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DX INFORMATION

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

3B8 - Once again Nigel, G3TXF will operate the RSGB Commonwealth (BERU) Contest on 14-15 March as 3B8XF from Mauritius (AF-049). After the contest, and up until 27 March, he will focus on 160 and 80 metres. QSL via LoTW, or via Club Log's OQRS.

4W - The Lagunaria DX Group's DXpedition to Timor Leste [425DXN 1498] will take place from 11 October to 8 November, including a Multi-Multi entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. Thirteen operators (DB6JG, DJ5IW, DJ7EO, DJ9RR, DL1MGB, DL3DXX, DL5AXX, DL5CW, DL5LYM, DL6FBL, DL8OH, SP5XVY and VK2IA) will be active on 160-6 metres CW, SSB and digital modes with ten stations and a large deployment of antennas. Callsign and QSL route TBA. Bookmark <http://www.timor-leste-dx.de/> for updates.



9G - Alan, G3XAQ will be active again as 9G5XA from Ghana for the Commonwealth (BERU) Contest (14-15 March). Before and after the Contest he will operate CW only. QSL direct to G3SWH, preferably through the OQRS available on <http://www.q3swh.org.uk/decision.html>. [TNX DX World]

CE0Y - Mike, VE7ACN will be active as CE0Y/VE7ACN from Easter Island (SA-001) on 19-30 March. He will operate mainly CW on 80-10 metres, plus 160 metres if local conditions allow. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), LoTW or via VE7ACN.

CE0Y - Subject to the lifting of the current travel restrictions, a Polish team (SP3CYY, SP3GEM, SP6EQZ, SP6IXF, SP9FOW and SP9RCL) will be active as XR0YSP from Easter Island (SA-001) on 15-30 September. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 160-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via SP6IXF. The logs will be uploaded to LoTW



and eQSL within six months after the DXpedition ends. See <http://xr0ysp.dxing.pl/> for more information.

CP - After their XR8RRC IOTA operation [425DXN 1501], Vasily R7AL, Vlad RK8A, Leo RW9JZ will be joined by AI, RZ3K and be active as CP6/ home call from near Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia between 24 March and 6 April. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 (Fox & Hound mode) on 160-10 metres, with a focus on the low bands. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS (preferred); those who do not use Club Log should go direct and mail their request to EU7A (maildrop: Andrey N. Teterukov, P.O. Box 13, 212030 Mogilev-30, Belarus). More information can be found on <https://rv6ali.wixsite.com/bolivia2020>.

DL - A large team will be active on all bands and modes as DAOHEL from Helgoland Island (EU-127) on 19-29 March. In addition, they will also be QRV as DL0IH from nearby Helgoland Duene, where access is possible only between 8 and 15 UTC. QSLs via DF6QC, direct or bureau.

DL - Special callsign DM30RSV will be active from 24



March to 2 October to commemorate the formation of the Radiosportverband e.V. (Radio Sport Union), the first independent national amateur radio club in the German Democratic Republic.

The activity period of DM30RSV will mirror the actual lifespan of the RSV thirty years ago. QSL via the bureau, LoTW, eQSL, or direct to DK5ON; logsearch on Club Log. A certificate will be available; see <http://www.70darc.club/> for information.

EA - For the seventh year in a row, the Mike Delta Victor DX Group (EA3RKM) will be active as EH3DWN on 14-21 March to mark World Down Syndrome Day (21 March). QSL via LoTW and eQSL only. More information can be found on <http://eh3dwn.mikedeltavictor.com/>.



EA - Special callsigns AO5DXX (Spain) and AO5DXX/8 (Canary Islands) will be active on 1-15 April to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the DXE Group. Also look for TM15DXXE to be active from France during the same time frame. QSLs via LoTW only.

GD - Billy GM6DX, Iain GM5YTT and Stevie GM2TT will be active as GD6DX (QSL via M0OXO and LoTW), GD5YTT (QSL via LoTW) and GD2TT (QSL via LoTW) from the Isle of Man (EU-116) on 27-30 March. They will operate SSB, CW and FT8, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as GT0SP (QSL via LoTW.) [TNX NG3K]



GI - GB0SPD, GB2SPD and GB4SPD are three special callsigns that will celebrate St Patrick's Day from Northern Ireland. The St Patrick's Day on the air event will run from 12 UTC on 16 March until 12 UTC on 18 March. See <http://stpatrickaward.web>

[s.com/](http://stpatrickaward.web) for details.

HC - Uwe, DL8UD will be active from Ecuador (HC5 call-sign TBA) from 19 March to 1 April. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on the HF bands and 6 metres, and will participate in the Russian DX and CQ WW WPX SSB contests. QSL via DL8UD, direct or bureau.



I - IY0CG is a new station affiliated to the Coordinamento Stazioni Marconiane Italiane, which gathers amateur radio stations operating from historic Marconi sites located in Italy. Operated by ARI Castelli Romani, IY0CG will be QRV mainly during the International Marconi Day from Castel Gandolfo, where in 1933 Marconi

established the world's first commercial point-to-point terrestrial microwave link between the Vatican City and the summer residence of the Pope. QSL via IK0NOJ.

I - Team IP1A (<https://www.ip1a.it/>) will be active on 1-3 May from Palmaria Island (IIA LI027, not IOTA). They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes with two stations, and will participate in the ARI International DX Contest. QSL via IU3EDK, direct or bureau. Further operations from islands qualifying for IOTA Group EU-083 will be announced on the team's website. Complete in-

formation about the Italian Islands Award can be found on <http://ari.it/diplomi-hf/diplomiari/ia.html>. [TNX IU4HRJ]

JA - Taka, JA8COE will be active again as JA8COE/0 from Sado Island (AS- 206) on 19-23 March. He will operate mainly FT8 and CW. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via JA8COE (direct or bureau).

KL - Yuri N3QQ, Vyacheslav OK8AU, Yuri UA9OBA and maybe a couple of other operators expect to be active as KL7RRC/p from Kiska Island (NA-070) on 10-15 June, and as KL7RRC from Adak Island (NA-039) on 17-19 June. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 (Fox & Hound) with three stations. QSL via N7RO. Book-mark <https://www.na-234.com/> for updates.

LU - Celebrating International Women's Day, YL operators from the Radio Club QRM Belgrano will be active as LU4AAO on 7-8 March. They will operate SSB and FT8 on 80, 40 and 20 metres. QSL direct to LU4AAO; more information on <http://lu4aao.org/>. [TNX LU5AG]

OE - OE25EU is a special call sign celebrating the 25th anniversary since Austria acceded to the European Union. It will be used for the first time on 7-8 March, and again on 2-3 May, 6-7 and 21-22 June, and during the first full weekends of July-



November. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau.

OK - Celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Czechoslovak DX Club, special call sign OL30DXC will be active on all bands and modes until 31 December. A special QSL card will be sent automatically via the bureau; direct cards go via OK2PXJ.

OK - Special call signs OL700CO, OL700DKO and OL700LTV are active until 31 December to mark the 700th anniversary of the Czech city of Dobruska. See <http://www.ok1kqi.com/ol700/ol700.html> for information about the award programme. QSL via Club Log's OQRS.



[425DXN 1501] can be found on <https://www.qrz.com/db/OZ80QUEEN>.

OZ - Special call sign OZ75MAY will be active on all bands and modes on 1-10 May to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II in Denmark (5 May 1945). QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW and eQSL, or via OZ1ACB. A special award will be available for working OZ75MAY/p and OZ75MAY/xx using different suffix extensions; see



<https://oz75may.oz0j.dk/> for information.

PA - Special event station PA75ASN will be active from 1 April to 10 May to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the city of Assen during World War II. QSL via the bureau (preferred), or direct to PA0VCC.

PA - Celebrating 75 years of freedom since the end of World War II, special Dutch call signs PA75FREE, PB75FREE, PC75FREE, PD75FREE, PE75FREE, PF75FREE,



PG75FREE, PH75FREE, PA75FREEDOM and PD75FREEDOM will be active on 1-31 May. All QSOs will be confirmed via the bureau; please use Club Log's OQRS for direct requests. A certificate

will be available; see the YNOMY DX Group's website (<http://www.ynomy.nl/>) for information.

PY - Special call sign ZW60DF will be active on 1-30 April to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Brasilia. The city was founded on 21 April 1960, to serve as the new federal capital of Brazil and seat of government of the Distrito Federal. QSL via LoTW,



or via PT2GTI.

S5 - Members of Radio Club Cerkno (<http://www.s50e.si>) will be active as S500E throughout 2020 to mark half a million QSOs made from the S50E station. The log will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log on a regular basis, and all QSOs will be confirmed via the bureau early next year. Direct cards should be requested via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via S500. A special S500E T-shirt will be awarded to the stations scoring the highest number of QSOs (band/mode) from each continent and Slovenia. [TNX S50U]

S5 - Radioclub Slovenska Bistrica (S59FOP) will be active as S50EARTH in April for the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. QSL via eQSL only. Established in 1970, Earth Day is an annual event celebrated around the world on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection.

SP - Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of Pope John Paul II, born Karol Wojtyla (1920-2005), special event station SN100KW will be active from 1 April to 31 May. QSL via SP3PGS.

SU - Tom, DL2RMC is currently active as SU9TH from Cairo, Egypt at least until the end of April. He operates FT8/FT4 ("but also CW and SSB during weekends in operating events") on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via DL2RMC; he will upload his log to Club Log, LoTW and eQSL. [TNX The Daily DX]

TA - The Istanbul based Tango Alpha Ham Radio Club (YM1KE) will be active as TC1STAYHOME from 27 March to 25 May. This is a "COVID-19 Awareness Special Event" to stress the need to stay at home to avoid contagion.

TT - The Italian DXpedition Team will be active from N'Djamena, Chad [425DXN 1493] from 29 September to 12 October. Nine operators (I1FQH, I1HJT, I2PJA, I2YSB, IK2CIO, IK2CKR, IK2DIA, IK2HKT and IK2RZP) will be active as TT8RR



(CW, SSB, RTTY) and TT8XX (FT8) with four stations on all bands. QSL via I2YSB (direct only). See <http://www.i2ysb.com/idx/> for more information, including real-time logsearch and OQRS for direct QSLs.

V2 - Fred, ND4DX will be active holiday style as V26FK from Antigua (NA- 100) on 14-20 March. He will operate SSB and some CW on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call and LoTW.

V3 - Iain, G4SGX will be active again as V31GX from mainland Belize on 12-25 March, including participation in the Commonwealth (BERU) Contest (14-15 March). After the contest will concentrate on 160 metres. QSL via LoTW and M00XO's OQRS. [TNX DX World]



V6 - Cezar, VE3LYC and Adrian, KO8SCA expected to be active as V62P from Palap Atoll (OC-155), and as V62S from Satawal Atoll (OC-299, new one for IOTA) during the first half of May [425DXN 1503]. "The Federal travel restrictions to Micronesia have been lifted", VE3LYC reported on 15 March, "but the states and even island communities can issue their own restrictions as they consider fit. This results in a rather fluid situation, which can change with very short notice. In view of this, our expedition plan is postponed until such a time when it can materialize". Updates will be posted to <https://v6iota.weebly.com/>.



VK - Grant, VK5GR has announced that "following the announcement by the RSGB about the IOTA Contest [see below, Ed.] and the increasing restrictions on travel and group assembly here in Australia, the team has decided to suspend the planning for VK5KI on OC-139. Once the world returns to some sense of normality we will start replanning works". VK5KI was expected to be active from Kangaroo Island on 22-28 July, IOTA Contest included [425DXN 1499]

VK - VI50AWS is the special callsign for the Western and Northern Suburbs Amateur Radio Club (VK3AWS, <https://www.wansarc.org.au/>) to celebrate its 50th anniversary. The special callsign was allocated on 1 March and will be available for club members to use until 31 August.

VK - The Shepparton and District Amateur Radio Club (VK3SOL) will be active as VI3RA on 14-15 March. Look for activity on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 metres to take place from the Broadcast Australia site which was used by Radio Australia's shortwave service until 2017. A special QSL card will be sent out for all the QSOs made.

VK9N - Janusz, SP9FIH says he will "have to stay on Norfolk Island for some more time", as all his flights have been cancelled. He plans to change QTH on 10 April, and to continue being QRV as VK9NK (<http://vk9nk.dxpeditons.org/>).

VP2V - Adrian KO8SCA, Martti OH2BH, Niko OH2GEK and Sandro VE7NY have been active as VP2VB with two stations from Anegada, British Virgin Islands (NA-023) since 11 March. QSL via OH2BH. This 6-day operation pays homage to "those early years of DXing that should not be forgotten": VP2VB was the callsign of the legendary Danny Weil (1918-2003), who during the period 1955-1962 operated from several locations in the Caribbean and the Pacific while sailing one of the three yachts named "Yasme". His activities provided the rea-



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VP2V - Look for VP2V/KB9DPF and VP2V/K0NR to be active holiday style from Tortola, British Virgin Islands (NA-023) on 16-24 March. They will operate SSB, FT4 and FT8 on 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres. QSL via LoTW (preferred), or via home calls. [TNX The Daily DX]

W - Originally part of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Maine was granted statehood and admitted to the Union on 15 March 1820. The Maine Bicentennial Special Event will run on 16-22 March, with twelve 1x1 special callsigns representing Maine's original nine counties (W1C, W1H, W1K, W1L, W1O, W1P, W1S, W1W and W1Y) and three "special locations" (K1B, K1J and K1P). Look for activity on 80, 40 and 20 metres SSB and CW. See <https://maine200specialevent.com/> for complete information about the event.



XE - Celebrating the spring equinox, which was important in Mayan culture, special callsign 6E3MAYA will be QRV on 19-23 March from various archaeological sites in the Mexican states of Tabasco, Yucatan, Campeche and Quintana Roo. QSL via the bureau.



XE - Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Asociacion de Radio Aficionados de la Republica Mexicana (ARARM), 4A60A and other nine special callsigns (4A60C, 4A60E, 4A60F, 4A60I, 4A60M, 4A60N, 4A60O, 4A60S and 4A60X) will be active from 27 March to 26 July. See <https://www.ararm.com.mx/> for

more information.

XW - Bruce, 3W3B will be active again as XW4XR from Laos between 30 March and 12 April, "plus or minus a day or two". He will operate CW, FT8 and FT4 on 60-6 metres, with a focus on 60, 40 and 30m. QSL via LoTW (preferred) or via E21EIC. [TNX The Daily DX]

YJ - Chris, VK2YUS will be active again as YJ0CA from Efate (OC-035), Vanuatu from 22 March to 1 April, CQ WW WPX SSB Contest included. He will be QRV mostly on 40, 20, 15 and possibly 10 metres. QSL direct to VK2YUS. [TNX The Daily DX]

Z6 - TA7AZC, Z63CAB and other young operators from Turkey and Kosovo will be active as Z66Y on 27-30 March, including and entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via LoTW, or via Z62FB.

ZC4 - Adrian, G0KOM will be active as ZC4MK from Melanda Beach, UK Sovereign Base Area on Cyprus (AS-004) from 26 March to 1 April, including participation in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via G0KOM.

ZF - Pete, K8PGJ will be active again as ZF2PG from the Cayman Islands (NA-016) on 25-30 March, including an entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via LoTW or direct to home call.

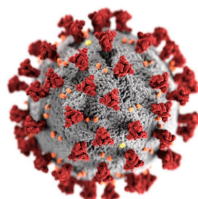
CQ WW WPX SSB CONTEST

The following stations have announced their participation in this year's event (28-29 March):

Call	Category	Country	QSL
3Z50DVP	SO	Poland	LoTW/SP6DVP
4L2M	SOSB	Georgia	EA7FTR
A42K	SO	Oman	LoTW/EA5GL
CS5CT		Portugal	CT1REP
FM5AN	SO	Martinique	LoTW
FM5BH	SOAB HP	Martinique	LoTW/W3HNK
GT0SP		Isle of Man	LoTW
HH2AA	SO LP	Haiti	LoTW
LX20I	M/?	Luxembourg	LX2A
LY73A	SOSB 160m HP	Lithuania	LY5AA
NP2P	SO	US Virgin Islands	LoTW
OE0WWL	SO	Austria	LoTW/OE1WWL
PT7ZT		Brazil	LoTW/PT7ZT
PY0F	SOAB	Fernando de Noronha	LoTW/PY7RP
T42DX	M/S LP	Cuba	CO2AME
VK9NK	SOAB	Norfolk Island	SP9FIH
XM3T	SOAB	Canada	VE3DZ
YB2DX	SOAB	Indonesia	LoTW
YJ0CA	SO	Vanuatu	VK2YUS
ZZ4A	M/S	Brazil	LoTW/PY2RMZ

Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at <https://www.ng3k.com/Misc/wpws2020.html> - good contest to you all!

COVID-19 PANDEMIC IMPACT



Travel restrictions, self-isolation requirements as well as general health and safety issues arising from the coronavirus pandemic are affecting quite a number of operations and amateur radio events, which have been cut short, postponed or cancelled.

HS0ZME curtailed on 15 March
 3B8XF curtailed on 16 March
 PJ7AA curtailed on 20 March

11-15 Mar	9K2F	cancelled	28-29 Mar	KH2KY	cancelled
15-31 Mar	PJ2/DK5ON	postponed to Mar 2021	28-29 Mar	KH7M	cancelled
16-24 Mar	VP2V/K0NR	cancelled	28-29 Mar	NH7A	cancelled
16-24 Mar	VP2V/KB9DPF	cancelled	28-29 Mar	TC4PLH	cancelled
19-21 Mar	XR8RRC/p	cancelled	28-29 Mar	TO7BP	cancelled
19-30 Mar	CE0Y/VE7ACN	cancelled	28-29 Mar	VP5P	cancelled
19 Mar-1 Apr	HC5 by DL8UD	cancelled	28-29 Mar	YB0/JJ1DQR	cancelled
20-31 Mar	VU4R	postponed until further notice	28-29 Mar	Z66Y	cancelled
23 Mar-3 Apr	TU2R	postponed until later in the year	30 Mar-12 Apr	XW4XR	cancelled
24-31 Mar	FM/EA1BP	cancelled	6-14 Apr	J88PI	cancelled
24 Mar-6 Apr	CP6/R7AL	cancelled	17-25 Apr	DU2/SP5APW	cancelled
24 Mar-6 Apr	CP6/RK8A	cancelled	1-3 May	IP1A	cancelled
24 Mar-6 Apr	CP6/RW9JZ	cancelled	1-22 May	A25VR	postponed to 2021
24 Mar-6 Apr	CP6/RZ3K	cancelled	9-15 May	4V5H	postponed until later in the year
25-30 Mar	ZF2PG	cancelled	May	V62P	postponed until further notice
26 Mar-1 Apr	ZC4MK	cancelled	May	V62S	postponed until further notice
26 Mar-2 Apr	VP5/W2TT	cancelled	22-28 Jul	VK5KI	cancelled
26 Mar-2 Apr	VP5/AF3K	cancelled			
28-29 Mar	CQ3W	cancelled			

Other cancelled operations include

- **PZ5G**: IOTA DXpedition by DJ4EL to SA-092, planned for April
- **PA2020IG**: planned to be active on 9-16 May during the Invictus Games, to be rescheduled next year)
- **V6TOPG2020**: JA1XGI's four trips to Micronesia planned for June, July, August and September have been postponed until next year: the special callsign's suffix stands for Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games 2020, which in their turn have been postponed to 2021
- a large scale **DXpedition to the Chesterfield Islands** (planned for October and postponed until sometime in 2021)

Among the cancelled events are

- the CQ WPX SSB Contest Youth Contest Program in Croatia,
- the Balkans On The Air YOTA sub-regional camp in Serbia (3-6 April)
- the Nordics On The Air YOTA sub-regional in Norway (10-13 April)
- the 71st Annual **International DX Convention** (Visalia, 24-26 April)
- the **International Marconi Day** (25 April),
- the **Dayton Hamvention** (15-17 May) and its related dinners and associated events,
- the YOTA sub-regional camp in Hungary (11-15 June)
- the Youth Contest Program at EC2DX in Spain (27-28 June)
- the 17th IARU HST World Championship in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (20-24 August)
- the IARU Region 3 YOTA Camp in Thailand (1-3 October)



GOOD TO KNOW

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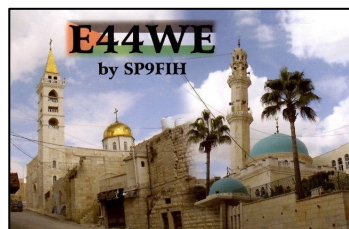
425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE • The February 2020 issue is now available for download at <http://www.425dxn.org/index.php>. [TNX IZ3EBA]



4U1UN • The 4U1UN re-activation project took over four years to complete. James Sarte, K2QI and Adrian Ciuperca, KO8SCA are the key operators who worked on the project, which is based on "a slick in-house remote concept": the station is located at the 42nd floor of the UN Headquarters in New York City, while the control head is located on the ground floor. They are the recipients of the Yasme Excellence Award 2020, which Ria Jairam, N2RJ (Director, ARRL Hudson Division) and Martti Laine, OH2BH (Director, Yasme Foundation) will present to them at the UN Headquarters on 6 March. "This ceremony will be topped with the first-ever FT8 QSO from 4U1UN - with its inventor Joe Taylor, K1JT at the controls. First twenty-five QSOs will be awarded by U.N special certificate signed by Joe". Following the ceremony the group of K2QI, G6CBR, N2RJ, OH2BH, KO8SCA and VE7NY will activate 4U1UN in the ARRL DX SSB Contest. QSL via HB9BOU and LoTW. [TNX OH2BH]

ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST (SSB) • Object of the contest is for W/VE amateurs to work as many stations in as many DXCC Entities as possible on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 metre bands, while DX stations (also including KH6, KL7, CY9 and CY0) work as many W/VE amateurs in as many of the 48 contiguous states and provinces as possible (complete rules can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx>). This year's event will be held on 7-8 March (00.00-23.59 UTC). Give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K: <https://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxs2020.html> - good contest to you all!

CASS AWARDS • The Cass Awards honour the wisdom and spirit of Cass WA6AUD (SK), and encourage DXpeditions to maximize the number of DXers worked with a Plaque for the single-operator DXpedition that works the most unique callsigns within 2 weeks or less, and a Plaque for the "unlimited" DXpedition that works the most unique callsigns.



Janusz Wegrzyn, SP9FIH has won (for the third year in a row) the 2019 Single-Operator Cass Award, this time by working 7518 unique stations during his one-man DXpedition to Palestine as **E44WE**.

The 5K0K team (Petr Bohacek OK1BOA, Petr Spacil OK1FCJ, Pavol Halek OK1CRM, Pavel Novak OK1GK, Ruda Sedlak OK2ZA, Ludek Odehnal OK2ZC, Karel Odehnal OK2ZI, David Beran OK6DJ and Rob Rey HK3CW) worked 20,744 unique stations from San Andres Island, winning the 2019 Unlimited Cass Award and setting a new record for this award category.

Presented annually, the Cass Awards are issued in March for DXpeditions during the preceding year. See <http://www.cassaward.com/> for complete information.



CLUB LOG & FOLDING@HOME • As of 21 March Michael, G7VJR has allocated "100% of Club Log's computing resources to scientific research into COVID-19 proteins, as part of the Folding@Home project. Club Log is contributing 120 CPU cores (most running at 3.4GHz) to this project. I have taken the decision to give this work higher priority than Club Log's usual amateur radio functions, so you may see uploads take slightly longer. I do not think most users will notice the additional wait, but I've added a warning to the upload form inside Club Log to explain. You can get involved, too. Club Log has a Folding@Home team, number 246763. You can read more about this distributed computing project at <https://foldingathome.org/covid19/>".



HAMVENTION AWARDS • Dayton Hamvention has named his year's award winners (see <https://hamvention.org/event-details/awards/> for the complete announcement).

Yasuo "Zorro" Miyazawa (JH1AJT) is the recipient of the Amateur of the Year Award, which honours a radio amateur who "has made a long-term commitment to the advancement to amateur radio".

The Technical Achievement Award goes to **Steve Franke (K9AN)**, **Bill Somerville (G4WJS)** and **Joe Taylor (K1JT)** for their development of the WSJT-X digital software suite, in particular the digital protocols FT8 and FT4. FT8 was introduced in July 2017, soon accounting for a large fraction of all amateur radio activity on the HF bands. FT4 is a closely related mode designed especially for digital contesting. The Special Achievement Award is "usually given to a amateur who spearheaded a single significant project" and "made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the radio art and/or science". The 2020 award winner is **Jordan Sherer (KN4CRD)** for developing JS8Call, an open source and free piece of software, inspired by

WSJT-X and FLDigi, that provides weak signal keyboard-to-keyboard messaging to amateur operators. Finally, the **South Canadian Amateur Radio Society (SCARS)**, an ARRL Special Services Club based in the Oklahoma area, is the Club of the Year.

HAMVENTION QSO PARTY • The Dayton Hamvention for 2020 has been cancelled owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. The World Wide Radio Operators Foundation, in cooperation with the Hamvention organizers, want to create a fun way for people to celebrate the Hamvention experience over the air: the Hamvention QSO Party. It will be held on 16 May, from 12 to 24 UTC (twelve hours), on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 metres CW and SSB. Only single operator entries are accepted, and the exchange will be signal report + the first year you attended Hamvention (if you have never attended, send 2020). Work as many stations as possible, including W8BI (the club call of the Dayton Amateur Radio Association) which will give special bonus points. See <https://wwrof.org/hamvention-qso-party/> for detailed information. The event will be in memory of Ron Moorefield (W8ILC), who attended every Hamvention since the beginning and passed away just two days after the Hamvention 2020 cancellation announcement.



IARU REGION 1 CONTESTS • Radio amateurs will share the concerns of everyone about the seriousness of the COVID-19 outbreak. Governments all over the world are advising "social distancing" to slow the spread of the virus and to give health services the chance to cope.

Field days bring radio amateurs together and therefore represent an environment where social distancing is difficult to achieve. We must recognise that many radio amateurs are in the older, higher risk age groups. IARU Region 1 therefore asks national societies which promote field days and multi-operator contests to reconsider their position on these events for the next few months of 2020. Field days are essentially team contests, and so IARU will not sponsor the Region 1 HF-CW Field Day in June. It is a matter for national societies to decide whether and how they continue with their national field day events.

IARU Region 1 believes more generally that multi-operator contests are not consistent with the principle of "social distancing" and should not be promoted at this time.

The position on other IARU events in 2020 which involve multi-operator categories is under review. [Don Beattie (G3BJ), President IARU Region 1, <https://www.iaru-r1.org/>]

INTERNATIONAL MARCONI DAY • Organized by the Cornish Radio Amateur Club, (<http://qx4crc.com/qb4imd/>), this year's event was due to be held on 25 April, but it has been cancelled in the light of the concerns arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.



INTREPID SPIRIT AWARD • The Intrepid-DX Group is pleased to announce that this year's award goes to the **Perseverance DX Group's VP8PJ South Orkney Islands team** (DJ9RR, HA0NAR, HB9BXE, K3EL, K5GS, N6XG, N7QT, NG2H, UT6UD, VK6CQ, W1SRD, W2LK, W7XU and WA6O) "for their superb activation from Signy Island. This DXpedition was extremely well planned and executed from this very remote, cold and harsh island". The Intrepid-DX Group recognizes "the entire team's collective effort to activate these challenging and much needed entities on behalf of a grateful Global DX Community", and acknowledges "the team's pursuit of operating excellence in making these difficult activations".

Made in memory of James McLaughlin, WA2EWE/T6AF (killed in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 27 April 2011), the Intrepid Spirit Award "is intended to recognize and honor those individuals or teams that boldly activate rare entities where their own personal safety is secondary to their pursuit of providing contacts to the DX Community". [TNX N6PSE]

IOTA CONTEST 2020 • As a result of the UK government's advice on social distancing, the RSGB HF Contest and VHF Contest Committees have decided (<https://www.rsgbcc.org/cv19.shtml>) that, until further notice, they will no longer allow any entries from stations operating from portable or alternative addresses or from multi-operator stations. Single operator entries

from shared stations will also not be accepted, unless the station is being shared by family members living at the same postal address.



As for the IOTA Contest, "we have reached a point with COVID-19 that it is inappropriate for us to run it in July 2020 in its usual format", Nick Totterdell, G4FAL (RSGB HF Contest Committee's chair) says. "We would like your opinion on whether we should cancel outright or should retain a contest this year for single operator, home stations only. We are also conscious that a large number of our members are going to be spending more time at home than normal. Unable to enjoy many of our favourite outdoor contests we are proposing a series of home-based day-time contests to entertain and support one another. Both these issues are detailed in a survey which we invite you to complete. This is at https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RSGB_HFCC_2020. The survey is open until 3 April, after which the outcomes will be made public".

QSL GALLERY • The large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's website has been updated. Sixteen different galleries include 17,683 cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (2010-19), 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 Françaises), 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].

REBEL DX GROUP'S PLANS • According to the calendar published on their website (<https://rebeldxgroup.com/>), the Rebel DX Group's plans are to be QRV as 3D2DOM from IOTA Groups OC-156 and OC-121 in April, as T33T from Banaba Island in May and as T22T from Tuvalu in June. As for 3Y0I, their second attempt at operating from Bouvet Island "will take place by end of 2020".

RI0B • The team reached Rastorguyev Island (AS-068) on 16 March, but an unexpected storm prevented them from starting operations until the 18th. Amid aurora conditions, temperatures well below the freezing point and further gale force winds, they were able to make some 5,600 QSOs and went QRT around 00.30 UTC on 22 March. The DXpedition's diary can be found at http://legendsarctic.com/dnevnik_ekspedicii_ri0b_2. QSL via Club Log's OQRS: <https://clublog.org/logsearch/RI0B/AS-68>.



RSGB COMMONWEALTH CONTEST • The 83rd edition of the Commonwealth (BERU) Contest (<https://berucontest.wordpress.com>) will be held on 14-15 March, from 10 UTC to 10 UTC, on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres CW. Only operators located within the United Kingdom and Crown Dependencies, Commonwealth or British Mandated Territories are eligible to enter.

SABLE ISLAND 2020 • The Sable Island DXpedition team invites you to visit their website and participate in the band/mode survey to assist in their planning and operations: <http://cy0dexpedition.net/survey-requested.html>.

VP2VB • The VP2VB commemorative DXpedition (11-16 March) made some 18,000 QSOs. "We are currently reviewing the FT8 backup file for more QSOs and getting QSL card design ready for printing", OH2BH says. "It will be a 4-page, full color affair - for this special occasion. LoTW will soon follow". "Digging into the past of the first multi-hopping DXpeditioner Danny Weil, VP2VB was another rich piece of history", he adds. "Spending time at his home on Tortola, British Virgin Islands, gave us a blend of history in its original setting. Together with Austrian DocuFunk archives, headed by Paulina (OE1YPP) and Wolf (OE1WHC), and meeting with Kenneth (VP2VK) and George (VP2VQ) and the local telecom authorities placed us straight back where it all once began. We have now collected most of the material, including Danny's only existing interview: <https://www.qrz.com/db/VP2VB>.



VP8PJ • Battling blowing snow and heavy winds that repeatedly damaged several of the verticals, the VP8PJ team went QRT at 1 UTC on 6 March. Operations had started on 22 February. According to the latest log update, the DXpedition to the South Orkenys made 83,784 QSOs with 20,530 unique callsigns from Europe (52.67%), North America (34.78%), Asia (6.44%) and the rest of the world (6.11%). The most productive bands were 20m (19,068 QSOs), 17m (16,897 QSOs), 30m (14,763 QSOs) and 40m (14,519 QSOs); the most productive mode was CW (47.92%), followed by FT8 (32.41%), SSB (16.76%) and RTTY (2.91%). The OQRS is now up and running on <https://www.m0urx.com/oqrs/logsearch.php?dxcallsign=VP8PJ>. Please note that log check requests for Busted Calls, Not in Log and/or Missing Calls must be processed through the "Not in Log?" form on the OQRS. Email messages will go unanswered.



+ **SILENT KEY** + Edward W. De Young, KS4AA passed away on 25 February. Born in 1941 and first licenced in 1955 as KN5COU in Texas, over the years he held several callsigns across the US (K5COU, K6CAA, AE7AE, AE7AA) and Hawaii (KH6GLU and NH7AA). Eddie migrated to Australia (1974-2011) and was QRV as VK4LX, VK8XX, VK2KS, VK4EET and finally VK4AN. His first DX call was KX6BK (Kwajalein, Marshall Islands 1963) and his first DXpedition was to Fanning Island, Line Islands (nowadays East Kiribati) in 1968 as VR3DY. Other DX activities included FW8DY (Wallis Island 1969), 5W1AF (1970), VS5AA (Brunei 1972), C21XX (1987), VIOANT (Davis Station, Antarctica 1994-95), VI9NI (2006), 3D2EE (2007), 3D2A (2008, 2010 and 2011) and T2T & T2V (2011). He was also one of the operators of 3D2XX, the first DXpedition to Rotuma (1988) A past National Awards Manager for the Wireless Institute of Australia, he recently stepped down as editor of CQ Amateur Radio's "Awards" column.

QSL ROUTES

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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
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3B8XF	G3TXF	HC0E	HC1QRC	P29ZL	W1YRC
3Z50DVP	SP6DVP	HC0T	RC5A	P40A	WD9DZV
4D3X	W3HNK	HC2AO	RC5A	PA75J	PA7J
4L8A	M0OXO	HC5DX	W3HNK	PA75PKZ	PA2PKZ
4U1A	UA3DX	HF50FIY	SP4FIY	PA800D	PI4DEC
4U1UN	HB9BOU	HG7T	HA7TM	PC20MC	PA0FAW
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8P6DR	G3RWL	HK4GSO	EB7DX	PJ4DX	M0URX
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CR6T	CT1ESV	LT3H	LU3HY	V55A	M0OXO
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ET3AA	N2OO	OE25AVD	OE6AVD	ZF5T	K5GO
EX0QR	R2DX	OE25BKC	OE3BKC	ZF9CW	K5GO
FK8HA	K3IRV	OE25DMT	OE7DMT	ZM1A	ZL3CW
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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
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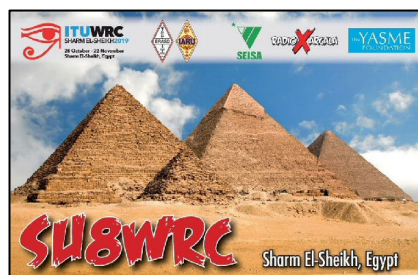
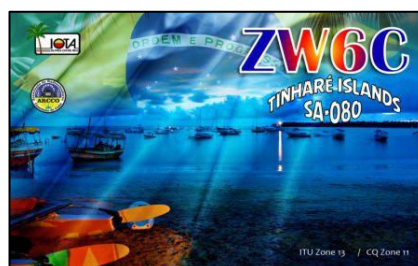
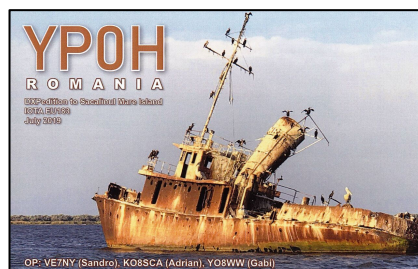
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