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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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

- 5U - Adrien, F4IHM will be active again as 5UAIHM from Niamey, Niger between 10 May and 15 June. He will operate CW on 40 and 20 metres. QSL via F4IHM, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]
- A3 - Masa, JA0RQV (<https://blog.goo.ne.jp/rqv>) expects to be back to Nuku'alofa on Tongatapu Island (OC-049), Tonga from late May through October, and be QRV again as A35JP. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 80-6m, and will also try and be active from Niuatoputapu (OC-191), Niuafo'ou (OC-123), Vava'u (OC-064) and/or Ha'apai (OC-169). QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via home call.
- BY - Ten stations (B0CRA, B1CRA, B2CRA, B3CRA, B4CRA, B5CRA, B6CRA, B7CRA, B8CRA and B9CRA) from across the country will be active from 23 UTC on 3 May until 9 UTC on 5 May for this year's "5.5 China Amateur Radio Festival" on air event, organized by the Chinese Radio Amateurs Club (CRAC). See <http://www.crac.org.cn/55> for log-search, and <http://awards.crac.org.cn> for the awards.
- DL - Special callsign DL65ESSEN will be active from 1 May until 31 December to celebrate the 65th anniversary of DARC's Ortsverband Essen. QSL via the bureau and LoTW.
- ES - Ed, ES2TT plans to be active as ES2TT/8 from Kihnu Island (EU-178) on 29-30 May. He will operate CW and SSB on 40, 30 and 20 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX qrz.ru]
- F - The second mission of ESA astronaut Thomas Pesquet (KG5FYG and FX0ISS) on the International Space Station began on 23 April, and members of Radio Club F4KLR will operate special event callsign TM0ISS on all bands and modes. The activity will run at various times until October to match the duration of the mission. [TNX Les Nouvelles DX]
- F - Commemorating the bicentennial of Napoleon Bonaparte's death (5 May 1821), F8GGZ and F6HFI will be active as TM200NB on 1-15 May. Also, the Radio Club de l'Aube (F5KOB) will be active as TM2CNB on 5-16 May and again on 9-11 July.
- F - Franck, F4DTO and Patrick, F4GFE will be active as TM400JF at various times between 3 May and 30 July. The special callsign commemorates the 400th anniversary of the birth of Jean de La Fontaine, the famous French fabulist. QSL via F4DTO, direct or bureau.
- F - Gil, F4FET and Antoine, F5RAB will be active as TM7P from La Petite Ile (EU-107) on 23-27 July, IOTA Contest included. They will operate SSB, CW, RTTY and FT8 on 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 and 2m with

- two stations. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via F4FET.
- G - Celebrating 25 years of Mills on the Air, members of the Denby Dale Amateur Radio Society will operate a number of special callsigns on 3-9 May: GB0MOA, GB1MOA, GB2MOA, GB4MOA, GB5MOA, GB8MOA and GB9MOA. QSL via operator's instructions.
- GM - Graham, MM0GHM will be active as either MM0GHM/p and MM0GHM/m from the Isle of Barra (EU-010) on 1-8 May. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and eQSL [TNX DX World]
- HK - The Liga de Radioaficionados de Bogota (HK3LRB) will host a special event on 1-8 June with three special callsigns - 5J39FUL, 5K48LRB and 5J85FJR - that will be aired on 80-10m SSB, CW and digital modes. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. 5J39FUL is for the 39th anniversary of the Fundacion Universitaria Los Libertadores; one of the co-founders was Luis Hernan Linares Angel, HK3AMU (SK). 5J85FJR stands for Fundacion Jorge Reynolds and celebrates the 85th birthday of Jorge Reynolds Pombo (HK3RJ), who is known for contributing to the invention of the pacemaker. 5K48LRB is for the 48th anniversary of the Liga de Radioaficionados de Bogota. A number of certificates will be available, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/5K48LRB> for information. [TNX HK5NLJ]
- HL - Special callsigns HL41GDM and D73M will be active on 1-31 May to commemorate the 41st anniversary of the Gwangju Uprising (18-27 May 1980), aka the Gwangju Democratization Movement. QSLs via HL4CCM, direct or bureau. In 2011, the Archives for the May 18th Democratic Uprising against Military Regime were inscribed to the UNESCO Memory of the World Register.
- HP - Celebrating the bicentennial of the independence of Panama from Spain, special event callsign HP200I will be active from 1 June to 30 November. Look for activity on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15 and 10 metres SSB and digital modes. QSL via HP1DAV.
- I - The Oriental Sicily Contest Team (IB90) will be active as IG9OSC from Linosa Island (AF-019) on 19-23 May. Team members include IG9ITO, IT9DBF, IT9FKD, IT9GAC, IT9IHB, IT9LKX, IT9NKT, IT9ZZO and IW9HSK. They will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 on 80-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or direct to IT9ZZO. See <https://www.osct.it/linosa2021/> for more information. [TNX IT9EJW]
- JD1_oga- Once again Makoto, JI5RPT (<http://www.ji5rpt.com/jd1/>) will be active as JD1BLY from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara on 10-12 June. He will operate FT8, CW and SSB on 40-6 metres, with a focus on 6m and FT8 on the HF bands. QSL via home call, direct or bureau; logsearch on Club Log and updates via Twitter (@jd1bly). [TNX JI5RPT]
- JW - Tom, OH6VDA (LA6VDA) expected to be active again as JW6VDA from 26 April to 9 May [425DXN 1563], but has had to cancel due to travel restrictions. According to <http://jw5e.com/>, he is now booked for 18 October-3 November. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, eQSL, or via the bureau to LA6VDA.
- LY - LY57BC will be active throughout May to promote and participate in the 57th edition of the Baltic Contest. QSL via eQSL and LoTW. Organized by the Lithuanian Radio Sports Federation, the contest will be held on 80 metres SSB and CW starting at 21 UTC on 22 May and ending at 2 UTC on 23 May. Complete information can be found on <http://www.lrsf.lt/en/balticcontestrules/>.

- VE - On 19 April NASA's Ingenuity Mars Helicopter (ICAO designator IGY) became the first aircraft in history to make a powered, controlled flight on another planet. Celebrating that event, Lali, VE3NE will be active as VX31IGY from 27 May to 27 June, CQ WW WPX CW Contest included. QSL via home call.
- VK9X - Steve, VK6SJ [425DXN 1563] was supposed to be active as VK6SJ/4 from IOTA Group OC-138 between 26 April and 4 May, but travel restrictions prevent his departure. His trip to Christmas Island is still scheduled for 7-28 May, but "may be delayed". When he goes, he will be active as VK9XX, "mostly outside working hours and focused on the night time bands and mainly FT8". QSL via EB7DX.

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3Y0J: PRESS RELEASE #2 (29 APRIL) ---> Bouvet is like the Mount Everest of DXCC entities. It is among the most challenging entities to activate due to significant transportation costs and personal sacrifices required by the team to make the 42-day round trip. Fortunately, Bouvet is not our first mountain. We are well prepared for this challenge.

All plans are going well. We are researching polar quality tents and equipment. We are discussing antenna specifications with various manufacturers. We will make careful choices to help us meet the demand for Bouvet contacts.

We are delighted to add a second physician to our team. Dr. Mike Crownover (AB5EB) and Dr. Bill Straw (K07SS) are both seasoned Emergency Physicians and will help the team immensely with their expertise.

Our fundraising is going very well. We have received a significant donation from our longtime friend Y. Zorro Miyazawa (JH1AJT). Zorro has always been an enthusiastic supporter of our missions and his generosity is greatly appreciated.

We are pleased to announce that we will receive the ARRL's Colvin Grant, as well as large donations from the Far East DX-ploitors Foundation, the German DX Foundation and the Twin Cities DX Association. We would love to add your Club or your Call to our sponsors pages.

This will be an arduous and expensive mission. Our budget is USD 764,000 and the 3Y0J team will fund much of this mission. We desperately need the global DX Community to support our mission and help us make this important activation of the #2 most wanted DXCC Entity. It is only through this kind of support that we can achieve our mission of making 100,000 contacts or more from Bouvet.

In closing, we especially wish to thank our many Foundation, Club and Individual donors. Without this kind of support, operations to the world's rarest entities would not be possible. Please include your callsign, mailing address and email address with your PayPal submissions. We would not want to miss QSLing with you!

You can follow our plans from our website (<https://3y0j.com/>) and Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3y0jbouvet2023>).

CONTEST UNIVERSITY 2021 ---> The Dayton event has been cancelled, but CTU 2021 will still take place on 20 May. It will be held online free of charge via Zoom, starting at 13.00 UTC. Registration is now open on the CTU website (<https://www.contestuniversity.com/>). CTU 2021 will end at 20.35 UTC with the presentation of this year's CQ Contest Hall of Fame.

HAMVENTION FORUMS 2021 ---> Registration is now open for this year's Hamvention Forums, which will be held online via Zoom on 21 May starting at 15 UTC. See <https://hamvention.org/forums-2021/> for complete information.

NCDXF ---> The officers for the Northern California DX Foundation were voted in on 26 April. The new slate of officers is Kevin Rowett K6TD (President), Ned Sterns AA7A (Vice President), Glenn Johnson W0GJ (Secretary) and Don Greenbaum N1DG (Treasurer).

The primary purpose of NCDXF (<http://www.ncdxf.org/>) is to help fund well-organized DXpeditions to rare, difficult and expensive entities. Those funds come from the contributions of supporters in the DX community, who "help make DX happen". The latest major donation (USD 100,000) has been made to the Intrepid DX Group's 3Y0J Bouvet Island DXpedition planned for January/February 2023.

In addition, NCDXF provides scholarships to Contest University for those 25 years of age and under; partners with IARU to operate the NCDXF Beacon System worldwide; oversees the "Cycle 25 Project", an endowment-fund created from estate planning.

VP2VB ---> The JIDXM (Japan International DX Meeting) DXpedition of the Year Award is presented to teams and individuals making an outstanding contribution to the DX community. The 2020 Award has been bestowed to the VP2VB Danny Weil Memorial DXpedition, organized to bring the Danny Weil story to today's amateur radio community. The team (K08SCA, OH2BH, OH2GEK and VE7NY) focused on low bands to Japan and Europe, and skillfully utilized CW, FT4, and FT8, achieving more than 5000 QSOs on the 160 and 80m bands, including 335 QSOs with Japan.

WRTC 2022: POSTPONED ---> The Organizing Committee announced on 24 April that, "having previously consulted the WRTC Sanctioning Committee", they have decided "to postpone WRTC 2022 one year to 2023. There have been no changes in the qualification process or to the overall structure of the event and its sponsoring committee. A detailed report on the qualification standings will be prepared and released at a later date.

In consideration of the worldwide public health challenges from the Covid-19 pandemic, we believe our decision is reasonable. We have received many communications from competitors and friends of WRTC and have taken them very seriously. There will be further announcements regarding WRTC as soon as new arrangements have been made".

The World Radiosport Team Championship was due to be held in Bologna, Italy on 6-11 July 2022 (<https://www.wrtc2022.it/>).

+ SILENT KEY + Arasu Manohar, VU2UR passed away of Covid-19 on 28 April. Born in 1939 and active on the amateur bands since 1967 (VU2URZ), he served

as Contests & Awards Manager for the Amateur Radio Society of India (ARSI), as well as IARU Region 3 Monitoring System Co-ordinator from 1999 to 2009. He enjoyed participating in CW contests, and in 2004 he was awarded the RSGB's Commonwealth Medal for "providing the most improved score or contribution to the Commonwealth Contest". He also participated in several expeditions, notably the IOTA operations from AS-106 (VU7M, August 2012), AS-169 (AT0BI, March & July 2004) and AS-173 (AT0RI, August 2004 and AT5RP, August 2014).

QSLs received direct or through managers: 4Z1UF, 5B60AIF, 6O1OO, 7X4LV, 8J1RL, A61R, EA6NB, FR4NT, FS4WBS, FS5GL, JR6EZE, KL7RA, OY9JD, OZ1RDP (EU-125), RI0Q (AS-152), ST2NH, SX1A, T88SS, TI7W, UP0L, V51WH, VR2019CWC, VR2XAN, YI9WS, ZD8SC.

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