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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.

8Q - Karel, OK2WM and Vlad, OK2WX will be active as 8Q7WM and 8Q7WX from the Maldives (AS-013) from 13 February to 8 March. They will be QRV only on 160, 80 and 40 metres, and will operate mainly CW. QSL via home calls.

A6 - Celebrating Saudi Arabia's Founding Day, the Emirates Amateur Radio Society will operate special callsign A60SFD (QSL via EA7FTR) on 19-25 February. Individual operators will be using suffix extensions (A60SFD/0, A60SFD/1, etc: see https://www.qrz.com/db/a60sfd for the QSL routes).

A9 - Celebrating Bahrain Sports Day, the Bahrain Amateur Radio Society will operate special callsign A91SD on 3-9 February. QSL via EC6DX.

CO - Once again special station T45FM will be QRV from the lighthouse at Punta Maya on 18-20 February for the American Lighthouses Weekend. Eight operators (CO2ARY, CO2DSE, CO2KLY, CO2ROD, CO5DOR, CO5LB, CO5MK and CO5WE) expect to be active on various bands, mainly SSB and digital modes. QSL via RW6HS. [TNX RW6HS]

DL - DL75RLP is the special callsign for members of DARC's Ortsverband Mainz (DL0MZ) to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the German federal state of Rhineland-Palatinate throughout 2022. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau and LoTW; direct cards can be requested via Club Log's OQRS.

EA - URE San Fernando (EA7URF) will operate special callsign EG485FIM on 19-20 and 26-27 February to mark the 485th anniversary of the Spanish Naval Infantry (Fuerza de Infanteria de Marina). Formed in 1537, it is the oldest marine corps in existence in the world. QSL via EA7URF, LoTW and eQSL.

FM - Yuri, VE3DZ will be active from Martinique (NA-107) on 11-24 February. He will be signing FM/VE3DZ on 11-18 February, and TO4A on 19-24 February (including participation in the ARRL DX CW Contest). QSLs via home call and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

HA - The Szollosi Jozsef Radio Club (HA4KYB) is joining the city of Szekesfehervar's official celebrations of the 800th anniversary of the Golden Bull (Aranybulla), the royal charter issued in 1222 which represents the first constitutional document of the nation of Hungary. Look for special callsign HG1222BA to be active on all bands and modes throughout 2022. QSL via the bureau to HA4KYB.

HC - John, N9EAJ will be active as HC1FIT from a mountaintop location near the city of Otavalo, in the Imbabura Province of Ecuador, on 3-24 February. He operates SSB and some slow CW on 40-10m. QSL via

N9EAJ and possibly LoTW, logsearch on Club Log.

HZ - Special event stations 7Z3FD, 8Z3FD and HZ3FD are active on 1-22 February to celebrate Saudi Arabia's Founding Day (22 February). QSL via HZ1SAR; the logs will be uploaded to Club Log.

I - Promoting World Radio Day (13 February), the UN Global Service Center ARC (4U1GSC) in Brindisi is active as 4U13FEB on 1-28 February. DXCC wise, it counts for Italy. QSL via 9A2AA. World Radio Day was proclaimed in 2011 by the Member States of UNESCO, and adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012 as an International Day.

J8 - Brian, GW4DVB will be active as J88PI from Bequia Island (NA-025) from 24 February to 8 March. He will operate mainly SSB and FT8. QSL direct to home call (see https://www.g4dvb.co.uk/ for PayPal information).

JD1_oga- Sam, JE1XUZ will be active again as JE1XUZ/JD1 from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara during a work trip on 12-15 February. In his spare time he will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on the HF bands. QSL via home call and LoTW, logsearch on Club Log.

LU - Look for Horacio LU5BE/R to be active from San Jose (locator FG63xe), in the Argentine province of Catamarca, on 3-11 February. Amateur radio activity from this region is uncommon. He operates CW, SSB and digital modes on 40-6m and FM satellite. [TNX LU5BE]

LZ - Anton, LZ1XM is active as LZ150GD on 1-28 February. The special callsign honours the 150th anniversary of the birth of Gotse Delchev, a prominent Bulgarian revolutionary leader. QSL via the bureau.

P4 - John, W2GD will be active as P44W from Aruba (SA-036) on 14-21 February. Main activity will be during the ARRL DX CW Contest (19-20 February), with some focus on 30, 17 and 12 metres outside the contest. QSL via LoTW, or direct to N2MM.
Also, currently active holiday style from Aruba until the end of March is Lee, P4/K3DMG. He is QRV on 80-10 metres, operating mainly CW and digital modes. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, no paper cards.

PY - A team of seven (PS8ACM, PS8CW, PS8DX, PS8HF, PS8RV, PS8ZP and PT2OP) will be active as ZV8L from the Pedra do Sal Lighthouse on Ilha Grande de Santa Isabel (SA-025) on 18-20 February during the American Lighthouses Weekend. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 80-10 metres, and via the QO-100 satellite (QO-100 contacts are not accepted toward IOTA credit). QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via PT2OP.

PZ - Markus, DJ4EL and Joerg, DJ1JB will be active as PZ5GE and PZ5GL (requested callsign) from mainland Suriname between 19 February and 1 March. They will operate SSB on 40-10m. There are also plans to be active again as PZ5G from Papegaaien Island (SA-092) on 23-26 (or 27) February. [TNX DX World]

SP - Special callsigns HF80AK (QSL via SP9CJM) and SP80AK (QSL via SP3POB) will be active on 12-20 February for the 80th anniversary of the formation of the Armia Krajowa (Home Army, the dominant underground resistance movement in Poland during World War II. See qrz.com for more information.

UA9 - The first group of participants in this year's Artic Legends Expedition is set to leave the settlement of Tazovsky on 3-4 March; a few days later all of the team members will gather at the Sopochnaya Karga weather station. From there they will reach Rykachev Is-

land (AS-104) and be active as R150WS, a special callsign celebrating "150 years of Russian Weather Service". While enroute, if conditions permit, they might also try and be QRV as RI0BI from Isachenko Island (AS-050). The operating team includes UA0BA, UA9LDD, UA9KDF and RW0BG. The 1400-kilometre trip will depend on weather, as the team will be using snowmobiles. Updates will be posted to https://legendsarctic.com/.

Z6 - Rene, DL2JRM will be active as Z66BCC from Gjilan, Kosovo for the CQ WPX RTTY Contest (12-13 February). QSL via DL2JRM, direct or bureau.

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QSL VQ9T ---> Bob Wright (aka WT3A, DU7ET, VQ9T and several other callsigns) has left the Philippines for good; he has moved to Kyrgyzstan, where he has been licensed as EX0ET since October 2021. He is currently working as a radio officer on a vessel, and will be back in the country at the end of February. "I do not know when I will (if ever) be able to return to the Philippines to be able to reply to your QSL card requests", he says. Those who need a VQ9T QSL card for QSOs made between 23 September 2020 and 23 January 2021 should send their request direct to

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Kyrgyzstan.

He says he tried the newer "ways to QSL, but it's complicated and time consuming, and it became frustrating".

TU5PCT ---> Announced frequencies (+/- QRM) for the upcoming DXpedition to the Cote d'Ivoire [425DXN 1602] are:

CW	1832	3545	5353	7032	10105	14025	18079	21025	24903	28018, 50095
SSB	-	3790	-	7185	-	14185	18150	21280	24935	28450 50150
FT8	1840	3563	5357	7071	10144	14090	18108	21080	24923	28080 50313
RTTY	-	3563	-	7045	10142	14080	18099	21080	24911	28080 -

The team (OK1BOA, OK1FCJ and OK6DJ) will arrive on 4 February and leave on the 13th, with "full operation" expected on 7-12 February. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via OK6DJ.

TX5N DXPEDITION UPDATE ---> "Over the weekend of January 28th several TX5N team members met in Northern California to consolidate, test and pack the equipment for shipment to Raivavae, Austral Islands", Gene, K5GS reports

(see pictures on https://tx5n.net/packing-weekend/). "After reviewing several transportation alternatives, we located a firm in Tahiti that will accept our shipment and transport it to the island via cargo ship.
We have approximately 1,000 pounds (450kg) of equipment on the way to Tahiti. The equipment inventory includes Elecraft transceivers and amplifiers, a Flex PGXL amplifier, two SteppIR BigIR antennas w/80 meters, various mono band VDAs, an NA4RR hex beam and a 160m vertical.
All team members have their airline and hotel reservations to Papeete, Tahiti with onward passage to Raivavae. The operating location will be Pension Tama Raivavae, a small inn which has hosted many previous DX-peditions. Each team member will have a small bungalow, and radio operations will be conducted from a dedicated building on the beach. Most antennas will be beach mounted. Being on the north side of the island we expect good working conditions. We are on schedule for this April, 2022 project".
Look for TX5N to be active from Raivavae (OC-114) on 16-28 April [425DXN 1601]. The team will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 on 160-10 metres (60m included). QSL via M0URX's OQRS.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3A/RA9USU, 3A3A, 3B8BAL, 3W1T, 3W3B, 8P6ET, 9A/S58MU/p (EU-090), 9N1DX, A44M (AS-014), A60EXPO, C5C, E51WL, EA6EJ, EI90IRTS, EP2LMA, ES5QA, ET3AA, GJ0KYZ, HD8R, J69KZ, JD1BMH , KL7FBI (NA-037), L22D (SA-022), OY9JD, OZ11A, PJ2T, PP5SB (SA-027), R3RRC/0 (AS-066), RI0FWA (AS-025), S9OK, SV2RSG/A, TL7M, TL8AO, TO9W, TZ4AM, VE2QRA/p, XV1X, YB5OUB, Z37CXY, Z60A, ZD7FT.

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