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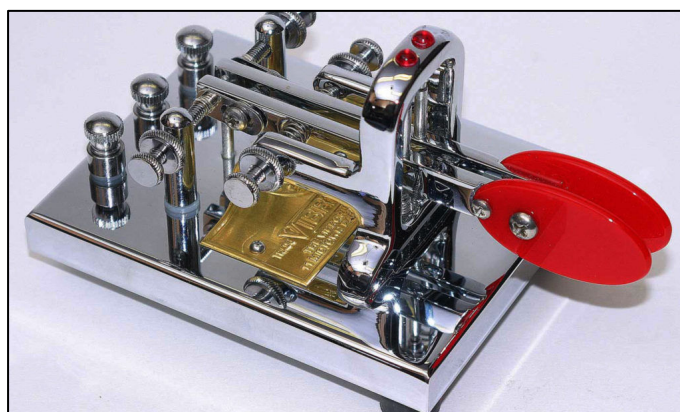


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DX INFORMATION

4K - Furkan, TA7AOF will be active as 4K6/TA7AOF from Baku, Azerbaijan on 7-12 February, with a focus on the CQ WPX RTTY Contest (8-9 February). Outside the contest he will operate some SSB, FT8 and CW. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or direct to home call (see qrz.com for instructions). The log will be uploaded to Club Log.



5H - Announced frequencies for the 4-18 February DXpedition to Zanzibar Island (AF-032) [425DXN 1477] are: 1826, 3527, 7025, 10115, 14030, 18068, 21030, 24890, 28030 kHz (CW); 3775, 7090, 14240, 18130, 21310, 24950, 28470 kHz (SSB); 1845, 3567, 7056, 10131, 14084, 18095, 21091, 24911, 28091 kHz (FT8); 14084 (RTTY). When working FT8 for Japan, the team will use normal mode and receive on 1908 kHz. Nine operators will be signing 5I5TT on CW, SSB and RTTY, and 5I4ZZ on FT8 with four stations. QSL via I2YSB; real-time logsearch and OQRS for direct cards can be found On <http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/>. The operation has been already approved for DXCC credit, and the LoTW certificates have been received.



5H - Announced frequencies for the 6-18 February 5H4WZ DXpedition to Pemba Island (AF-063) [425DXN 1493] are: 1825.5, 3505, 7005, 10105, 14005, 18075, 21005, 24895, 28005 kHz (CW); 1855, 3790, 7130, 14255, 18130, 21230, 24950, 28495 (SSB); 3595, 7055, 10145, 14090, 18110, 21095, 24925, 28088 kHz (RTTY); 1844, 3578, 7078, 10140, 14080, 18105, 21090, 24920, 28080 kHz (FT8). Seven operators will be active with two or three stations, and will participate in the CQ WPX RTTY and the ARRL DX CW contests. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via OM3PA.

9A - 9A63AA is the special callsign that Tom, 9A2AA is using until the end of the year to mark his 63rd year in amateur radio. QSL via home call. [TNX 9A2AA]

9G - Matteo, IZ4YGS will be active again as 9G5GS from Sanzule, Ghana on 1-26 February. In his spare time he will operate FT8 and SSB on 160-20 metres. He also plans some USB activity on the QO-100 Geostationary satellite. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or direct to home call; logsearch on Club Log.

9K - Special callsign 9K59NLD will be active on 1-29 February in celebration of Kuwait's 59th National Day (25 February) and Liberation Day (26 February). QSL via 9K2RA.



9M2 - Look for 9M2SAF/p to be active from Pulau Lalang Perak (AS-072), West Malaysia on 21-27 January. He will operate CW, SSB and digital Modes on various bands, depending on propagation. QSL direct to home call.

C2 - Nobu, JA0JHQ (<http://pandasan.jimdo.com/>) will be active holiday style as C21NH from Nauru on 15-16 January. He will be operate mainly FT8. On 17-18 January he will be active as T30NH from Tarawa, West Kiribati. QSLs via LoTW, or direct to home call.

C2 - Look for C21AA (QSL via JH3QFL), C21GW (QSL via JR3GWZ), C21MB (QSL via JH3AZC), C21PF (QSL via JA1PFP) and C21VA (QSL via JH3VAA) to be active from Nauru (OC-031) on 4-10 February. C21MB

is expected to do 2m EME, while the others will operate mainly FT8 on the HF bands. [TNX The Daily DX]

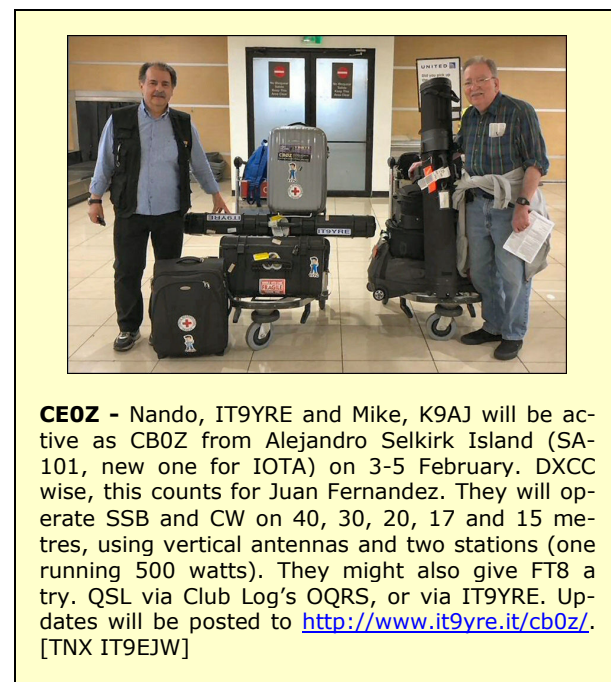


C5 - Bogdan, SP2FUD and Zenon, SP2GCJ have been active again as C5FUD and C5GCJ from The Gambia since 18 January, and expect to remain

there until the 31st. They operate mainly FT8 with some CW, SSB and RTTY. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via SP2GCJ.

C5 - Russell, G5XW will be active holiday style as C5XW from The Gambia starting on 28 January for ten days. He will be QRV on 40-17 metres SSB and hopefully some slow CW. QSL via home call (bureau). [TNX DX World]

CE - The Radio Club Melipulli (CE7RCM) will be active as XR7FPC from the lighthouse at Punta Corona on Chiloe Island (SA-018) on 15-16 February. Look for activity on the HF bands SSB and digital modes. QSL direct to CE7RCM.



CE0Z - Nando, IT9YRE and Mike, K9AJ will be active as CB0Z from Alejandro Selkirk Island (SA-101, new one for IOTA) on 3-5 February. DXCC wise, this counts for Juan Fernandez. They will operate SSB and CW on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 metres, using vertical antennas and two stations (one running 500 watts). They might also give FT8 a try. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via IT9YRE. Updates will be posted to <http://www.it9yre.it/cb0z/>. [TNX IT9EJW]

D4 - Egill, TF3EO is active again as D44KF from Sal Island (AF-086), Cape Verde until 9 January. This time he operates CW and "a very little SSB". QSL direct to G3SWH (OQRS on <http://www.g3swh.org.uk>) or LoTW; the log will be uploaded to Club Log.

DL - DL35SDR is the special callsign for the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club (DARC) to mark 35 years of software-defined radio (SDR) technology throughout 2020. It also honours Ulrich L. Rohde, DJ2LR (N1UL), who was the first to describe the possibilities and perspectives of SDR in 1985. QSL via the bureau.



DU - JA1PBV was active as DU1S/1 from Busuanga Island (OC-090) on 16-19 January. He expects to go and be QRV again as DU1S/1 from the Cuyo Islands (OC-120) on 23-28 January. He will operate CW and FT8 on 40-6 metres. He will be back home in Japan on 4 February. QSL via JA1PBV (direct or bureau); he will upload his log to LoTW and Club Log. [TNX Daily DX]

E5_sc - Don, VE7DS will be active as E51DDG from Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cook Islands on 2-14 February. He will operate CW only on 40, 30, 20 and 17 metres. QSL via LoTW, or via home call. [TNX NG3K]

F - Francois, F8DVD will be active as TM17AAW on 3-17

February, including the 17th Antarctic Activity Week (10-17 February). He will be QRV from his home QTH in Macon, France. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

F - Christophe F4ELI, Andre F4ELK, Stephane F5UOW, Derek F5VCR, Didier F6DXE and Jean-Pierre ON7ZM will be active as TM5IB from ile de Batz (EU-105) on 16-23 May. They will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on the HF bands. QSL via ON7ZM. [TNX F6AJA]

F - The radio club at the Percee du Bocage Museum (F4KKE) will operate CW, SSB and FT8 as TM80CDG on 6-20 June to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the "Appeal of 18 June" made by Charles de Gaulle from the BBC in London. QSL via F4KKE (bureau) and LoTW.



Often regarded as the origin of the French Resistance against the occupation during World War II, the appeal is one of the most remarkable pieces in the history of radio broadcasting, and as such it has been inscribed to the UNESCO's Memory of the World Register.

FG - Jean-Pierre, F6ITD will be active again as FG/F6ITD and TO7D from La Desirade, Guadeloupe (NA-102) from 13 January to 9 March. He plans to operate SSB and digital modes on all bands. QSLs via LoTW (preferred) or F6ITD; logsearch on Club Log. [TNX F6AJA]



FJ - N2IEN, W2RE, WW1X and WW2DX will be active holiday style from St. Barthelemy (NA-146) on 15-22 February. They will be QRV on the HF bands, 2m EME and possibly via satellite. [TNX DX World]

FM - Kan, JJ2RCJ will be active as TO3FM from Martinique (NA-107) on 3-8 February. He plans to focus on 80-10 metres FT8 (Fox & Hound on 3565, 7055, 10145, 14095, 18095, 21095, 24915 and 28095 kHz); he might also try 160m "if available". QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, eQSL, or direct to JJ2RCJ.

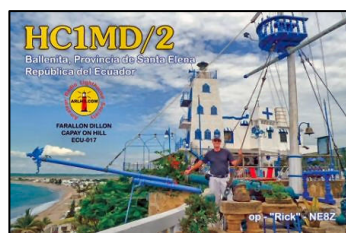
FR - Roland, F8EN is now expected to be active as FR/F8EN [425DXN 1495] from Reunion Island (AF-016) from 25 January to 19 March. He will operate CW only on the HF bands. QSL via F6AJA (direct or bureau); logsearch on <http://lesnouvellesdx.fr/voirlogs.php>. [TNX F6AJA]

G - John, M0XIG will operate special callsign GB200FN between 7 January and 3 February to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale (1820-1910), the founder of modern nursing. QSL direct to M0XIG.

GW - Chris, G1VDP and Tim, M0URX will be active as MC0SHL from the Strumblehead Amateur Radio Klub's premises on mainland Wales on 3-5 January. They will be testing out the Band Activity and Real Time Log Search on M0URX's OQRS: read about this facility by going to <https://www.m0urx.com/> and selecting "OQRS Hints & Tips" in the dropdown menu under "How to QSL".

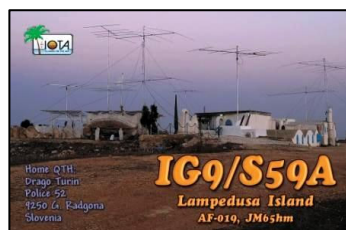
H4 - Bernhard, DL2GAC will be active again as H44MS from Malaita (OC-047), Solomon Islands between 5 February and 10 April. He operates SSB on 80-6 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. He is entering his paper logs into a computer for uploading to Club Log (so far 47,233 QSOs logged between 2 March 1992 and 22 September 2019 have been uploaded) and eventually LoTW.

HC - Rick, NE8Z will be active again as HC1MD/2 from



[TNX The Daily DX]

HR - Dirk, WA4DT will be active as WA4DT/HR9 from Roatan Island (NA-057) from 18 January to 2 February. He will operate CW and FT8 on 40 and 30 metres. QSL direct to home call.



I - Slovenian operators S50X, S51V, S52P, S54W, S56DX, S56N, S57DX and S59A will be active on all bands and modes as IG9/homecalls from Lampedusa Island (AF-019) on 21-27 January. They will participate in the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest as IG9/S59A. QSL via home calls. [TNX NG3K]

I - ARI Bruneck/Brunico (IQ3ED) and other ARI branches in Trentino-Alto Adige will operate special callsign I13BIA on 1-29 February for the Biathlon World Championships that will take place in Antholz/Anterselva (12-23 February). QSL via the bureau.



J8 - Dave, WJ2O will be active as J8/WJ2O from St. Vincent on 9-20 February, including an entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest. Before and after the contest he will be QRV on the WARC bands and on FT8. QSL via N2ZN. [TNX NG3K]

JA - JARL's Okinawa Branch will operate special station 8N6SHURI throughout 2020 to support the reconstruction of Shuri Castle, whose main courtyard structures were destroyed in a fire on 1 October 2019. QSL via the bureau. A UNESCO World Heritage site, for 450 years Shuri Castle was the royal court



and administrative centre of the Ryukyu Kingdom, as well as the cultural heart of the Ryukyu Islands.

KP4 - Rafael KP4RV, Felix KP4RD and other eight operators will be active as KP3RE from Culebra Island (NA-249) on 21-23 February. QSL via EA5GL. [TNX NG3K]

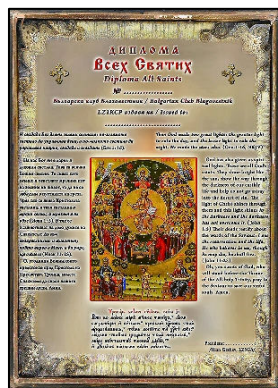
LU - AMSAT Argentina, LU7AA will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the LUSAT (LO-19) satellite on 18-26 January. Activity on the HF bands will be on SSB, FT8 and QRS CW. QSL direct to LU7AA; more information on http://lu4aao.org/lu7aa/cert_30_aniv_lusat_2020.htm. [TNX LU4AAO]

LX - LX20I is the special callsign for the LX7I contest station in Eschdorf, Luxembourg to celebrate its 20th anniversary. It will be used for most contests in 2020, starting a single-operator entry in the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest (24-26 January). QSL via LX2A. A



special LX20I Award will be available, see <http://lx7i.com/lx20i/> for information.

LZ - Once again Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use twelve special call signs throughout 2020 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: LZ1908IK (January), LZ34WGI (February), LZ250KD (March), LZ603IL (April), LZ177GL (May), LZ734PA (June), LZ551MS (July), LZ662MI (August), LZ595IP (September), LZ1891AO (October), LZ350PI (November) and LZ1263AN (December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2020" award can be found at <http://www.lz1kcp.com/>.



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OX - Bo, OZ1DJJ is active again in his spare time as OX3LX from Aasiaat Island (NA-134) on 21-31 January. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via OZ0J.

P4 - Lee, K3DMG will be active again as P4/K3DMG from Aruba (SA-036) from 17 January until the end of February. He will operate CW and digital modes. QSL via LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

PJ2 - Jeff, K8ND will be active as PJ2ND from Curacao (SA-099) from 18 January to 3 February. QSL via LoTW, or via home call. On 22-28 January he will be joined by Jim, W8WTS, who will be QRV as PJ2/W8WTS (QSL via LoTW, or via home call). They will participate in the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest as PJ2T (QSL via LoTW or via W3HNK). [TNX The Daily DX]

PJ4 - Scott, NE9U will be active as PJ4/NE9U from Bonaire (SA-006) on 8-22 February. QSL via LoTW, or via home call (direct preferred). Scott, K1TO, K2NG and KK9K will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest as PJ4A (QSL via K4BAI and LoTW). [TMX NG3K]

PJ5 - Chuck, KG9N will be active as PJ5/KG9N from Sint Eustatius (NA-145) on 4-21 February, including the ARRL DX CW Contest and the CQ WPX RTTY Contest. QSL via LoTW, or via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]



PY - Celebrating the 86th anniversary of the Liga de Amadores Brasileiros de Radio Emissao (LABRE), Brazil's national IARU society), special call sign ZW86LABRE will be active between 1 February and 31 March. QSL via PY2KP.

SP - For nearly 150 years the Polish city of Bydgoszcz (Bromberg) was part of the Kingdom of Prussia and then of the German Empire. Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the the handover of the city to Poland by Germany after World War I, special event stations 3Z100BY, HF100BY, SN100BY and SP100BY will be active on 17-31 January. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS. A certificate will be available; see <https://100by.ot04.pl> for information.

SP - Celebrating the 90th anniversary of the Polish Amateur Radio Union (PZK) and the 95th anniversary of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU), several Polish special event stations will be active from 1 February to 1 March: 3Z90PZK, HF2020PZK, HF90PZK, SN2020PZK, SN90PZK, SO90PZK, SP90PZK, SQ90PZK, 3Z95IARU, HF95IARU, SN95IARU, SO95IARU, SP95IARU and SQ95IARU. QSL via operators' instruc-



tions. An award will be available; see <https://90.pzk.org.pl/> for detailed information.

T8 - JH6WDG will be active again as T88AQ from Koror (OC-009), Palau on 7-13 January. He will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 160-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via JH6WDG. [TNX The Daily DX]

T8 - Look for T88CZ (QSL via JI3DNN), T88DK (QSL via JH3LSS), T88DN (QSL via JA3HJI), T88ED (QSL via JA3IVU), T88EF (QSL via JA3ARJ) and T88MB (QSL via JA3AVO) to be active from Koror (OC-009), Palau on 15-23 January.

TA - A large team (including TA3A, TA3AER, TA3EL, TA3LHH, UA9CDC, UR0MC, US2YW, UT5ECZ, UT5EL, UW8SM and UZ5DX) will participate in the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest (24-26 January) as TCOX from Bozcaada (AS-099). QSL via HG5DX. The log will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log.

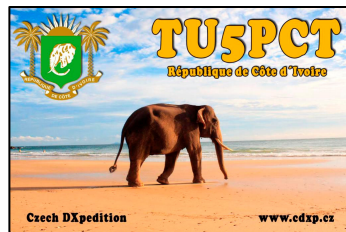


TI - Rich, W4GKR will be active holiday style as TI5/W4GKR from Costa Rica from 14 January to 4 February. He will operate digital modes and possibly slow CW on 160-6 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX ARRL DX News]

TI - Look for TI7/G3WPH, TI7/G4IRN and TI7/KY7M to be active from Costa Rica on 10-17 February. QSLs via LoTW only. They will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest as TI7W (QSL via W4FS). [TNX DX World]

TI9 - A team consisting of TI2JV, RA9USU, SM6LRR (RM2D) and UA3AB will be active as TI9A (<http://ti9a.info/>) from Coco's Island (NA-012) on 2-8 February. They plan to be QRV on all bands from two operating sites (one for CW and SSB, and one for FT8) at Chatham Bay. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via UA3DX. Updates will be posted to <https://dx-world.net/ti9a-cocos-island/>.

TU - Petr OK1BOA, Petr OK1FCJ and David OK6DJ will be active as TU5PCT from the Cote d'Ivoire between 21 February and 1 March, with "full operation" expected on 24-29 February. They will operate SSB, CW, RTTY and FT8 on 160-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via OK6DJ. See <https://www.cdxp.cz/> for more information.



UA9 - The Artic Legends Expedition 2020 (<http://legendsarctic.com/>) is set to start on 5 March from Tazovsky. All of the team members (UA9KDF, UA9LDD, UA0BA, RW0BG and RT9K) will then gather at the Sopochnaya Karga weather station on 12-13 March. From there they will reach Rastorguyev Island (AS-068) and be active as RI0B. The trip will depend on weather, as the team will be using snowmobiles. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (search for RI0B/AS-068).

UR - Special event station EM30UCC is active from 22 January to 31 May to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Ukrainian Contest Club. QSL via the bureau, direct, or via LoTW.

V3 - Bob, W0YBS will be active as V31CO from Caye Caulker (NA-073), Belize starting around 1 February for three weeks. He plans to be on the island "on a fairly regular basis" thereafter, typically for three weeks at a

time. QSL via W0YBS (direct or bureau), or via LoTW.

V3 - Victor, WB0TEV will be active again as V31VP from central Belize on 5-11 February, including participation in the CQ WPX RTTY Contest (8-9 February). QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via WB0TEV (direct or bureau).

V6 - Sho, JA7HMZ will be active again as V63DX from Pohnpei (OC-010), Micronesia on 14-21 February. He will be QRV on 160-6 metres, with a focus on 160m for Europe, and will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest as V6A. QSL for both callsigns via LoTW, or direct to JA7HMZ. The logs will be uploaded to Club Log. [TNX NG3K]



VE - Chris VE3FU as VO2AC, Dave VE9CB as VO2AAA and Frank VO1HP as VO1HP/VO2 will be active from the lighthouse at Point Amour, Labrador (Zone 2) between 20 and 26

January. They will participate in the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest as VO2AC ("a serious multi-op high power effort"). Expect activity before the contest on 160m CW and FT8 "as they get the wire vertical array and beverage working", with a focus on Asia. If time permits, they will also be QRV on 80, 60 and 40 metres, as well as on the FM satellites from grid GO11. QSL VO2AC via LoTW or VE3FU (direct or bureau); QSL VO2AAA via LoTW or VE9CB; QSL VO1HP/VO2 via LoTW or direct to VO1HP. [TNX NG3K]

VE - Alex, VE1RUS and Pierre, VE3TKB will be active again from VY0ERC, the Eureka Amateur Radio Club station located on Ellesmere Island (NA-008, CQ Zone 2) between 1 February and 28 March. They will operate SSB, CW, FT8 and RTTY mostly on 40 and 20 metres. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW. [TNX M0OXO]



VK - Grant, VK5GR and a few others will be active as VK5KI from Kangaroo Island (OC-139) on 22-28 July, including participation in the IOTA Contest. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS; the logs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log for IOTA matching once the direct

cards have been posted. "January 2020 has seen some of the worst bush fires tear across Kangaroo Island in living memory", Grant says. "Over half the island (200,000 hectares or 2,000 square kilometres) has been burned, more than fifty homes were destroyed, two people lost their lives and many tens of thousands of animals were killed". Grant urges island chasers to consider supporting the recovery efforts by making a donation to the South Australia State Emergency Relief Fund, the Nature Foundation SA's Wildlife Recovery Fund, or the Kangaroo Island Mayor's Bushfire Relief Fund. "All of the costs of the expedition itself are being met by the team", he adds. "We are not looking for direct contributions to this project, but would rather people contribute to the affected communities directly". See <https://www.qrz.com/db/VK5KI> for complete information.



VK9N - Janusz, SP9FIH will be active as VK9NK from Norfolk Island (OC-005) between 12 January and 12 April. He will operate SSB, RTTY and FT8 (Fox & Hound) on 160-10 metres, and will participate in the CQ

WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via SP9FIH. See <http://vk9nk.dxpedititions.org/> for more information. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

VP2M - Duane, WV2B will be active holiday style as VP2MDT from Montserrat (NA-103) on 9-15 January. He will operate SSB and CW. QSL via WV2B. [TNX NG3K]

VP5 - Look for VP5/W2TT and VP5/AF3K to be active from Providenciales (NA-002), Turks & Caicos Islands from 26 March to 2 April. They will participate in the CQ WPX SSB Contest as VP5P. QSLs for all callsigns via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via N200. [TNX W2TT]

W - The Nacogdoches Amateur Radio Club (W5NAC) will be active as K5C on 1-2 February remembering the loss of the Space Shuttle Columbia (1 February 2003), the astronauts who lost their lives that day and the hundreds of amateur radio operators who went to Nacogdoches to assist in the search for and recovery of the debris. Operation will be primarily on 20 meters (14260 and 14174 kHz) and 40 metres (7220 and 7174 kHz). QSL via LoTW, or direct to W5NAC.



XE - Celebrating the 15th anniversary of the DXXE Group, special callsign 4A15DXXE will be active on all bands and modes and from different locations in Mexico

between 20 January and 31 December. QSL via LoTW only. DXXE Group's members in other countries will join the celebrations: CO8ZZ as T40DXXE from Cuba (20-31 January), EA5BB as AO15DXXE from Spain (1-15 April), EA8RM as AO15DXXE/8 from the Canary Islands (1-15 April), and F4GVO as TM15DXXE from France (1-15 April).

XE - Weather and sea conditions permitting, Radio Club



Puebla DX's members XE1AY, XE1SPM, XE1SRD and XE1SY will be active as 6F3A from Isla Pérez (NA-153) on 11-17 February, including participation in the ARRL DX CW Contest and the American Lighthouses Weekend. They plan to be QRV on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10 and 6 metres with three stations during their

daylight hours; during the night, when they are not allowed to use the generator, they will run one or two stations using deep cycle batteries. QSL via XE1SY (see qrz.com for Paypal instructions).

YU - Special callsign YT50SCWC will be activated throughout 2020 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Serbian CW Club. QSL via LoTW, or via YU1MM (direct or bureau).

ZF - Pete, K8PGJ will be active again as ZF2PG from the Cayman Islands (NA-016) on 11-19 January. He will operate SSB on the HF bands, with holiday style activity except during the North American QSO Party (from 18 UTC on 18 January to 6 UTC on the 19th). QSL via LoTW or direct to home call.



ZS - Special callsign ZS95SARL will be in use throughout 2020 to celebrate the 95th anniversary of the South African Radio League (SARL), which was founded in May 1925 as the South African Radio Relay League. QSL via the bureau.

GOOD TO KNOW

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2020 IOTA HONOUR ROLL & ANNUAL LISTING • The last date for mailing score updates to check-points for inclusion in the 2020 Honour Roll and Annual Listing is 31 January (it is advisable not to wait until the very last moment, though). If postmarked after that date, they will be processed in the normal way, but the scores will be held over to the following year's listing. Participants who have not updated since the 2015 annual listings and wish to remain listed should make a submission before 31 January. Furthermore, those who have not logged into their record for more than two years, will need to revalidate their registration through info@iota-world.org. Do not leave it to the last moment as you may run out of time.



3D2AG/P • An awful family tragedy struck Antoine, 3D2AG, who had been active as 3D2AG/p from Rotuma since 21 December. "I am extremely sad to convey to you that my eldest son aged 11 had a drowning accident yesterday here in Rotuma", he reported to DX World on 10 January. "We found the body early this morning in the deep sea and the burial is tomorrow. Please think of us in your prayers. I am still in shock. All operation is QRT".

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

CQ DX HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS • Nominations for the 2020 "class" of the CQ DX Hall of Fame are due by 1 March.



The CQ DX Hall of Fame honours those DXers who have gone "above and beyond", not only in terms of their own on-air accomplishments, but also in terms of "giving back" to the DXing community. A maximum of two (2) people may be inducted each year. Nominations may be made by DX clubs, national organizations or individuals, and must be submitted by 1 March of each year to be considered. Nominations should be directed to CQ DX Hall of Fame, c/o CQ Magazine, 17 West John Street, Hicksville NY 11801, USA; or (preferably) via e-mail to w2vu@cq-amateur-radio.com. Be sure to specify that the nomination is for the CQ DX Hall of Fame. [TNX N200]

CQ DX MARATHON • The CQ DX Marathon is a year-long DX hunt, with participants competing to see who can work the greatest number of countries ("entities") and CQ zones during the calendar year. The 2020 edition started at 00.00 UTC on 1 January and will end at 23.59 UTC on 31 December. Complete details can be found at <http://www.dxmarathon.com/>.

CQ MYDX SSB CONTEST • The first CQ Malaysia DX SSB Contest, organized by the Malaysian HF DX & Contest Committee (9MDXC), will be held on 25 January (from 00.00 UTC until 23.59 UTC). Complete information can be found on <http://www.9mdxc.com/rules>. [TNX 9M2CDX]

CQ WW 160-METER CW CONTEST • Object of the contest is for amateurs around the world to contact other amateurs in as many USA States (CONUS plus District of Columbia), Canadian provinces, and countries as possible Utilizing the 160m band (see <https://www.cq160.com/> for complete rules). This year's event will run on 24-26 January, from 22:00 UTC to 22:00 UTC. Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at <https://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cq160c2020.html>.

DAYTON TOP BAND AND CONTEST DINNERS • The 31ST Top Band Dinner will be held on 15 May, followed by the 28th Contest Dinner on the 16th. Both the events will take place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Dayton, Ohio. See <https://www.topbanddinner.com/> and <https://www.contestdinner.com/> for tickets and other information.



DX SOUND CLIPS • Tom's (K8CX) DX sound clips for 2019 can be found at <http://hamgallery.com/dx2019/>. The collection of 130 clips (MP3 format) covers the major DXpeditions, plus rare and semi-rare DX. This makes 22 full years of sound clips available.

E44RU • All of the poles and antennas of the Russian DXpedition to Palestine were impounded by customs upon arrival, and will only be released when the operators depart. Nonetheless, the team was able to make simple antennas and operate FT8, CW and SSB on 80, 40, 30, 20 and 17 metres so far. E44RU is likely to remain active through 13 January. Two team members (RA1ZZ and R5ECI) will leave Palestine on 11 January; the remaining three operators (R7AL, RW9JZ and UR8IF) will leave on the 14th.

IOTA BASH 2020 • The 16th annual IOTA Bash will be held on 27-28 March at Mike's (AD5A) QTH in Boerne, Texas. Complete details can be found on <https://irefradio.com/iota-bash/>.

MOST WANTED LISTS • Club Log's latest Most Wanted List can be found at <https://secure.clublog.org/mostwanted.php>. The information is derived from QSOs uploaded to Club Log (on 25 December 2019 there were 611.7 million log entries available for analysis) and, to improve quality, only QSOs that have QSLs confirmed are considered to be worked. The most wanted charts are rebuilt once per month, on average. The top 20 Entities are:



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| 1. | P5 | DPRK (North Korea) | 11. | FT/G | Glorioso Islands |
| 2. | 3Y/B | Bouvet Island | 12. | VK0M | Macquarie Island |
| 3. | FT5/W | Crozet Islands | 13. | YV0 | Aves Island |
| 4. | BS7H | Scarborough Reef | 14. | KH4 | Midway Island |
| 5. | CE0X | San Felix & San Ambrosio | 15. | ZS8 | Prince Edward & Marion Isls |
| 6. | BV9P | Pratas Island | 16. | VP80 | South Orkney Islands |

7.	KH7K	Kure Island	17.	PY0S	St Peter and St Paul Rocks
8.	KH3	Johnston Island	18.	PY0T	Trindade & Martim Vaz Isls
9.	3Y/P	Peter I Island	19.	KP5	Desecheo Island
10.	FT5/X	Kerguelen Islands	20.	SV/A	Mount Athos

Also give a look at the "Most Wanted 100 Countries Archive" maintained by Tom, K8CX (<http://hamgallery.com/countries/>), which covers the years 1993-2019 and counting. The charts show the Top 100 DXCC Entities moving up and down the list from year to year; data come from The DX Magazine (2014 and before) and Club Log (since 2015).



QSL GALLERY • The large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's website has been updated. Sixteen different galleries include 17,564 cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (2009-18), the 62 deleted DXCC Entities, obsolete prefixes, stations from Maghreb from 1945 to 1962, Allied Forces stations in

Germany (1945-70), special stations commemorating ITU and IARU, stations using the United Nations prefix (4U), Antarctic bases and TAAF (Terres Australes and Antarctiques Francaises), the various French DXCC island Entities in the Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean and the Americas (from 1945 to 1969), pre-1945 countries, French Departments and CONUS, plus a gallery for cards not accepted by DXCC. Your participation is encouraged: <http://www.lesnouvellesdx.fr/galerieqsl.php>. [TNX F6AJA].

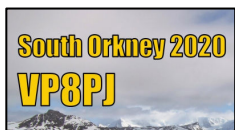
R207RRC • UA3AKO and other Russian Robinson Club's members plan to be active as R207RRC from Kosa Dvukh Pilotov (AS-207, new one for IOTA) sometime during the Spring. The licence is valid through 16 May. More information is expected in due course.

SWODXA DX DINNER • The 35th DX Dinner, sponsored again by the SouthWest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) and held in conjunction with the 2020 Dayton Hamvention, will be on Friday, 15 May at the Marriott Hotel in Dayton. As in the past, the "DXpedition of the Year", the "IOTA DXpeditioner of the Year" and the inductees into the CQ DX Hall of Fame will be announced during the dinner. Tickets can be purchased on <https://swodxaevents.org/>; programme details and a list of the door prizes will be on the website as they become available.



TIMOR LESTE 2020 • The Lagunaria DX Group (<http://lagunaria-dx-group.org>) is organizing a large scale DXpedition (18 operators and up to 10 stations) to Timor Leste (4W) in October-November, including "serious participation" in the CQ WW DX SSB and CW contests. A website is under construction at <http://timor-leste-dx.de/>.

VP8PJ: SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS • The callsign for the Perseverance DX Group's DXpedition to the South Orkney Islands (<https://sorkney.com/>) will be VP8PJ. "In past years it was relatively easy to get a preferred VP8 call sign for the British Antarctic Territory", the team says. "After a licensing administrative change", however, they were unable to obtain a VP8 callsign, and decided to use VP8/VP8DXU (VP8DXU is the Falkland Islands callsign issued to Doc, W7XU). But Alan, VK6CQ, "a recent addition to the team, holds the call sign VP8PJ that was issued to him for operation from the British Antarctic Territory. After submission of a copy of Alan's license, ARRL has issued us a new LoTW certificate for the use of this call from South Orkney for the duration of our expedition".



In their Press Release #10 (20 January) the South Orkney Islands DXpedition team reported that the final approval has been received ("landing and camping at South Orkney requires permission from several government agencies, and this multi step process takes months to complete"), the sea container arrived in Punta Arenas (Chile) on 13 January, and new companies have joined the corporate sponsors team.

The operating team "will follow a rotating 4 hours on and 8 hours off schedule", and "each team member is assigned tasks while on the island. Major activities are prioritized and staffed accordingly. The Braveheart crew will help with the heavy lifting and other setup activities. After landing, designated teams will first erect the WeatherPort shelters, install the power grid, and furnish the sleeping and operating shelters. Meanwhile the antenna teams will install the HF antennas, followed by the low band antennas. Weather permitting, setup is expected to take approximately two days".

As for fundraising, 52 clubs/foundations, over 500 individuals and 60 Premier Sponsors have supported the project so far. "We appreciate the support from the worldwide DX and amateur radio community", the team says, and "we continue to make progress towards our goal of the radio team paying 50% of the project cost with sponsorships paying the remainder". One more press release is expected before the team leaves home in early February. [TNX K5GS]

WCA HBD • The World Castles Award Programme's 11th anniversary will be celebrated during the "WCA Happy Birthday" (WCA HBD) activity weekend on 11-12 January. See <http://wcagroup.org/> for more information. [TNX RN1CW]

YOTA 2020 • The Croatian Amateur Radio Association (HRS) will host the 10th edition of the Youngsters on the Air (YOTA) Summer Camp in the city of Karlovac on 8-15 August. This annual event brings together young radio Amateurs from IARU Region 1 member societies for a week, creating an opportunity to foster international friendships and goodwill, and learn new amateur radio skills. Each IARU R1 member society is invited to take part with a team of maximum four persons. Applications should be submitted before 16 February: see "Call for applications: YOTA Summer Camp Croatia 2020" on <https://www.iaru-r1.org/>



+ SILENT KEYS + H.M. Qaboos bin Said al Said, A41AA, died on 10 January aged 79. The Arab world's longest-serving ruler, he was the Sultan of Oman for nearly fifty years. The Royal Omani Amateur Radio Society (ROARS) was formed on 23 December 1972 under his patronage.

Igor Lvovich Zeldin, UR5LCV (ex UB5LCV) passed away on 11 January at 66 years of age. An active DXer licensed since 1973 and former President of the Ukrainian Amateur Radio League, he authored several books on technical topics and was the IOTA Checkpoint for Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova.

Peter Glasmacher, DK5DC died unexpectedly on 12 January, aged 68. A wellknown DXer and a DXCC Card Checker, he was the editor of the monthly DX column in "CQ DL", the official journal of the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club. He also served as President of DARC's District O (Westfalen-Sued) for the past six years.

QSL ROUTES

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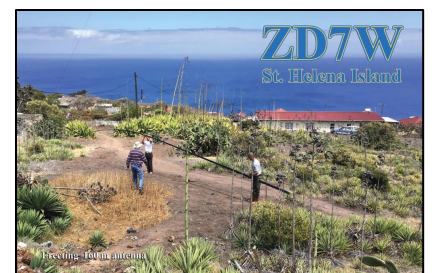
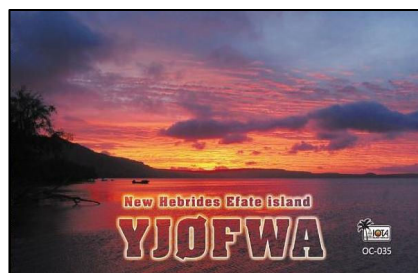
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5Z4/G3AB	M0URX	HP3SS	AC2OV	T88CZ	JI3DNN
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DP1POL	DL1ZBO	KX4CWO	W0TG	V31YN	DJ4KW
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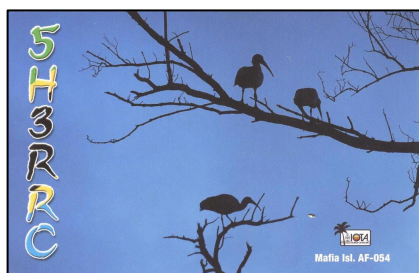


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