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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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Owing to the ongoing and fluid nature of the COVID-19 situation globally, announced activities might be postponed or cancelled at any time and without notice.

6O - Ali, EP3CQ will be back to Mogadishu, Somalia from 15 November for two months. In his spare time he will operate mainly FT8 on various bands as 6O1OO. QSL direct to Ali Solhjoo, Weimarer Str. 29, 10625 Berlin, Germany. He has processed and mailed out all of the QSL requests received until 10 November.

A4 - Royal Omani Amateur Radio Society members are allowed to use the A450 prefix on 15-25 November to celebrate the 50th National Day of the Sultanate of Oman. For example, A41ZZ will use A450ZZ and A41CK will use A450CK. QSL for all of the A450 callsigns via A47RS.

A9 - Members of the Bahrain Amateur Radio Society will be active as A91WTVD on 17-21 November. QSL via LoTW, or via EC6DX. The special callsign's suffix stands for World Television Day (21 November).

HZ - The Saudi Amateur Radio Society (HZ1SAR) has announced that special event stations HZ20G, 7Z20G and 8Z20G are expected to be QRV on 17-23 November on the occasion of the G20 Summit in Riyadh.

OE - 4U2STAYHOME is the special callsign reactivated by the VIC Amateur Radio Contest DX Club (4U1A, http://www.cqdx.ru/4u1a/) until 31 December during the current second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic. This activity counts for Austria for DXCC, and for the Vienna International Centre for the CQ DX Marathon. QSL via UA3DX, direct or bureau.

ON - The Belgian regulator is issuing again special callsigns to convey an "encouraging message" during the second nationwide lockdown declared amid soaring Covid-19 cases. The callsigns are valid until 13 December at least. Callsigns that have been issued (o re-issued) so far include OO4UZLEUVEN, OO7STAYHOME, OQ20LIFE, OQ5BECLEVER, OR1LIFE, OR20STAYHOME, OR20STAYSAFE, OR7LIFE, OS2HOPE, OT20LIFE, OT2CARE, OT4CARE, OT4HOPE, OT4LIFE, OT5ALIVE and OT6SAFE. See each station's entry on qrz.com for QSL information.

SP - Members of the SP3YOR Radio Club will operate special callsign SP0AVA in November and December to commemorate the 120th anniversary of the birth of Antoni Palluth (amateur radio callsign TPVA). QSL via LoTW, or via SP3YOR. Palluth (1900-1944) was one of the founders of the AVA Radio Company, which designed and built communications equipment for the Polish military, including "doubles" the Enigma machine.

SP - The Bydgoszcz Amateur Radio Club (SP2PBY) will be active as SN2IW, SN3ESH and SN3IU on 9-22 November to honour the memory of three prominent figures in the amateur radio history of Poland: Ryszard

Czerwinski SP2IW (1932-2018), Boleslaw Krzymin SP2ESH (1936-2016) and Zbigniew Gorgolewski SP2IU (1933-2017). QSL via SP2PBY and logsearch on Club Log. A certificate will be available for download: http://www.sp2pby.pl/.

VU - Datta, VU2DSI will be active once again as AU2JCB from 20 November to 15 December to commemorate the birth date (30 November 1858) of Indian physicist and radio pioneer Jagadish Chandra Bose. Look for activity on 3710, 7040, 7150, 14210, 14250, 14310, 21235, 21310, 21350, 28490, 28510, 28545, 29700, 50800 and 51500 kHz. QSL direct to home call. Datta reports that other stations are expected to join the celebrations, including AU3JCB (QSL via VU2EVU), AU5JCB (QSL via VU2XPN), AU8JCB (QSL via VU3MZE) and AT2JCB (QSL via VU3ZHA). [TNX NG3K]

YB - The ORARI branch of Jakarta Utara (YH0AG) will operate special callsign 8A10NOV on 13-15 November for Hari Pahlawan ("Heroes' Day"), the Remembrance Day annually celebrated on 10 November in Indonesia. Look for activity on 80, 40, 20 and 15 metres FT8, as well as on 40 metres SSB. A certificate will be available: https://www.orarilokaljakut.or.id/.

YB - The ORARI branch of Tangerang Selatan (YH1RI) will operate special callsigns 8G12TS, 8H12TS and 8I12TS on 14-25 November to celebrate the 12th anniversary of the city of South Tangerang, established on 26 November 2008. Look for activity on 80 and 40 metres SSB. A certificate will be available: https://oraritangsel.or.id/award2020/.

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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3D2AG RBN ---> Sponsored by the YASME Foundation, a new Reverse Beacon Network (RBN) node has been active at 3D2AG's station since 10 November. This is the first RBN node active from the South Pacific islands; a similar setup will soon come on the air from 5W1SA's QTH in Samoa.

QSL NL0H VIA M0OXO ---> Henry, NL0H has relocated from Nome (mainland Alaska) to St. Lawrence Island (NA-040). Consequently, there are three separate logs on M0OXO's OQRS (https://www.m0oxo.com/oqrs/logsearch.php) that cover Henry's past and current activity:

NL0H = operations from when he lived on the mainland
NL0H/P NA-040 = initial portable operations from the island (May 2019 and February 2020)
NL0H NA-040 = current operations as a resident on the island

"If you are unsure of where you worked Henry", M0OXO says, "check all three logbooks or email me". New full colour QSL cards are being printed and will be available via M0OXO's OQRS or direct only to Charles Wilmott, 60 Church Hill, Royston, Barnsley, S71 4NG, United Kingdom.

VOACAP ONLINE ---> "A few weeks ago, VOACAP Online for Ham Radio (https://www.voacap.com/hf/) was moved to a new web platform, and this change forced me to re-factor the majority of the code in the back-end", Jari, OH6BG says. "I have now completed this task, and continuously fine-tuning it, but I am pleased to inform that the coverage area maps and point-to-point prediction graphs are now much cleaner & neater than before, using a different mapping library.
In addition, most of the codebase has been optimized and hopefully is more Robust than ever. Especially the Propagation Planner, the propagation planning tool for HF contests (e.g. CQWW) & DXpeditions, should now be faster and also, as a bonus, offers the predicted values as CSV files for a more detailed analysis. All the same changes have also been implemented on the site of the VOACAP DX Charts, https://www.voacap.com/dx/.
VOACAP Online for Ham Radio is a free HF propagation prediction service for the global ham community, running for more than ten years now, with integrations to the DX Summit and Club Log sites, for example. No registration required, no tracking on the site by Google Analytics, no ads on the pages, and no subscription fee for the service. Follow and subscribe to the latest VOACAP developments on Twitter: https://twitter.com/VOACAP/".

+ SILENT KEY + John Devoldere, ON4UN passed away peacefully on 9 November, after being in declining health over the past few months. Licensed at twenty years of age in 1961, he soon developed a strong interest in contesting and DXing on the low bands. In 1979 he was the first operator to earn the 5-Band WAZ award, and his 80m DXCC overall score (364) still places him in first position worlwide. The impressive list of John's accomplishments is detailed in his profile on qrz.com.
He was inducted into the CQ Contest Hall of Fame (1997) and the CQ DX Hall of Fame (2008); in 2013 he received the YASME Excellence Award, whose justification says it all: "Along with building one of the premier amateur stations in the world, John's contributions to the DXing community have been extensive. Beginning with '80 Meter Dxing', published in 1978, his book expanded to 'Low-Band DXing', which in its fifth edition [published in 2010, Ed.] has become the most widely used handbook for operating and building antenna systems on the bands at 7 MHz and lower frequencies. The book contains important advances in HF amateur technology and encourages operation on these bands".
A former President of the Union Royale Belge des Amateurs-emetteurs (1998-2007), in 2008 John co-authored with Mark, ON4WW a comprehensive document entitled "Ethics and Operating Procedures for the Radio Amateur", whose principles represent the point of view of the IARU on the subject: see https://www.iaru-r1.org/on-the-air/code-of-conduct/.
Condolences can be sent to ON4UN.SK[@]gmail.com. A digital farewell ceremony is being planned for 21 November.

+ SILENT KEY + Wojciech Nietyksza, SP5FM passed away on 6 November, aged 87. First licensed in 1954 as SP5UX, he "made an enormous contribution to the work of IARU Region 1 and to the cause of amateur radio in Europe". For ten terms in a row (1972-2002) he served as Chairman of the IARU Region 1 External Relations Committee, Vice-President and member of the IARU Region 1 Executive Committee. "Being notably active within the ITU, CEPT and other bodies in the area of the international amateur and professional radio world, his actions resulted in a significant increase in the importance of

the amateur radio service, and the current possibility of operation on the extended 7 MHz band was one of his most remarkable achievements". [TNX IARU Region 1]

QSLs received direct or through managers: 4O4T, 5A1AL, 6F3A (NA-153), 6O1OO, AP2TN, BA4MY, D2EB, DG5LAC/p (EU-042), DS5USH, DX9EVM, E21YDP, GB80BOB, IO5O, J79WTA, JY5IB, LU8DPM, OY9JD, PJ2/NF9V, R207RRC (AS-207), S79VU, T48K, T88MB, TM7R (EU-032), TO0A, V31CQ, V47KA, ZL1WN.

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