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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.

4U1UN - 4U1UN has been active again since 11 April. As part of the Stay Home movement, during the UN HQ building lockdown, the United Nations Radio Club has been granted special permission to utilize a very limited remote operation possibility. Considering the demand for digital modes for 4U1UN, operation will be limited to FT8 mode only. The operator at the keyboard is James, K2QI. QSL via LoTW, or via HB9BOU (direct or bureau).

A3 - Stan, LZ1GC will be active as A35GC from Tonga (OC-049) from 19 October to 2 November. He will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 on 160-6 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via LZ1GC (direct or bureau). See http://www.c21gc.com/ for QSLling policy and other information.

A6 - The Emirates Amateur Radio Society (EARS) has several stations active to celebrate World Amateur Radio Day:

A60WARD/1	operated by A61BK	QSL direct to A61BK [*]
A60WARD/2	operated by A61Q	QSL direct to EA7FTR
A60WARD/3	operated by A61NN	QSL direct to A61NN
A60WARD/4	operated by A61FK	QSL direct to A61BK [*]
A60WARD/5	operated by A61DD	QSL direct to A92AA
A60WARD/6	operated by A61QQ	QSL direct to A61BK [*]
A60WARD/7	operated by A61FJ	QSL direct to LZ1YE
A60WARD/8	operated by A61RJ	QSL direct to A61RJ
A60WARD/9	operated by A61HA	QSL direct to A61BK [*]
A60WARD/10	operated by A65GC	QSL direct to A65GC

[*] A61BK's OQRS can be found on http://bkqslmanager.com/.

Other World Amateur Radio Day 2020 stations include:

3Z0WARD	Poland	QSL via SP6IEQ
5P0WARD	Denmark	QSL Club Log's OQRS or via OZ1ACB
5P0WHD	Denmark	QSL Club Log's OQRS or via OZ1ACB
9K2WARD	Kuwait	QSL via 9K2RA
A91WARD	Bahrain	QSL direct to A92AA
AU20ARD	India	QSL direct to VU2FI
CS20RADIODAY	Portugal	to be announced
EG5DMR	Spain	QSL via EA5RKB
EG5WRD	Spain	QSL via LoTW and eQSL
GB0ARD	England	QSL via ward[@]m0xtg.uk
GB1ARD	England	QSL via ward[@]m0xtg.uk
GB2ARD	England	QSL via eQSL
GB4ARD	England	QSL via M0KPW

GB4WRD	England	QSL via eQSL
HZ1WARD	Saudi Arabia	QSL via HZ1SAR
LX5WARD	Luxembourg	QSL via LX1JH
TF3WARD	Iceland	QSL via TF3MH
TM95WARD	France	QSL via F6BEE
YO20ZMR	Romania	QSL via LoTW and eQSL
OR95WARD	Belgium	QSL via ON4CRD [b] or ON4LBI [d]

CE0Y - Hans-Martin, DK2HM plans to be active holiday style as XR0YHM from Easter Island (SA-001) from 27 August to 7 September. He will operate SSB and digital modes on 80-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, eQSL, or via DK2HM (direct or bureau). Updates will be posted to Twitter (@xr0yhm).

CT8 - Celebrating his 82nd birthday, Antonio, CU8AS will be active as CQ82AS on 1-7 May. He is a resident on Flores Island (EU-089), Azores. [TNX CT4NH]

E6 - Stan, LZ1GC and Ivan, LZ1PM will be active as E6AM from Niue (OC-040) from 28 September to 17 October. They will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 on 160-6 metres with two stations. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via LZ1GC (direct or bureau). QSLling policy and other information can be foun on http://www.c21gc.com/.

EA - Celebrating World Amateur Day and IARU's 95th anniversary, ten special callsigns will be active on 15-30 April: AM95WARD, AM1WARD, AM2WARD, AM3WARD, AM4WARD, AM5WARD, AM6WARD (Balearic Islands), AM7WARD, AM8WARD (Canary Islands) and AM9WARD (Ceuta & Melilla). QSL via EA4URE (bureau preferred). See https://iaru95.ure.es for the OQRS and the IARU 95th Anniversary Award.

In addition, all Spanish radio amateurs are allowed to use special prefixes during the same time frame:

EA stations can use AO + call area + 95 + suffix: AO395PP = EA3PP
EB stations can use AM + call area + 95 + suffix: AM795R = EB7R
EC stations can use AN + call area + 95 + suffix: AN595AHA = EC5AHA

F - The Association Promotion Radio Amateur du 62 (F4KLR) will be active as TM18JUIN in May (8-9, 23-24 and 30-31) and June (6-7, 13-14, 18-21 and 27) to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the "Appeal of 18 June" made by Charles de Gaulle from the BBC in London. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau and eQSL; direct requests via F4AHN. Often regarded as the origin of the French Resistance against the occupation during World War II, the appeal is one of the most remarkable pieces in the history of radio broadcasting, and as such it has been inscribed to the UNESCO's Memory of the World Register.

G - Members of the Bury Radio Society (G3BRS) will operate as GB9WYH From 13 April until 11 May. The special callsign, whose suffix stands for Wash Your Hands, is being activated to raise awareness and reinforce the message that washing hands will save lives during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other British special callsigns joining the Stay at Home campaign or in appreciation of the National Health Service include:

GB0NHS	various	QSL via LoTW
GB1COR	GM	operated by MM0VIK, QSL cards not available
GB2SAH	G	operated by M0WMB
GB4NHS	GI	operated by MI0LPO
GB4SAH	G	operated by G4XEX (08/04-30/04)

GB5NHS GI operated by MI0SAI, QSL via LoTW
GB6NHS G operated by M0KLG (25/04-22/05), QSL direct
GB6SAH G operated by G1GNQ (13/04-10/05), QSL via eQSL
GB8NHS GI operated by MI0MOD, QSL via mi0mod[@]aol.com
GB8SAH G operated by G4ISN (12/04-30/04)
GB9CLD G operated by G7RZU
GB9NHS G operated by G3UCQ (15/04-12/05), QSL via eQSL
Moreover, the UK regulator (Ofcom) is "happy for radio amateurs to add /NHS to the end of their call signs" if they want to show their support for the National Health Service.

G - Members of the RAF Amateur Radio Society (https://www.rafars.org/) will be active as GB75VED on 1-28 May to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day. QSL direct to 2E0NDZ.

G - RSGB Contest Club's members will be active as GB1945PE, GB1945PJ and GB75PEACE on 1-31 May and again on 1-31 August as part of the VE Day and VJ Day celebrations. Look for activity on the HF bands and 6 metres SSB, CW and digital modes. QSLs via LoTW and eQSL only, paper cards will not be available.

HA - The Hungarian Amateur Radio Society (MRASZ) has joined the Stay at Home campaign with five special callsigns whose suffixes form the popular motto: HG20ST, HG20AY, HG20AT, HG20HO and HG20ME. Look for activity on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and digital modes from 15 April until 15 May. QSLs via LoTW or via the bureau. An award will be available for working each callsign on two different modes: see http://www.mrasz.org/stay-at-home/award-rules.

LA - The Norwegian National Guard's Radio Amateur Club (LA1V) has been granted permission to use the special callsign LN1V throughout 2020 to mark the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Norway at the end of World War II (8 May 1945). QSL direct to LA4LN. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

ON - Joining the Stay Home/Stay Safe campaign and spreading a message of hope and appreciation during the COVID-19 crisis, special callsigns from Belgium include:

ON4HEROES by UBA HCC (ON4HCC) QSL via ON5UR
ON4STAYSTRONG by UBA RCN (ON4RCN) QSL via ON4RCN
OO7STAYHOME by UBA ACC (ON7AR) QSL via ON7SS
OP2STAYHOME by UBA NBT (ON6NB) QSL via ON6NB
OP6STAYHOME by UBA IPR (ON4IPR)
OQ1HOPE by UBA WRC (ON4WRC) QSL via ON4ON
OQ4ANGELS by UBA TWS (ON4TWS) QSL via ON4CHT
OR20STAYHOME by UBA RSX (ON4RSX) QSL via ON4RSX
OR2STAYHOME by UBA NOK (ON4NOK) QSL via eQSL
OR4STAYHOME by UBA LVN (ON4CP) QSL via ON4CP [b] or ON3AR [d]
OR8STAYHOME by UBA ATH (ON4ATH) QSL via ON4ATH
OS0STAYHOME by UBA MCL (ON4MCL) QSL via eQSL
OT20LIFE by UBA BXE (ON5UB) QSL via ON5AV
OT20STAYHOME by UBA DIG (ON4DIG) QSL via Club Log's OQRS
OT2STAYHOME by UBA LUS (ON7LU) QSL via ON7LU
OT4HOPE by UBA NNV (ON6SI) QSL via ON6SI
OT4LIFE by UBA OSA (ON4OSA) QSL via eQSL
OT6STAYSAFE by UBA ARA (ON6ARA) QSL via ON5YL
OT7STAYSAFE by UBA TLS (ON6MS) QSL via ON6MS

PA - Vincent, PE2V will be active as PE75BORNE until 4 April 2021 to

celebrate both the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the city of Borne during World War II (3 April 1945) and the 75th anniversary of the VERON, the Dutch IARU society which was founded on 21 October 1945. He will operate SSB, FT8 and FT4 on 80, 40, 20, 10 and 2 metres. QSL via PE2V.

VE - The Grassroots Amateur Radio Club (VO1GRC) will be active as XN1BOA between 25 April and 25 May to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of the Battle of the Atlantic. QSL via operator's instructions

VK - The Wireless Institute of Australia (https://www.wia.org.au/) will celebrate World Amateur Radio Day and the society's 110th anniversary for six months starting on 17 April at 14 UTC. WIA official stations that will operate across Australia are VI110WIA, VK1WIA, VK2WIA, VK3WIA, VK4WIA, VK5WIA, VK6WIA, VK7WIA and VK8WIA. QSL via LoTW and eQSL; a commemorative certificate will be available for contacting one or more of these special event stations.

VK - VI250COOK is a special event callsign granted to the Cairns Amateur Radio Club (VK4CNS) for use from 1 May to 31 August. It commemorates the 250th anniversary since Captain James Cook and the HMS Endeavour charted the East Coast of Australia, sailing from what is now Sydney to what is now Cooktown.

YO - Members of the Federatia Romana de Radioamatorism will use special callsign YO19STAYHOME from 15 April to 15 September. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. See http://www.hamradio.ro/yo19stayhome/en/index.php for information about the certificate.

YB - ORARI Daerah Jawa Tengah will join the Stay Home campaign and be active as 8C2WFH from 20 April to 19 May. The special callsign's suffix stands for Work From Home. Look for activity on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres CW, SSB and digital modes. More information can be found on https://oraridaerahjateng.or.id/8c2wfh/.

STAY AT HOME --- > Other special callsign joining the Stay Home campaign and/or paying a tribute to health care professionals fighting COVID-19 include:

Callsign	DXCC	QSL via
4J0STAYHOME	Azerbaijan	DC9RI
4K0STAYHOME	Azerbaijan	DC9RI
5B4STAYHOME	Cyprus	-
8A1HOME	Indonesia	LoTW/YB1LZ
9K9STAYHOME	Kuwait	LoTW
A60SH/1	UAE	A61BK (direct)
A60SH/2	UAE	EA7FTR (direct)
A60SH/3	UAE	A61NN (direct)
A60SH/4	UAE	A61BK (direct)
A60SH/5	UAE	A92AA (direct)
A60SH/6	UAE	A61BK (direct)
A60SH/7	UAE	LZ1YE (direct)
A60SH/8	UAE	A61BK (direct)
A60SH/9	UAE	A61AY (direct)
A60SH/10	UAE	A61BK (direct)
A60SH/11	UAE	A65MM (direct)
A60SH/12	UAE	A61BK (direct)

A60SH/13	UAE	A61RJ (direct)
A60SH/14	UAE	A65GC (direct)
CB3SH	Chile	covid19.special.event[@]gmail.com
CN20SH	Morocco	RW6HS (direct)
CQ8STAYHOME	Azores	Club Log's OQRS
CR2STAYHOME	Azores	LoTW
CT1STAYHOME	Portugal	CT1EQQ
CV7STAYHOME	Uruguay	LoTW
DX0STAYHOME	Philippines	DX1PAR
E7STAYHOME	Bosnia & Hercegovina	E73Y
HZ1STAYHOME	Saudi Arabia	HZ1SAR
II9SH	Italy	to be announced
OH0PYSYKOTONA	Finland	OH3AC
OH1PYSYKOTONA	Finland	OH3AC
OH2PYSYKOTONA	Finland	OH3AC
OH3PYSYKOTONA	Finland	OH3AC
OH4PYSYKOTONA	Finland	OH3AC
OH5PYSYKOTONA	Finland	OH3AC
OH6PYSYKOTONA	Finland	OH3AC
OH7PYSYKOTONA	Finland	OH3AC
OH8PYSYKOTONA	Finland	OH3AC
OH9PYSYKOTONA	Finland	OH3AC
OH0STAYHOME	Finland	OH2BAD
OH1STAYHOME	Finland	OH2BAD
OH2STAYHOME	Finland	OH2BAD
OH3STAYHOME	Finland	OH2BAD
OH4STAYHOME	Finland	OH2BAD
OH5STAYHOME	Finland	OH2BAD
OH6STAYHOME	Finland	OH2BAD
OH7STAYHOME	Finland	OH2BAD
OH8STAYHOME	Finland	OH2BAD
OH9STAYHOME	Finland	OH2BAD
PC6STAYHOME	Netherlands	PC4AD
PR2STAYHOME	Brazil	LoTW, eQSL
R3STAYHOME	Russia	R3KEE
SZ3STAYHOME	Greece	LoTW, eQSL
TC19MED	Turkey	TA2BZ
TC1STAYHOME	Turkey	YM1KE
VC2STAYHOM	Canada	LoTW/VE2MXU
VC3STAYHOM	Canada	to be announced
VE9HOME	Canada	LoTW
VI2020STAYHOME	Canada	LoTW
Z30STAYHOME	North Macedonia	Club Log's OQRS
Z39STAYHOME	North Macedonia	Club Log's OQRS
Z60STAYHOME	Kosovo	to be announced
ZW5STAYHOME	Brazil	PY5EG
ZW8THANKS	Brazil	LoTW, eQSL

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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CONTEST UNIVERSITY 2020 ---> The Dayton event has been cancelled, but CTU 2020 will still take place on 14 May. It will be held online free of charge via Zoom, starting at 12.45 UTC (08.45 EDT). The link will be available on 7 May on https://www.contestuniversity.com/, where the Course Outline page is already up and running. CTU 2020 will end at 22 UTC (18 EDT) with the presentation of this year's CQ Contest Hall of Fame.

CQMM DX CONTEST ---> The CQ MM DX Contest, organized by the Juiz de Fora CW Group, will be held on 18-19 April. It will run from 9 UTC on Saturday through 23.59 UTC on Sunday, on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres CW. Complete details can be found at http://www.cqmmdx.com.

HAM RADIO FRIEDRICHSHAFEN CANCELLED ---> As large-scale public events will remain banned in Germany until 31 August owing to the COVID-19 crisis, the 45th Ham Radio Friedrichshafen will not take place on 26-28 June as planned. The 2020 event has been cancelled, and Ham Radio will return on 25-27 June 2021. For the time being, "exhibitors will be presenting product innovations in the form of a virtual trade fair" and DARC "will be offering presentations" on the Ham Radio website: http://www.hamradio-friedrichshafen.de/.

NEW IOTA CHECKPOINT ---> The IOTA Management Team has announced the appointment with immediate effect of a new checkpoint to cover Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova. Andrei Plotkin, UT5URW (ut5urw[@]yahoo.com) has agreed to take on checkpoint duties, previously covered by Igor Zeldin, UR5LCV (SK).

NEW WPX CONTEST DIRECTOR ---> Joseph W. "Bud" Trench, AA3B is the new Director of the CQ WPX SSB and CW Contests. He succeeds Randy Thompson (K5ZD), who has been serving as Interim Director [425DXN 1509]. Licenced since 1970, Bud has a passion for contesting, and among his achievements are 15 first-place finishes in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as V26K in the SO LP category, including the current world record. He will start immediately to work with Randy on processing the results of last month's WPX SSB Contest, and will take the reins for next month's WPX CW Contest.

R207RRC ---> The team made about 8,300 QSOs during their 4-11 April operaTion from Kosa Dvukh Pilotov (AS-207, new one for IOTA). The log has been uploaded to Club Log (https://clublog.org/logsearch/R207RRC) and the OQRS has been enabled.

QSL 9J2LA ---> "The QSL card has now been prepared and was sent yesterday to UX5UO QSL Print", Charles (M0OXO) reported on 14 April. "I estimate the cards will be out in 3-4 weeks depending on the status of the postal service world ide and any potential influence on it by the COVID-19 situation".

QSL VP8PJ ---> "On 10 April the VP8PJ QSL card design was sent to ON5UR's QSL Print Service for review and setup", Gene (K5GS) announced on 12 April. "After our final review is complete the cards will be printed and shipped to M0URX for distribution. Thousands of QSO and mailing labels have already

been processed and are ready for placement on QSL cards and direct mail envelopes. Bureau cards will be placed in the system in early 2021.
There are no busted call requests in the work queue - to date, all 731 have been investigated and answered by M0URX. LoTW uploads for all donors and anyone who submitted an OQRS for a Direct Mail card have been processed. The upload process is run daily. The complete log will be uploaded to LoTW six months after the DXpedition".
As the COVID-19 crisis is affecting postal systems, direct cards will be mailed as soon as practicable. Please be patient, "there is no need to send e-mails asking about the QSL cards".

TQSL: NEW VERSION ---> A new version (v2.5.3) of LoTW's Trusted QSL (TQSL) has been released: http://www.arrl.org/tqsl-download. This version has new features as well as corrections for defects found since TQSL 2.5.2 was released. TQSL 2.5.3 can be installed to upgrade any older version. On all three supported platforms (Windows, MacOS and Linux), installing TQSL 2.5.3 will replace older versions of Trusted QSL while preserving your Callsign Certificates, Station Locations, and preferences.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8BAP, 5H4WZ (AF-063), 5I4ZZ, 5I5TT, 8R1/AH0G, A65DR, AL7LO, BG5BWZ, C91CCY, CE0Y/UR5BCP, CP6/DK7PE, EP2TC, FS/KT8X, HP9SAM, J73WA, KD7WPJ/6 (NA-066), KL7SB, OD5NJ/p, PJ4K, PJ5/KG9N, TO3FM, V31FI, VR2XAN, ZD7W, ZS0RR.

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