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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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5Z - Members of the Radio Society of Kenya will be active as 5Z4STAYHOME "in recognition of the extraordinary circumstances the current COVID-19 pandemic has wrought globally". All QSLs will be sent via the bureau.

9M - Members of the Malaysian Amateur Radio Transmitters Society will operate three special callsigns starting on 15 May for three months: 9M4STAYHOME, 9M4COVID and 9M4DUDUKRUMAH ("stay home" in Malay). Operations will take place from various locations all over Malaysia, with expected activity on the HF and VHF bands SSB, CW and digital modes. QSLs direct to 9W2PD, or via the MARTS bureau.

CN - In celebration of the 17th birthday of Prince Moulay Hassan, the heir apparent to the Moroccan throne, CN amateurs can use the special prefix CN17 on 8-10 May. Expected callsigns include CN17ANT, CN17ATM, CN17AV, CN17LR, CN17MC, CN17NIL, CN17PA, CN17QR, CN17VC, CN17WW and CN17XA (QSLs via RW6HS); CN17SG (QSL via EA7FTR); CN17AAD, CN17AM, CN17CE, CN17MAA, CN17NOA, CN17PG, CN17QY, CN17JQ, CN17HAN, CN17OY, CN17IT and CN17MM (QSLs via operators' instructions).

G - From England, further callsigns commemorating the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe (VE Day) include GB0VED (until 19 May, QSL via email: Veday@wmrc.co.uk); GB0VER (until 16 May, QSL via eQSL or direct to M5ATR); GB1VE (until 10 May, QSL via eQSL); GB1VED (QSL via eQSL or direct to G4CIB); GB2VE (QSL via eQSL); GB4VED (until 21 May, QSL via eQSL); GB5VED (until 10 May, QSL via eQSL); GB6VED (QSL via the bureau); GB75BVE (until 10 May, QSL via eQSL)

GW - From Wales, further callsigns commemorating the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe (VE Day) include GB0VEE (until 9 May, QSL via eQSL) and GB5VEP (QSL via LoTW, eQSL or direct to MW1CFN).

HS - Members of the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand (RAST) will be active as E2STAYHOME from 2 May until 15 July. All QSOs will be confirmed via LoTW and the bureau; direct cards via E21EIC.

KG4 - Kelly, KG4NE will remain at Guantanamo Bay "till at least 28 May", or even longer as it all depends when his replacement arrives. QSL via NM7H, LoTW and eQSL. [TNX The Daily DX]

OE - Hannes, OE1SGU will be active as OE30MAGICBAND (WWL JN88eg) from 1 May to 30 June to mark the 30th anniversary of the allocation of the 6m band to Austrian amateurs. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via LoTW and eQSL.

OX - Bo, OZ1DJJ will be active again in his spare time as OX3LX from Aasiaat Island (NA-134) on 7-21 May. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via OZ0J.

PY - Lyra, PY7RL is often active as PY7RL/7 from his island QTH on Itamaraca (SA-046). He operates mainly FT8 and SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or direct to Ricardo Lyra, Avenida Doutor Jose Augusto Moreira 2222, Torre Norte Apt 101, Olinda - PE, 53130-410, Brazil.

VU - AT2THC is a special callsign used until 1 August by the Tripura Ham Radio Club in Agartala to provide assistance during the COVID-19 emergency. QSL via VU2LJB.

W - On 2 November 1920 KDKA in Pittsburgh made the first ever commercial radio broadcast, but in May 1920 the National Bureau of Standards (callsign WWV) had already begun broadcasting weekly "experimental concerts". To commemorate these broadcasts, members of the WWV Amateur Radio Club will operate SSB, CW and digital modes as WW0WWV until 31 May. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS or direct.

W - Allan, KV4T and his wife Bridget, KS4YT expect to be active from Grand Isle (NA-168) on 22-25 May. They plan to operate SSB, CW, FT4 and FT8 on 80, 40, 30 and 20 metres with two stations. QSL direct to home calls, or via LoTW and eQSL. [TNX The Daily DX]

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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COVID-19 IMPACT ---> The 10th edition of the Youngsters on the Air (YOTA) Summer Camp, to be hosted by the Croatian Amateur Radio Association on 8-15 August [425DXN 1498], has been cancelled and postponed to 2021. Also postponed until the summer of 2021 is the first YOTA IARU Region 2 Summer Camp, which was expected to be held on 21-26 June.

GERMANY: EXPANDED ACCESS TO 6M ---> The German regulator (Bundesnetzagentur) "has made a first preliminary implementation of the WRC-19 results for the 6m band". Fixed amateur radio stations in Germany have now access to 50-52 MHz on a secondary basis, with a maximum bandwidth of 12 kHz for all modes and the use of horizontally polarized antennas. Contest operations are also permitted. In addition, on the 50,000-50,400 MHz sub-band holders of Class A licences can transmit with a maximum of 750W PEP, and Class E licencees can use a maximum of 100W PEP. The maximum permitted transmission power is still limited to 25W PEP elsewhere. These provisions will apply until 31 December 2020, or until a revised Frequency Ordinance comes into force - whichever is earlier.

IOTA CONTEST 2020: CHANGES ---> In line with "Stay at Home" guidance, to minimise the impact of COVID-19, the IOTA Contest 2020 will be exclusively for single operators using their home stations: only "Single Operator Fixed Island" stations, and "Single Operator Fixed World" stations will be eligible to enter. The RSGB will not be awarding trophies this year, but downloadable certificates will be available to winners. The IOTA Contest

will be held from 12 UTC on 25 July until 11:59 UTC on 26 July. Complete rules can be found on https://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2020/riota.shtml.

QSL VP8PJ ---> "The cards are printed and were shipped from ON5UR QSL Print Services in Belgium to Tim M0URX in the UK", Gene (K5GS) announced on 7 May. "Tim has the tracking numbers and after Customs processing expects the cards to be delivered soon.
The envelopes, labels and pre-printed postage are prepared and awaiting the cards. Once in hand the 'stuffing' process will begin. Until the Covid-19 lock down in the UK is lifted, Tim will probably have to do this work alone, it will take longer than usual to complete.
The initial mailing will include all the VP8PJ confirmation requests in the system through the mailing date. Bureau cards will be bulk shipped directly to the inbound bureaux early next year".

REBEL DX GROUP'S PLANS ---> "Unfortunately, our plans regarding activating Banaba Island and Tuvalu has been affected by the current COVID-19 situation - just like in case of many other DXpeditions around the world", the Rebel DX Group posted to Facebook on 4 May. "We're forced to postpone the DXpedition, but it's not cancelled". The group had planned to operate as T33T from Banaba in May, and as T22T from Tuvalu in June.
As for 3Y0I, "we keep an eye on any possibilities to continue our plans in terms of activation Bouvet Island at the end of this year". More information (including the direct link to the 3Y0I's GoFundMe page) can be found on https://www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup/.

STAY AT HOME ---> Special callsign that have recently joined the Stay Home campaign and/or show support for health care professionals and other key workers during the COVID-19 pandemic include:

Callsign	DXCC	QSL		
5Z4STAYHOME	Kenya	bureau		
9M4STAYHOME	Malaysia	9W2PD		15/05-15/08
9M4DUDUKRUMAH	Malaysia	9W2PD		15/05-15/08
9M4COVID	Malaysia	9W2PD		15/05-15/08
9V1STAYHOME	Singapore	LoTW		06/05-30/06
CQ8THANKS	Azores	LoTW		
E2STAYHOME	Thailand	LoTW/E21EIC		02/05-15/07
GB0FLW	England		operated by M0CSI	
GB2HOM	England		operated by M0TZX	05/05-31/05
GB9KS	England	eQSL only		04/05-31/05
GB9SH	England	eQSL only		04/05-29/05

WSJT-X 2.2.0-RC1 ---> The first candidate release of WSJT-X 2.2.0 is expected to be made available on 10 May. It will provide a number of new features and capabilities, including improvements to the decoders for five modes (FT4, FT8, JT4, JT65 and WSPR), a new format for "EU VHF Contest" Tx2 and Tx3 messages and improvements to accessibility, as well as other minor enhancements and bug fixes. Release candidate WSJT-X 2.2.0-rc1 will be available for beta-testing (not for long-term general use) for one month.

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******* QSL ROUTES *******

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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
3B8BAP	N4GNR	GB4GCT	M0OXO	RP75KF	RW4NW
3B8CW	N4GNR	GB6WLB	G6XOU	RP75KR	RX7K
3Z0R	SP9SX	GB75VET	M0IRU	RP75KS	RK6K
4J75P	4J7WMF	GB7SRW	GM4JPZ	RP75KZ	R4PBX
4J8VHF	RW6HS	GU75LIB	GU8ITE	RP75L	R1AX
4L/G4ENL	N4GNR	HA0HOME	HA0DX	RP75LG	RU3KO
4O7CC	UA4CC	HA0STAY	HA0DX	RP75LO	RG3B
4U2STAYHOME	UA3DX	HC1E	EC6DX	RP75M	RD5C
4X2BESAFE	4Z1TL	HC3RJ	EA5GL	RP75MD	RA4UDC
4X75V	4X6ZM	HC5DX	W3HNK	RP75MIK	RK3MXT
4Z75AD	4Z5AD	HF100CH	SP2LQP	RP75ML	RQ7L
4Z75NX	4Z5NX	HF4NATI	SP3PDK	RP75MLI	RA9DZ
4Z75V	4X6ZM	HF670ML	SP8N	RP75MM	RN3RQ
5Z4BU	EA5GL	HF80HUBAL	SP7SEW	RP75MMK	RV9ABE
6Y5FS	G3RFS	HL40GDM	HL4CCM	RP75MS	R6LO
6Y6STAYHOME	EA5GL	IB5B	IK5AEQ	RP75NF	RO5F
8P6ET	KU9C	II4TEA	IQ4FE	RP75NP	R5EO
9A0DIG	9A3SM	KP2M	NZ4DX	RP75NQ	UA1F
9G1SD	AB0GC	LI8MAI	LA5YJ	RP75NR	RU6CH
9G5AR	N4GNR	LY100LY	LY2QT	RP75O	R2EA
9K2BM	EC6DX	LY175Z	LY2NZ	RP75ON	RZ3LC
9K2BS	EC6DX	LZ177GL	LZ1KCP	RP75OT	R4RT
9K2GS	EC6DX	LZ50BFRA	LZ1BJ	RP75P	RK9LWA
9K2HQ	EC6DX	LZ75ZZ	LZ1ZF	RP75PF	R6LFI
9K2OD	EC6DX	OD50SH	IZ8CLM	RP75PL	R1YY
9K2OW	EC6DX	OD5ET	EB7DX	RP75PP	R2ZAC
9M6ZAE	W3HNK	OD5PY	KU9C	RP75PR	UA3YLM
AP2AUM	IZ8CCW	OD5QB	YO3FRI	RP75PZK	R2RDA
AP2TN	DJ9ZB	OD5STAYHOME	IZ8CLM	RP75QP	RW3O
AT20SH	VU2HIT	OD5VB	EA5GL	RP75RA	UA3VLO
AT2SHI	VU2UUU	OD5YA	IZ8CLM	RP75RD	RQ6M
AT2TNX	VU2KWJ	OD5ZF	IZ8CLM	RP75RG	RT2M
AT9SS	VU2NSL	OD5ZZ	N4GNR	RP75RK	R1NU
AX5GR	M0OXO	OE25CQB	OE3CQB	RP75RT	RA4RI
AX5IR	W3HNK	OH0Z	W0MM	RP75S	R3LC
AX7GN	NA5AR [d]	OL30DXC	OK2PXJ	RP75SB	RZ4AWB
AX7GN	VK7GN [b]	OR4LIFE	ON6YX	RP75SE	RQ7R
B0CRA	BA1GG	OR7LIFE	ON4OB	RP75SF	R9JBN
B1CRA	BA1GG	OT75VED	ON4CRD	RP75SP	R1QA
B2CRA	BA1GG	OZ75MAY	OZ1ACB	RP75SZ	RC4A
B3CRA	BA1GG	PA82AD	PA3EFR	RP75TA	RA4CEO
B4CRA	BA1GG	PC75LIB	PA3FOE	RP75TG	UA9APA
B5CRA	BA1GG	PD75DDAY	PD3W	RP75TK	R9GM
B6CRA	BA1GG	PI45ASV	PA1TO	RP75TS	RU9SO
B7CRA	BA1GG	PJ4DX	M0URX	RP75TT	R9CX

B8CRA	BA1GG	R2020V	RW6HS	RP75UA	RU3DFA
B9CRA	BA1GG	RP75A	RZ1OA	RP75UF	RV9WB
CB3STAYHOME	EA5GL	RP75AA	RA3R	RP75VF	RK3VWA
CE2SV	N7RO	RP75AB	RA0SMS	RP75WA	RV3YR
CP6CL	W3HNK	RP75AO	RZ5D	RP75WZ	RN3FY
CS2MFA	CS5LX	RP75AU	UA1ORK	RP75X	R1II
D4Z	IK2NCJ	RP75AZ	RC9A	RP75YE	R8UT
D73M	HL4CCM	RP75B	UA3ZV	RP75YR	UA3LBR
DL250BEETH	DJ6SI	RP75BA	RK3DYB	RP75ZO	UA3Z
DL250BTHVN	DL7DSW	RP75BR	RA3Y	RP75ZS	RW4HB
DQ11WCA	DF6EX	RP75ES	RW3ZN	S5400J	S57WJ
EA8JK	EB7DX	RP75FIA	R4FD	SN80HUBAL	SP7RJI
EH7STAYHOME	EB7DX	RP75GD	RA6ADQ	SO75VD	SP5ZIP
EK1915DX	EK7DX	RP75GE	R3GM	SO80HUBAL	SP7AH
EM30UCC	UY5ZZ	RP75GF	RA3TYL	SP80HUBAL	SP7DPV
EO75LF	UR6LF	RP75GK	RN9N	SQ80HUBAL	SP7AH
EP3ASA	EA5GL	RP75GL	UA6CT	TC3STAYHOME	TA3X
ET3KT	IZ8CCW	RP75GRO	RJ3T	TG9ADM	EA5GL
EV75F	EW3W	RP75I	RW4HB	TG9AOR	EC6DX
EV75GA	EW1D	RP75IAP	RM6J	TG9IN	K4TI
EV75K	EW8BQ	RP75IB	RW1AM	TM75LDK	F6KMB
EV75M	EW1I	RP75IS	RW3QM	UK7AL	EA5GL
EV75OB	EU1EU	RP75IZ	UB4W	UK8IAR	RW6HS
EV75P	EW2R	RP75J	RA9J	UP75VK	UN7LAN
EV75PP	EW4R	RP75JK	R9JBD	UP75YA	UN7LAP
FK8CE	N4GNR	RP75K	R5WW	V73AY	BD4DYH
FM5BH	W3HNK	RP75KC	RN3RQ	XV9OK	JG6PWT
GB0CCW	M0LXD	RP75KD	UA4AJD	YS1RR	W3HNK
GB1HSC	GI7SBF	RP75KE	RW9QA	Z81B	IZ0EGA

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