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3X - If the borders open after COVID-19, the Radio Club de Provins (F6KOP, https://www.f6kop.com/) will be active from Kassa Island (AF-051), Guinea in January 2021. Plans are to operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 on 160-10 metres with five stations. More information is expected in due course. [TNX F5NQL]

A6 - A60CH is a special callsign for the Emirates Amateur Radio Society to join the national campaign "Committed to you, Homeland" in support of the governmental precautionary measures to help limit the spread of COVID-19 in the UAE. QSL via EA7FTR.

EA - URE San Fernando (EA7URF) is participating in the official celebrations for the 500th anniversary of the first circumnavigation of the Earth [425DXN 1467]. The third of ten special event stations representing a milestone of the voyage will be AM500ISJ, to be active on 20-28 June to memorialize Ferdinand Magellan's overwintering at Puerto San Julian (Argentine Patagonia). QSL via EA7URF (bureau or direct), LoTW and eQSL.

HH - Postponed "due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the current world airlines' uncertainty", the 4V5H DXpedition to Haiti [425DXN 1503] is now expected to take place in late February 2021. Paul G4PVM, Col MM0NDX and Jonathan MM0OKG plan to operate also from IOTA group NA-149. QSL via EB7DX. More information will be available "one or two weeks before they go". [TNX DX World]

JA - Harry, JG7PSJ plans to be active again as JG7PSJ/7 from Oshima (AS-206) from around 20 UTC on 12 June until around 6 UTC on the 14th. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call and LoTW; see http://jg7psj.starfree.jp/logsearch/jg7psj_7.php for the logsearch.

KH9 - Randy, WW6RG expects to be active as KH9/WW6RG from Wake Island on 16 and 18 June between 4 and 8 UTC, with a short break around 5 UTC both days. He will operate QRP SSB on 17 and 20 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

OZ - Michael, OZ1KZX will be active as 5P2LND from Langeland Island (EU-172) on 13-20 June. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via home call; logsearch on Club Log.

OZ - Mike, DG5LAC will be active as OZ/DG5LAC from Vendsyssel-Thy (EU-171) on 20-27 June. He operates SSB, FT8 and/or FT4. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via DG5LAC.

VP8 - Usually activated from the Historic Dockyard Museum in Stanley, Falkland Islands (SA-002), this year, owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, VP8HDM will be used from "alternative locations" (VP8HDM/A) on 20-21 June during the first of two International Museums Weekends (see http://www.radio-amateur-events.org/IMW/ for information). QSL direct to VP8LP.

VU - Other special COVID-19 stations from India include:
AT2HWC ("Health Warriors against Coronavirus") operated by VU3ZHA until 14 July;
AT2SAH ("Stay At Home") operated by VU3USI until 19 August;
AT2SHW ("Salute to Health Warriors") operated by VU2HW until 30 June;
AT9FC ("Fighting Covid") operated by VU2AK until 14 July;
AU2CVD operated by VU3CGT until 7 August;
AU2FC ("Fighting Covid") operated by VU2WSX until 9 September.
An updated list of COVID-19 callsigns is maintained by VU2JOS at https://qsl.net/vu2jos/covid.pdf. [TNX The Daily DX]

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COVID-19 RADIO COMMUNICATION EVENT ---> On 6-7 June over 6000 worldwide participants from more than 120 countries made the COVID-19 Radio Communication Event a great success. The STAYHOME category was won by ZW5STAYHOME with 4050 QSOs, followed by OH1STAYHOME with 3797 QSOs. The highest Single Operator category score is still unknown as the logs are still coming in (over 800 at this time). Several high scorer WRTC operators were participating, even the winner LY9A.
The final report for the event will be released in a few weeks and it will be followed by a lottery for the great prizes provided by the event organizers and Yaesu Musen Co. See http://ko8sca.com/prizes.pdf for the details. To apply for your awards please follow the guidelines published here: http://ko8sca.com/awards.pdf. Please make sure you email your logs before the deadline of 15 June 2020 to covidlog[@]sral.fi. [TNX OH2BH]

ILLW 2020 ---> Normally held on the third full weekend in August, the 23rd International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend (https://illw.net/) has been moved to 22-23 August. The change is out of respect for those commemorating the 75th anniversary of Victory in the Pacific (VP) day on 15 August.

QSL 9J2LA ---> Charles, M0OXO reports that he started posting the cards on 8 June, and that a "full LoTW upload will take place on 18 June".

QSO TODAY VIRTUAL HAM EXPO ---> Despite the current COVID-19 situation and the cancellation of all amateur conventions and hamfests, radio amateurs are more active than ever and are seeking new ways to engage with our world wide community. To meet this need, "QSO Today" (the weekly podcast hosted by Eric Guth, 4Z1UG/WA6IGR, https://www.qsotoday.com/) is organizing the first Virtual Ham Expo, scheduled for 8-9 August. It will be held on a live virtual

reality platform that simulates a full convention experience with an exhibit hall and exhibit booths staffed by live attendants, speaker auditorium, lobby, and lounges. Attendees will learn from 50+ internationally recognized ham radio confirmed speakers, engage with fellow hams, and see the latest equipment from a wide array of exhibitors. The QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo will run for 48 hours as a live event, then will be available as an on-demand event for another 30 days. Admission is free, and anyone can attend - see https://www.qsotodayhamexpo.com/ for registration and other information.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 4A2L (NA-135), 5H4WZ (AF-063), 6F3A (NA-153), 8P2K, 8P6ET, 8R1/AH0G, 9J2LA, 9K2GS, 9Q1C,A50BOC, AH6HY, CB0Z (SA-101), CE7/DL2OE (SA-018), CP6/DK7PE, DL100BKW, EX0QR, F4FCE/p (EU-039), HU1DL, HV0A, JH6HXH (AS-037), JT1BV, KC4USV (AN-011), KH0/KC0W, LA9RY (EU-055), LA9SDA (EU-046), LU/DL2OE (SA-008), MP7DX, MU2K, OD5PY, T88ED, TI9A (NA-012), TO7DL (AF-016), TT8SN, TU5PCT, V31GX, V31MA, VP8PJ (AN-008), VQ5Z, VR2XAN, VU2DSI, VU2GSM, VY0ERC (NA-008), XV1X, ZL1NA/mm.

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