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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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A6 - Celebrating World Telecommunication & Information Society Day (17 May) from the United Arab Emirates will be:
A60WTIS/1 operated by A61BK QSL via A61BK
A60WTIS/2 operated by A61Q QSL via EA7FTR
A60WTIS/3 operated by A61NN QSL via A61NN
A60WTIS/4 operated by A61FK QSL via A61BK
A60WTIS/5 operated by A61DD QSL via A92AA
A60WTIS/6 operated by A61QQ QSL via A61BK
A60WTIS/7 operated by A61FJ QSL via A61FJ
A60WTIS/8 operated by A61RJ QSL via A61RJ
A60WTIS/9 operated by A61HA QSL via A61BK
A60WTIS/10 operated by A65GC QSL via A65GC
A60WTIS/11 operated by A61AY QSL via A61AY
Also taking part in the celebrations are 5C1WTIS from Morocco (QSL via RW6HS), A91WTIS from Bahrein (QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via A92AA) and HZ1WTIS from Saudi Arabia (QSL via LoTW). In addition, Australian amateurs may use the prefix AX on 17 May to mark WTIS.

A6 - The Emirates Amateur Radio Society (EARS) will see several stations active in recognition and support for the "National Medical Taskforce" during the COVID-19 pandemic:
A60NMT/1 operated by A61M QSL via A61BK
A60NMT/2 operated by A61Q QSL via EA7FTR
A60NMT/3 operated by A61NN QSL via A61NN
A60NMT/4 operated by A61FK QSL via A61BK
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A60NMT/11 operated by A61AY QSL via A61AY
A60NMT/12 operated by A61BK QSL via A61BK

DL - Mike, DG5LAC will be active as DG5LAC/p from Amrum Island (EU-042) on 18-24 May. He will operate SSB, FT8 and FT4. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via DG5LAC. [TNX NG3K]

EA - Special callsign AM40LAR will be active on 14-31 May for the 40th anniversary of "L'altra radio" (The Other Radio), a weekly radio programme specialized in telecommunications and audiovisual culture broadcast on Radio Nacional de Espana's channel in the Catalan language. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. A certificate will be available, see https://am40lar.mikedeltavictor.com for information.

F - The Radio Club de Cestas (F6KUQ) will be actiive as TM0BEE on 16-24 May to mark World Bee Day. Look for activity on 80-6 metres CW, SSB

and digital modes. QSL via F6KUQ or eQSL. Pollination is a fundamental process for the survival of our ecosystems, but bees and other pollinators are increasingly under threat from human activities. To raise awareness of the importance of pollinators, the threats they face and their contribution to sustainable development, the UN designated 20 May as World Bee Day.

FW - As soon as travel restrictions are lifted and "everything opens up", Tom, KH0/KC0W will be active as FW/KC0W from Wallis Island (OC-054) for two weeks. He will operate CW only on 40-6 metres; he is "seriously contemplating FT8 on 160 and 80m only, but it all depends how much room the 160/80 meter verticals will take up". QSL direct only to KC0W, log search on Club Log. [TNX DX World]

G - David, G4YVM will be active as GB4DLS until 2 June to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the pivotal role played by the "Dunkirk Little Ships" during Operation Dynamo (26 May and 4 June 1940). He will operate mainly CW, but "will try to run some SSB as well". QSL via G4YVM. The Little Ships of Dunkirk were a flotilla of hundreds of private boats that sailed from Ramsgate (England) to help evacuate 338,000 Allied soldiers from the beaches and harbour of Dunkirk in northern France.

HK - The Ministry of Information Technologies and Communications has granted a special "stay home" callsign for the Liga Colombiana de Radioaficionados' members to use. Look for 5JSTAYHOME (only one digit) to be active on all bands and modes from 12 May to 27 July QSL via LoTW and eQSL.

I - II3STAY is another "stay home" callsign, to be used by members of ARI Bruneck/Brunico (IQ3ED) between 12 May and 31 December. QSL via the bureau, or direct to IN3ZWF.

I - 4U9STAYHOME is the special callsign for the UN Global Service Center's Amateur Radio Club (4U1GSC) to join the Stay Home campaign from 15 May to 15 June. DXCC wise, this activity counts for Italy. QSL via 9A2AA, direct or bureau.

I - Michele, IZ2FME will operate CW only as II2EMCA between 1 July and 31 December. The special callsign's suffix stands for Emilio Caimi (1876-1963), the straight key manufacturer whose company supplied the Italian Royal Air Force in the Thirties. QSL via LoTW, or direct to IZ2FME.

KL - Originally expected to take place in June [425DXN 1507], the Russian Robinson Club's IOTA DXpedition to Alaska has been postponed. The new schedule (subject to change due to travel restrictions) is for N3QQ, N7QT, OK8AU, UA9OBA and possibly a couple of other operators to be active as KL7RRC/p from Kiska Island (NA-070) on 5-10 September, and as KL7RRC from Adak Island (NA-039) on 11-18 September. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 (Fox & Hound) with three stations. QSLs via N7RO. Bookmark https://www.na-234.com/ for updates.

OK - Amateur radio became fully legal in Czechoslovakia on 19 May 1930, when the first examinations for a licence were administered. To celebrate the 100th anniversary of this milestone, twelve special callsigns will be active on 19-31 May. Six callsigns (OL901AA, OL901AB, OL902AC, OL901AF, OL902AG and OL901AH) will be in memory of the first licencees, while other six callsigns (OL90SKEC, OL90KVAC, OL90CAV, OL90ROH, OL90SVAZARM and OL90CRK) will memo-

rialize the historic and current amateur radio organizations in the Czech Republic. QSL via the bureau, LoTW and eQSL. Complete information on the OK-90 Award can be found on https://ok90.hamqth.com/.

SP - Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of Pope John Paul II, born Karol Wojtyla (1920-2005), special callsign 3Z100KW will be active from his hometown on 15-31 May. QSL via SP9ZKN.

UA - Commemorating the 115th anniversary since the birth of Mikhail A. Sholokhov (the 1965 Nobel Prize in Literature), special callsigns R115MS, RM35MS and UE35MS will be active on 18-24 May during the 35th edition of the Sholokhov Spring Festival. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS.

UR - Special callsigns EM100ALK, EM100LK and EO100A will be active from 1 June to 1 July to memorialize Ivan Nikitovich Kozhedub (1920-1991). QSL via operator's instructions. A certificate will be available, see https://www.qrz.com/db/EM100ALK for information. A Marshal of Aviation, Ivan Nikitovich was a flying ace, attributed with the highest number of air combat victories of any Soviet pilot during World War II.

VU - AT2SH is another "stay home" special callsign from India, operated by VU2RBI, VU2RS, VU3OPD, VU3UFE and VU3WEW "to create awareness about COVID-19 across the world through Amateur Radio". QSL via M0OXO's OQRS.

W - Bruce, K5TEN will be active again as K4D from Dog Island (NA-085) on 1-10 June. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 40 and 20 metres. QSL QSL direct to home call; he will upload his log to LoTW and eQSL.

ZS - ZS1820S is a special callsign celebrating the 200th anniversary of the arrival of the 1820 British Settlers in the Eastern Cape area of South Africa. The callsign will be active for the rest of the year on various bands and modes. QSL via LoTW and logsearch on Club Log; electronic QSLs can be requested from ZS2EC by email.

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CAMPBELL ISLAND (ZL9) ---> "The Perseverance DX Group (PDXG) has some unfinished business". Several PDXG members participated in the 2012 ZL9HR DXpedition to Campbell Island that was cut short by weather. "After their Successful VP8PJ South Orkney Islands 2020 DXpedition, PDXG is pleased to announce their intention to activate the New Zealand Sub Antarctic Islands (ZL9), Clublog #24 Most Wanted, in the 2021-2022 timeframe.
The plan includes 160-10m operation, CW/SSB/RTTY/FT8, with an emphasis on 160, 80, 60, 40 and, propagation dependent, 12 and 10 metres. The landing permit process is pending and discussions with transportation partners have begun. However, the Covid-19 lock down has caused significant delays and uncertainty. Additional information will be published as it develops". [TNX K5GS]

CQ CONTEST HALL OF FAME ---> Established in 1986, the CQ Contest Hall of Fame honours those contesters who not only excel in personal performance but who also "give back" to the hobby in outstanding ways. CQ Contesting Editor David Siddall (K3ZJ) conducted a virtual induction ceremony at the conclusion of the daylong 2020 Contest University webinar on 14 May. This is the 37th annual induction and the first to be conducted online. The 2020 inductees to the CQ Contest Hall of Fame are:

* Geoffrey Howard, W0CG/PJ2DX, who purchased and restored the PJ9JT contest station in 2000 that had been owned by CQ Contest Hall of Famer John Thompson, W1BIH/PJ9JT. The location was named "Signal Point" and the PJ2T callsign pays homage to PJ9JT. Geoff established the Caribbean Contest Consortium to help manage and maintain the station, and has consistently made the station available to guest operators over the years, including serving as host station several times for young operators participating in the Dave Kalter Youth DX Adventure program. He has also worked closely with VERONA, Curacao's national ham radio society. Geoff served for more than 25 years in the United States Air Force, retiring as a colonel; worked for RCA and the Federal Aviation Administration, and taught in the Graduate School of Management at Kent State University in Ohio.
* Willard "Bill" Myers, K1GQ, a pioneer of computer-based systems for designing and switching antennas at contest stations, designed the Cushcraft "Skywalker" series of monoband Yagis, helped build the early PacketCluster network and served as mentor to several of today's most prominent contesters, including K1AR, K1DG, K1JX, and others. Bill was also a major behind-the-scenes force at the 2014 World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC) competition in Massachusetts, and is currently providing support and refinement of the SkookumLogger contest logging program for Apple computers.
* Gene Zimmerman, W3ZZ (SK), was a major force in VHF contesting as well as an accomplished HF contester. He was a member of both ARRL's and CQ's contest committees at various times between 1972 and 2012, was QST magazine's VHF Editor for nearly a decade, and was CQ Contest magazine's VHF columnist as well. Gene took over the struggling CQ World Wide VHF Contest in 1999, reinvented it as a 6- and 2-meter only event and sparked its growth into a truly worldwide competition. He was also instrumental in organizing the mid-Atlantic VHF contesting group that became known as the K8GP Grid Pirates.

Registered participants in the virtual Contest University webinar were able to view the induction ceremony live. It was also "simulcast" on DX Engineering's YouTube channel, where it is stored for later viewing: https://www.youtube.com/user/DXEngineering/featured (the recording of the ceremony starts at 09:15:30).

CQ is issuing a separate news release this year - with separate release times - for each of the CQ Halls of Fame (Amateur Radio, Contest and DX) due to disparities in scheduling induction events. The DX Hall of Fame induction is planned to air live on Ham Nation (https://twit.tv/shows/ham-nation) on 20 May at 21 EDT (1 UTC on 21 May), with the on demand download available within 24 hours.

DXPEDITION OF THE YEAR ---> On 14 May the Southwest Ohio DX Association announced their 2019/2020 DXpedition of the Year award, which regognizes "excellence in DXpedition planning and execution" from Most Wanted DXCC

Entities. DXpeditions completed from March 2019 through February 2020 were eligible for this year's award, which has been presented to the TI9A DXpedition to Coco's Island (February 2020). Watch the video of the announcement on https://www.swodxa.org/dxpedition-of-the-year/.

QSL 9J2LA ---> "I am still waiting for the 9J2LA cards to arrive from UX5UO QSL Print", Charles (M0OXO) reported on 12 May. A certain delay was expected "due to Covid-19 issues", but apparently "there are more restrictions on the route between Ukraine and the UK. Labels and envelopes are all ready here, I just need the cards to arrive and they will be mailed within 48 hours of receipt". Please be patient and "stop emailing me asking about the position of the cards and LoTW".

QSL EY8MM ---> Mike Cizek, W0VTT is the new QSL manager for Nodir, EY8MM. Mike will have all logs dating back to 1 January 1994. A batch of new cards has been ordered, but it might take some time before Mike receives them.

QSL VP8PJ ---> The QSL cards arrived from ON5UR QSL Print Service, Tim (M0URX) reported on 12 May, "so the job of labeling the cards and stuffing the envelopes begins. ALL cards requested up to the mailing date will all be sent in the mailing and a press release from the VP8PJ team will inform you when the job is done" The OQRS on https://www.m0urx.com/ is open, "so you still have time to make your QSL request".

QSLs received direct or through managers: 4A2L (NA-135), 5H3EME, 5H3UA, 6F3A (NA-153), 7X4AN, 8R1/AG6UT, 9M8PSB, CB0Z (SA-101), HU1DL, LA/CT1BWW (EU-076) PJ4/NE9U, SU8WRC, SU8X, TK/S57VW, TO7DL (AF-016), TT8SN, TU5PCT, TZ4AM, UN9GD, VP2VB, VP6R, XV1X, XZ1Z, Z81D, ZF5T.

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