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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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4U_UN - The United Nations Amateur Radio Club will be active as 4U75UN to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the United Nations. "Currently there is no set operations schedule", The Daily DX reports, but the QSL manager (HB9BOU) "already has QSL cards ready". Located at the 42nd floor of the UN Headquarters in New York City, the station has its control point on the ground floor and can be operated remotely offsite.

CE - Members of the Grupo de DX Pacifico Chileno (https://www.cpdxg.cl/) will be active as XR500M on 1-31 October to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the discovery of the Strait of Magellan during the first global circumnavigation voyage. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, eQSL, or via XQ7UP.

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 fourth in a series of AM500 special event stations representing a milestone of the voyage will be AM500ETS, to be active from 31 October to 8 November to memorialize Ferdinand Magellan's discovery of the Estrecho de Todos los Santos, later named after Magellan himself. QSL via EA7URF (bureau or direct), LoTW and eQSL. Previously active were AM500SEV (August 2019), AM500SAN (September 2019) and AM500ISJ (June 2020).

F - Guillaume, F1IEH will be active as TM72WOW at various times between 3 October and 22 November. He will operate SSB, RTTY, FT8/FT4. QSL via home call. The special callsign memorializes the flights of Wilbur and Orville Wright at Camp d'Auvours near Le Mans in late 1908. [TNX F1IEH]

F - Jerry, F4HJO will be active as F4HJO/p from Brehat Island (EU-074) on 17-24 October. He will operate mainly SSB on 80, 40, 20 and 17 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), LoTW, or via home call (direct or bureau).

F - Commemorating the 75th anniversary of the creation of the United Nations, Franck, F4FHM and Dany, F0GFI will be active as TM75ONU on 17-31 October. They will operate SSB and FT8 on the HF bands and 2 metres. QSL via eQSL only.

F - Members of the Radio Club de Cestas (F6KUQ) will be active as TM30CDR on 14-22 November. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8/FT4 on 80-6 metres. QSL via F6KUQ. The special callsign marks World Children's Day, celebrated annually on 20 November. [TNX F6AJA]

HC - Promoting the biodiversity of Ecuador, the HC DX Group will be active as HD1X from the Choco ecoregion (WWL FI09iv) from 31 October to 3 November. Look for activity on the HF bands SSB, SSTV, FT4 and FT8. QSL direct to EC5R. [TNX EA5RM]

I - The stations affiliated to the "Coordinamento Stazioni Marconiane

Italiane", which gathers amateur radio stations operating from historic Marconi sites located in Italy, will be active on 3 October to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the invention of radio. Weather and Covid-19 restrictions permitting, twelve stations are expected to be QRV: IY0CG, IY0GA (Sardinia), IY0IMD, IY0ORP, IY0TC, IY1MR, IY1SM, IY1SP, IY4FGM, IY5PIS, IY6GM and IY7M. A certificate will be available for working at least six stations; just send your QSO details to Pier Luigi Anzini, IK2UVR, ARI HF Award Manager (ik2uvr[@]ari.it).

JD1_mt - Take, JG8NQJ will be back to the weather station on Minami Torishima (OC-073) from 14 October until mid-January 2021, his QSL manager reports. Take will operate CW as JG8NQJ/JD1 in his spare time. QSL via JA8CJY (direct) or JG8NQJ (bureau).

JW - Look for JW7XK (QSL via LA7XK and LoTW), JW9DL (QSL via LA9DL and LoTW) and JW6VM (QSL via LA6VM) to be active from Longyearbyen (EU-026), Svalbard on 7-12 October. They will participate in the SSB leg of the Scandinavian Activity Contest (10-11 October). Outside the contest JW7XK will operate via satellite, mainly on RS-44 using SSB and CW.

OE - 4U75A is the special callsign for the VIC Amateur Radio Contest DX Club in Vienna, Austria (4U1A, http://www.cqdx.ru/4u1a/) to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the United Nations until 31 December. QSL via UA3DX.

OX - OZ1DJJ's flight to Tasiilaq Island (NA-151) [425DXN 1534] was delayed, so on 26-28 September Bo was active as OX3LX from the main island of Greenland (NA-018). He now expects to be QRV from NA-151 until 3 October. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via OZ0J.

PJ2 - Curacao is one of the four new DXCC Entities born out of the dissolution of the Netherlands Antilles on 10 October 2010. To commemorate the 10th anniversary of "10/10/10", PJ2AFM, PJ2CF and PJ2SM will be active as PJ2C on 10 October. Main activity will be on 20 metres SSB. QSL direct to EC5AHA. [TNX NG3K]

PY - Carlos PY1CG, Marcelo PY1MT and Renato PY8WW plan to be active as ZV1M from Ilha das Palmas (SA-079) from 29 October to 1 November. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via PY1MT.

SM - Palle, SA0BYP and Johan, SA3BYC will be active from SI9AM (the King Chulalongkorn Memorial Amateur Radio Society's station) in Ragunda, Sweden on 10-11 October for the SSB leg of the Scandianavian Activity Contest. QSL via SM3FJF, direct or bureau.

SP - Special callsigns 3Z40RY, HF40RY, SN40RY, SO40RY, SP40RY and SQ40RY will be active from 1 October to 31 December for the 40th anniversary of the first RTTY QSO from Poland, made between SR1PBW and Y23NE (currently DM2CNE) on 19 December 1980. QSL via operators' instructions. A certificate will be available; details can be found on https://www.qrz.com/db/SP40RY.

TA - Members of the Tango Alpha Ham Radio Club (YM1KE) will operate special event station TC6EKM on 3-7 October in commemoration of Liberation Day (6 October 1923, which marked the end of the Allied occupation and military administration of Constantinople/Istanbul after World War I). QSL via eQSL.

VK - Mike, VK4DX will be active as VK4DX/p from Russell Island (OC-137) on 19-24 November. He will operate SSB and CW on 40-15 metres using

100 watts and wire antennas at the waterfront. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via home call (direct or bureau). [TNX VK4DX]

VQ9 - VQ9T is the callsign that Bob, DU7ET (WT3A) will be using while operating from Diego Garcia (AF-006), Chagos Islands [425DXN 1531]. This is a reissued callsign, previously used by N1TO in 2001 and 2002. Bob will be working as radio officer on a ship for 4-5 months and hopes to have opportunities to go ashore and be QRV. [TNX The Daily DX]

W - Special event stations N0F, N1F, N2F, N3F, N4F, N5F, N6F, N7F, N8F and N9F, plus KF2IRE and VE3FIRE (Canada) will be active on 4-10 October for the Fire Prevention Week 2020. QSL cards for all of the FPW stations should be sent direct to Fire Prevention Week Special Event, c/o Siemens Fire Safety USA, 8 Fernwood Road, Florham Park NJ 07932, USA. See http://hamfire.com/ for more information on the event.

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BANDS ALIVE: THE 2021 CW/SSB ULTRA-MARATHON ---> The True Blue DXers Club announces "Bands Alive", a year-long "ultra-marathon" to be run from 1 January through 31 December 20212. "As the new solar cycle is now under way and conditions on the HF bands are expected to gradually improve throughout 2021, this unprecedented initiative is launched to give DXers a further motivation to get on the air and therefore support, improve and promote amateur activity using person-to-person modes of communication such as CW and SSB. This initiative, which we call 'ultra-marathon' for a reason, is indeed unprecedented - its aim, reflected in its format, is to get people on the air and make as many unique contacts as possible over the duration of a full year, and not simply to work as many countries as possible". Participation is open to all amateurs: you do not need to sign up for TBDXC membership, but you have to register for the marathon on the dedicated section of the TBDXC website: https://www.tbdxc.net/marathon.

GYPO ---> K5G, K6G, K7G, K8P, N0G, N2G, N3G, N4G, N5G, N9G and W3G are special event stations expected to participate in the third annual "Get Your Park ON!" operating event on 10-18 October. Sponsored by the US affiliate of World Wide Flora and Fauna, GYPO is open to amateur radio operators around the world. A complete list of the special event stations will be provided at the start of GYPO, see https://wwffkff.wordpress.com/.

JX0X 2021 ---> The final decision to go to Jan Mayen (http://jx0x.com/) will be taken in a couple of weeks' time. "This decision will depend heavily on

if we think we have enough support from the individual DXers", the team says. "We depend on upfront support to sign the vessel contract", and donations are needed NOW. "We have been working on this project since April 2019, we have invested much time in planning and preparing this trip with all the permits and negotiations - and we feel we're so close. If you support us you will of course receive a QSL card and express LoTW as part of the donation. In addition we guarantee a 100% refund of all donations if we decide to cancel the trip". JX0X will focus on 160-30 metres CW and digital, with vertical antennas close to saltwater, and an excellent take-off for North America and Japan. They will also have beams for 20-10 metres. PayPal donations can be sent to jx0x[@]la7gia.com.

WSJT-X 2.3.0-rc1 ---> Candidate releases are intended for beta testers: individuals interested in testing the programme's new features and providing feedback to the WSJT Development Team. The first candidate release for WSJT-X 2.3.0 introduces FST4 and FST4W, two new modes designed for use on the LF and MF bands. FST4 is optimized for two-way QSOs, while FST4W is for quasi-beacon transmissions of WSPR-style messages. Further details and operating hints can be found in the "Quick-Start Guide to FST4 and FST4W": https://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/FST4_Quick_Start.pdf. Links to installation packages for Windows, Linux, and Macintosh are available on http://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/wsjtx.html.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 5X2S, 8P6DR, BA5CJ/5 (AS-141), D2EB, E50J, E51JD, EA8AQV, FS/VA7XW (NA-105), HL4CBX, JA8ISO, JT5DX, JW7QIA, KP4/AA7CH (NA-249), VK5KI (OC-139), ZB2GI.

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