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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.

- 5V - Daniel, HB9EHD will be active again as 5VDE (correct call) from Kara, Togo on 11-20 February. In his spare time he will be QRV on QO-100 SSB as well as on 40 and 20 metres FT8. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, or direct to home call.
- 9A - 9A64AA is the special callsign that Tom, 9A2AA is using until the the end of the year to mark his 64th year in amateur radio. QSL via home call.
- CE0Y - CD0YJA is the recently issued callsign for Camilo Johnson Amorrortu to be QRV from Hanga Roa, Easter Island (SA-001) when time permits. An airline pilot, he can also be found as either CD0YJA/3 from Santiago or CD0YJA/4 from the city of Machali. QSL via CE3AA.
- G - Special callsign GB75ISWL will be active "on most bands and modes" throughout 2021 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the International Short Wave League (<https://www.iswl.org.uk/>). QSL via the bureau and eQSL.
- HI - HI1IDT is the callsign that HI5KKK, HI8AM, HI8AT and HI8RDD have been using since 21 January from Isla Alto Velo. They expect to remain there until 24 January and operate SSB, FM and digital modes on the HF and VHF bands. The southernmost point of the Dominican Republic, Alto Velo is located about 12 kilometres away of Isla Beata (NA-122).
- JA_ant - Takumi, JG3PLH is a member of the 62nd Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition team and will be stationed at Syowa base on East Ongul Island (AN-015), Antarctica until January 2022. He will be active as 8J1RL starting in February. QSL via the bureau.
- OA - Celebrating the 200th anniversary of Peruvian independence, the Radio Club Peruano will activate four special callsigns until the end of the year: OC200P (January, May and September), OC200E (February, June and October), OC200R (March, July and November) and OC200U (April, August and December). QSLs via OA40.
- SM - SD400SU is a special callsign for the Sundsvalls Radioamatorer (SK3BG) to celebrate during 2021 the 400th anniversary of the city of Sundsvall. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via SM3NXS (direct or bureau).
- ZL - Celebrating the club's centenary, the Radio Society of Christchurch (ZL3AC) will be active as ZL100RSC throughout February. The first club meeting took place on 15 February 1921. QSL via operator's instructions.

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 29-31 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/cq160c2021.html>.

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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3D2AG/P ---> The complete FT8 log and a partial CW log (until 28 December 2020 at 11:47 UTC) for the recent operation from Rotuma have been uploaded to Club Log, and the OQRS has been enabled. "The remainder of the CW logs until 13 January will be uploaded soon", Tony, 3D2AG reported on 20 January.

4X0RMN: POSTPONED ---> Udi, 4X6ZM reports that the 4X0RMN operation from Makhtesh Ramon is not going to happen on 30 January-1 February [425DXN 1549]. The new firm dates will be announced as soon as circumstances permit.

NEW WEBSITE ---> Mauro, IW9HMQ (IR9P) has created a website devoted to HF Contesting and DX activity: <https://www.iw9hmq.com/resources/contest.html>.

P44AA: CANCELLED ---> Mathias, DL4MM has had to cancel his 23 January-3 February operation from Aruba [425DXN 1550], as flag carrier KLM has suspended all of its long-haul flights after the Dutch government announced new travel restrictions.

SCUBA HAM AWARD ---> DX Holiday presents the "Scuba Ham Award for amateur radio scuba divers" (1-28 February). Complete information can be found on <https://www.dx-holiday.com/scuba-ham-award/>. [TNX 5R8UI/IK5ZUI]

+ SILENT KEYS + Roberto Jose "Jojo" C. Vicencio, DU1VHY passed away on 21 January. The incumbent Vice Chief Operating Officer of the Philippine Amateur Radio Association (PARA), as well as Chairman of the National Traffic System, he had just turned 67.

Victor Rivera, E51CG (ex KA7HRK, KA7HRK/KH8, 5W1DJ, ZK1CG, ZK1USA, E51USA) passed away on 21 January. Born in 1950, he moved from the US to the Pacific in the early Eighties. "In years past he was a beacon on the bands", The Daily DX recalls, "however in recent years he was inactive".

John Richard "Rick" Burke, VO1SA (VO2CW and VE1NG) passed away on 20 January aged 77, after a short battle with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. An avid DXer with a personal interest in collecting QSL cards, last year he retired from his position as the VO Incoming QSL Bureau Manager after 24 years of "extraordinary service to amateur radio in Newfoundland and Labrador" (RAC).

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3D2CR, 4O3A, 4S7AB, 5Z4VJ, 7Q6M,

A50BOC, C6AGU, DS4EOI, ER4KAA, ET3AA, F4HJO/P (EU-074), HS8HEX (AS-053),
JW/LB1QI, JW4O, KL7SB, NP3IR, P3X, R7AL/1 (EU-147), S01WS, TF3ML, TT8SN,
TX0T (OC-298), VK4DX/p (OC-137), VP8LP, XR8RRC (SA-032), YJ8RN, Z66DX.

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