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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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3A - Ennio, IW1RBI will be active as 3A/IW1RBI from Monaco on 6 July. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 30-6 metres. QSL via home call.

9A - Look for 9A/S50X, 9A/S52P, 9A/S53Z, 9A/S58MU, 9A/DM7AA and 9A3SM to be active from the Palagruza Islands (EU-090) on 18-31 July. They plan to operate CW and SSB on 80-10 metres from the main island, as well as from a couple of smaller islands nearby. On 25-26 July they will use the special callsign 9A20A. The QSL manager for all call-signs will be S58MU (direct or bureau); the logs will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL.

CT8 - Bruno CS8ABG, Paulo CU2CO and Marco CU7BC will be active as CQ8F from the Formigas Islands (EU-003), Azores on 29 June. They will operate CW (3544, 7024, 14044, 18084, 21044, 24894 and 28044 kHz) and SSB (3744, 7144, 14244, 18144, 21244, 24944 and 28444 kHz) approximately from 8 UTC to 19 UTC. QSL via LoTW.

DL - DARC's local branch D13 (Maerkisches Viertel) will operate special callsign DL73TXL from 1 July until 30 June 2021 to say goodbye to Berlin-Tegel Airport (IATA code TXL), the main international airport of Berlin, which is expected to close permanently in early November. Along with Gatow and Tempelhof, it played a pivotal role during the Berlin Airlift (1948-1949), organized by the Western Allies to carry supplies to the people of West Berlin.

EA6 - Andy, DK5ON will be active again as EA6/DK5ON from Mallorca, Balearic Islands (EU-004) on 1-11 July. He will operate SSB, CW, RTTY and FT8/FT4 on 40-6 metres. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via home call (direct or bureau). [TNX NG3K]

G - GB13COL is the special callsign for the Durham District and Amateur Radio Society to participate in the "13 Colonies Special Event" (from 13 UTC on 1 July until 4 UTC on 8 July) as a "bonus station". QSL via eQSL, or direct to G0VLF.

G - Larry, G4HLN will be active as GB100GKU on 1-28 July to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the long-range maritime radio service in the United Kingdom. He will operate mainly CW on the HF bands. QSL via the bureau. GKU was the callsign of the first long-range maritime radio station in the UK, opened in 1920 from a site at Devizes, Wiltshire. It operated on long-wave frequencies and mainly worked the transatlantic liners.

I - Members of the Italian Naval Old Rhythmers Club (www.inorc.it) will be active as II0ICEH from 18 July to 1 August. They will operate only CW. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. A certificate will be available; see https://www.qrz.com/db/II0ICEH for information. ICEH was the callsign of the Italian ocean liner "Andrea Doria", most famous for her sinking on 26 July 1956, after the Swedish MS "Stockholm" collided with her off the coast of

Nantucket, Massachusetts. [TNX IN3MDR]

W - The following stations will be active during the 12th annual "13 Colonies Special Event", which will be held from 13 UTC on 1 July until 4 UTC on 8 July: K2A (New York), K2B (Virginia), K2C (Rhode Island), K2D (Connecticut), K2E (Delaware), K2F (Maryland), K2G (Georgia), K2H (Massachusetts), K2I (New Jersey), K2J (North Carolina), K2K (New Hampshire), K2L (South Carolina), and K2M (Pennsylvania), plus "bonus station" WM3PEN from Philadelphia (the city where the US independence was declared). Information about the award programme can be found on http://www.13colonies.us/.

YJ - Celebrating the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the independent Republic of Vanuatu, special event callsign YJ40IND will be active on 1-30 July. The operators will be Rod YJ8RN (FT8), Estelle YJ8ED (SSB) and Colin YJ8CW (CW). They will be QRV in their spare time, mostly around 6-10 UTC, with more activity during the weekends. QSL route TBA. [TNX The Daily DX]

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FT8DMC ANNIVERSARY ---> Several special event callsigns are expected to be activated between 1 and 31 July to celebrate the 3rd anniversary of the FT8 Digital Mode Club: 9K8FTDMC (Kuwait), A60FTDMC (United Arab Emirates), A91FTDMC (Bahrain), DQ8FTDMC (Germany), HZ8FTDMC (Saudi Arabia), II8FTDM (Italy), LR8FTDMC (Argentina), LX8FTDM (Luxembourg), OD5FTDMC (Lebanon), OE20FTDMC (Austria), RO3FTDM (Russia), SU8FTDMC (Egypt), TK8FTDM (Corsica), TM8FTDM (France), TO8FTDM (Guadeloupe), YP8FTDMC and YQ6FTDMC (Romania), ZL6FTDMC (New Zealand), ZW8FTDMC (Brazil). See https://www.ft8dmc.eu for information about the FTDMC Anniversary Award.

HAM RADIONLINE ---> The 45th Ham Radio Friedrichshafen has been cancelled owing to the COVID-19 crisis,and has been replaced by an online event packed with presentations (https://www.darc.de/nachrichten/veranstaltungen/#c9487). The DX Forum, hosted by Enrico Stumpf-Siering (DL2VFR) will take place on 27 June from 17 to 19 UTC on the Deutscher Amateur-Radio Club's YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/user/DARCHAMRADIO.

IOTA CONTEST 2020: REMINDER ---> 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.

JX0X 2021 ---> Ken LA7GIA, Mats RM2D, Dima RA9USU and Dominik R4BE (DL5EBE) plan to be active as JX0X from Jan Mayen (EU-022) for two weeks in late September 2021. This will be an all band, all mode DXpedition, with a focus on 160-30 metres CW and digital modes. More information is expected in due course. [TNX The Daily DX]

KL7RRC 2021 ---> The the Russian Robinson Club's IOTA DXpedition to Alaska has been rescheduled for June 2021. Plans were for KL7RRC/p to be active from Kiska Island (NA-070) and KL7RRC to be active from Adak Island (NA-039) in September [425DXN 1515]. Bookmark https://www.na-234.com/ for updates.

RI0Q 2021 ---> Igor, UA9KDF and the RT9K team plan to be active as RI0Q from Bol'shoy Begichev Island (AS-152) sometime between 1 February and 30 April 2021. More information is expected in due course.

WSJT-X 2.2.2 ---> The latest release of WSJT-X has been available since 22 June. WSJT-X 2.2.2 is a bug-fix release, mainly to incorporate the new RAC section PE (Prince Edward Island) into the FT8/FT4/MSK144 Contest Mode messages for ARRL Field Day.
Stations intending to operate in Field Day (FD) are urged to upgrade to this release, otherwise "you cannot set your section to PE, and of equal importance you cannot decode contest messages from stations who are operating from PE without this upgrade".
If you want to make sure to have the latest list of default working frequencies, go to File -> Settings -> Frequencies, right-click in the Working Frequencies list, and select Reset.
See the Release Notes and the updated User Guide on the website below. Upgrading from earlier versions of WSJT-X should be be seamless. There is no need to uninstall a previous version or move any files. Links to installation packages for Windows, Linux, and Macintosh are available on http://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/wsjtx.html.

YASME SUPPORTING GRANT TO RBN ---> The Board of Directors of The Yasme Foundation (http://www.yasme.org/) has made a supporting grant to establish Reverse Beacon Network (RBN) nodes in Algeria, Tunisia and Libya. The project will be carried out by youth in the ARA (Amateurs Radio Algeriens) and ARAT (Association des Radio Amateurs Tunisiens) radio clubs. The build out of these nodes will increase RBN presence in Africa for both the amateur and scientific communities. The Reverse Beacon Network is a network of global Software Defined Radio (SDR) receivers, monitoring amateur radio bands and reporting CW, RTTY, and FT8 signals to a central database at http://www.reversebeacon.net/. [TNX K4ZW]

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3A2MA, 3W1T, 3W2LI, 4A2L (NA-135), 4U1UN, 6F3A (NA-153), 6V7A, 9J2LA, 9M6NA, 9Q1C, A50BOC, C5YK, CN2JF, CN8KD, CT3MD, EA7/DJ4EL (EU-143), EA9/DL2JRM, EX0QR, H44MS, HF2020PZK, HP2DFA, KH0/KC0W, KL7HBK, LY300GAON, NP3VI (NA-249), OG55W, SM1ALH (EU-020), T6AA, TM8C (EU-159), TR8CA, VP2VB, VP8PJ (AN-008), VR2XYL, XV1X, ZD7BG, ZD7DL, ZD7FT.

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