on <http://jg7psj.starfree.jp/logsearch/wh0ru.php>.

**KH2** - Yas, JA1QQU will be active as KH2/JA1QQU from Guam (OC-026) from 29 June to 4 July. He plans to be QRV between 23-2 UTC, and 10-14 UTC. QSL via LoTW

and eQSL (after 7 July), or via home call.

**KH8** - Yuri N3QQ, Hal W8HC and James KB2FMH will be active as KH8RRC from Tutuila (OC-045), American Samoa on 4-18 July. They plan to operate CW, SSB and FT8/FT4 on 80-6 metres from a mountain-top location within the National Park of American Samoa. This will be the first ever POTA activity on the island. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or direct to KB2FMH, «LoTW afterwards».



**LU** - Radio Club QRM Belgrano (LU4AAO) will be active on 17-25 June to celebrate Argentine Flag Day. Look for activity on all bands SSB, FT8, CW and SSTV. Special award and QSL will be available, see [http://lu4aao.org/cert\\_dia\\_de\\_la\\_bandera.htm](http://lu4aao.org/cert_dia_de_la_bandera.htm) for information. [TNX LU4AAO]

**LX** - Amateur radio operators from France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Germany have hold a meeting in Luxembourg since 1969. Look for special event call LX8SAR to be aired during this year's event, which will take place on 16-18 June at Weicherdange. All QSOs will be confirmed via the bureau.

**LX** - LX90RTL is a special callsign celebrating the 90th anniversary since Radio Luxembourg made its first long wave broadcast. It will be used by various LX operators from 1 July until the end of the year. Look for activity on the HF bands SSB, CW and digital modes, as well as via satellite. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the DARC bureau; the logs will be uploaded to Club Log, LoTW and eQSL on a regular basis. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/LX90RTL> for more information.



**LY** - Special callsigns LY1933DG, LY90DG, LY90FLY, LY90SD and LY90SG will be active on 1-31 July to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the ill-fated flight of Lithuanian pilots Steponas Darius and Stasys Girenas. On 15 July 1933 they attempted a nonstop flight from New York City to Kaunas in a small airplane named *Lituanica*. After crossing the Atlantic Ocean, they crashed on 17 July when they were only 650 km short of their final destination. Also active will be six special event stations from Poland, and a certificate will be available (see SP below).



**OX** - Bo, OZ1DJJ will be active again as OX3LX from Qaanaaq (WWL FQ57jl), on the main island of Greenland (NA-018) from 28 June to 18 July. He will focus on 4 and 6 metres, but he will also be QRV on the HF bands. A side trip to Herbert Island (NA-134) or Meteorite Island is possible. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or direct to OZ0J. [TNX DX World]

**OY** - Thomas, DC8TM and Martina, DF3TS will be active as OY/DC8TM and OY/DF3TS from the Faroe Islands (EU-018) from 25 June to 5 July. They will operate SSB and FT8, with plans for SOTA and WWFF activations. QSL via home calls.

**P2** - Giovanni, ZL3SSB (ZL1BRA) will be active as P29VBR from Port Moresby (OC-034), Papua New Guinea on 11-21 June. In his spare time he will operate SSB and

FT8 on 10 metres SSB and FT8. QSL direct to home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

**PJ5** - Look for Peter, PJ5/PA4O and Ad, PJ5/PE6Q to be active from Sint Eustatius (NA-145) on 6-18 July. They will participate in the IARU HF World Championship as PJ5C. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS.

**PY** - Look for Ren, PY8WW to be active as PX8B from Ilha de Bailique (SA-045) on 21-25 June. He plans to be QRV on 80-6 metres. QSL via home call.

**SM** - Lars, SM6CUK will be active holiday style as SA6G/7 from Ven Island (EU-137) on 5-11 June. He will operate mainly CW on 40-10 metres. QSL via SM6CUK and LoTW; logsearch on Club Log. [TNX The Daily DX]

**SP** - Special event stations 3Z90LOT, HF90LOT, SN90LOT, SO90LOT, SP90LOT and SQ90LOT will be active on 1-31 July to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the ill-fated flight of the *Lituanica* (see LY above). See <https://logsp.pzk.org.p/a/lituanica/> for the certificate and more information.



**T8** - Nobu, JA0JHQ will be active again as T88PB from Koror (OC-009), Palau on 13-19 June, with main activity during the All Asian DX CW Contest (17-18 June). QSL via LoTW (preferred) or direct to JA0JHQ.

**TR** - Roland, F8EN is again active as TR8CR from Gabon [425DXN 1671] until 12 August. He operates CW only. QSL via F6AJA (direct or bureau); logsearch on <http://LesNouvellesDX.fr/voirlogs.php>. [TNX F6AJA]

**UA** - Back in June 1963 Valentina V. Tereshkova became the first-ever woman to have flown in space. Special callsigns RU60VT (QSL via RG3M) and R1963VT (QSL via RO3M) will be active on 16-19 June to commemorate the 60th anniversary of her historic three-day flight on Vostok 6.



**UA** - Celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Russian Robinson Club (R3RRC), several special callsigns are



expected to be in use between 1 and 31 July: R30RRC, RA30RR, RC30RR, RD30RR, RJ30RR, RK30RR, RL30RR, RM30RR, RN30RR, RO30RR, RT30RR, RU30RR, RV30RR, RW30RR, RX30RR, RZ30RR.

Other stations joining the celebrations include DR30RRC, GB0RRC, HG30RRC, II9RRC, KH6RRC, KH8RRC, KL7RRC, LZ30RRC, OL30RRC and OM30RRC. A number of certificates will be available - see <https://www.qrz.com/db/R30RRC> for the details.



**UA9** - Team RIOFS will be active from Shikotan Island (AS-062) on 9-17 August. Six operators (R6MG, R7MR, RN3BL, RU3FS, RX3F and UA0FAM) will be QRV on 40-10 metres SSB, CW and FT8. QSL via RN3RQ, direct or bureau. See <https://www.riofs.ru/en> for more information.

**V7** - Bob, N7XR is active as V7/N7XR from Kwajalein (OC-028), Marshall Islands [425DXN 1671] until 20 June. He operates FT8 and CW, and hopes «to come

back for three months starting in September». QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW.

**VE** - VX7NA is the special callsign for the Nanaimo Amateur Radio Association to celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary between 24 June and 24 July. Main activity will be during the ARRL Field Day (24-25 June) and RAC Canada Day Contest (1 July). NARA is based on Vancouver Island (NA-036). QSL via VE7NA.

**VE** - Chris, VO1CH will be active again as VO2VC from Labrador, CQ Zone 2 (WWL GO11po) on 4-10 July. He will focus on 6 metres, and will be QRV on 40-10 metres outside the 6m openings. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW, or direct to VO1CH.



**VE** - The third Youth on the Air (YOTA) summer camp for young radio amateurs aged 15-25 in the Americas (<https://youthontheair.org/>) will be held on 16-21 July at Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario. Campers will operate special event station VE3YOTA during breaks between sessions.

In addition, there will be dedicated operating times on the HF bands (17 and 18 July between 23 and 3 UTC) and satellites, as well as for a POTA activation (see qrz.com for the details). QSL via LoTW, or W0AAE.



**VP6** - Initially delayed due to band weather, VP6A started operations from Ducie Island (OC-182) on 12 June around 23 UTC. Activity is now expected to continue until 16 UTC on 24 June. See <https://www.qrz.com/d>

[b/VP6A](https://www.qrz.com/d) for the band plan. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via HA7RY; logs will also be uploaded to LoTW as QSLs are ordered, and full log when the flow of direct requests decreases.

«VP6A is on the air with four stations», George, AA7JV reported on 16 June. «We have started with two remotely operated FT8 stations, and one locally operated CW/SSB station. The remote FT8 operation is going well with over 20,000 QSOs in the log. The local CW and SSB operation has been seriously curtailed by the difficult conditions we are operating under.



When we arrived at Ducie, the entrance to the lagoon, where it is

easy and safe to land - and where past DXpeditions were operating from - was completely blocked by huge crashing waves. We have established a very precarious hold for the boat on the exposed north shore and landed the RIB boat across the rocky bars and surf.

The three of us (KN4EEI, W6IZT and AA7JV) have been working hard to keep the boat safe and to keep the stations operating. We have only a limited time to operate the local SSB/CW station. We understand that demand for CW and SSB is high. We have just brought on the air the fourth station, which is a remotely operated CW station. We hope this will be able to satisfy the demand for more CW operations.

We continue hanging on under difficult conditions. Forecasts indicate favorable weather for the next two days, followed by some very strong NW winds and the passage of a cold front. This will require us to relocate for one or

two days. Once the front has passed, we will be able to return to the north shore, hopefully for the rest of the operation.

This is an entirely self-funded DXpedition, mainly to prove that remote operation is possible with a small support team and a minimal footprint. As environmental restrictions increase, this may be the only future way to activate many much wanted entities. We appreciate the support of the Amateur Radio community in our efforts».

**VP8** - Active from the Falkland Islands during the International Museums Weekends (<https://www.radio-amateur-events.org/IMW/>)

will be VP8HDM from the Historic Dockyard Museum in Stanley (17-18 June), and VP8GGM from the Goose Green 1982 War Museum (24-25 June).

**VP9** - Dave, G4OSY will be active holiday style as VP9/G4OSY from Hamilton Parish, Bermuda (NA-005) from 27 June to 8 July. He will operate SSB mainly on 40-10 metres, he will also give CW and 6m a try. QSL direct to home call; he does not use LoTW.

**W** - The following stations will be active during the 15th



annual «13 Colonies Special Event», which will be held from 13 UTC on 1 July until 4 UTC on 8 July: K2A (New York), K2B (Virginia), K2C (Rhode Island), K2D (Connecticut), K2E (Delaware), K2F (Maryland), K2G (Georgia), K2H (Massachusetts), K2I (New Jersey), K2J (North Carolina), K2K (New Hampshire), K2L (South Carolina), and K2M (Pennsylvania), plus 'bonus stations' WM3PEN from Philadelphia (the city where the US independence was declared), GB13COL from England (QSL direct, see qrz.com for instructions) and TM13COL from France (QSL via F5OGL). Information about the award programme can be found on <http://www.13colonies.us/>.

**XV** - Previously active as XV2G (June-November 2014), Andrei "Gran" Gromov (UA3AA) has moved to Vietnam on a permanent basis, and is now active as XV9G (<https://xv9g.com/>). For the time being he operates SSB and CW on 40-6 metres. QSL via LoTW, Club Log, or direct (PayPal preferred, see qrz.com for instructions).

**YJ** - Chris, VK2YUS will be active again as YJ0CA from Efate (OC-035), Vanuatu on 17-28 June. He will operate SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL direct to home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

**Z6** - Tapani, OH5BM and Naim, Z62NS will be active as Z66X on 60 and 6 metres from 14 June until late on 18 June. QSL via OH2BH. The 5 Mhz frequency band has been recently approved for amateur radio services in Kosovo. [TNX OH2BH]

**ZC4** - ZC4RH has been QRV again from Dhekelia (KM64vx), UK Sovereign Base Areas on Cyprus, since 1 June. He will remain there until 8 June, with activity on the HF bands (maybe also 6m) CW, SSB, FT4 and FT8. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or DK6SP. [TNX The Daily DX]



# GOOD TO KNOW



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**CQ DX MARATHON** • The CQ DX Marathon is a year-long DX hunt, with participants competing to see who can work the greatest number of countries ("entities") and CQ zones during the calendar year. Complete results of the 2022 edition are on <https://dxmarathon.com/results/2022/>.

**DAYTON HAMVENTION PHOTO GALLERY** • The 2023 Dayton Hamvention Photo Gallery is now up on Tom, K8CX's Ham Gallery. It includes 444 photos, which makes a total of 7,105 Dayton Hamvention photos, all searchable by callsign: <http://hamgallery.com/dayton2023/>.

**EZ/DL7ZM** • David, DL7ZM (OE6NZM) was active as EZ/DL7ZM from Turkmenistan on 29-31 May, and expected to remain there until 3 June. This was neither a DXpedition nor a holiday style operation, but a «a trip to establish a university cooperation and to perform some very limited radio propagation study» similar to his June 2022 activity from Socotra Island (Yemen). He operated CW on 10 metres, and did not expect to make «more than a few hundred QSOs».



**IOTA RULES: AMENDMENT ON REMOTE OPERATION** • «The IOTA Board agreed at its meeting on 25 May 2023 a number of amendments to IOTA Programme Rules B.3.8 and 3.9. Both have been rewritten to clarify whether they refer to contacts made by remote operating at the chaser end or at the island operator end.



The main change at the chaser end is to increase the maximum acceptable distance between the home station and the remote station from 100 kilometres to 500 kilometres (310 statute miles). Both will still need to be located in the same DXCC entity and use of more than one remote site or a network using multiple remote sites will still not be permitted for credit.

The same changes have been made at the activator end, but with the additional one that removes the requirement that the station functioning as the control should be located also on a qualifying island within the same IOTA group (it would have no IOTA status). The transmitting/receiving station and antennas should always be land-based on the IOTA island to count for credit and, of course, in the same DXCC entity as the control station.

The Board has also agreed an exception to the rules in B.3.6 to B.3.9 that may apply in special circumstances to an expedition operating from an IOTA island by remote operation in a force majeure situation. This is where the target island cannot be activated in the normal way with a land-based operation because the local government refuses permission for an operation from the island or any other islands listed as valid for IOTA in the same group.

The coverage of this exception is very restricted extending only to operations from islands located within an IOTA group credited to less than 20% of total IOTA members included in the 5 years list in the Most Wanted IOTA Groups Annex, or within a DXCC island entity valid for IOTA listed in the Top 20 most wanted in the latest Most Wanted DXCC List.

On production of evidence that this is the case, but that permission would be given for a station to be set up and left on the island unmanned for operation by a sea-based control station for a time-limited period, IOTA Management may agree to accept the operation for IOTA subject to full compliance with its requirements.

These set a maximum distance of 5 kilometres between the land-based station including the transmitter/receiver/antennas and the sea-based control station, and the operation not lasting for more than 30 days».

The full revised text of Rules B.3.8 and B.3.9 can be found on the IOTA website: <https://www.iota-world.org/info/directory/rules-en.pdf> [TNX Roger Balister, G3KMA and the IOTA Board, 5 June 2023].

**MEME APPRECIATION MONTH 2023** • This is an amateur radio event by young hams, to celebrate youth culture, «have some fun, use a cool callsign and do a neat activity together» (<https://mememonth.ca/>). The second edition will run between 15 June and 15 August, with announced participating stations from Canada (VB1FLIP, VB3BACON, VB4LLS, VB6WOKE, VC2STONKS, VC3PWEOR, VC7BEPIS and VC9FEMBOY), England (GB0NPC and GB4LLS), France (TM0GUS, TM0NKAS and TM4RIO), Germany (DL0LOL and DL0NGCAT), Netherlands (PD33ZDOGE), Philippines (DZ2NUTS), USA (K0K, K1L, K3K, N1O, N9E, W0W and W4P). A certificate will be available for download on <https://hamawardz.app/>.



**MMOUKI** • Nobby, G0VJG and Emil, DL8JJ were active with two stations from Rockall Island (EU-189) from around 00.00 UTC on 31 May until around 05.45 UTC on 2 June. According to first-hand information published by *The Guardian* (<https://www.theguardian.com/uk/scotland>) on 31 May, the «ascent up the sheer-sided granite rock was much more hazardous than expected because the waves were far bigger than anticipated». When Emil, who is an expert mountaineer, tried to land on the rock to fix the lines needed for the others to follow, «the swell was so great that he was twice washed into the sea before he was able to clamber on at the third attempt». QSL via M0OXO's OQRS (<https://www.m0oxo.com/oqrs/>); please note that Charles is away from home until 27 June.

**QSL VIA LU3IA** • Alfredo Arcangel Amaro, LU3IA has announced that as of 23 May is the QSL manager for the amateur radio stations at Argentinian bases under the Antarctic Joint Command. These include

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| <b>LU1ZA</b>  | Orcadas, South Orkney Islands (AN-008)     | <b>LU1ZI</b> | Carlini (ex Jubany), South Shetland Isls (AN-010) |
| <b>LU1ZAB</b> | Matienzo, Antarctica (AN-016)              | <b>LU1ZR</b> | Petrel, Antarctica (AN-013)                       |
| <b>LU1ZB</b>  | Melchior, Antarctica (AN-012)              | <b>LU1ZS</b> | Camara, South Shetland Islands (AN-010)           |
| <b>LU1ZC</b>  | Decepcion, South Shetland Islands (AN-010) | <b>LU1ZV</b> | Esperanza, Antarctica (AN-016)                    |
| <b>LU1ZD</b>  | San Martin, Antarctica (AN-016)            | <b>LU2ZD</b> | Primavera, Antarctica (AN-016)                    |
| <b>LU1ZG</b>  | Belgrano II, Antarctica (AN-016)           | <b>LU4ZS</b> | Marambio, Antarctica (AN-013)                     |

QSL via Club Log's OQRS.



**T31TT** • The Rebel DX Group started operations from Kanton Island, Central Kiribati (OC-043) at 03:30 UTC on 31 May. The DXpedition had to be curtailed due to an injury («twisted ankle, bad one with dislocation») to a boat crew member, who needed urgent medical treatment. T31TT went QRT at 01.00 UTC on 9 June, and the team returned to Apia, Samoa. According to Club Log's latest statistics (see <https://clublog.org/charts/?c=T31TT#r>), 83,095 QSOs were made with 15,826 unique callsigns, with main activity on FT8 (64,574 QSOs) and FT4



(11,416 QSOs). QSL via Club Log's OQRS.



**W8S: PROPAGATION PREDICTION CHART** • Jari, OH6BG has prepared a propagation prediction chart for W8S, the 4-17 October DXpedition to Swains Island [425DXN 1672]. «The timeframe in October as well as the antennas and power that will be used on Swains are set by default, so you only have to put your grids square and antenna situation in the designated boxes and the chart will show you the best bands and times to make it into our log»: <https://swains2020.ildxt.eu/propagation/>.



**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 latest recipient, announced on 7 June, is Neil Rapp WB9VPG, «in recognition of his many contributions to amateur radio in recruiting, training, and mentoring young operators over the years. The initial school radio club sponsorship, followed by managing the Region 2 YOTA Camps, providing administrative assistance for the camps through non-profit organization, and managing the Hamvention's Ham Radio 2.0 showcase have all made a big impact. Recruiting young operators is key to the survival of amateur radio and his tireless efforts are appreciated». [TNX K4ZW]



**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 ARRL Foundation scholarship programs for 2024; IARU Region 1 Youth Working Group, Association des Radio Amateurs Tunisiens, and Ethiopian Amateur Radio Association in support of the 2023 YOTA Summer Camp in Hungary; support for the advancement of amateur radio in South Sudan. [TNX K4ZW]



**Charles H. "Chip" Margelli, K7JA** passed away on 26 May. He was diagnosed with cancer in March. First licenced in 1963, during his career with Yaesu Musen Co. Ltd. (1977-2006) he helped provide equipment for countless DXpeditions. He also worked for Heil Sound, CQ Publishing, Force 12/InnovAntennas America and Ham Radio Outlet. K7JA was active in DXing and especially in contests and good-will activities for over sixty years.

In 1984, the Chinese Radio Sport Association invited Chip and his wife Janet (KL7MF) to operate from BY1PK and help train new local operators during the early phases of the rebirth of amateur radio in China. In 1989, he was the American representative in the first-ever Finnish-Soviet-American DXpedition to Malyj Vysotskij Island (4J1FS), and in 1991 he joined team ZA1A, whose activity reintroduced amateur radio in Albania. He was also a member of the joint Cuba-USA operations in 1994 (CO0FRC) and 2003 (CO0US). In 1990 Chip and Mike Wetzel (W9RE) won the silver medal at the first-ever World Radiosport Team Championship, held in conjunction with the Goodwill Games in Seattle. A member of the First Class CW Operators' Club (FOC) and a recipient of the E.T. Krenkel Medal conferred «for the outstanding world contribution to the development of radio amateurs», in May 2008 Chip was inducted into the CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame.



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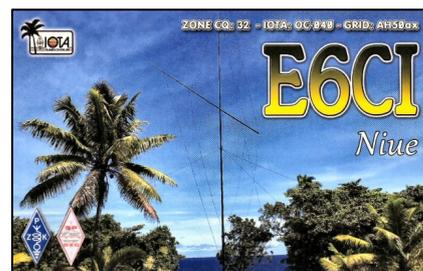
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4A7A	XE2T	HC5EG	EA5GL	PZ5JW	EA5GL
4L5O	N3SL	HF60WLA	SP2YWL	R105MPW	R2AB
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7Z1OO	EC6DX	KL7RA	N4GNR	SN50GUC	SP2GUC
8Q7VJ	HB9VCJ	KP2B	EB7DX	SN7Q	SP7GIQ
9A30T	9A2EU	KP2M	NZ4DX	SO25UM	SQ9UM
9G5AF	EA5GL	LN8W	LA6YEA	SO4M	SP4MPG
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CO2XN	EB7DX	NP2X	KU9C	TM50CRP	F6HRP
CR3DX	OM2VL	OG3B	OH3RB	TM5JSK	F4HZR
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ED8M	EA8DIG	OL23RADIO	OK1MP	VP2EAR	KE1B
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CT9/OM3RG	OM2FY	OL100R	OK1MP	YS1CH	EA5GL
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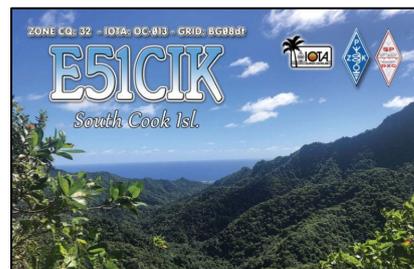
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