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TN – Congo

LA7GIA, Ken, reports receiving his TN5E license to operate from Brazzaville and will begin operations starting late on May 25 and lasting 9 full days. Congo ranks number 45 on CW and number 19 and 21 on 80 and 40 Meters respectively. "I will be operating from a hotel with my beam and wires up 80-100 feet with excellent take off to wherever", says Ken. He expects to have room to install some receive antennas on the low bands.

On the higher bands (20, 15 and 10 Meters he'll be using a Mosely 2 element beam and dipoles and delta loops on other bands. According to band plans in Congo "50 MHz operation is not allowed". But Ken reports "they have approved my application and authorized a special permit to operate on 50 MHz during my stay". He'll be taking a 5-element antenna for 50 MHz "but operation will be limited". Ken may enter the CQ WPX CW Contest, but has not "decided yet". If so it could be with a different callsign. If he does not then listen for him on other modes on the contest bands or on the WARC-79 bands. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW "immediately" upon his return home to Norway, free to everyone. QSLs will be handled by M0OXO.

8R – Guyana

KC0W, Tom, wrapped up his TG7/KC0W operations last week and will next be QRV as 8R1/KC0W from May 10 to June 8. He's using a Yaesu 857D to a telescoping portable antenna and will be operating on CW only running 100 watts on 40-10 Meters. Tom will be focusing on working Japan. QSL direct to KC0W, USA with SASE, DX with 2 USD, no LoTW.

XW - Laos

Before heading to Eritrea (E31A/E39DI), May 19th, E21EIC, Champ, is planning to be QRV from XW1IC on May 8, 9 and 10 with an emphasis on RTTY on 20, 17 and 15 Meters. QSL requests are preferred using OQRS on Club Log, or via the traditionally slower paper QSL via E21EIC. You can also confirm using LoTW.

VU4 - Andaman and Nicobar Islands

9V1YC, James, and VU2CDP, Deepak, are on the air now sharing the VU4YC call for a week of operating. If they have an internet connection they will try to do daily log uploads. QSL via W5UE. QSLs will be printed after the operation, so QSLs will not go out immediately; there will be that brief delay.



HB9TSW, Gab, is currently QRV as Z68BG from the Slatina Air Base in Pristina, Kosovo until May 23rd. (photo courtesy of HB9TSW)

E3 - Eritrea

The E39DI side trip (from the main E31A operation in Asmara) by JH1AJT and his team will be postponed. The Eritrean government has made a "strong suggestion" that he shorten the planned trip to the Dahlak Archipelago. Shortening it means, says Zorro, there will not be sufficient time to do it well and for it to be worthwhile. Instead, more time will be put into researching the plans for a possible operation from there in the fall of this year. Considerations are terrain, available facilities and accessibility. The E31A operation from Asmara will go ahead as planned. Zorro notes that "Eritrea is a difficult country." He also notes the "suggestion" should possibly be considered a government order.

9X - Rwanda

KE4TA, Alan, is moving to Kigali, Rwanda for a two or possibly three year term. He departs on May 26th and hopes to have his 9X license and station up and running by around the middle of next month. He'll have a 100 watt station using dipoles and a hexbeam for activity on SSB, PSK and CW on 7 through 50 MHz. He believes the best band to work him on will be 20 and 17 Meters. No word yet on his 9X callsign. QSL via N4GNR as well as LoTW and QRZ.



Islands On The Air

□□ The following frequencies are considered IOTA meeting places: CW - 28040, 24920, 21040, 18098, 14040, 10115, 7030 and 3530 KHz; SSB - 28560, 28460, 24950, 21260, 18128, 14260, 7055 and 3755 KHz.

- **AF-108** - The eight man first time IOTA operation from Tigres Island (AF-108), Angola originally scheduled to take place next month has been delayed until later this year. "The license paperwork has been received and accepted, however no license has yet been issued hence the reason for rescheduling", says MM0NDX, Col.
- **AS-137** - BD4TS, BH4TVU and BI4SCC will be on AS-137, Dongfu Shan Island, May 11-15. They plan to be on 40-10 CW and SSB. They say QSL to their home calls.
- **AS-157** - 3W9FU/p, operator RM0F (ex-RA0FU), is booked into a hotel on Tam Island May 9-11. He hopes to get on the air starting at 16 or 17Z, from the island. (See the previous report in the April 21 Daily DX, he is also operating from Nha Trang on the mainland, between May 1-10.) Yuri will have 200 watts from his TS-480HX to a SteppIR and Buddipole, CW, SSB, and digital modes, 40-10 meters. QSL using LoTW, Club Log or bureau system.
- **AS-159** - TC0M will be on Kefken Island, AS-159, organized by two groups, Sakrad and Trak. TC0M will be on the air May 19-21 with ops TA2DX, TA2ABC, TA1BX and TA2AWM.
- **AS-201** - TA0/DL7UCX from AS-201 will be May 5-14 from Saraylar on Marmara Island. Operator Ben will have 400 watts to a multiband dipole, operating on 80-10 meter, "mainly CW." QSL to his home QTH direct or bureau, or LoTW.
- **EU-169** - IK7JWX, Alfredo, and friends plan to activate Sazan Island (EU-169), Albania which is needed by about 35% of the IOTA hunters. They will be QRV on the HF bands, including the WARC-79 bands, on all modes from June 10-20. They will be operating as ZA/IK7JWX. In addition to Alfredo will be I8LWL, Leopoldo; I0SNY, Nicola; and IK8GQY, Titti (YL). QSL the traditionally slower way via IK7JWX either via the bureau, direct or LoTW) or you can use the faster and more efficient OQRS on Club Log as I8LWL alddavin@tin.it will be handling this.
- **SA-033 & 034** - HC2AO, Alex; R4WAA, Sergei; RZ3FW, Yan; will be teaming up for two IOTA operations from islands off the coast of Ecuador. They will be QRV from Salango Island (SA-033) as HD2RRC/4 and Puna Island (SA-034) as HD2RRC/p between May 21st and May 30th. Activity will be mainly on 40, 30 and 20 Meters. QSL via RZ3FW.

DX Bits and Pieces

- **4O - Montenegro** - 4O3EME is a "Team Charlie" Expedition, S50P, S57C, S53RM, S57VW and S55OO. They have previously done I10C and TK0C. This time the group will focus on 2m EME, MS, ES and in their spare time will be QRV on HF and 6. This will be a beach site in Ulcinj, grid JN91PV, May 19-22. For their gear, they will have a TS480 and TS857 to a pair of 20-element cross polarized Yagis, a KW, and a "Javornik 2M 2xRX TRV." Listen for them around 144.105 horizontal and 144.145 vertical. <https://jt65.73.ru>.
- **A6 - United Arab Emirates** - Amateur Radio Operators from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are now authorized to operate with a maximum power of 15 watts EIRP on 60 Meters between 5351.5 and 5366.5 KHz.
- **CN - Morocco** - DL3YM, Andy, is on the move again as he returns to Agadir for a work assignment. He does plan to take

a rig and to be QRV as CN2YM in his spare time on 3.5-28 MHz CW only from May 6-12.

- **D4 - Cape Verde** - DF2WO, Harald, will be in Praia, Santiago Island, AF-005, May 9-June 2, callsign D44TWO. Harald plans to be on 40-10 meters. QSL using M0OXO's OQRS system, <http://www.m0oxo.com/oqrs/> or direct postal mail.
- **E5 - South Cook Islands** - E51AND, Andy, gives us an update from Rarotonga Island (OC-013). Currently there are several visiting hams on the island including: E51DWC, Milan; who has been very active on CW, SSB, RTTY on all bands. From the E51AND station W6HB, Doug, is once again QRV as E51DLD on SSB operating holiday style mostly during the day on 15, 17 and 20 meters between 1900 and 0000Z, along with E51BAS, Bruce; and E51MAS, Marilyn (YL). Doug also has been operating from 0000-0400Z on 20 working NA and the beginning opening to Europe. Also on the island is KK6EK, Dr. Bob Schmieder, leader of the recent VK0EK DXpedition to Heard Island. This one is a family vacation as he "has no plans to operate at the moment".
- **EW - Belarus** - In memory of 72nd anniversary of "Victory in the Great Patriotic War" special event station EV72K will be QRV from May 5-10. QSL via EW8BQ.
- **HA - Hungary** - Hungarian ops HA0DX, Zoli; HA0HV, Sanyi; HA0HW, Laci; HA0KA, Istvan; his son Pisti; HA0LG, Toni; HA0MT, Mate; HA3FFG, Geza and HA7NB, Janos; will be teaming up to operate HG0WFF from Lazberci (HAFF-0028) from May 10-12. Activity will be on CW, SSB and the digital modes on the HF bands. QSL via HA0HW, preferably using OQRS and via the bureau.
- **T8 - Palau** - The Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin reports T88UW by JH7IPR, T88SM by JA6EGL, and T88WM by JQ6FQI will operate from the well-known VIP Guest Hotel, the one with the free radio room, on Koror, OC-009, October 11-17. They will be on 160-6 CW, SSB, JT65 and JT9. For QSLs, it's:

T88UW via JH7IPR, direct, bureau, eQSL, LoTW or Club Log. T88WM via JQ6FQI, direct or bureau. T88SM via his home call, JA6EGL, direct only.

Here is info on the VIP Guest Hotel and hamshack there: <http://www.palau-radio.com/index.php?page=rr2014>.

- **TR - Gabon** - F8EN (ex CN8EM, FO8BV, 3C3CR, TR50R), Roland, will be back in Gabon and QRV as TR8CR from May 18 to June 3. Activity will be on 20 and 30 Meters CW only. QSL via F6AJA with logs being posted to <http://lesnouvellesdx.fr/voirlogs.php>.
- **UA - Russia** - Starting May 5th through the 9th stations from Russia will be using the RP72 prefix to commemorate the Great Patriotic War. <http://pobeda.srr.ru>
- **VP2M - Montserrat** - K2DM, Montserrat callsign VP2MDG, is headed back to the island for the CQWW WPX SSB. George says his inclusive activity dates are May 25-29. QSL via K2DM direct only.
- **VP5 - Turks and Caicos Islands** - KZ5D, Art plans to be QRV as VP5/KZ5D from May 25-31, including the CQ WPX CW Contest with special call VQ5D. QSL via LoTW.
- **XE - Mexico** - XE2O, Alfonso Tamez, President of Federacion Mexicana de Radio Experimentadores (FMRE) announced Mexican stations are now authorized to operate between 5.3515 and 5.3665 MHz running 20 watts ERP.
- **YJ - Vanuatu** - YJ0GA by ZL3GA, Geoff, will be on IOTA OC-035, July 6-13, holiday style. Geoff says he will make a real effort to look for Western Europe at local sunrise and sunset on 20 and 30 meters. He will also do more RTTY this time than he usually does in his operations, and JT65 if conditions get really bad, he says. QSL direct or bureau to his home call, or go through the Club Log OQRS system or LoTW.

Silent Keys

The following Amateur Radio Operators have recently passed away: 7Q7BP/G3MRC, Brian "Joe" Poole; LZ1AI, Angel M. Siromahov; UA3YAA, Andrew E. Soldatenkov; and W5PJR (ex WA6PJR), Dean W. Showalter.

On The WWW

World traveler G3TXF, Nigel Cawthorne, has posted some snaps of his recent trip to Gotland Island, where he operated SG3TXF/1 making a few hundred QSOs.
<http://www.g3txf.com/dxtrip/SG3TXF-1/SG3TXF.html>

"NOAA Seeks Comments on Discontinuing WWV-WWVH North Atlantic and North Pacific Marine Storm Warnings" -
<http://www.arrrl.org/news/noaa-seeks-comments-on-discontinuing-wwv-wwvh-north-atlantic-and-north-pacific-marine-storm-warnings>

The Spring 2017 issue of the INDEXA Newsletter features the EP2A DXpedition and can be read at:
<http://indexa.org/documents/newsletters/Newsletter-Issue-117-Spring2017.pdf>

"KH1 BAKER HOWLAND is it ok?"
<https://translate.google.com/translate?sl=it&tl=en&js=y&prev=t&hl=en&ie=UTF-8&u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.hamradioweb.org%2Fforums%2Fshowthread.php%3F%3D33816&edit-text=>

Mark your calendars as the 2018 International DX Convention held in Visalia, sponsored next year by the Southern California DX Club, will take place on April 19, 20 and 21.
<http://www.dxconvention.org>

The United Kingdom Six Metre Group (UKSMG) 2017 Summer Marathon starts on May 6th and runs through August 6th. This is a three-month grid locator contest on 6 Meters. Full details can be found at <http://www.uksmg.org/summer-marathon.php>

Tamitha Skov's Space Weather Forecast for this week "The Activity is all Backside: Solar Storm Forecast 05-04-2017" can be found at
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aFYLtfq7neg&feature=youtu.be>

"Michael Kalter, W8CI talks to Tim Duffy, K3LR about the latest news on Hamvention 2017" at
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1nSxrzeMA6Y>

K3LR, Tim Duffy, has done a video about upcoming Contest University and other contest-related things coming up at the Dayton (Ohio, USA) HamVention, 2017. The info is on this site:
<http://www.wwf.org/webinar-archive/k3lr-contest-university-2017-dayton-contest-activities/>.

QSL Information

3B9FR	via	M0OXO	DU3/F4EBK	F4EBK	OH0CO	SM6CCO
3D2TS		FK1TS	E51BAS	AD7MM	OH100FIN	OH3ZQ
3V8CB		LX1NO	E51DLD	W6HB	OJ0W	OH3WS
3W3B		E21EIC	E51DWC	OK1DWC	OX5T	OZ0J
3W9DQ		DF7DQ	EA8/SQ1GU/P	SQ1GU	OZ/SM7DAY/P	SM7DAY
3W9FU		RM0F	EG1DCC	EA1COW	P43K	RW6HS
3Z0YL		SP9SX	EG1MAR	EA1UVR	PA125V	PA0FAW
3Z200T		SP9KLF	EM90UDK	UT7UJ	PF38T	PA7HPH
4K8YL		4K4K	EN105N	UT7NY	PJ2ND	K8ND
4O7AB		UA3AB	EN31U	US0UX	PY0NY	PY4NY
4O7CC		UA4CC	EO0UD	UR7UT	R150S	R2DX
4X0A		4X1VF	EV72F	EW3W	R870C	RK3AW
5R8SV		G3SWH	EV72GA	EV6Z	S79J	LZ1PJ
6W1SU		M0URX	EV72K	EW8BQ	TA0/DL7UCX	DL7UCX
6W4AA		KG4KCT	EV72M	EW2M	TF/F5CWU	F5CWU
7X2VFK		7X2DD	FO/J11JKW	J11JKW	TM100AEG	F1UMO
7X5KBS		2E0SDV	GB0GLS	MI0WWB	TM4RMC	F8KGS
7X5QB		EA7FTR	HF0H	SP9KGC	TM53IMW	F8KSU
8J1RL		JG2MLI	HF0HERTZ	SP5PPA	TM72REF	F6KSI
8J60JARE		JG2MLI	HF100HRW	SP3PGS	TM81HSG	F8DZU
8T4I		VU2MLQ	HF23BSC	SQ6DGB	UP72BM	RW6HS
9A/ON4CDX		ON4CDX	HF50KR	SP9PRR	UP72SA	RW6HS
9M2/IK2PFL		IK2PFL	HF70OSP	SQ6BOR	V31JQ	HR2J
A71TA		IZ8CLM	HF80MD	SP3PWL	VU4YC	W5UE
AO1EU		EA3RKF	JW2US	LA2US	XO1X	KC1CWF
AO3EU		EA3RKF	K6TOP/KH6	K6TOP	YT72AV	YU1JF
AO4EU		EA3RKF	KH2/JH0CJH	JH0CJH	YU72LP	YT5M
AO8EU		EA3RKF	KH6/DL3LUM	DL3LUM	YV50ARV/4	W4DTA
C91IW		ZS1WY	LX/DL1ASA/P	DL1ASA	Z68BB	S53BB
CN2YM		DL3YM	MJ/PA1AW	PA1AW		
CP4BT		DJ2BW	MJ/PA3EWP	PA1AW		
CT7ANG		G0MMI	MJ/PA9JO	PA1AW		
DL1YAF/VK9L		DL1YAF	MJ/PB5X	PA1AW		
DU1IST		JA1HGY	NP2J	K8RF		
DU1UD/8		M0OXO	OF4BNP	OH2BNP		

The Weekly DX Calendar

Date	End	Prefix	Call	QSL Manager	Ref Vol. No.
8-May	24-Nov	3D2	3D2JS (OC-016)	WB2TJO	16-47
8-May	10-May	3W	3W9DQ	DF7DQ	17-14 13
8-May	9-May	3W	3W9FU	RM0F	17-17
8-May	9-May	3W	XV9G		17-15
8-May	28-May	8Q	8Q7MJ (AS-013)	VK6ZOA	17-10
8-May	25-Aug	8Q	8Q7QV (AS-013)	UA1QV	17-16
8-May	18-May	A7	A7/MW0BRO		17-18
8-May	20-Jan	CE9	8J60JARE (AN-015)	JG2MLI	17-1 16-45
8-May	31-May	DU	DU1UD/8 (OC-119)	M0OXO	17-17 16
8-May	24-May	DU	DU9/ON5SM (OC-130)	ON5SM	17-12
8-May	12-May	E5/S	E51BAS (OC-013)	AD7MM	17-12
8-May	12-May	E5/S	E51DLD (OC-013)	W6HB	17-12
8-May	12-May	E5/S	E51MAS (OC-013)	KI7DLK	17-12
8-May	10-May	EW	EV72K	EW8BQ	17-19
8-May	31-Jul	FO	FO1Z2ZTQ	IZ2LSP	17-11
8-May	15-May	FS	FS/K9EL	K9EL	17-14
8-May	11-May	GJ	MJ/PA1AW	PA1AW	17-8
8-May	11-May	GJ	MJ/PA3EWP	PA1AW	17-8
8-May	11-May	GJ	MJ/PA9JO	PA1AW	17-8
8-May	11-May	GJ	MJ/PB5X	PA1AW	17-8
8-May	10-May	H44	H44MS (OC-047)	DL2GAC	16-46
8-May	9-May	JA	JS6RRR (AS-079)		17-15
8-May	20-May	JW	JW/SQ8KFH (EU-026)	SQ8KFH	17-9
8-May	17-May	KG4	KG4AC (NA-015)		17-12
8-May	1-Sep	OH	OH1TD (EU-096)		17-11
8-May	15-May	PY0/F	PY0NY		17-16
8-May	12-May	S7	S79H (AF-024)	RM8A	17-18
8-May	10-May	S7	S79J	LZ1PJ	17-15
8-May	14-May	TA	TA0/DL7UCX (AS-201)	DL7UCX	17-19
8-May	15-May	TG	TG9/VE7BV	VE7BV	17-10
8-May	31-Dec	TR	TR8CA	F6CBC	17-19 12
8-May	31-Dec	TZ	TZ8TM	W3HMK	17-17 13
8-May	10-May	UA	RP72 stations		17-19
8-May	31-May	V7	V73XG (OC-029)	JA1XGI	17-2
8-May	15-Jun	VQ9	VQ9ZZ	N1ZZZ	17-9
8-May	13-May	VU4	VU4YC	W5UE	17-19
8-May	10-May	XW	XW11C	E21EIC	17-19
8-May	23-May	Z6	Z68BG	HB9TSW	17-15
8-May	31-Dec	ZL7	ZL7DX		17-11
9-May	11-May	3W	3W9FU (AS-157)	RM0F	17-19
9-May	2-Jun	D4	D44TWO (AF-005)	M0OXO	17-19 16 14
9-May	16-May	DU	DU9/SP5APW (OC-235)	SP5APW	17-17 6
10-May	8-Jun	8R	8R1/KC0W	KC0W	17-19
10-May	12-May	HA	HG0WFF	HA0HW	17-19
11-May	15-May	BY	BD4TS (AS-137)		17-19
11-May	15-May	BY	BH4TVU (AS-137)		17-19
11-May	15-May	BY	BI4SCC (AS-137)		17-19
12-May	23-May	E5/N	E51LYC (OC-098)	VE3LYC	17-18 16 12
12-May	19-May	T8	T88MZ	JH0CKF	17-16
12-May	19-May	T8	T8KA	JJ0RIK	17-16
12-May	19-May	T8	T8VE	JA8VE	17-16
13-May	27-May	HR	AD8J/HR9 (NA-057)	AD8J	17-17 11
13-May	13-May	K	W4WFF (NA-083)		17-16
15-May	18-May	7X	7Y9TWD	7X2DD	17-18
15-May	29-May	HC8	HC8/LW9EOC	LW9EOC	17-15 14
15-May	15-Jul	JD1/M	JG8NQJ/JD1 (OC-073)	JA8CJY	17-14
15-May	19-May	VU7	VU7KP (AS-011)	W4VKU	17-18
15-May	31-Dec	ZS8	ZS8Z (AF-021)	ZS1LS	17-17 4 1

Propagation Forecast

Date	Band	Date	Band	Date	Band	Date	Band
May	Activity	May	Activity	May	Activity	May	Activity
8	AN	10	LN	12	HN	14	AN
9	AN	11	LN	13	AN	15	HN

KEY

AN – Above Normal
 LN – Low Normal
 DIS – Disturbed
 HN – High Normal
 BN – Below Normal
 VDIS – Very Disturbed

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QSLs received direct:

9N7EI, A70X, C5GCJ, E51DWC, EK/RZ3DJ, OA1F, RA2FF, RI0FS (AS-062), S01WS, S21SM, S56B, UN3M, VK4SDD, VK6GX, VK6NX (OC-164), VK6NX/p (OC-183), XV9NPS, XX9D, YT1A and ZS9V.

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