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DX INFORMATION



4X - Special callsigns 4Z64EURO, 4X64S, 4X64O, 4X64N and 4X64G will be active from 18 April to 18 May for the 64th Eurovision Song Contest

that this year will take place in Tel Aviv, Israel (14-18 May). QSLs via LoTW and eQSL; certificates will be available for download at https://www.iarc.org/livelog/ (see 4Z64EURO on grz.com for the rules).

5T - Evert, PA2KW will be active as 5T2KW from Nouadhibou, Mauritania on 5-19 April. Guest operating from 5T5PA's QTH, he will use CW and maybe some SSB. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred) and LoTW.

5W - Uruguay DX Group's members Gus CX2AM, Bert CX3AN and Rainer CX8FB will be active holiday style from Upolu, Samoa (OC-097) on 1-10 June. They will operate mainly CW and SSB on 80-6 metres. Callsign and QSL route to be annouced in due course. [TNX CX3AN]

5X - Anders, SMOHPL is active again as 5X7W from Kampala, Uganda until 27 April. In his spare time he operates FT8, JT65 and CW (QRP). QSL via LoTW or direct to home call; logsearch on Club Log. [TNX DX World]

60 - Ali, EP3CQ will be active again as 60100 from Somalia starting on 15 April for one month. Usually he operates FT8 mostly on 20 and 40 metres; his activity on the bands is limited to his spare time. QSL direct to Ali Solhjoo, Schnackenburgstr. 3, 12159 Berlin, Germany.

9A - Once again Jan, PA4JJ will be active holiday style as 9A/PA4JJ from mainland Croatia between 30 April and 5 June. Expect him to operate mainly FT8 on 40-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS or via home call. [TNX PA4JJ]



9G - Matteo, IZ4YGS will be active again as 9G5GS from Sanzule, Ghana from 13 April to 7 May. In his spare time, typically between 21 and 00 UTC, he will operate mainly FT8 on 160-20 metres (Fox &

Hound mode on 3567, 7056, 10131 and 14090 kHz). QSL via eQSL, or direct to home call; logsearch on Club Log.

9M6 - Saty, JE1JKL will be active again as 9M6NA from Labuan Island (OC-133), East Malaysia on 23-28 May, including participation in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. Outside the contest he will focus on 6m FT8 (50313 and 50323 kHz, and Fox & Hound mode on 50318 kHz). QSL via LoTW and Club Log's OQRS. [TNX NG3K]

CO - A team of five (CO1CB, CO3HK, CM2AML, CL2BR and CL2DCL) will be active as CO0HK from Cayo Jutias (NA-093) on 19-21 April. They will operate SSB and digital modes on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL direct to W7HIJ.

CO - Celebrating its first anniversary, T43A - the Grupo Especial de Expediciones y Concursos - will be QRV on 16-20 May. Look for activity on 80-10 metres SSB, CW, RTTY and FT8. QSL via RW6HS (direct) and LoTW.

ELECTION ET

DU - Chris, VK3FY and Dindo, DU1UD will be active as 4E8T from Tawi Tawi Island (OC-174) on 19-23 April. They will operate CW,

SSB and FT8 on 40-20 metres. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. [TNX M0OXO]

DU - Owing to a case of homonymy that resulted in a

misunderstanding, the 12-15 April DX1CC operation

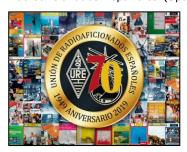


April DX1CC operation [425DXN 1453] will not take place from Arena Island in the OC-207 IOTA group, but from the Arena Island included in the Palawan group (OC-128). Ed, 4F1OZ and Gil, 4F2KWT will operate CW and SSB on 30,

20 and 17 metres. QSL via EA5GL and logsearch on Club Log.

DU - Audie, DU1ZDR and Gazelle, DU1ZDQ will be active as DZ1A from Siargao Island (OC-235) on 4-5 May. Look for them on or around 14260 and 7055 kHz. [TNX DX World]

E5_sc - Bruce AD7MM (E51BAS), Doug W6HB (E51DLD) and Marilyn KI7DLK (E51MAS) will be active holiday style from Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cook Islands on 21-28 April. QSL via operator's instructions. [TNX The Daily DX] **EA -** Celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Union de Radioaficionados Espanoles (Spain's IARU member soci-



ety), fourteen special callsigns will be active from 1 April to 9 June: AM70URĖ (plus AM70URE/6 from the Balearic Islands, AM70URE/8 from the Canary Islands and AM70URE/9 from Melilla), Ceuta AM70A, AM70C, AM70D, AM70E.

AM70F, AM70I, AM70L, AM70N, AM70O, AM70P, AM70R, AM70S and AM70U. Detailed information on the award programme (including leaderboard and OQRS) can be found at https://70aniversario.ure.es/. Traditional QSL cards via the bureau to EA4URE for all callsigns.



EL - Silvano, I2YSB and the Italian DXpedition Team will be active from Liberia from 28 September to 11 October. Announced callsigns are A82X (for CW and SSB) and

A82Z (for digital modes). QSL via I2YSB. Bookmark http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/ for updates. [TNX I2YSB]



F - Commemorating the 500th anniversary of the death of Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519), the Radio Club du Val d'Issole (F8KGH) will be active as TM500LDV between 19 April and 20 July. QSL via F4GPB, bureau or direct. [TNX F8REF]

F - Special event station TM17CV will be active on 20-22 April from

Chatelaillon-Plage (Charente-Maritime department in southwestern France) for the annual Festival du Cerf-Volant et du Vent (Kite and Wind Festival). QSL via F8FZC. [TNX F8REF]

F - Jean-Marc, F5SGI will be active again as TM6ILE from Groix Island (EU-048) from 27 April to 4 May. He will operate CW only. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. [TNX Les Nouvelles DX]

F - Members of the F6KOP Radio Club (namely F4EYQ, F4FCE, F4GYM, F5NQL and F6DVH) will participate in the IOTA Contest (27-28 July) as TM5S from Sein Island (EU-068). QSL via F5MFV (direct or bureau), or Club Log,

eQSL or LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

FO - Rich, KE1B and Anna, W6NN will be active as FO/KE1B from French Polynesia in late Apri-early May. Their first stop will be Moorea (OC-046) on 22-27 April, followed by Bora Bora (OC-067) from 27 April through 2 May. They will mainly be QRV on 20 metres FT8 running QRP. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, eQSL or via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

FO/M - Members of the CAN-AM DXpedition Group will



be operating from Hiva Oa, Marquesas Islands (OC-027) for 10-12 days between 6 and 19 November. The team (F6BCW, K4UEE, K5PI, W5MJ, W5SJ, W5RF, VA7DX and VE7KW) will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 160-10

metres. QSLs will be available via Direct and LoTW. A website and further details will be available in due course. [TNX K4UEE]

G - The RSGB National Radio Centre will run special event station GB2DAY on 10-14 April. This is to celebrate a new exhibition at Bletchley Park (https://bletchleypark.org.uk/) entitled "D-Day: Interception, Intelligence, Invasion" which explores Bletchley Park's top secret impact on the planning and implementation of D-Day 75 years ago. QSL via eQSL only.

G - The Cray Valley Radio Society will be active as



GB4DFI on 13-14 April to commemorate the life of Owen Cross, G4DFI, who passed away on 29 November 2018. They will operate SSB and CW on 80-10 metres with two stations. QSL via Club Log's OQRS or LoTW. Owen was a Vice President of the Society and their QSL Manager for over twenty years. He handled cards

for G3RCV and M8C (including MJ8C and MM8C IOTA DXpeditions) and 29 special event stations organised by the Society, as well as a number of G0VJG's DXpeditions. [TNX M0MCV]

- **G** GB0GKA (operated by Tony, G3ZRJ) and GB0GKB (operated by Larry, G4HLN) will be representing Portishead Radio during this year's Maritime Radio Day. The event will run from 12 UTC on 14 April until 22 UTC on 15 April. Portishead Radio (callsign GKA), the world's largest and busiest radiotelephony station, provided worldwide maritime communications and long-range aeronautical communications from 1928 until 2000. The Maritime Radio Day is being held annually to remember the nearly 100 years of wireless service for seafarers (see http://www.trafficlist.net/mrd/ for more information).
- **G** G4EDG, G4ELZ and G4GSA will be active as GB5SM from St Mary's, Isles of Scilly (EU-011) on 20-27 April. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on the HF bands. QSL for this operation via LZ1JZ (direct), via Club Log's OQRS, and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]
- **GD** Hiro JF1OSL as MD0HWX, Toru JH0CJH as MD0ITP, and Shin JR1NHD as MD0IUX will be active holiday style from the Isle of Man (EU-116) from 27 April to 1 May. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 40-10 metres. QSL MD0ITP via JH0CJH (direct or bureau); QSL MD0IUX via JJ2VLY (direct only). Plans are to upload the logs to LoTW and Club Log.
- **GJ** A team of eight Belgian operators will be active as GJ6EFW from Jersey Island (EU-013) from 30 April to 5 May. They will operate mainly SSB with some CW and FT8 on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via ON6EF (direct or bureau) and eQSL; they will not use LoTW.



GJ - Look for MJ0ILB (home call OK1BIL), MJ0IKL (home call OK1DOL), MJ/OK1FIK, MJ/OK1FWM, MJ/OK1NP

and MJ/OK3RM to be active from Jersey (EU-013) on 19-28 July. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on the HF bands, with some activity on 6 and 2m. They will participate in the IOTA Contest as MJ0ICD (QSL via OK1DOL, direct or bureau).

HS - To mark the coronation of King Rama X, the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand will be operating special event station HS10KING from 1 My to 31 July. On 3-6 May activity will take place as HS10KING/mm from the



Royal Thai Navy aircraft carrier, the "Chakri Narubet", in the Gulf of Thailand. The station will be QRV on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres, as well as on 2 metres and amateur radio satellites, including the Es'hail 2/QO-

 $100 \,$ satellite. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau.

- I Italian stations participating in this year's International Marconi Day (27 April) include IY0GA (from Sardinia), IY0IMD, IY0ORP, IY0TC, IY1MR, IY1SM, IY1SP, IY4FGM, IY5PIS, IY6GM and IY7M. QSL via operator's instructions. [TNX IS0JMA]
- **J2 -** Chris, EA3NT will be active as J20NT from mainland Djibouti on 13-14 April [425DXN 1456], while waiting for the rest of the J20DX team to arrive. In order to avoid clashing with the KH8 expedition FT8 frequencies, he will operate Fox & Hound mode on 3577, 7061, 10141, 14085, 18104 and 21090 kHz (usual frequencies for 12, 10 and 6m). QSL via Club Log's OQRS. [TNX DX World]
- **J7 -** Laurent, FM5BH will be active as J79BH from Dominica (NA-101) on 13-16 April. He will focus on 160-40 metres CW. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via home call. [TNX NG3K]



J7 - Thomas, SM0CXU (SM2U) and Tore, SM0DZB (SM0T) will be active as J79U and J79TA respectively from Dominica 101) on 7-15 May. QSLs via M0OXO's OQRS. [TNX M0OXO]

- **J8** Brian, GW4DVB will be active again as J88PI from Palm Island (NA-025) on 7-14 May. He hopes "to work SSB, FT8, SSTV and if anyone is willing to give it a go CW as well". QSL via home call, direct only (PayPal information on https://www.g4dvb.co.uk/).
- **JA** Look for JL3YWN/6, JI3DST/6 and JS6RRR to be QRV from the Miyako Islands (AS-079) from 24 April to 7 May. Activity will be on 80-6 metres SSB, CW and digital modes. QSL via Club Log's OQRS. [TNX JI3DST]
- **JA** Look for Tak, JR1LZK/6 and Mitsu, JE1HXZ/6 to be active Iriomote Island (AS-024) from 26 April to 6 May. They will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 on 80-6 metres. QSL via home calls (direct or bureau), and LoTW. [TNX JN6RZM]
- **JA** Look for JROUIU/6, JA6UFF/6 and 8J6VLP/6 to be active from Kuchino Island (AS-049) from 28 April to 2 May. They will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 on 160-6m. QSL JROUIU/6 and JA6UFF/6 via home calls, (direct or bureau); QSL 8J6VLP/6 via the bureau only. [TNX JN6RZM]
- **JA** Once again the ITU Association of Japan's Amateur Radio Club will operate special event station 8J1ITU from

30 April to 31 May to celebrate the World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (17 May) and the creation of the International Telecommunication Union. Activity will take place from the city of Kasumigaura on Honshu Island (AS-007). QSL via the JARL bureau and eQSL.

JD1_oga - Once again Harry, JG7PSJ will be active as JD1BMH from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara from 28 April to 4 May. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 40-10m. QSL via JD1BMH (bureau) or JG7PSJ (direct). See http://jd1bmh.webcrow.jp/ for logsearch and other information. He does not use LoTW.

JT - Andrey, R9YU will be active as JT9/R9YU from Mongolia on 2-12 May. A communications specialist during a research mission to the Great Lakes Basin, he will operate SSB on 40, 20 and 15 metres. QSL via EB7DX. [TNX The Daily DX]



KHO - Tom, KCOW is moving to Saipan on a permanent basis for the foreseeable future, and expects to be QRV as KH0/KCOW starting around 15 April. "I'm primarily a CW operator, but from my research KH0 is really needed on FT8", he says. "I just might have to do something about that, even though FT8 is my least

favorite mode to operate". QSL direct to home call; logsearch on Club Log.

KL - The Russian Robinson Club is organizing a DXpedi-



tion to take place from Sledge Island (NA-210) in late August-early September. Plans are for a team of 4-6 operators to be active as KL7RRC/p on 40-6m for 5-7 days. Details

are expected in due course. [TNX qrz.ru]

LU - Look for Horacio, LU5BE/T and Enrique, LU8EFF/T to be active from Susques and Purmamarca in the Argentine province of Jujuy on 1-5 May. Amateur radio activity from this region is uncommon. They will operate SSB, CW, FT8, JT65, PSK31 and HELL on 80-6 meters, possibly with two stations. QSL via eQSL. [TNX LU5BE]

possibly with two stations. QSL via eQSL. [TNX LU5BE] **LX -** Members of the GMDX Group (https://www.gmdx.org.uk/) will be active as



will be active as LX/GM00BX from Luxembourg from 25 May to 1 June. The team (GM00BX, MM0JZB, MM00BT, MM00KG and MM0VPY) will operate SSB, CW, FT8 and RTTY on 40-6 metres

with three stations. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW. $[TNX\ M0OXO]$

OA - Mike, ACOPR will be active as OA3/ACOPR from Peru on 5-11 May. Activity will be limited to his spare time, most likely in one hour sessions on 40-10 metres CW QRP. QSL via home call, and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]



OE - Austrian special event station OE19M will be active on 26-28 April. This is an official International Marconi Day station and contacts made on 27 April will count for the IMD Award. OSL via

OE1WHC (bureau) or direct to DokuFunk, OE19M, An den Steinfeldern 4A, 1230 Wien, Austria.

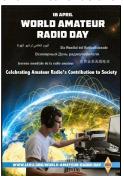
OHO - Mart, DL6UAA will be active as OH0UA from the

Aland Islands (EU-002) on 8-19 April. He will operate CW and digistal modes. QSL via DL6UAA and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

OHO - Marko, OH2LGW and Anne, OH2YL will be active respectively as OH0/OH2LGW and OG0YL from the Aland Islands (EU-002) on 19-23 April. They will operate SSB and CW on 80-6 metres. QSL via home calls. [TNX NG3K]

OJO - Pasi, OH3WS will be active again as OJ0W from Market Reef (EU-053) on 13-14 April, and again between 27 April and 4 May. In his spare time he will operate CW and some SSB on 60-10m. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

OK - Special callsign OL75CLAY marks the 75th anniversary of Operation Clay, executed during World War II in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia by Czech paratroopers trained in England. Activity started on 12 April and will continue until 31 July. QSL via OK2PXJ.



OZ - Special callsigns 5P0WARD and 5P0WHD will be active on 18 April in celebration of the 94th World Amateur Radio Day. A special award will be available for working 5P0WARD/xx and 5P0WHD/xx stations with different suffix extensions; further information can be found at https://www.qrz.com/db/5p0ward. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW and eQSL.

OZ - Bernd, DL9LBR will be active as OZ/DL9LBR from Fano

Island (EU-125) on 4-11 May. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau.

PA - VERON Amersfoort (PI4AMF) will be active as PA52KDA on 13-30 April for King's Day 2019. Celebrated on 27 April, the date marks the birth of King Willem-Alexander. The special callsign's prefix represents the king's age, and the suffix stands for KoningsDag Amersfoort. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau, and will be uploaded to LotW, Club Log and eQSL. Direct cards should be sent to PA0RSM.

PÅ - Roland, DL1EAL will be active again as PA/DL1EAL from Texel Island (EU-038) from 27 April to 9 May. He prefers CW and "all digital modes", and will be QRV holiday style on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via home call (direct or bureau), eQSL and LoTW. [TNX DX Newsletter]

PA - Wino, PA0ABM and Rich, PA0RRS will be active as PF6W in May, with an emphasis on the low bands. Main activity will be during the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, eQSL, or via PA0RRS. [TNX PA0RRS]

S7 - Leonid, RA0AM and Evgenyi, RA0ANR will be active holiday style as S79AM and S79ANR from the Seychelles on 11-19 April. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 20-10 metres from various islands in the AF-024 IOTA group. QSL via home calls. [TNX DX World]



SM - Lennart SM6KNL, Steve SM6HRR, Tom SM6VVT, Thor SM6LZQ and Harry SM6RWT will be active again as SE6VING from Vinga Island (EU-043) and lighthouse on 3-5 May. QSL via LoTW, or di-

rect to SM6VVT.

SV9 - Sepp, OH1VR will be active as SV9/OH1VR from Crete (EU-015) from 25 April to 1 May. Activity will be on 80-10 metres using mostly CW with some SSB. QSL direct to home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

T32 - Ken, KH6QJ will be active again as T32AZ from

Kiritimati (Christmas Island, OC-024), East Kiribati on 16-23 April. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

T8 - Look for T88IB and T88UW to be active from Koror (OC-009), Palau on 10-16 April. They will operate CW, SSB, FT8 and other digital modes. QSL T88IB via JA1JEJ (direct or bureau); QSL T88UW via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, eQSL, or via JH7IPR (direct or bureau). [TNX The Daily DX]

TF - Xavier, EB3GCP will be active as TF/EB3GCP from Iceland (EU-021) on 14-22 April. He will operate mainly FT8 during the local evenings. QSL via home call.



UA - A very large number of Russian stations using special prefix RP74 (where the letter P stands for 'pobeda', i.e. 'victory') will be active on 3-9 May to celebrate the 74th anniversary of the end of World War II. More information and the list of participating Stations will be published on

https://pobeda.srr.ru/.

UR - Special callsign EN185UNIV will celebrate the 185th anniversary of the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kiev from 15 April to 31 December. QSL via UT8UF.

VE - Mike, VE7ACN will be active as VE7ACN/CK9 (not /VE9 as previously announced) from White Head Island (NA-014) on 5-11 April. The special prefix celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Official Languages Act of Canada [425DXN 1456]. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via home call (direct or bureau). [TNX qrz.ru]



VE - Richard VE2DX, Jim WA4YIZ and Becky KA2BEC will be active as VX2A11 from Grosse-Ile (Iles de la Madeleine, NA-038) on 23-30 July, including participation in the IOTA Contest. They will operate mainly SSB and FT8 with two stations. The special callsign commemorates the 50th anniver-

sary of Apollo 11, the spaceflight that landed the first two people on the Moon (20 July 1969). QSL via VE2STN. See https://www.facebook.com/vx2a11/ for updates.



VK - Andy, VK5MAV [425DXN 1452] plans to be QRV as VK5MAV/6 from Rat Island, Houtman Abrolhos (OC-211) on 14 April in his evening and to return to the mainland around his midday on 19 April (local time is UTC +8). Activity from Favorite Island (OC-183) will start on 20 April "as soon as tent, antennas in-

stalled and station ready", and finish on the 23rd in his "very early morning" hours (i.e. in the UTC evening hours on 22 April). If local conditions allow, he will upload his log to Club Log on a daily basis, otherwise "as soon as possible". QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via RN3RQ. More information can be found on http://vk5mav.wixsite.com/dxpedition. [TNX VK5MAV]



VK9C - Chris, GM3WOJ and Keith GM4YXI will be active again as VK9CZ from the Cocos (Keeling) Islands (OC-003) on 12-29 November. They will operate SSB, CW and FT8 ("we will run a third station on FT8 for as many hours per day as possible, using MSHV, JTDX or WSJT-X") on 160-10 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest. The logs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log; traditional QSL cards via N3SL. See http://www.vk9cz2019.com/ for more information and updates.

VK9N - Rob, VK2FBBB will be active again as VK2FBBB/VK9 from Norfolk Island (OC-005) on 14-27 April. He will be QRV mainly on 40 metres starting around 7 UTC on a daily basis. QSL via the bureau to home call. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

VP2E - Chris, PA2CHR and Jos, PA3FYC will be active as VP2EMB from Anguilla (NA-022) on 12-21 April. They will operate EME on 144, 432 and 1296 Mhz, with some ac-

tivity on the HF bands. QSL via PA3FYC.



VU7 - Shabu M0KRI (VU2CAC), Sree VU2OB and Samson VU3XTG expect to be active as VU7RI from the Lakshadweep Islands (AS-011) on 19-31 October. Plans are to operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 80, 40, 30, 20, 15 and 6 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or

via M0KRI. Bookmark https://vu7ri.com/ for updates.

W - The Long Island CW Club (W2LCW) and the Great South Bay Amateur Radio Club (W2GSB) will participate in the International Marconi Day (27 April) from the Lewis Pond Marina, Babylon (NY). Marconi had a training school in 1901 near by and the house is still there today. [TNX WB2UZE]

YJ - Yan, RZ3FW and Sergei, R4WAA will be active from three different Vanuatu IOTA groups in November:

04-07 Nov YJ0RRC Gaua, Banks Isls (OC-104) 08-13 Nov YJ0RRC Tongoa, Sheperd Isls (OC-111) 14-20 Nov YJ0FWA Efate (OC-035)

YJORRC will operate CW, SSB, RTTY, FT8 on 40-17m with two stations; YJOFWA will also be QRV on 160 and 80 metres. More information and updates on https://r4waa9.wixsite.com/yjOrrc. [TNX qrz.ru]

Z6 - Thomas, OZ1AA and Alex, OZ7AM will be active as Z66Z from Novoberde, Kosovo on 18-22 April. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 80-10 metres with two stations. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or via OZ1ACB.

ZA - Mike, DF8AN will be active as ZA/DF8AN from Albania on 18-22 April. He will operate mainly CW and FT8 on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via home call (direct or bureau); he does not use LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

AFRICA TOUR ● Pista, HA5AO will be active as 3DA0AO from eSwatini (Swaziland) for 14 days during the second half of September, and as 7P8AO from Lesotho for 14-16 days during the first half of October. He will operate CW, RTTY, FT8 on 80-10 metres from both locations. The actual dates will be announced in due course. Logsearch and OQRS will be available at https://www.ha5ao.com/. [TNX HA5AO]

CARIBBEAN TOUR ● Members of the Medical Amateur Radio Council (MARCO) will be active from Belize, Honduras and the Cayman Islands during MARCO postannual meeting cruise:

1 May V31D Belize City 16-21 UTC 2 May HQ9D Roatan Island 16-19 UTC

3 May ZF2D Grand Cayman 17-21 UTC

Plans are to operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 20 and 17 metres with two stations. OSLs via AA4FL and LoTW.

GOOD TO KNOW

Access to the main functions of www.425dxn.org is provided by the 425DXN App for Android. It is available on Google Play free of charge, no ads. Enjoy!



3Y0I • "After an exceptionally difficult, demanding and unlucky attempt to reach Bouvet Island", the 3Y0I DXpedition team arrived back in Cape Town on 2 April - read "The official statement of Mr. Anthony Burke - the MV Atlantic Tuna's captain" on https://bouvetoya.org/blog/. "Our license is renewed, our equipment stored in Cape Town", the team posted to https://www.rebeldxgroup.com on 18 April, and "we're al-

ready making plans for Bouvet in the Fall".

425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE • The March 2019 issue is now available for download at http://www.425dxn.org/index.php. [TNX IZ3EBA]

CE7/DL20E • Mike, DL20E has been touring South America since late March, and will be visiting "various places in LU, CE and CX" until 31 May. So far he was QRV as LU/DL20E and CE8/DL20E from both sides of Tierra del Fuego (SA-008), and as CE7/DL20E from Chiloe Island (SA-018). Owing to a case of homonymy that resulted in a honest misunderstanding, over the Easter weekend CE7/DL20E was not active from Isla San Pedro in the SA-053 IOTA group, but from the Isla San Pedro included in the Chiloe Archipelago (SA-018). "I apologize to all IOTA hunters for this great mistake", Mike says, "but I cannot change this situation". QSL via home call; he will upload his logs to LoTW and Club Log when is back home.

CQMM DX CONTEST • The CQ MM DX Contest, organized by the Juiz de Fora CW Group (http://www.cwjf.com.br/), will be held on 20-21 April. It will run from 9 UTC on Saturday through 23.59 on Sunday, on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres CW. Complete details can be found at http://www.cqmmdx.com.

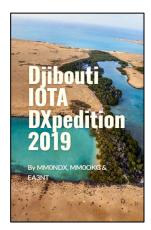
INTERNATIONAL MARCONI DAY • Organized by the Cornish Radio Amateur Club, the International Marconi Day (IMD) is a 24-hour amateur radio event held annually to celebrate the birth of Guglielmo Marconi (25 April 1874). It is not a contest, but an opportunity for amateurs around the world to make contacts with historic Marconi sites using HF communications techniques. This year's event will be held on 27 April, from 00.00 UTC to 23.59 UTC. Details, including information on the Award Certificates and the listing of participating stations, can be found at http://gx4crc.com/gb4imd/.





INTREPID SPIRIT AWARD • The Intrepid-DX Group is pleased to announce that Kenneth Opskar, LA7GIA is the recipient of this year's Intrepid Spirit Award for his "outstanding efforts to activate Malawi (7Q7GIA), Comoros (D67GIA), Equatorial Guinea (3C7A), Central African Republic (TL8AO), Congo (TN5E), Somalia (6O6O) and Chad (TT8KO)". The Intrepid-DX Group recognizes "Ken's unselfish acts to activate these challenging and much needed entities on behalf of a grateful Global DX Community", and acknowledges his "pursuit of operating excellence in making these difficult activations". Made in memory of James McLaughlin, WA2EWE/T6AF (killed in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 27 April 2011), the Intrepid Spirit Award "is intended to recognize and honor those individuals or teams that boldly activate rare entities where their own personal safety is secondary to their pursuit of providing contacts to the DX Community".

J20DX



Col, MM0NDX and Jonathan, MM0OKG reported on 16 April that their "radio equipment was impounded by customs at the Djibouti-Ambouli International Airport upon arrival", despite the fact that the third operator (Christian, EA3NT/J20NT) had cleared customs "smoothly" two days earlier.

On 17 April, being still unable to retrieve their bags, the team decided to cancel their planned activity from Sept-Freres (AF-059) "due to time constraints", and to use Christian's equipment from Moucha Island (AF-053).

On 18 April "at 0700 local we departed the mainland for the 40 minute crossing to Moucha Island", they posted to the DXpedition's website (https://j20dx.com/news/). "We identified an excellent location for radio upon arrival and immediately assembled a 15m VDA and 17m & 20m vertical dipoles. Our intention was to add more antennas as the day progressed.

Literally 5 minutes before the first CQ from AF-053 we received a phone-call from National Security saying signatures were needed for the authorization letter to permit us to collect our impounded gear. This same letter would also allow us to depart Djibouti without anymore issues at airport customs. However, we had to return to the mainland to get the letter.

The weekend is Friday and Saturday here in Djibouti meaning this would likely be our final chance of obtaining the important authorization letter prior to heading home.

Before we had even started, teardown begun. Yes, we left the island 2 hours after arriving. AF-053 is now also cancelled. Upon returning to the mainland we headed straight to the National Security offices. Yes, you guessed it - no authorized letter to be seen. We had basically been told fake news. We've now had enough of this country and look forward to heading home".

JX7GIA • Ken, LA7GIA was on Jan Mayen (EU-022) on 4 April for about five hours. This time included selecting the QTH, in-



stalling and taking down all gear and antennas. He was active as JX7GIA and made 630 CW QSOs on 20 metres in four hours. "I really felt like winning a powerball lottery when I was allowed a free seat at the 3 hour Military flight going from Oslo Military airport directly to Jan Mayen", he says. "I have been discussing this possibility with the Military for about 5 years. They have regular flights going to Jan Mayen, but there are very rarely available seats both ways, and one also need a special invitation to be allowed to enter this military flight. They let me know the day before that there was an opportunity. It was a big surprise to me as I almost had given up this possibility a long time ago". Read the JX7GIA story on http://la7gia.com/jx7gia/index.html. All 630 QSOs have been uploaded to LoTW; traditional QSLs are via LA7GIA direct only (note that "if you made a dupe, there is no LoTW, but you will get your QSO confirmation via direct").

MISSISSIPPI QSO PARTY • The Mississippi QSO Party will run from 14 UTC on 6 April until 02 UTC on the 7th (12 hours), and county hunters around the world will be looking to add to their MS county totals. Rules, a county abbreviation & checklist and planned activations can be found on the ARRL's Mississippi Section website (http://arrlmiss.org). [TNX W5UE]

QSL VIA M00X0 • In addition to TL8AO (November 2016), TN5E (May 2017), 6060 (January 2018) and TT8KO (October 2018), M00XO is taking over the QSLling duties for LA7GIA's past expeditions to Malawi (7Q7GIA, June 2014 and February 2015), Comoros Islands (D67GIA, September 2015) and Bioko Island (AF-010), Equatorial Guinea (3C7A, March 2016). QSL via M00XO's OQRS for direct and bureau cards (https://www.m0oxo.com/oqrs/logsearch.php).

QSL VIA SM6CVX • Hans, SM6CVX reports that all QSL requests for the most recent P29VCX operation from Manus Island (OC-025) have been processed and sent out. This includes direct, PayPal and bureau requests received as of 3 April. Hans still has logs for A52CVX (2015), P29NI (2008 only), P29VCX (2006, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2012 and 2014), P29VLR (2007, 2009, 2011) and S21ZAS (2017), as well as for YV50IE. Multiple QSLs can be requested in the same envelope or PayPal payment; direct requests need to have SAE and USD 3.00, or USD 4.00 via PayPal. See https://www.qrz.com/db/sm6cvx for Hans' mailing and email/PayPal addresses. [TNX SM6CVX]



SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS 2020 • The Northern California DX Foundation (http://www.ncdxf.org) has announced it will be a major contributor to the Perseverance DX Group's February-March 2020 DXpedition to the South Orkney Islands (https://sorkney.com/) [425DXN 1455]. "With the cost of ships, fuel, and freight continuing to rise the future of major DXpeditions rests in the hands of the worldwide DX community", the PDXG says. "We appreciate the Foundation's generosity and their confidence in our project team and plans". The primary purpose of NCDXF is to help fund well-organized DXpeditions to rare, difficult and expensive DXCC Entities like the South Orkneys (currently #16 on Club Log's Most Wanted List). Since 2016, NCDXF-supported DXpeditions activated five of the ten most-needed Entities, and during the last 47 years NCDXF has granted nearly \$1.2 million to hundreds of DXpeditions.

THE FT4 PROTOCOL FOR DIGITAL CONTESTING



The following announcement was posted by Joe Taylor, K1JT to the WSJT software development mailing list on 22 April:

"Soon after the 'FT8 Roundup' held on December 1-2, 2018, we started serious work on a faster, more contest-friendly digital mode that can compete with RTTY-contesting QSO rates while preserving many of the benefits of FT8. The result is FT4 - a new digital mode specifically designed for radio contesting.

Over the past month a small group of volunteers have been conducting on-theair tests of FT4. The early tests were very successful and helped us to make a number of important design decisions. We believe FT4 has considerable promise for its intended purpose.

We'll soon be ready for testing by a larger group. If you might be interested in participating and offering your considered feedback, please read the descriptive document "The FT4 Protocol for Digital Contesting", posted here: http://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/FT4 Protocol.pdf.

We plan to post downloadable installation packages for WSJT-X 2.1.0-rc5 on April

29. The document linked above includes

- Instructions for installing WSJT-X 2.1.0-rc5 and FT4 configuration
- Operating instructions for FT4
- Basic description of the FT4 protocol, modulation, and waveform
- Detailed sensitivity measurements for FT4 under a wide variety of simulated propagation conditions
- Schedule for upcoming test sessions"

TQSL: NEW VERSION • A new version (v2.4.7) of LoTW's Trusted QSL (TQSL) has been released: http://www.arrl.org/tqsl-download. This version corrects a defect in the Windows autoupdate process when performing the download and install of a new version. Because this defect was present in TQSL v2.4.4, v2.4.5 and v2.4.6, those versions are unable to automatically update themselves to v2.4.7. In order to upgrade, users with those versions of TQSL installed must manually download and install TQSL v2.4.7 from here: http://www.arrl.org/files/file/LoTW%20Instructions/tqsl-2.4.7.msi



VP6D • Gene, K5GS reports that "as announced at the International DX Convention, Visalia on 14 April, the entire VP6D log has been uploaded to LoTW. Please direct any questions about your QSOs to Tim, MOURX".

XR1RRC • After completing the XR0ZRC DXpedition to Juan Fernandez, Russian Robinson Club's members R7AL, RK8A and RA1ZZ were active as XR1RRC from Santa Maria Island (SA-069) and made made 3,900 QSOs on 7-10 April. The log has been uploaded Club Log and the **OQRS** has https://clublog.org/logsearch/XR1RRC SA069. Please contact R7AL for any log issue. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred); those who want to go direct in a traditional way should mail their request to EU7A (maildrop): Andrey N. Teterukov, P.O. Box 13, 212030 Mogilev-30, Belarus. Club Log's IOTA Matching function will be enabled after one month



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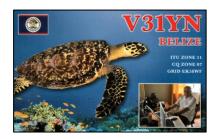
others.



+ SILENT KEY + Astronaut Owen Garriott, W5LFL passed away on 15 April at 88 years of age. "A passionate amateur radio operator and ionospheric physics researcher, Owen inspired the amateur radio community to reach for the stars. His multi-decade vision to bring amateur radio with him as part of his journey in space was realized in 1983 on the STS-9 Space Shuttle Columbia mission, where hams the world over for the first time heard a fellow ham call CQ from space". The complete obituary can be found on https://www.ariss.org/.







QSL ROUTES

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