A5 - Zorro, JH1AJT will visit Bhutan again on 11-20 December. The main purpose of his trip is to have meetings with the Bhutan Olympic Committee and the Bhutan Paralympic Committee for Bhutan's participation in the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games. He will be joined by Franz DJ9ZB, Champ E21EIC, Adrian KO8SCA and Max ON5UR, who will be active as A50BOC, A50BPC and A5B on all bands CW, SSB, FT4 and FT8. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via JH1AJT.

C5 - Carlo, ON4BR has been active as C56BR from The Gambia since 3 December, and is expected to remain there until 14 December. QSL direct to home call.

CN - Special station CN19JIM will be active on 21-22 December from Imlil in the High Atlas mountain range of Morocco. The callsign's suffix stands for Journee Internationale de la Montagne (International Mountain Day). QSL via RW6HS.

DL - Special callsign DL250BTHVN will be active from Bonn between 16 December and 17 December 2020, during the Beethoven Anniversary Year. Ludwig van Beethoven, one of the greatest composers of all time, was born in Bonn on 16 December 1770. More information will be available on https://dl250bthvn.de/.

FK - Rudi, DB1RUL will be active holiday style as FK/DB1RUL from New Caledonia. He plans to operate mainly FT8 from two locations on Grande Terre (OC-032) between 6 and 15 December, from Ouvea Island (OC-033) on 18-21 December, and from Ile des Pins (OC-032) on 23-27 December. QSL via home call (direct or bureau) and LoTW.

HB0 - Kasimir, DL2SBY will be active as HB0/DL2SBY from Liechtenstein on 21-28 December. He will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 80-10 metres. QSL via home call (direct only, as he is no longer a member of DARC); the log will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log. [TNX The Daily DX]

HC - Joshua, W9HT will be active as HC5JLT from Ecuador on 15-21 December. He will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

JD1_oga- Once again Harry, JG7PSJ will be active as JD1BMH from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara from 22 December to 3 January 2020. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 80-10m, but the "top priority for this tour is antenna maintenance" in the aftermath of two typhoons. QSL via JD1BMH (bureau) or JG7PSJ (direct). He does not use LoTW or PayPal. See http://jd1bmh.webcrow.jp/ for logsearch.

ON - The Bastogne based Radio Club des Ardennes (ON4RCA) will be active as OP75USA from 7 December to 7 January 2020 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge during World War II. QSL via the bureau, or direct to ON4JM; logsearch on Club Log.

PY - Participating stations in the first edition of the Brazilian Parks
Weekend (12-15 December, http://radioexpedicao.com/) include PW1F, PW7M, ZV3FF, ZV7A, ZW1F, ZW1TP, ZW2CNN, ZW7AER, ZW7O, ZY1A, ZY1F, ZY2GO, ZY3F, ZY4F, ZY7PF, ZY8F, ZY9F and ZZ1F.

PY - Ron, PY2RON will be active holiday style as PY6/PY2RON from Itaparica Island (SA-023) from 20 December to 1 January. He will operate SSB, CW and maybe FT8 on 80-6 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

VP8_ant - Seba, SQ1SGB expects to be active as VP8HAL from Halley VI Research Station, Antarctica until 8 February 2020. In his spare time he will operate digital modes (FT8 and JT65) and SSB on 40 and 20m. QSL via EB7DX. See https://www.qrz.com/db/SQ1SGB for updates.

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