

## DX bulletin 596

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## DX NEWS

### **8Q7HZ Maldives –update April 10 by Tev TA1HZ**

After arriving at the hotel, I setup the antenna – the Windom did not work well so together with Ali 8Q7AM we setup an EFHW. Beware, I have Murphy around! First the laptop stopped RX on FT8, then the antenna went DEAF. When I trx, I can see that my signal is heard on reverse beacon but I do not get anything on the screen. Trying to solve the problem!

### **TX7W Austral Islands –update April 10 by Jeff K5WE**

Final preparations are being made for the TX7W – Austral Islands DXpedition. Jeff – K5WE and Craig – W5CCP will depart Tulsa next Sunday April 14 and hope to be on the air from Raivavae sometime on April 16. Many thanks to all our sponsors, your donations are a big help. For more info visit [here](#) [or [DX-World](#)].



### **OJØT Market Reef DXpedition –update**

A quick informal meeting was held yesterday, where the team discussed the final bits and pieces for this DXpedition. Now the ferry tickets are booked and most of the equipment settled. We are now working on gathering enough coaxial cable. Turns out it accumulates quite a lot of RG213 with four radios, and at least one antenna on each – who would've think, eh?

Bjørn, LA1UW, is building a new 6m/4m yagi for this expedition. While it might be a bit early for any good 4m openings, we'll give it a try anyway, just in case. We will announce any 4m activity on DX clusters, so keep an eye open if OJØ on 4m is of interest.

Stian, LB5SH, will mainly focus on SSB and FT8, but is also practising CW and might give it a go, hoping it won't end in carnage. If you catch us calling and the op seems a bit, oh shall we say, "slow," then please show some mercy for this rookie CW op.

Tor, LA3WAA, also plans to work more CW and SSB this time. He is also constructing a new vertical antenna for this trip, 40-10m, coupled with an optional inv-L for 80m.

Kristoffer, LBØVG, is working on his homebrew 1.2kW PA which has entered the test phase. He's also considering bringing his SAT kit, so if you're into that: this is your cue.

### **A80OK Liberia –update April 10**

Earlier today, team prepared extra RX loop for 40/30m bands. Pictures credit OK2ZI. Approaching 50K QSOs – logcheck [here](#).



### **FT4GL Glorioso Islands –update April 8**

Last weekend F5RQQ, F4FTV, F5TVL as well as other members of F4KLW; F4FHV and F4IPL came together to prepare and adjust the vertical antenna planned covering 40 to 10m. This week the 160 and 80m vertical antennas will also be tested and at the end of the week the majority of the equipment will be sent to our carrier.

## **DXCC**

### **This week on air**

**This can change daily, please visit <https://www.dx-world.net/> for updates.**

#### **Caribbean tour by Mike DF8AN**

**VP2M, MONTSERRAT** April 9-17

**V2, ANTIGUA** April 17-19

Operation from 160 to 6 meter using mostly FT8 (1839, 3570, 5357, 7056, 10133, 14095, 18097, 21095, 24925, 28095 kHz) with some RTTY and CW. QSL via DF8AN direct or bureau.

#### **Caribbean trip by Richard VE2DX**

**NA-138 Merritt Isl** April 20-May 10

**P4, ARUBA** April 13

**PJ2, CURACAO** April 14

**V2, ANTIGUA** April 16

**KP2, US VIRGIN** April 17

**HI, DOMINICAN REP** April 18

Richard, VE2DX will be operating from these various locations on 20, 15 and 10 meter during daytime and on 80 meter night using SSB and FT8. QSL via VE2STN.

**3D2, FIJI** Almost two years has passed since the passing of Zorro, JH1AJT. As a tribute, Dom 3Z9DX / 3D2USU is running special event station 3D2AJT for the next 20-25 days. QRV on CW, SSB, FT8/FT4. QSL via Club Log.

**6W, SENEGAL** Once again, Willy ON4AVT is active as 6W7/call from Warang until April 13. Operation during his spare time mostly on 40 meter and higher using SSB. During his afternoon between 14:00 and 15:00 UTC depending the propagation is the best chance. During his evening mostly on 40 and 30 meter. QSL via OQRS, LoTW.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Tev, TA1HZ is operating as 8Q7HZ from Dharavandhoo Island until April 15. QRV in 'holiday-style' on HF. QSL via LoTW or direct, log upload to Club Log.

**E5, COOK ISL** Tom K7TLM and Leslie KD7YZE are active as E51TLM from Rarotonga until April 13. Working conditions: IC-705 running 5 Watts to a horizontal 10 Meter end-fed half-wave wire antenna at 16 feet high just above sea level. SSB at 28.385 MHz, QRSS CW at 28.060 MHz. Look for them approx 1900 to 0100 UTC. While there they will visit Jim, E51JD. QSL info via QRZ.com.

**E6, NIUE** Gavin, ZL3GAV will be operating as E6SP between April 16 and April 28. Operation in 'holiday-style' on 10 and 15 meter using SSB and FT8. Livestream will be possible on Club Log. QSL via EA5GL and LoTW. <https://www.qrz.com/db/E6SP>

**EL, LIBERIA** The Czech DXpedition Group (OK1BOA, OK1CRM, OK1FCJ, OK1GK, OK2ZA, OK2ZC, OK2ZI and OK6DJ) is active as A8OK until April 19, with "full operation" expected on until 16 April. Activity with multiple stations from 160 to 6 meter using SSB, CW and digital modes (RTTY, FT8, FT4, PSK). The idea is to use Club Log's Livestream. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via OK6DJ.

**FH, MAYOTTE** Marek, FH4VVK is operating as TO4VV on April 13-14 and April 20-21. Operation using SSB and FT8. QSL direct, LoTW or Club Log.

**FOO, AUSTRAL ISL** Jeff K5WE and Craig W5CCP will be operating as TX7W from Raivavae between April 16 and April 30. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via OQRS or via K5WE. <https://k5we.com/tx7w/>

**H44, SOLOMON ISLANDS** Bernard, DL2GAC is once again QRV as H44MS from Manakwai Village until end April. Operation on SSB and FT8, an entry in the CQ160 SSB contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN** Anne, OH2YL is operating as HB0/call until April 13. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW and FT8. QSL via home call. <https://www.qrz.com/db/HB0/OH2YL>

**HI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** Jean, VA2VKG is operating from Boca Chica as HI8/call until April 12. QRV on 40, 20 and 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

**JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA** Take JG8NQJ/JD1 is again active from Minami Torishima until mid-April. QRV mainly on CW and some FT8 (spare time). QSL via JA8CJY, LoTW.

**KH9, WAKE ISL** Tom NL7RR will be active during his spare time as call/KH9 mid-April to mid-May. Mostly around 0600z-0800z. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**PJ4, BONAIRE** TJ, PE1OJR will once again be operating in 'holiday-style' as PJ4TB during April 13-28. QRV from 40 to 6 meter using a vertical and/or end-fed wire. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

**T8, PALAU** Nobu, JA0JHQ will be active again as T88PB during April 12-15. Main operation during the Japan International DX Contest. QSL via LoTW or via home call direct. <http://jidx.org/>



**TI, COSTA RICA** Reiner, DL2AAZ is QRV as TI2/call until April 20. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**VP6, PITCAIRN ISL** Gerben, PG5M is operating as VP6G until April 14. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. If possible he will try to run 2 stations, primarily CW and additionally

FT8. <https://dx.to/vp6g/>

**Z8, SOUTH SUDAN** Diya, YI1DZ will once again be active as Z81D starting mid-April. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via OM3JW.

## Coming up soon

**A5, BHUTAN** Janusz SP9FIH / A52CI and SP6CIK / A52P will be active between April 19 and May 4. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via OQRS.

<https://a5.dxpeditons.org/>

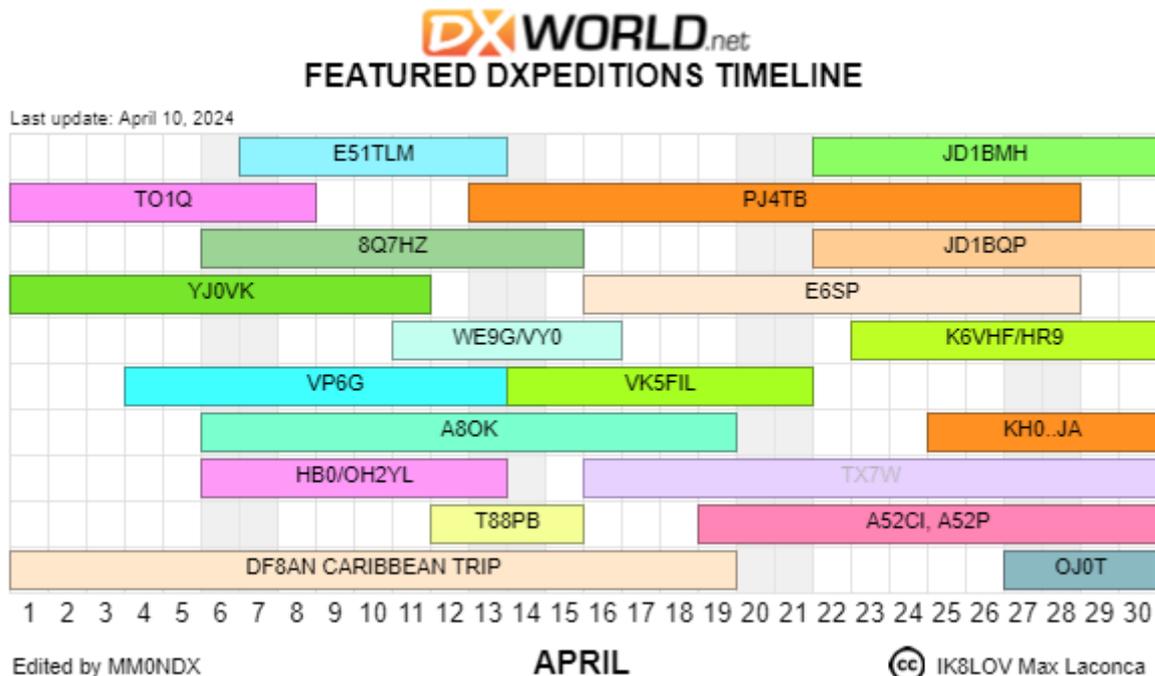
**JD1, OGASAWARA** Look once again for JD1BQP between April 22 and May 3. Operation from 15 to 6 meter using mainly SSB. QSL via home call direct.

**JD1, OGASAWARA** Harry, JG7PSJ will once again be operating as JD1BMH between April 22 and May 4. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY.

**JW, SVALBARD** Kaare, LA8EKA will be active as JW8EKA between April 18-21. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and digi. QSL via home call.

**KH0, MARIANA ISL** Look for KH0/JA6REX, KH0/W6HZH and WH0B between April 25-30. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using FT4/8. QSL via home call, LOTW.

## DXCC Timeline



## IOTA

### This week on air

#### EUROPE

**EU-008 Isle of Coll** A team with G0AZE, G0VQO, M0EBJ, M0GLV and M0KVK will be operating as GB0SIC between April 15 and April 20. Operation on most bands using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via LoTW, Club Log or direct via G0AZE.

#### NORTH AMERICA

**NA-047 Baffin Isl** Rick, WE9G will be operating as call/VY0 during April 11-16. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, FT4/8 with a G5RV/sloper. QSL via LoTW.

# Coming up soon

## NORTH AMERICA

**NA-057 Roatan Isl** Alex, K6VHF will once again be active as HR9/call between April 23 and April 30. Activity from 160 to 6 meter. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

## OCEANIA

**OC-261 Flinders Isl** The team that activated VK5TIL last year is going to be active again this year from Flinders Island, South Australia, between April 14-21. 6 Operators (VK5GR, VK5PAS, VK5HS, VK5LA, VK5FR and VK5GA) will be running all modes from 160m-70cm, including both both terrestrial and satellite modes. We will be participating in both the IOTA programs (OC-261) and the WWFF programs, with the main station is located in VKFF-0175 and additional island portable activities also planned from the two other parks zone VKFF-1717 and VKFF-4307 while there.

The last IOTA activation from the island was by Craig VK5CE/P back in August 2013 so this has been dormant for some time now. We hope that the combination of IOTA and WWFF activity will be of interest not only domestically but globally as well. QSLs will be handled by M0OXO via his OQRS service. Cards and LoTW will be available at the appropriate times. We are also looking at how we might use Club Log during the event as well.

If you would like to find out more, you can visit our [website](#) . We will be adding further information as the project planning is completed. The team is looking forward to working everyone in April!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Announced DX

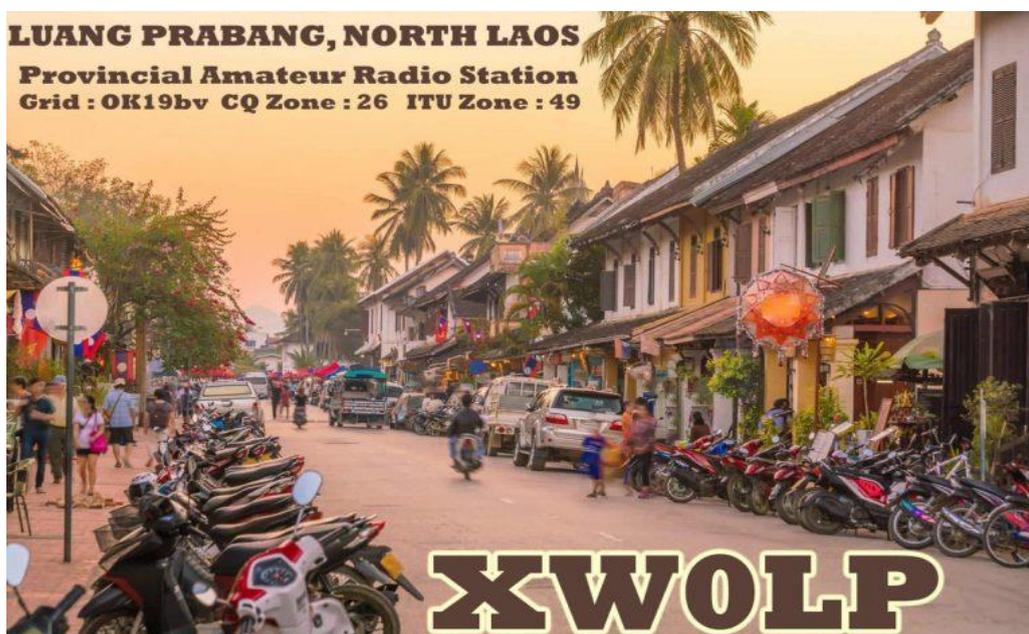
### THE NEWCOMERS

**3D2C, CONWAY REEF** Lance, ZL1LDP informs DX-WORLD that he will be active from Conway Reef in May this year. He departs for the reef on May 6th and will be signing ZL1LDP/MM on the way there aboard catamaran "RAYFIKI". Once on Conway Reef, he will be active mainly on 10m but hopes to take a 5-band Hexbeam space permitting on the yacht which is limited. He's currently waiting on his 3D2 callsign for this activity. More to follow..

**6O, SOMALIA** Look for 6O3T with Fabri IV3JPP, Paolo IV3DSH, Frank IZ8GCE, Maurizio IV3ZXQ and Mauro IV3AZV sometime 2024. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL information and more details on <https://dxexplorer.net/>

**8Q, MALDIVES** Christia, OE3DEC will be operating as 8Q7EC from South Male Atoll between July 1 and July 12. Operation in 'holiday-style' using SSB only on 20 meter. QSL via home call, bureau only.

**9X, RWANDA** Harold, DF2WO will once again be active as 9X2AW from Kigali during May 2-17. Operation on HF and 6 meter using CW, SSB with some FT4/8. <https://www.grz.com/db/9x2aw>



## **THE REMINDERS**

### **Caribbean trip by Eric GM5RDX**

My 2024 Caribbean Islands DXpedition will see me operating from both the Dutch and French sides of St Maarten as PJ7/G5RDX and FS/G5RDX. Additionally, I'll be entering the IOTA contest from Anguilla (VP2EGM) and then spending a few days on St Kitts (V4). This trip will take place during the last two weeks of July.

### **African tour by Pista HA5AO**

Pista, HA5AO – celebrating 50 years anniversary of his HAM license – informs DX-World that he will be active from four African countries in September/October 2024. The operating sites are within 40-80 km circle of the common borders of Zimbabwe, Zambia, Botswana and Namibia. Ten days of operation can be expected from each country on CW, SSB, and FT8 from 80m up to 6m. The licenses are in hand, the QTHs are booked. He will use K3S and FT-710 transceivers with KPA 500 power amplifier. The antenna is a DX Commander vertical for 40-6m bands and multi-band inverted-V (80m-6m) on a 12m HD Spider pole, donated by Spiderbeam. The planned schedule is as follows,

03-13 September, Zimbabwe, Zambezi National Park as **Z22AO**, QRA: KH21ww

14-23 September, Zambia, Victoria Falls region as **9J2AO**, QRA: KH22wc

24 Sept-04 October, Botswana, Chobe National Park as **A25AO**, QRA: KH22oc

05-14 October, Namibia, Katima Mulilo region as **V5/HA5AO**, QRA: KH22dm

Other details, QSL policy and OQRS can be found [here](#).

**4W, TIMOR LESTE** Alan, VK2MET/VK1AO will once again be active as 4W/VK1AO from Dili during August 17-30. Operation mainly from 40 to 12 meter using CW and FT8 in QRP power. QSL via home call, LoTW, Club Log.

**5N, NIGERIA** The Rebel DX Group are off to Abuja, Nigeria after their Tuvalu DXpedition. They have requested the callsign 5N5N. Three ops with up to 10 stations; 160-6m, mainly CW & FT8. Dates will be announced soon.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Felix, DL6JF will be operating from Helengeli as 8Q7JF between June 16 and June 29. Operation in 'holiday-style' using CW and digi. QSL via DM5JBN, LoTW.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Rolf, DO4RKR will be operating in 'holiday-style' as 8Q7KR from Joy Island between May 19-31. Operation on 10 meter SSB only using low power. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Look for Mariusz, SP5MDB from Vaavu Atoll as 8Q7SQ (dates TBA). Activity on 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call.

**9U, BURUNDI** Antonello, IK2DUW confirms there is a DXpedition in preparation, sponsorship is sought. More to follow.

**A2, BOTSWANA** Remo, HB9SHD will be active as A25SHD from different locations in Botswana. QRV during his spare time between April 30 and May 13. QSL via home call.

**C9, MOZAMBIQUE** Pedro, CT7AHV will once again be operating as C91AHV during June 1-15. Operation on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB and FT8. Pedro hopes to livestream on both Club Log and You Tube. QSL via H/c, LoTW.

Further details and specific information, with daily updates of frequencies etc will be published on QRZ.com, and here on DX-WORLD.

**CP, BOLIVIA** An Argentinian team with LU1FM, LU7MT, LU9FHF, LU6FOV and LU7HN will be QRV as CP7DX from Tarija during May 11-19. Operation on HF. QSL via LU1FM, Club Log.

**CY9, ST PAUL ISL** The CY0S team, along with members of the previous CY9C DXpeditions, is pleased to announce their plans to go back to St Paul Island CY9 during August 26 and September 5. The larger, main island (Atlantic Cove site) is controlled by the Canadian Wildlife Service and is off-limits. DXpeditions can only be set up on the much smaller "Northeast" Island (Rock!). The CY9C team will once again have a helicopter available to access the Northeast Island as there is no dock or landing area for a boat. Much more information, including a website, will be available later this year and into 2024.

**FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Tino VE2GCE, Mark VA2MM, Malcolm VE2DDZ, Jonathan VA2XZA, John VE2YNI and Vlad VA2AN will be active as TO8FP during August 10-22. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, digi and sats. QSL via Club Log.

**FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Once again, FP/KV1J will be operating between July 2 and July 16. An entry in the IARU contest is included. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call or LoTW.

## Back in time...T33C Banaba Island 2004 operation



**FR, REUNION ISL** Dates still to be confirmed, but look for Giovanni IZ2DPX as TO7PX. QRV from 40 to 6 meter using SSB & FT8 using fishing rod antenna. Operation in 'holiday-style'. QSL via IK2DUW.

**FR, REUNION ISL** Giovanni, IZ2DPX will be operating as TO7PX between July 8-14. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via IK2DUW.

**FS, ST MARTIN** Gregg, W6IZT and Hal, W8HC will be returning to Falaise des Oiseaux, St. Martin (FS) for a one week DX-cation from June 25 to July 2. They will be active 6m-40m with a K3S, KPA500, HF vertical and sloping dipole for HF and 5 element LFA yagi for 6m. Gregg will be taking one, and possibly two, of his NexGenRiBs following the successful debut and remote operation from Robinson Crusoe Island, CB0ZEW. Gregg says that tentative plans are to identify a suitable location for the RiB on the Dutch (PJ7) side of the island while operating simultaneously from the French (FS) side. More information to follow.

**FT/G GLORIOSO ISL** Mark, FH4VVK will be active from Grande Glorieuse, Glorioso Islands as FT4GL between May 24 and June 19. Support team: F5IRO, F8CRS, F5RQQ. QSL via F4FTV. Check QRZ.com for further updates. This one-man operation will be carried out in parallel with Marek's professional activities. He hopes to be QRV daily with two stations at the same time - one on FT8 and one on SSB or RTTY (he lacks sufficient knowledge of CW to manage a huge pile-up). There will be no activity on 6 metres, EME, or via satellite. QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log on a daily basis; access to the Internet will be available for two hours a day, from 18 to 20 local time. QSL via F4FTV (direct or bureau); full LoTW upload will follow six months after the end of the DXpedition. [FT4GL](#)

**FT/X, KERGUELEN** It's apparently no secret that Thierry F6CUK of FT8WW fame plans (emphasis on plans) to go with a second operator to the Kerguelen Islands in late 2024. Wait and see for more..

**FY, FRENCH GUIANA** Joe, OZ0J will be operating between December 20 and December 31 (call pending). Operation from 80 to 10 meter but depending on free space for antennas. QSL via Club Log OQRS (prefer), LoTW or H/C. He will operate on CW, SSB and FT8 (mostly Fox/Hound), but mostly FT8 because FY5FY and FY5KE are very active on CW, SSB and RTTY. Club Log Live Stream will be added if the Internet connection is stable. Website url to be added once callsign known.

**J6, ST LUCIA** Seth, N4XTT will be active as J6/call during August 10-17. Operation on 'holiday-style' from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via home call and LoTW.

*'I am also planning to activate POTA reference J6-0001, which hasn't been activated yet. This will be a part time operation (holiday style) using a 100w radio and a DX-Commander Expedition 40-10m vertical. Bands and modes: 40-10M; CW, SSB & FT8/FT4. I'm a youth op and looking forward to having fun on the island!'*

**JW, SVALBARD** Look for LA6VM, LA7XK and LA9DL as JW6VM, JW7XK and JW9DL between October 9-14. An entry in the Scandinavian Activity Contest SSB is included as JW5X. QSL via homecalls, JW5X via LA5X.

**KH5, JARVIS ISL** The Dateline DX Association has received a permission from the USFWS for a DXpedition to Jarvis. It's ranked number 9 in Europe's most wanted list. The small team of four, consisting of George, AA7JV, Don, N1DG, Tomi, HA7RY and Mike, KN4EEI, will install 6 RIB stations on Jarvis, operating on 160 to 6 meters, using CW, SSB and FT8 modes. The on-island team will be augmented by 25 remote operators from Asia, Europe and North America, running CW and FT8. FT8 operations will use the Fox/Hound mode. The RIB equipment, which makes an efficient small footprint operation possible, was developed with the support of the NCDXF. Operation will be around August 1 depending the WX. More to follow.

**OJ0, MARKET REEF** A Norwegian team with LB5SH, LA1UW, LA3EAA and LB0VG will be operating as OJ0T and OJ0/calls for FT8. Operation between April 27 and May 4 from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via EA5GL and LoTW.

**V4, ST KITTS** BJ, WA7WJR will be operating as V4/call between July 8 and July 12. Operation in 'holiday-style' with some Parks on the Air activations. QRV from 20 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

**On the scene...YJ0VK (Chris VK3QB running FT8)**



**V4, ST KITTS** Tim, N5TCH will be operating as V4/call between May 10 and May 17. Activity on HF during his spare time (mainly his mornings). QSL via QRZ.com and LoTW.

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** Dave, W9DR will be active as VP2V/call from Anegada Isl sometime June 2024. Operation on 6 meter only using FT8, CW and SSB. QSL via QRZ.com information.

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** Dario, KP4DO will be operating from Tortola as VP2V/call. Dates not yet mentioned. More to follow.

**VP6, PITCAIRN ISL** Dave, W2JO will be active as VP6??? (pending) Between May 30 and June 10. Low power operation and probably 100% CW. Dave is still deciding on what antenna he will take with him. More to follow. QSL via N2ZN and LoTW.

**VP6, PITCAIRN ISL** Bill, G0VDE informs DX-World that he will be active as VP6WR during September 5-15. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using vertical / wire antennas and PA. Modes: SSB & FT8, maybe some CW. QSL info to follow.

**YJ, VANUATU** Look for a team led by N4VGE to be active as YJ0VV between October 16-30. An

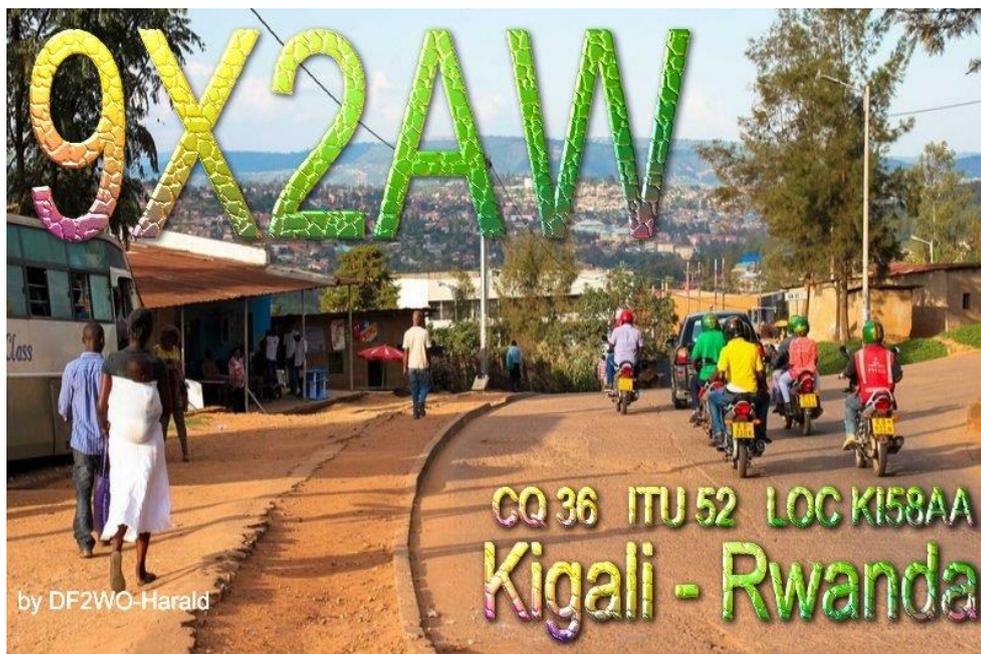
entry in several contests is included. 'There are openings in the group for three to four more hams and their spouses. We are expecting excellent spring propagation for making European and North American contacts. Of course, the location will bring an abundance of Asian contacts as well. Antennas we plan on taking and erecting include parasitic phased verticals, BuddiHex Hexbeam, 160 Cable Help long wire, and 40-80 meter G5RV long wires.'

**YN, NICARAGUA** Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Dates are still in planning phase due to COVID. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. <https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO>

**ZC4, CYPRUS SBA** Dates still to be firmed up, however Martin MW0BRO will be active from Cyprus Sovereign Base Area as ZC4GW sometime April. Martin's main mode of operation is CW. QSL via home call.

**ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA** Lance, W7GJ will be active as ZD9GJ on a 6m EME DXpedition. QRV between August 23 and September 30.

**ZK3, TOKELAU** Hrane YT1AD and team YU3AA, RC9O and UA9OYL will be active from Tokelau end 2024 or beginning 2025. The reason is that New Zealand's State activities on the island of Tokelau during February and March, which have PRIORITY!



## **IOTA**

### **THE REMINDERS**

#### **AFRICA**

**AF-005 Santiago Isl** Harald DF2WO / D44TWO (FT8 and CW) and Franz DG9KAN / D44KAN (SSB) will once again be active between June 8 and June 20. Operation mainly on 6 meter using FT8 and CW on all bands. <https://www.qrz.com/db/D44TWO>

#### **ASIA**

**AS-024 Yonaguni Isl** Sam, 7K1EAS will be operating as call/JR6 during April 30 and May 2. Operation on 40, 15, 12 and 10 meter using SSB and FT4/8. QSL via home call or OQRS.

**AS-073 Kapas Isl** The Kuala Lumpur DX Team will be active as 9M4IOTA during May 31 and June 2. Operation on HF. More to follow.

**AS-097 Pulau Besar** An 11-man 9M2 team will be active as 9M2VM during May 31 to June 2. QRV from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via 9M2HUS; no LoTW. Contact 9M2HUS for further info if needed.

#### **EUROPE**

**EU-029 Lolland Isl** A team of 8 Belgium operators will be active as 5P5LI during April 29 to May 5. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and Digi. Also active daily on 2m/70cm via ISS. QSL via ON6EF. No LoTW. <https://hamradioexpedition.com/>

## **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-220 Maniitsoq Isl** Joe, OZ0J will once again be QRV as OX0J from September 13 until September 22. Activity from 40 to 10 meter depending on free space for antennas. QSL via Club Log OQRS (prefer), LoTW or H/C. Joe will try to participate in the SAC CW on ONE band only if condx are good, and will also operate on CW, SSB and FT8 (mostly Fox/Hound) before SAC CW. Depends on local weather, he will put up the antennas on 13 September and take down on 22 September. Club Log Live Stream will be added if the Internet connection is stable. Information will be updated continuously **here** (and DX-World).

## **OCEANIA**

**OC-063 Mangareva Isl** Bill, G0VDE will be operating as FO/call during September 17-21. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, FT8 and some CW. QSL info to follow.

**OC-144 Mendanau Isl** Irfan, YE4IJ will be operating as 7B4M during September 14-16. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using all modes.

**OC-144 Ketawai Isl** The Bangka Belitung DXpedition Team, signing as 7B4K, will be active from Ketawai Island, OC-144 (Bangka and Belitung Islands) during May 24-26. QRV on HF bands. Check QRZ.com entry for more info including QSL manager.

**On the scene...VP2MMN Montserrat by Michael DF8AN**



## **Special calls**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**CN, MOROCCO** To celebrate World Amateur Radio Day and the 99th anniversary of the founding of the IARU, special callsign **CN99HR** will be active on 13-21 April. QSL direct via CN8RAH. (TNX 425DX)

**F, FRANCE** Dominique, F5PTI will be active as **TM500NA** on 14-28 April to memorialize the 500th anniversary since the first European explorer, Giovanni da Verrazzano, visited nowadays New York City area and named it New Angouleme. QSL via F5PTI. (TNX 425DX)

**F, FRANCE** Special callsign **TM83JO** will be active for fifteen days between 16 April, when the Olympic flame is lit in Greece, and 26 July, when the flame ends its journey by lighting the Olympic cauldron at the Paris 2024 Opening Ceremony of. Look for activity on 80-6 metres SSB, CW and digital modes, as well as via QO-100. QSL via the bureau, LoTW, eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

**OE, AUSTRIA** In celebration of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Guglielmo Marconi (25 April 1874), Enrico, OE7AFT (IZ4AFL) will be active as **OE150GM** on 19-28 April. He will operate CW only. QSL via LoTW, or direct to OE7AFT ("neither SASE nor USD/EUR required"). (TNX 425DX)

**SV, GREECE** Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Second Hellenic Republic, several operators will be active as **SX100D** on 13-21 April. Look for activity on 160-2 metres SSB, CW and digital modes. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, Club Log's OQRS, or direct to SV2GWY. (TNX 425DX)

**YU, SERBIA** Organised radio amateurism in Serbia began with the founding of the "Society of

Friends of Radio-Telegraphy and Radio-Telephony" on 15 July 1924 in Belgrade. Celebrating 100 years of Amateur Radio in the region, the Amateur Radio Union of Serbia (YU1SRS) will be active as **YT100R** and **YU100R** from 1 April to 1 December. A certificate will be available: <https://www.radiosport.yu1srs.org.rs/>.

## **THE REMINDERS**

**9A, CROATIA** Throughout 2024 Tom, 9A2AA will use **9A67AA** to mark his 67 years of activity on the amateur radio bands. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

**9A, CROATIA** **9A100RKZ** is the special callsign celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary since Radioklub Zagreb was founded (24 March 1924). Look for activity throughout 2024. QSL via 9A1ADE. (TNX 42DX)

**A6, UAE** In recognition of World Amateur Radio Day, the Emirates Amateur Radio Society will operate special callsign **A60WARD** (QSL via EA7FTR) between 15 and 24 April. Also expect activity by **A60WARD/0**, **A60WARD/1**, etc. (see <https://www.qrz.com/db/A60WARD> for the QSL routes for the various suffix extensions) (TNX 425DX)

## **QSL preview**



**CT, PORTUGAL** **CR50Y** is the special callsign for members of the Rede dos Emissores Portugueses to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Carnation Revolution (25 April 1974), which resulted in the Portuguese transition to democracy. Look for activity to take place on various bands and modes on 19-25 April. QSL via CT1REP. A certificate will be available, see [qrz.com](http://qrz.com) for information. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY** The following special event stations call attention to the formation of the German Radio Cartel, a first consortium of German broadcasting stations, 100 years ago: **DB100FK**, **DC100FK**, **DD100FK**, **DF100FK**, **DL100FK**, **DM100FK**, **DQ100FK**, **DR100FK**, **DM100MW**, and **DR100PE**. QRV from Jan. 1 until May 31 in 2024. Awards are also available, see: <https://100fk.de>. Confirmations will only be handled digitally: eQSL, LoTW, Club Log, DCL, and a downloadable "card". (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY** **DP9GLHN** is the special callsign that members of DARC's Ortsverband Norderney will be using from 1 February to 31 December to mark the 150th anniversary since the Norderney Island (EU-047) lighthouse was put into service. QSL via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY** **DP75AFUG** (special DOK 75AFUG) celebrates 75 years of amateur radio legislation in Germany between March 1 and April 20. An award is also available, see: <https://www.qrz.com/db/DP75AFUG>. Cards will be sent automatically via the bureau; direct via DL2VFR. (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY** The special event callsign **DA0RC** will be active around the FunkTag 2024 exhibition. QRV until April 27 with the special DOK FTK24. Sending a card is not necessary, there will be an automatic bureau service and also confirmations via the DARC's DCL system. Direct cards for the above time period only go via DL2VFR (d). (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY** Celebrating World Amateur Radio Day, DARC special event callsign **DA24WARD**

will be active on 1-30 April. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards via DL2VFR. (TNX 425DX)

**EA, SPAIN** The Union de Radioaficionados Espanoles, Spain's IARU member society, was founded on 1 April 1949. Celebrating URE's 75th anniversary, a month-long activity will take place from 1 to 30 April. Look for **AO7SURE** and 18 other special stations representing the Autonomous Communities and Autonomous Cities of the country:

**AO75AN** Andalucia, **AO75GA** Galicia, **AO75AR** Aragon, **AO75IB** Islas Baleares, **EA6 AO75CA** Cantabria, **AO75IC** Islas Canarias, **EA8 AO75CL** Castilla y Leon **AO75LR** La Rioja **AO75CM** Castilla-La Mancha **AO75MA** Madrid **AO75CT** Cataluna **AO75MC** Melilla and Ceuta, **EA9 AO75CV** Comunidad Valenciana **AO75MU** Murcia **AO75EU** Euskadi i.e. Basque Country **AO75NA** Navarra **AO75EX** Extremadura **AO75PA** Principado de Asturias In addition, **CQ7SURE** will be active from Portugal. A large number of awards will be available: see <https://75aniversario.ure.es> for detailed information, logsearch and OQRS (to be activated after 30 April). (TNX 425DX)

**EI, IRELAND** Special event callsign **EI80MB** will be active from 1 November to 31 May 2024 to commemorate the 80th anniversary since 168 German seamen were miraculously rescued from the waters of the Bay of Biscay after a battle between British and German naval forces (29 December 1943). QSL via Club Log's OQRS or via EI6AL. (TNX 425DX)

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**EI, IRELAND** Between 1 September and 31 August 2024 **EI4FOTA** will be active from all around Ireland - including SOTA and POTA locations, UNESCO World Heritage Sites, lighthouses and IOTA islands. Apparently the first operation will be on 17-24 September from the Giant's Causeway - which is in Northern Ireland (GI), though; then on 5-15 October from the Blasket Islands (EU-007). (TNX 425DX)

**ER, MOLDOVA** **ER30ARM** is a special callsign celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Amateur Radio Society of Moldova (ER1KAA). Look for activity from 20 March to 30 April. QSL via the bureau, direct, and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

**FY, FRENCH GUIANA** Active during various dates in April, May and July, look for **TO60CSG** from French Guiana. This special event callsign is used to celebrate 60 years of Europe's Spaceport based in Kourou. More info here. LoTW uoloads end of every month.

**HB9, SWITZERLAND** Special callsign **HB50VC** celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Radio Amateur Club Swissair (HB9VC) from 18 March to 31 December. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW; QSL cards will not be provided, but a certificate will be available for download:

<https://award.dl1run.de/award/hb50vc/awardform.html> (TNX 425DX)

**HB9, SWITZERLAND** Members of the Zurich City Police Radio Amateur Club (HB9SP) will be active as **HB20SP** throughout 2024 to celebrate their club's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log and qrz.com; do not send any card via the bureau. (TNX 42DX)

**HH, HAITI** The special event station **HI180RD** remains active until April 30, celebrating the 180th independence anniversary. An award is also available:

<https://independencia2024.org/contest/9>. (TNX DXNL)

**I, ITALY** Special callsign **II1GM** will be used on 1-30 April to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Guglielmo Marconi. Various operators will be QRV from different call areas (e.g.

**II1GM/1, II1GM/2, II1GM/IS0, II1GM/IT9, etc**). QSL via eQSL, or direct to IK1VHX. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/II1GM> for more information. (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** Celebrating the 150th anniversary of the birth of Guglielmo Marconi, members of ARI Asti will be active as **IR1GM** on 1-30 April. QSL via the bureau, LoTW, eQSL, or direct to IK1XPK. (TNX 425DX)

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**I, ITALY** Members of ARI Venezia (IQ3VE) will be active as **IR3POLO** between 1 April and 30 June. The special callsign commemorates the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the death of Marco Polo, the Venetian merchant and explorer who travelled through Asia along the Silk Road (1271- 1295). All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau.

**I, ITALY** Members of ARI Sondrio (IQ2UL) will operate special event station **II2AUT** from 25 March to 7 May for the World Autism Awareness Day. QSL via the bureau and eQSL; QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log. Back in 2007 the United Nations General Assembly declared 2 April as World Autism Awareness Day to highlight the need to help improve the quality of life of autistic individuals so they can lead full and meaningful lives as an integral part of society. (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** Special callsign **II4CLM** will be active on 1-30 April in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Guglielmo Marconi. QSL via the bureau. Joining the celebrations will be IY4FGM (the amateur radio station at the Guglielmo Marconi Foundation) and the club stations of the 17 ARI branches in the Emilia-Romagna region (namely **IQ4AD, IQ4AX, IQ4BQ, IQ4DJ, IQ4FA, IQ4FC, IQ4FD, IQ4FE, IQ4FH, IQ4FJ, IQ4HI, IQ4LH, IQ4PI, IQ4RA, IQ4RE, IQ4RN and IQ4SC**). Further information, including real time log search, can be found on <https://www.150marconi.org/>. (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** Throughout 2024 ARI Fidenza will use a series of special callsigns each representing a "keyword" that summarizes and characterizes the content of a sentence from one of Guglielmo Marconi's many public speeches: II4DETR (April), II4SEAS (May), II4RDFE (June), II4INNV (July), II4BFRE (August), II4OTSR (September), II4VISN (October), II4BTFU (November), II4FCGD (December). QSL via IQ4FE. Information about the "Discovering Marconi" award: <http://www.arifidenza.it/>.

**LA, NORWAY** Look for **LA400KBG** during 2024 to celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the establishment of the Kongsberg silver mines and the Kongsberg town in 1624. Operation on different bands and modes. QSL direct only via LA1TV. The silver rich area measures about 5 x 20 km, and the richest mine, called The King's Mine, was mined to a depth of 1076 meters. The mining lasted to 1958, and the total silver amount mined has been estimated to about 2000 tonnes. (TNX DXNL)

**LZ, BULGARIA** Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special 14allsigns during 2024 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ543BN** (April), **LZ44IZ** (May and June), **LZ302IT** (July and August), **LZ1515IW** (September and October), and **LZ311PA** (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2024 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/>. (TNX 425DX)

**OE, AUSTRIA OE24BI** draws attention to Bad Ischl, European Capital of Culture 2024. QRV from January until the end of June. (TNX DXNL)

**OE, AUSTRIA OE100RADIO** celebrates the centennial of radio broadcasting during 2024. (TNX DXNL)

**OK, CZECH REP** In celebration of World Amateur Radio Day (18 April), Martin, OK1RR and Slavek, OK1TN will be active as **OL1WARD** on 1-30 April. They will operate CW only on the HF bands. QSL via LoTW; paper cards will not be available. (TNX 425DX)

**ON, BELGIUM** Special event stations **OR24WARD** and **OP24WARD** will be active on all bands and modes on 1-30 April in celebration of World Amateur Radio Day (18 April). QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via eQSL. A certificate will be available, see <https://www.uba.be/en/hf/awards/uba-awards>. (TNX 425DX)



**ON, BELGIUM** Throughout 2024, the Radio Club de Liège (LGE) will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. To mark the occasion, the special call sign **OR100LGE** will be activated from 6m to 160m, mainly on FT8/FT4, CW and SSB. Livestream on Club Log.

<https://clublog.org/livestream/or100lge>. QSL via LoTW, Club Log and e-qsl.

**OZ, DENMARK** Look for **SPOWARD** during April 18 to mark IARU World Amateur Radio Day. See QRZ.com for the details. QSL via Club Log, LoTW or via OZ1ACB.

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS** To mark the 75th anniversary of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (4 April 1949), special event stations **PA75OTAN** and **PA75NATO** will be active on 1-19 April and 20-21 April, respectively. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, eQSL, or via the bureau. A certificate will be available, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/PA75NATO> for information. Additionally, during the weekend of 20-21 April, several other special stations are expected to be QRV from various Cold War locations in the Netherlands: **PA6KLD**, **PA75BBGB**, **PA75GOLF**, **PA75HS**, **PA75KLE**, **PA75KOC**, **PA75NAVO**, **PA75NN**, **PA75NSG**, **PA75PARE**, **PA75PBV**, **PA75YP**, **PC75NAVO**, **PD75SAS**, **PE75NATO**, **PG75NAVO** and **PH75NATO**. (<https://pa60cuba.nl/pa75navo-zendstations/>). (TNX 425DX)

**SM, SWEDEN SK100FRK** is the special callsign celebrating the 100 anniversary since Falu Radioklubb (SK4AO) was founded. Look for activity during 2024. A very special diploma will be

available - see <https://www.qrz.com/db/SK100FRK>. (TNX 42DX)

**SM, SWEDEN SK50B** is the special callsign for members of the Botkyrka Radioamatorer to celebrate their club's golden jubilee throughout 2024. The club was founded on 18 January 1974. QSL via the bureau to SK0HB. (TNX 42DX)

**SP, POLAND SN55DIG** is the special callsign that Adam, SQ9S will be using until the end of the year to celebrate the 55th anniversary of the Diplom Interessen Gruppe. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. See <https://diplom-interessen-gruppe.info/> for information about the DIG. (TNX 425DX)

**SV, GREECE SZOWARD** is the special callsign for the Radio Amateur Association of Greece to celebrate World Amateur Radio Day on 15-30 April. Look for activity on all bands SSB, CW and digital modes. QSL via the bureau and LoTW. See <https://sv2rck.gr/SZ0WARD> for the certificate. (TNX 425DX)

**TA, TURKEY** In celebration of World Amateur Radio Day, members of TRAC Izmir will be active as **TC3WRD** between 1 and 30 April. QSL via LoTW. A certificate will be available, see <https://tadx.org/awards>. (TNX 425DX)

**VE, CANADA** Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force, between 1 and 30 April amateur radio operators across Canada will be operating special event stations with special callsigns such as **VC3RCAF and VE3RCAF** (Ontario), **VC9RCAF and VE9RCAF** (New Brunswick), **VE2RCAF** (Quebec), **VE5RCAF** (Saskatchewan), **VE6RCAF** (Alberta), **VE7RCAF** (British Columbia), **VO1RCAF** (Newfoundland), **VY2RCAF** (Prince Edward Island). QSL via operators' instructions. (TNX 425DX)

**VK, AUSTRALIA** Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Islands On The Air programme, special event callsign **VI60IOTA** will be in use across Australia during 2024: "whenever VI60IOTA is heard on the air", the organizers say, "it will be from one of the VK IOTA entities", including the main islands of Australia (OC-001) and Tasmania (OC-007). QSOs will be made available for Club Log and LoTW Matching on the IOTA website; traditional QSLs via M00XO's OQRS. (TNX 425DX)

**YO, ROMANIA** Celebrating the 95th anniversary of the first amateur radio association in Romania's Arad County, special callsigns **YR95AR, YR95CC, YR95CH, YR95IN, YR95LI, YR95PE** and **YR95SE** will be active from 16 February until 31 May. The event is being organised by C.S. Radioclub Admira (YO2KBQ), the successor of the club that was established almost a century ago. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/YR95AR> for more information. (TNX 42DX)

**ZL, NEW ZEALAND** Active from 1 October to 31 May 2024, **ZL6WG** is a special event callsign promoting the 98th NZART annual conference that will be held in Christchurch on 1-2 June next year. QSL via LoTW; paper cards will not be available. (TNX 425DX)  
<https://hamradio.co.nz/award/>