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## 100 Years of Amateur Radio Transatlantic Communications

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# **DX INFORMATION**



Owing to the ongoing and fluid nature of the COVID-19 situation globally, announced activities might be postponed or cancelled at any time and without notice.

**6W** - 6W1TG is the permanent callsign issued to Dani, EA4ATI, who has been in Senegal since July [425DXN 1575]. He operates mainly SSB on 80-10 metres. QSL via EA4R (direct or bureau) and LoTW. [TNX EA4R] **6W** - Jacques, F6HMJ will be active as 6W7/F6HMJ from Senegal from 29 December to 22 February. He will oper-

ate CW and SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX Les Nouvelles DX]



**7P** - Chris, ZS1CDG plans to be active again as 7P8GOZ from Lesotho on 20-26 December. He will operate holiday style on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres FT8. QSL via LoTW or home call. [TNX DX World] **8Q** - Tor, DG7RO will be active as

8Q7RO (reissued callsign, already used by RT4RO in 2013) from the Maldives (AS-013) on 11-27 December. He will only operate via Oscar QO-100. QSL via DG7RO and LoTW.

**8Q** - Tom, OE1TRI will be active holiday style as 8Q7TR from the Maldives (AS-013) from 28 December to 3 January. He will run 20 watts on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres SSB and FT8. QSL via OE1TRI; he does not use Club



Log or LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX] **9J** - Mario, IK1MYT is active again as 9J2MYT from Lusaka, Zambia until June 2022. He operates SSB on 40, 20, 17, 15 and 10 metres. QSL direct to IZ3KVD.

DL - Club station DL0IMO will operate special callsign



DR50BAWA throughout 2022 to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the DARC's Intruder Monitoring Service. QSL via the bureau. Started in 1972 and for-

merly known as Bandwacht, the Intruder Monitoring (<u>https://www.intruder-monitoring.de/</u>) is the German branch of the IARU Monitoring System, whose primary objective is the search, classification, identification and initiation of steps leading to the removal from amateur bands of radio signals of non-amateur stations causing harmful interference to the amateur services.



**EI** - Special callsign EI90IRTS will be activated throughout 2022 to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the founding of the Irish Radio Transmitters Society, Ireland's IARU society. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, eQSL, bureau or direct to EI6AL.

**F** - The Radio Club de Nice is active again as TM8AB on 2-6 December to commemorate the anniversary of the first Transatlantic amateur two-way contact between Leon Deloy F8AB and Fred Schnell 1MO (28 November 1923). QSL via F4KJQ.



**F** - Celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (National Centre for Space Studies, the French government space agency), special event stations TM60CNES from France, TK60CNES (Corsica), TO60CNES (French Guiana) and TX60CNES (New Caledonia) will be active from 18 December to 2 January. QSLs via F1UJT, direct or bureau.

**FS** - David, F8AAN will be active again as FS/F8AAN from Saint Martin (NA-105) on 1-20 January. He will operate CW only on 40-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or direct to home call. [TNX DX World]



**FT/X** - Arthur Perrin, FT4XW is an electronic engineer currently stationed at Port-aux-Francais, Kerguelen Islands, until December 2022. «I'm a total newbie at ham radio», he says, and «I do not know if I will succeed to establish radio contacts, but I remain optimistic». Thierry, F6CUK is in touch with him, and confirms

he is «100% legitimate» but «not QRV yet (too busy for work)». Arthur is equipped to run 20 watts to a vertical antenna. QSL via F6EXV, and LoTW after six months.



**G** - During the month of December, the Welland Valley Amateur Radio Society will be running special callsigns GB1XMS, GB2XMS, GB5XMS and GB9XMS to celebrate Christmas and say farewell to 2021. QSL via operator's instructions.

**G** - GB100BBC is the special callsign celebrating the  $100^{\text{th}}$  anniversary of the British Broadcasting Cor-



British Broadcasting Corporation throughout 2022. The BBC was formed on 18 October 1922, and daily radio broadcasts began on 14 November. GB100BBC will be on air from the BBC Radio Group's shack at BBC Broadcasting House in central London, as well as from other BBC premises and members' home QTHs around the UK. QSL via the bureau, LoTW and eQSL; direct cards will not be accepted.

**GM** - The Kilmarnock and Loudoun Amateur Radio Club has been asked by the organizers of the celebrations to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the reception of the first transmission by amateur radio across the Atlantic to operate a station adjacent to the site of the original experiment at Ardrossan (Scotland). Look for GS2ZE to be QRV on 11-12 December, from 12 UTC to 12 UTC (24 hours), using CW and SSB. QSL via M00XO's OQRS.

**GU** - Bob, GU4YOX will be operating MU5A for the Stew Perry 160m Contest on 18-19 December (<u>https://www.kkn.net/stew/</u>). He will be using a top loaded 160m vertical antenna especially installed for the "Big Stew". QSL via LoTW, paper QSL cards will not be available.



**HA** - Special callsign HA21XMAS will be activated on 14-26 December on various bands CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via LoTW and eQSL; a downloadable certificate for two QSOs on two different modes is available on

#### http://qrz.com/db/ha21xmas.

**HI** - Hrane, YT1AD and Milos, YT3M will be active as HI7/YT1AD and HI7/YT3M from the Dominican Republic on 4-14 December. QSL via home calls. [TNX NG3K]

**HS** - Brad, VK2BY will be active again as HS0ZNR from the Nam Yuen district in northeastern Thailand between 12 December and 21 January. QSL via LoTW, or direct to VK2BY.



**HS** - Champ, E21EIC and other nine operators (namely E20NKB, E24OYI, E25KAE, E25OKO, E29TGW, HS2BMI, HS2KYA, HS2QJJ and HS2UPR) will be active as E20AX/p from Koh Chang

(AS-125) on 18-20 December. They plan to operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 160-10 metres with two or three stations. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards via Club Log's OQRS or E21EIC. I - Members of the Italian Naval Old Rhythmers Club



(<u>www.inorc.it</u> will be active as II1TCWC on 12-17 December to commemorate the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first radio transmis-

sion sent across the Atlantic Ocean (12 December 1901). They will operate only CW. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. A certificate will be available; see <a href="https://www.qrz.com/db/II1TCWC">https://www.qrz.com/db/II1TCWC</a> for information. [TNX IN3MDR]

 ${\bf I}$  - The World Radiosport Team Championship, which was due to be held in Bologna on 6-11 July 2022, has been postponed to 2023 «in consideration of the worldwide



on of the worldwide public health challenges from the Covid-19 pandemic» [425DXN 1565]. To promote the event and keep the interest alive, however, twelve special callsigns will be activated between 1 January 2022 and the end of the IARU

HF Championship (10 July at 11.59 UTC). Look for II1WRTC, II2WRTC, II3WRTC, II4WRTC, II5WRTC, II6WRTC, II7WRTC, II8WRTC, II9WRTC, IIOWRTC, IR1WRTC and IO0WRTC (the latter from Sardinia) to be ORV on the HF bands CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. A certificate for working the special stations will be available after the end of the event; see https://www.wrtc2022.it/en/wrtc2022-award-19.asp for the rules and the real-time scoreboard.

**JA** - JI3DST/6, JJ5RBH/6 and JS6RRR/6 will be active from Tanega Island (AS-032) from 25 December to 10 January. Look for activity on 80-6m CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via operator's instructions. [TNX DX World] **JD1\_oga** - Once again Harry, JG7PSJ will be active as



7, JG7PSJ Will be active as JD1BMH from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara from 18 december to 1 January. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 80-10 metres. QSL via JD1BMH (bureau) or JG7PSJ (direct). He does not use LoTW or PayPal. Logsearch on

http://jg7psj.starfree.jp/jd1bmh/.

**OE** - The 12-31 December 4U1XMAS "Santa Claus HF Activity" from the Vienna International Centre [425DXN 1595] has been postponed to December 2022 «due to the difficult situation with the COVID pandemic».

**OH** - OH9SCL is once again active from Finnish Lapland ("Santa Claus Land") during the month of December. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or direct to Anssi Puuronen, Kemijoen Itapuolentie 1577, FI-97110 Rautiosaari, Finland

OH - The Finnish Amateur Radio League (SRAL) is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. To earn the OH Northern Light 100-year Certificate (OH-NL-100), contact fifty OH and fifty OF stations during 2021, and ten "multipliers" [425DXN 1559]. The list of special centennial activations will be completed during the month of December by three multipliers: OI3AX (QRV on 3-7 December, QSL via OH2LGW), OF2YOTA (OSL via Club Log's OORS) and Santa Claus station, OF9X (Old Father 9 Xmas, QSL via OH2BH). These special stations greet you with 59(9) SRAL message and you can greet them back with 59(9) MX (Merry Christmas). Your log extract should be sent to of9x@sral.fi during January 2022. Complete rules for the OH-NL-100 Certificate can be found on https://www.sral.fi/en/. [TNX OH2BH]



**ON** - Celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of UBA (Belgium's national IARU society, established on 25 January 1947), 64 special event stations scattered all over the country will be active from 1 January until 28 February: ON75AAA, ON75ACC, ON75ALT, ON75AST, ON75ARA, ON75ATH, ON75BTS, ON75ATO, ON75BDX, ON75BXE, ON75CDZ, ON75CLR, ON75CRD, ON75DIG. ON75DST.

ON75EKO, ON75GBN, ÓN75GBX, ON75GDV, ON75GNT, ON75GTM, ON75HCC, ON75IPR, ON75KSD, ON75KTK, ON75LGE, ON75LIR, ON75LV, ON75LUS, ON75KV, ON75MCL, ON75MLB, ON75MVV, ON75NBT, ON75NVV, ON75NOK, ON75NOL, ON75ODE, ON75ONZ, ON75ORA, ON75OSA, ON75OSB, ON75OST, ON75PHI, ON75RAF, ON75RAM, ON75RAT, ON75RCA, ON75RCN, ON75REM, ON75RST, ON75RSX, ON75SNW, ON75TLS, ON75TRA, ON75TRC, ON75TVS, ON75UBA, ON75WLD, ON75WRA, ON75WRC, ON75TVS, ON75UBA, ON75WLD, ON75WRA, ON75WRC, ON75TVS, ON75YLC and ON75ZTM. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (direct or bureau; requests must be sent within 31 March); those who do not use Club Log must go direct to ON9TT (Marc Domen, Ferdinand Coosemansstraat 32, 2600 Antwerpen, Belgium), or request bureau cards by email to uba75qsl@uba.be (uba75swl@uba.be for SWLs). Two series of awards will be available for download, details will be published on https://hamloq.online/uba75/ when the event starts. [TNX ON4CAS]

**OX** - Nils, SM3UQK has been based at the Nerlerit Inaat Airport in eastern Greenland (NA-018) since 18 December, and will remain there until 4 January. In his spare time he is QRV as OX/SE3A mainly on 20 metres. QSL via SM3UQK, direct or bureau.



**OZ** - Queen Margrethe II acceded to the Danish throne on the death of her father Frederik IX (14 January 1972). Celebrating Her Majesty's Golden Jubilee, special callsign OZ50Q will be activated on 1-31 January. A num-

ber of certificates will be available; complete information can be found on <a href="https://www.grz.com/db/OZ500">https://www.grz.com/db/OZ500</a>.

**OZ** - Special callsign OZ50DDXG will be activated throughout 2022 to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Danish DX Group, founded on 27 May 1972. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via OZ1ACB. Various certificates will be



available, see <a href="https://www.qrz.com/db/OZ50DDXG">https://www.qrz.com/db/OZ50DDXG</a> for complete information. [TNX OZ1IKY]



PA - Celebrating Christmas and the New Year, special callsigns PH21XMAS and PH22HNY will operate SSB and digital modes between 6 December and 31 January. QSL via operator's instructions.

PA - PG44FF is the special callsign that Lars, PHONO will use to promote the Flora Netherlands Programme & Fauna (http://www.pa-ff.nl/) between late 2021 and early 2022. OSL via Club Log's

OQRS. PJ7 - Jeff, VA3QSL will be active holiday

style as PJ7/VA3QSL from Sint Maarten (NA-105) from 4 January to 6 February. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 40-6 metres. QSL via home call (direct or bureau) and LoTW.

PY - Felipe, PU2OYT will be active as PU2OYT/p from Ilha do Algodao (SA-029) on 23-24 December. He will be QRV mostly on 10 metres SSB and 15 metres FT8. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]



PY - Rafael, PP2OK and Robson, PY6TV will be active as ZY6A from Ilha dos Frades (SA-023) on 20-23 January. Rafael will operate SSB (7163, 14230, 21275 and 28475 kHz) and Robson will oper-

ate CW (7018, 14018, 21018 and 28018 kHz). QSL direct to PY6TV; logsearch on Club Log. S2 - The S21DX operation (https://s21dx.org) from IO-



TA group AS-140 [425DXN 1589] has been brought forward, and is now expected to take place on 10-16 December. In accordance with the operating permission granted by the licencing authority, the activity will take place from Char Kukri Mukri (not Manpura). S21AM and S21RC plan to run

one station on the HF bands FT8 and SSB; a second station will be on the QO-100 satellite. Pictures and updates can be found on https://www.facebook.com/s21dx. QSL via EB7DX.



S5 - Special event station S522PMC will be active from 3 December to 2 January 2022 to promote the PMC Contest, sponsored by the Radio Club Slovenj Gradec (S59DCD). All

OSOs will be confirmed via the bureau. The International Association of Peace Messenger Cities was established in 1988 to recognize and encourage the role and responsibility cities have in creating a culture of peace. The PMC Contest, promoting contacts between stations located in the Peace Messenger Cities and the rest of the world, will be held on 1-2 January (see http://www.s59dcd.si/ for complete information).

SP - Dominik SQ9ORN, Maciek SP9RBL, Pawel SN9PJ



and Thomas SP9TL will be active "out in the field" between 1 January and 14 December 2022, and will operate special callsigns HF9FIELD (January, April, July and October), SN9FIELD (February, May, August and November) and SP9FIELD (March, June, September and December). OSL via eQSL. A certificate will be availa-

ble for working the 3 special stations; the details will be publishd on https://www.grz.com/db/HF9FIELD.

TA - Simon Luttrell (ex-XW0LP) expected to temporarily relocate to the territory of the Turkish Republic of North Cyprus [425DXN 1592], but «the licencing authorities in north Cyprus have failed so far to issue a licence (failed, not refused)». So he has moved to the «sunny Turkish coast of Fethiye» instead, where he will be QRV as TA4/G6JFY, while waiting for a TA callsign to be allocated.

TZ - Ulmar, DK1CE has extended his stay in Mali [425DXN 1592], and now expects to be QRV as TZ1CE until 15 December. QSL via DK1CE and logsearch on Club Log («the FT8 log will be updated daily», he says, while the «CW/SSB log will only be available on Club Log after the end of my operations in Mali»).

UA - Yaroslav R1BET, Yulia R1CBL and Mikhail R1MJ will be active from Peredovik (Esisaari) Island (EU-117) on 11-12 December. Bands and modes will depend on local conditions, and will be decided when on the island.

UA - Special callsigns R2022NY, R22HNY, RA22NY, RG22NY, RJ22NY, RK22NY, RL22NY, RM22NY, RO22NY,



RQ22NY, RT22NY. RW22NY, RX22NY and RY22NY will be active from 25 December to 14 January for the Russian New Year 2022 radio marathon organized for the sixth year in a row by the Miller DX Club. QSLs via

RQ7L. A number of certificates will be available, see https://hamlog.online/club/mdxc.

UA0 - Special callsign R075F will be active from 1 January to 28 February to mark the 75th anniversary since the formation of present-day Sakhalin oblast. QSL via LoTW and RN3RQ.



**UN** - Celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Republic of Kazakhstan's independence (16 December 1991), special event stations UN30RK, UO30RK, UP30RK and UQ30RK will be active on 11-19 December. QSL via

LoTW, paper cards will not be available; see https://hamlog.online/club/arl/283/ for the certificate.



UN - Celebrating the New Year, the Almaty Amateur Radio League, in cooperation with the Association of Amateur Radio Services of Kazakhstan, will be active as UP2022HNY, UO2022HNY, UN2022HNY and UP2022SG (the suffix stands for

Snegurochka, the "Snow Maiden") from 25 December to 14 January. QSL via LoTW; two certificates will be available on https://hamlog.online/club/arl/.

V4 - Victor, WB0AA will be active as V4/WB0AA from St. Kitts (NA-104) on 22-30 December. He will operate CW and SSB on 160-10 metres. QSL via home call and possibly LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

VE - The Signal Hill National Historic Site is the location



where Guglielmo Marconi received the very first wireless transatlantic message on 12 December 1901. Commemorating the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that historic event, the Society of Newfoundland Radio Amateurs will operate special callsign VD1M on 1-31 December. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or direct to VO1IDX.

 ${\bf W}$  - This year marks the  $100^{\rm th}$  anniversary of the historic Transatlantic Tests of December 1921, when the ARRL's



representative Paul Godley, 2ZE set up his listening station in Ardrossan (Scotland) and received the signals of more than two dozen US amateur radio stations, the first from 1BCG in Connecticut. During the UTC night between and 12 December 11 those transmissions will be recreated by W2AN/1BCG from the Vintage Radio and Communications Museum of Connecticut, using a replica transmitter constructed by volunteers at the Antique Wireless

Association. Transmissions will start on /- 1820 kHz CW at 23 UTC, then every 15 minutes until 03.45 UTC on 12 December. Transmissions from W2AN/1BCG will be one-way, just like the original Transatlantic Tests. You can get a SWL certificate by sending a copy of the transmit-

ted message to 1BCG@AntiqueWireless.org. See <u>http://1BCG.org</u> for more information.

**W** - The Straight Key Century Club's annual on-air event, commemorating the club's founding in 2006, will run on 2-31 January. Look for K3Y to be aired from the ten US call areas (K3Y/0 through K3Y/9), plus /KH6, /KL7 and /KP4. Information on the event and QSLing instructions can be found on <a href="https://skccgroup.com/k3y/k3y.php">https://skccgroup.com/k3y/k3y.php</a>.

**XE** - Zalo, XE3N will be active as 4C10M on 10 metres for 10 days (10-20 December), including an entry in the ARRL 10-Meter Contest. QSL via LoTW.



**YB** - YB7NUS/p, YB7KE/p and YD7MHZ/p will be active from Laut Island (OC-166) on 4-5 December. They will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on the HF bands. QSL via EA5GL.

[TNX DX World]



**Z2** - Tom, DJ6TF and Tom, DL7BO will be active as Z21A and Z220 from Harare, Zimbabwe on 3-20 February. They will operate CW, SSB, FT8 and FT4 on 160-10 metres. QSL both calls via DJ6TF.

**Z3** - Michael, DF8AN will be QRV as Z38/DF8AN from Skopje, North Macedonia from 29 December to 5 January. He will operate CW and digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau; he does not use LoTW.

#### **DECEMBER YOTA MONTH STATIONS & QSL INFORMATION**

DECEMBER YOTA MONTH	The Youngsters On The Air group will be active again during the entire month of December to show the amateur radio hobby to youth and to encourage youngsters to be active on the ham radio waves. An- nounced participants in December YOTA Month 2021 include stations from Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Bahrain, Bosnia Hercegovina, Canada, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, El Salvador, England, Es- tonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Korea, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Namibia, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, USA:					
3V8CB/YOTA	ΑΡ21ΥΟΤΑ	GB21YOTA	K8Y	R21YOTA	ΥΙΟΥΟΤΑ	
5B4YOTA	AT2YOA	HA6YOTA	LR1YOTA	SH9YOTA	YO0YOTA	
6V1YOTA	CN8YOTA	HF0YOTA	OA0YOTA	SK8YOTA	YS1YOTA	
7X2YOTA	CO0YOTA	HG0YOTA	OD5YOTA	SN0YOTA	YT21YOTA	
7X3YOTA	CQ7YOTA	HL0YOTA	OE0YOTA	SQ9YOTA	Z30YOTA	
8C2YOTA	DCOYOTA	HZ1YOTA	OF2YOTA	TC21YOTA	Z39YOTA	
9A0YOTA	E71YOTA	II3YOTA	OH2YOTA	TF3YOTA	ZS9YOTA	
9A21YOTA	EF4YOTA	II6YOTA	OL21YOTA	TM21YOTA		
9K9YOTA	EI0YOTA	K8A	OM21YOTA	V55YOTA		
A71YOTA	EM6YOTA	K8O	PA6YOTA	VA7YOTA		
A91YOTA	ES9YOTA	K8T	PD6YOTA	VE3YOTA		

Information about the event and the awards can be found on <u>https://events.ham-yota.com/</u>. «Due to the huge amount of QSOs that are being made throughout this event, receiving QSL is hard to handle», the organizers say. «We are **only** sending QSL cards if you request them via Club Log's OQRS (<u>https://clublog.org/logsearch.php</u>). You do not need to send us your QSL card. Received cards will **not** be answered. OQRS supports QSL via the Bureau (free of charge) and QSL Direct (3 USD). QSL Direct more than 5 cards - please email qsl[@]ham-yota.com for a custom postage price».





# **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!



160-METER TRANSATLANTIC CENTENARY QSO PARTY • Organized by the ARRL and the RSGB, this operating event will take place on 12 December, from 2 to 8 UTC (six hours). The event coincides with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the successful second Transatlantic Test. Stations participating will operate only CW, trying to contact the two official callsign activations: W1AW from Newington (Connecticut) and GB2ZE from Scotland. The GMDX Group will award a quaich - a traditional Scottish drinking cup representing friendship - to the first stations in North America and the UK to complete contacts with both W1AW and GB2ZE during the QSO Party. A commemorative certificate will be available for download. Log submissions will not be required, as the official logs from W1AW and GB2ZE will be used to determine the winners and for certificates. For more details, see http://www.arrl.org/transatlantic and https://rsgb.org/main/activity/transatlantictests/gso-party/.

## Contest University

2022 CONTEST UNIVERSITY • Registration is now open for the 2022 Contest University (CTU), to be held on 19 May at the Hope Hotel near Dayton, Ohio. See https://www.contestuniversity.com/ for the details. This is a new venue for all contest-related activities taking place during the Dayton Hamvention (CTU, Contest Super Suite, Top Band Dinner, Contest Dinner, etc).



3YOJ: LATEST NEWS • The companies that will supply the team with the tents and the masts for the yagi antennas have been selected, and plans are in place for practising the critical beach landing by inflatable boat throughout the current winter season in Norway. Cezar, VE3LYC and Otis, NP4G have joined the DXpedition, while three other operators (VE7NY,

HAONAR and RA9USU) have dropped out of the team «due to various health and personal issues». The team reports that «more than \$130,000 out of the total budget» have been spent so far. «We have reached an income level of \$500,000», they say, «but still critically need additional \$160,000 support to be able to make it. Going to Bouvet is a huge undertaking financially as all our expenses are upfront. If you want to have the opportunity to work the rare #2 DXCC Bouvet Island, please con-

sider to donate upfront». Read the complete Press Release #7 on the DXpedition's website (https://www.3y0i.no/).

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**9N7AA** • «We have now moved to the new residence and a couple of vertical dipoles were strung from a Spiderbeam pole on the upper terrace of our top floor apartment», Robert, 9N7AA (S53R) posted to his qrz.com page on 11 December. «I mostly run on 17m as other bands sound rather empty. A new antenna mast was manufactured locally and delivered today, while the Ultra Beam/WIMO 2el Yagi (40-6m) is still at the customs. If all stars align, I will be able to install it before the end of the year. 160/80 will have to wait for a while, though. I have an idea how to install guarter-wave slopers but this will need some negotiations with the neighbors, as the wires will go over two adjacent land plots. Kathmandu is veeery densely populated. And, for those constantly asking: 60m band is not permitted in Nepal. Equipment from my previous operation is still stuck in Kabul and we are trying hard to bring it to Kathmandu. As of very recently, single-airline commercial flights have finally resumed to Dubai, so there is a little tiny light at the end of the tunnel». QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or direct only to S57DX.

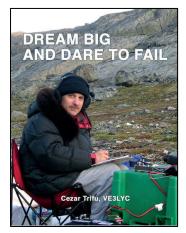
**COMOROS 2022: POSTPONED** • Due to the current pandemic situation, «it's safer for the team not to travel now», Jean-Luc, F1ULQ reports. Consequently the January 2022 operation organized by the Radio Club de Provins [425DXN 1589] has been postponed to a later date TBA, «when all gets again quieter».



CROZET 2022-23 Thierry, . F6CUK has been granted permission to be QRV from the #3 Most Wanted DXCC Entity for three months (mid-December 2022 to

mid-March 2023) [425DXN 1592]. The official website for this operation is now online: http://crozet2022.fr (some pages are still incomplete, but will be updated soon).

DREAM BIG AND DARE TO FAIL • «Regretfully, none of the expedition projects I worked on during the course of 2021 came to fruition», Cezar Trifu, VE3LYC says. «While I couldn't move any new project forward, I did spent quite a bit of time though writing a book about the past ones». Its title is Dream Big and Dare to Fail, and it is «addressed to all radio amateurs, chasers and activators alike. It will take you through the voyages I carried out as a solo operator or team member of various radio expeditions, from the Arctic to the Sub-Antarctic regions. You will join me along each journey and discover the challenges encountered in bringing on the air remote islands belonging to 25 IOTA references, 19 of which ranked in the Top #30 on the IOTA Most Wanted List out of 1136 groups activated to date.



Apart from its documentary aspect I wished to provide, I hope that its reading will encourage everyone to pursue his/her own adventure dream, whichever may be, and strengthen his/her resolve in coping with all the ups and downs that it may entail. This project also gave me a new opportunity to acknowledge many of those who helped me bring my own adventure dreams to life». The book (240 pages, full color, with 516 illustrations) is available for purchase and orders are accepted via PayPal: see <a href="https://walyc-book.weebly.com/">https://walyc-book.weebly.com/</a> for the details.

**INDEXA NEWSLETTER** • The Fall 2021 issue (#134) of the International DX Association's Newsletter is now available for download on the INDEXA website (<u>https://indexa.org/newsletters.html</u>). It contains a special article from Yuris Petersons, YL2GM on the recent 3DA0WW DXpedition to the Kingdom of Eswatini, a *Director in the Spotlight* with Adrian Ciuperca (KO8SCA), and the latest news of the November 2022 3Y0J Bouvet DXpedition.

**QSL DX0K** • Pedro, EA5GL has picked up the QSLing for the DX0K operation from Pag-asa in the Spratly Islands, AS-051 (2 February-12 April 2005). See <u>https://www.qrz.com/db/EA5GL</u> for instructions.

**QSL FG80J** • Burt, FG80J has joined the M00X0 QSL Service from his home in Sainte-Anne, Guadeloupe (NA-102), where he has been resident since 2012. He has been in the hobby since 1990 and is very active on VHF/UHF using satellite and Moon Bounce. New QSL cards are being printed, and the OQRS is open: <u>https://www.m0oxo.com/oqrs/</u>.



**QSL SO1WS & SOS** • The QSL manager is EA2JG, who accepts only requests for direct cards made through Club Log's OQRS. Neither traditional direct cards (i.e. by postal mail) nor bureau cards will be accepted. «If it is your wish», however, «we will upload the data to LoTW» once the OQRS has been used. See the Radio Club Saharaui's website: <a href="https://saharadx.jimdofree.com/">https://saharadx.jimdofree.com/</a>.

**QSL T6AA & T6A •** Effective immediately, Pedro, EA5GL has picked up the direct and bureau QSLing for Robert Kasca's oper-

ations from Afghanistan. Between September 2019 and July 2021, Robert (S53R, currently active as 9N7AA from Nepal) was active as T6AA and T6A, and made an overall total of nearly 124,000 QSOs. «I will still respond to the QSL requests received directly or via PayPal for the period up to December 2021», Robert says.



**QSL VIA E73Y** • After the sudden passing of Robert, E77E in June [425DXN 1571], the QSL management for E76C, E77DX and E7DX has been taken over by Boris, E73Y. Given that those three logs are regularly uploaded to LoTW, Boris will accept only direct QSL requests received by post mail (Boris Knezovic, P.O. Box 59, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina) or Club Log's OQRS.

**QSO TODAY VIRTUAL HAM EXPO** • The fourth Virtual Ham Expo organized by *QSO Today* will be held on 12-13 March on a live virtual reality platform that simulates a full convention experience. It is now calling for international presentations and speakers on any amateur radio topic that would be of interest to other hams. Very detailed information can be found on <a href="https://www.gsotodayhamexpo.com/speakercall.html">https://www.gsotodayhamexpo.com/speakercall.html</a>. [TNX 4Z1UG]



**RAEM CONTEST** • This year's RAEM Contest (<u>https://raem.srr.ru/</u>) will be held on 26 December, from 00.00 UTC until 11.59 UTC, on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres CW. Organized by the Russian Amateur Radio Union (SRR), the annual event memorializes Ernst T. Krenkel (1903-1971), the legendary Arctic explorer and radioman (callsign RAEM) on various polar stations and on the first drifting ice station North Pole-1.

**ROCKALL 2022** • The dates for the entire trip [425DXN 1594] have changed to 6-19 June. Weather permitting, Nobby, G0VJG aims to be active from the island as MM0UKI/p for 1-2 days during that time frame. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. Follow Nobby on Twitter (@G0vjg) for updates. [TNX DX World]

**SV2RSG/A** • Monk Iakovos, SV2RSG/A was active from 30 November to 3 December, and has been QRV again since 14 December. A pirate station - «whose signal», according to the Hellenic Radio Amateur Team, «comes from a specific geographical area of Greece» - has been on the air too, causing much confusion. The genuine SV2RSG/A is now posting the log to Club Log every two hours: check <a href="https://clublog.org/logsearch/SV2RSG/A">https://clublog.org/logsearch/SV2RSG/A</a> if you suspect you have worked a pirate. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or direct to SV1RP.

**THE 2022 DX ULTRA-MARATHON** • The True Blue DXers Club announces the 2022 *DX Ultra-Marathon*, a year-long operating event to be run from 1 January through 31 December 2022. Intended to promote everyday activity on CW and SSB, this initiative's aim is to get people on the air and contact as many different stations as possible, on as many bands as possible, in as many DXCC Entities and WAZ Zones as possible over the duration of a full year. Participation is open to all amateurs: see <a href="https://www.tbdxc.net/marathon">https://www.tbdxc.net/marathon</a> for detailed information.



**UNDELIVERABLE BUREAU CARDS** • Tim, MOURX reports that some bureau packages are returned to sender either as «not collected» (e.g. Argentina and Cuba) or because of «insufficient documentation» (e.g. Brazil, Sweden and Turkey) - read Tim's alarming post on <u>https://www.m0urx.com/</u>.

**VP8/SQ1SGB** • The Falkland Islands Communications Regulator has directed Seba, VP8/SQ1SGB to cease his amateur radio operation from Halley Research Station, Antarctica forthwith. A formal complaint has been raised by Chris, VP8WOS and Alan, VP8PJ, acting on Seba's behalf. The details can be found on <a href="https://www.openfalklands.com/">https://www.openfalklands.com/</a>.



«Bill Somerville, G4WJS, died suddenly and unexpectedly a few days ago», Joe, K1JT reported on 4 December. He was in his mid-60s. In 2013 he was the first to join Joe in forming a core development group for WSJT-X, and has been closely involved with the project ever since. «Our free, open-source software could not have achieved its extensive worldwide popularity and influence in ham radio without Bill's essential contributions», Joe says. «In addition to writing code for important portions of the Qt-based user interface for WSJT-X, Bill helped to bring the overall program structure more nearly up to professional standards. Moreover, he devoted countless hours to program support, patiently answering user's questions on WSJT-related forums».









## **QSL ROUTES**

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3B8M	MOOXO	G9W	MODXR	PI4COM	PA1AW
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3F200NG	HP2NG	HB1BCG	HB9ACA	PJ4/KU8E	K4BAI
3v8ss	LX1NO	HC1BI	NE8Z	PJ4A	K4BAI
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5X4E	IZ3ZLG [d]	HF74QMP	SP9PRO	R800VAN	RK3VWA
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6Ү5НМ	EA5GL	HG7T	на7тм	SM2U	SM0CXU
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8J1RL	JG2MLI [d]	HI3Y	EB7DX	SO4R	SP4PND
8P6RY	KU9C	HI8K	EB7DX	SV2RSG/A	SV1RP
8Q7JT	WV6E	HK1MW	N200	SX1T	SV1ENG
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9ј2во	EA5GL	HI8S	EA5GL	SN10PMY	SP1PMY

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A721FAC	A71A	LS2D	EC6DX	TM4TLT	F4KIP
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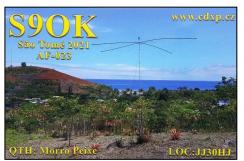
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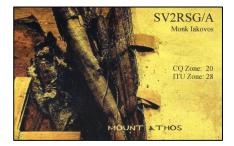
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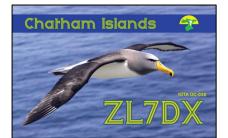
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