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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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- EA8 - The Radio Club Laurilsiva (EA8RKL) from Gran Canaria (AF-004) will be active again as EH8DDC on 24-31 May. QSL via eQSL and logsearch on Club Log. Celebrating the anniversary of the local autonomous Parliament's first session back in 1983, the Canary Islands Day (Dia de Canarias) is held annually on 30 May.
- F - TM1SAFE is the special callsign for the Radio Club du Val d'Issole (F8KGH) to participate in the "Stay Home" campaign. QSL via eQSL, LoTW, Club Log, or via F4GPB.
- FP - Eric, KV1J has had to postpone his trip to Miquelon Island [425DXN 1501] because of travel restrictions. He now plans to be QRV as FP/KV1J from 22 September to 6 October, "subject to restrictions at that time". He will operate SSB, RTTY, FT8, FT4 and some CW on 80-6 metres, with a focus on 60, 12, 10 and 6 metres. Activity on 160 metres will be limited. He will participate in the CQ WW RTTY DX Contest. QSL via home call (direct or bureau), LoTW and eQSL; logsearch on Club Log. Bookmark <http://www.kv1j.com/fp/July20.html> for updates.
- JT - Special event station JU85UIA will be active through the end of the year in celebration of the 85th anniversary of the University of Internal Affairs in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. QSL direct to JT1CH.
- KL - Brayden, KC1KUG will be active as KL7/KC1KUG from Fire Island (NA-158) on 2-27 June. He will operate SSB and CW ("although I may have to resort to FT8", he adds) on 40 and 20 metres; he might be QRV also on 30 and 17 metres, while the time frame he will be on the island "probably won't be great for 80". QSL direct to home call. [TNX NG3K]
- LY - LY56BC has been active since 14 May and will remain QRV until the 31st to promote and participate in the 56th edition of the Baltic Contest. Organized by the Lithuanian Radio Sports Federation, the contest will be held on 80 metres SSB and CW starting at 21 UTC on 23 May and ending at 2 UTC on 24 May. Complete information can be found on <http://www.lrsf.lt/en/balticcontestrules/>.
- VU - A couple of other COVID-19 special callsigns from India are AT2SON ("Save Our Nation") operated by VU3ZIG, and AT0II ("Improve Immunity") operated by VU2DCT until 18 August. QSL via home calls.
- W - Bruce, K5TEN now expects to be active as K4D from Dog Island (NA-085) on 9-18 September. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 40 and 20 metres. QSL direct to home call; he will upload his log to LoTW and eQSL.

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7Q7AO ---> Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic and travel restrictions, Pista, HA5AO has had to postpone until further notice his trip to Malawi, which was planned during the second half of September/early October [425DXN 1503].

COVID-19 RADIO COMMUNICATION EVENT ---> The Finnish Amateur Radio League (SRAL), in cooperation with the Araucaria DX Group (ADXG) of Brazil and Radio Arcala (OH8X) invite you to join them into a global special event featuring their STAYHOME radio campaign. The "COVID-19 Radio Communication Event" will be conducted in a contest-like framework on 6-7 June (from 10 UTC on Saturday until 09.59 UTC on Sunday), on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres CW, SSB and digital modes (FT4/FT8 only). The direct link to the complete Rules can be found on <https://www.grz.com/db/OH2STAYHOME>.

CQ AMATEUR RADIO HALL OF FAME ---> The CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame was established in January 2001 to recognize individuals - radio amateurs or not - who significantly affected the course of Amateur Radio, as well as radio amateurs who have made significant contributions either to amateur radio, to their professional careers or to some other aspect of life on our planet. This year's inductees, which bring the total number of members of the CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame to 333, are:

- * Chet Atkins, W4CGP (SK), legendary musician known as "Mister Guitar", and music producer; ushered in "the Nashville sound" on RCA Records. (Note: Chet's call has subsequently been re-issued).
- * Les Barclay, G3HTF (SK), propagation expert, leader of International Telecommunication Union propagation study groups and Chairman of the ITU's first Radiocommunication Assembly in 1993; top official in the UK's telecommunication regulatory agency.
- * George Laurer, K4HZE (SK), developer of the UPC (Universal Product Code) or "bar code" on merchandise, permitting items purchased at stores to be scanned on checkout rather than manually rung up.
- * Yasuo "Zorro" Miyazawa, JH1AJT, whose Foundation for Global Children helps fund educational and medical programs for children around the world; FGC also works with several countries to help them organize and train teams for the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.
- * Champ Muangamphun, E21EIC, is a DXer and DXpeditioner who has been a sparkplug for growing interest in ham radio in Thailand and throughout Southeast Asia; Champ also accompanies JH1AJT on many of his humanitarian missions and operates DXpedition-style ham stations while Zorro works with government officials and non-governmental organizations on behalf of the Foundation for Global Children.
- * Sultan Qaboos bin Said, A41AA (SK), Sultan of Oman from 1970-2020; transformed impoverished country into a modern and prosperous state with influence throughout the Middle East.
- * Tom Roscoe, K8CX, a champion of amateur radio history who collects and makes available online his "Ham Gallery" of old QSL cards and other historic photos.

CQ DX HALL OF FAME ---> Established in 1967, the CQ DX Hall of Fame honours those DXers who not only excel in personal performance, but who also "give back" to the hobby in outstanding ways. CQ DX Editor Bob Schenck, N200, made a virtual presentation on the Ham Nation podcast on 20 May. The 2020 inductees to the CQ DX Hall of Fame are:

- * Tony Gonzalez, EA5RM - has been an active DXpeditioner for 20 years, often organizing and leading teams to operate from difficult and challenging locations. Tony and his teams have also helped establish or re-establish amateur radio activities in several countries, including Rwanda (where it had been banned for a decade due to civil war) and the newly-independent country of South Sudan. In addition, Tony has made ten trips to Bolivia to establish and maintain HF communication links between medical facilities and remote villages in the Amazon rain forest, and has operated as CP1XRM during his free time. Tony's work in South America earned him the ARRL International Humanitarian Award in 2015.
- * Edward "Ned" Stearns, AA7A - is an accomplished DXer, DXpeditioner (he's been on 32 of them and led 8) and technical innovator. He introduced the use of switchable vertical dipole array antennas on island DXpeditions and designed "dual-band discone" antennas for use with the Northern California DX Foundation's worldwide beacon network. Ned also worked with 2019 DX Hall of Fame inductee Joe Taylor, K1JT, on developing the "Fox/Hound" mode for FT8 used by DXpeditions. Ned also maintains two remote stations in Arizona, has made presentations at many technical conferences and has served in a variety of leadership roles in the hobby. On the air, he is at the Top of the Honor Roll for DXCC Phone and Mixed, was the first recipient of 11-band DXCC and has worked over 160 countries via EME (Earth-Moon-Earth).

IOTA AND LOTW QSO MATCHING ---> Islands On The Air (IOTA) Ltd has announced "the implementation of the ARRL application which allows the use of QSO matching via LoTW. This will allow IOTA chasers to obtain credits by matching their logs with those at LoTW in addition to those at Club Log. We have a lot of work ahead of us to identify the time windows of past IOTA operations and this will be phased in over the next few months. An initial list of operations arising from the link-up with LoTW has been added to the database and these will become available for QSO matching from 21 May. Further additions will be made on an ongoing basis". Instructions for LoTW QSO Matching are on https://iota-world.org/info/lotw_qso_matching-en.pdf, and notes on "Accepted Activations for QSO Matching" can be found on https://iota-world.org/info/accepted_activations-en.pdf.

QSL VP8PJ ---> Tim, M0URX reports that all VP8PJ OQRS requests and direct mailed QSL cards received by 20 May were posted from the UK on 21 May. Depending on your country's COVID-19 situation, please allow 10-14 days for the cards to arrive, in some cases possibly longer. Bureau cards will be shipped directly to the worldwide bureaux early next year.

TQSL: NEW VERSION ---> A new version (v2.5.4) of LoTW's Trusted QSL (TQSL) has been released: <http://www.arrl.org/tqsl-download>. This version has new features as well as corrections for defects found since TQSL 2.5.3 was released. This release also includes an update to the most recent TQSL configuration file. TQSL 2.5.4 can be installed to upgrade any older version.

On all three supported platforms (Windows, MacOS and Linux), installing TQSL 2.5.4 will replace older versions of Trusted QSL while preserving your Callsign Certificates, Station Locations, and preferences.

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***** QSL ROUTES *****
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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
3Z100KW	SP9ZKN	CN17PA	RW6HS	KG4NE	NM7H
4K75FO	DC9RI	CN17PG	EA7FTR	KL7SB	N4GNR
4K75K	4K4K	CN17QR	RW6HS	KP4EIT	EA5GL
4K75V	DC9RI	CN17SG	EA7FTR	KP4RV	EA5GL
4K9W	DL6KVA	CN17WW	RW6HS	LA7AWW	LA4O
4L5P	UT7QF	CN17XA	RW6HS	LT9X	LU9ESD
4L8A	M0OXO	CN17YR	CN8YR	NP2J	K8RF
4O4T	YU1FW	CN17ZG	RW6HS	NP3XF	EA5GL
4U1A	UA3DX	CN8KD	EA5XX	OA4/EA7TN	EA5GL
4U1UN	HB9BOU	CN8LI	EA7FTR	OE60IPA	OE3DMA
4U9STAYHOME	9A2AA	CO2RQ	EC6DX	OE6MBG	EB7DX
5C1WTIS	RW6HS	CO6HLP	IZ1DSH	OH8SSAB	OH8DR
5Q0PI	OZ6PI	CO7KD	IK2DUW	OI8VK	OH8DR
7X4LV	F6FZG	CO8LY	EA7ADH	OL901AA	OK1DOM
7Z1ES	IZ8CLM	CO8ZZ	DK1WI	OL901AB	OK1DOM
8S0C	SM0MPV	CP5HK	EC6DX	OX3LX	OZ0J
9M4COVID19	9W2PD	CS2CMT	CT7ABF	PA75FREE	PA1WBU
9M4STAYHOME	9W2PD	D4VHF	IK2NCJ	PA75FREEDOM	PA3FYG
9N1CA	EA5ZD	DU3LA	W3HNC	PB75FREE	PA2GB
9V1YC	W5UE	E2STAYHOME	E21EIC	PC19STAYS SAFE	PA7HPH
A25SL	N4GNR	EF0F	EA4URE	PC75FREE	PA9CW
A41CK	A61BK	EG1DLG	EA1RCI	PD75FREE	PD7YY
A41KB	ON7LX	EI0NMMI	EI6AL	PD75FREEDOM	PD0RWL
A41KJ	N4GNR	EM65LR	UR2LM	PE75FREE	PE4BAS
A41NN	A61BK	EV500ZM	EW3W	PF75FREE	PB7Z
A60NMT/1	A61BK	EY8MM	W0VTT	PG75FREE	PE5TT
A60NMT/4	A61BK	GB0BWM	G3MDG	PH75FREE	PH0NO
A60NMT/5	A92AA	GB0ELR	M0LMN	PI30COM	PA1AW
A60WTIS/4	A61BK	GB2HLS	G3NWR	PI75ZUT	PA2PKZ
A60ZHD/1	A61BK	GB2HOM	M0TZX	PJ2DD	PF4T
A60ZHD/4	A61BK	GB5SAH	G4XEX	PJ4KY	M0URX
A60ZHD/5	A92AA	GB8OMQ	G7AEY	PJ4NX	M0URX
A61Q	EA7FTR	GM6XX	M0OXO	PY5ZHP	SP7CVW
A65DR	N4GNR	HA127STAY	HA9BA	PZ5JW	EA5GL
A71AM	M0OXO	HA50KHW	HA0HW	R115MS	RQ7L
A71CT	EA7FTR	HB15SOTA	HB9DPR	R25AER	RV3YR
A71EM	M0OXO	HC5ARC	HC5VF	RM35MS	RQ7L
A71VV	M0OXO	HF100JP II	SP3ZAC	SN100JP II	SP3TYJ
A91WTIS	A92AA	HG0WFF	HA0HW	TC101ATA	TA4AEI

A93LT	A92AA	HI3MRV	EA5GL	TM0BEE	F6KUQ
AT2SH	M0OXO	HI3SD	EC6DX	TM18JUIN	F4AHN
C31CT	EA3QS	HI7M	RW6HS	TM1SAFE	F4GPB
CN17AM	RW6HS	HI8DL	NK4Q	TM3CN	F4HIK
CN17ATM	RW6HS	HI8JSG	RW6HS	TT8SN	DL9USA
CN17AV	RW6HS	HI8K	W2CCW	UE35MS	RQ7L
CN17CZM	RW6HS	HI8S	EA5GL	UK75AL	EA5GL
CN17MAA	CN8MAA	HK1MW	N2OO	UK8IF	RW6HS
CN17MM	CN8MM	HZ1TT	A61BK	V31PS	M0SDV
CN17NOA	RW6HS	II3STAY	IN3ZWF	WP3R	W3HNN
CN17OY	CN8OY	J73CC	EA5GL	ZL1A	ZL3CW

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