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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 cut short, postponed, cancelled or even extended at any time and without notice.

5V - 5V7DE is the newly issued callsign for Daniel, HB9EHD, who has been active as 5VDE from Kara, Togo since 11 February [425DXN 1551]. He will be QRV on QO-100 SSB during his evenings, and on 40 and 20 metres FT8. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, or direct to home call.

CE - Members of Radio Club Melipulli (CE7RCM) will be active as CB7FT from the lighthouse on Isla Tabon (SA-018) on 19-21 February for the American Lighthouses Weekend. They will operate SSB and digital modes on the HF bands. QSL via EA5GL.

DL - Special event stations DQ100JL and DR100JL will be active from 1 March to 31 May. The suffix stands for Junkers Luftverkehr, one of the earliest and largest airlines in Germany at the time, founded in 1921 as a division of the aircraft manufacturer Junkers. Also active will be club stations DA0FFR, DB0FFR, DF0FFR and DK0FFR. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. An award will be available, see https://100julu.de/ for information.

EA - URE San Fernando (EA7URF) will operate special callsign EG484FIM on 20-21 and 27-28 February to mark the 484th anniversary of the Spanish Naval Infantry (Fuerza de Infanteria de Marina). Formed in 1537, it is the oldest marine corps in existence in the world. QSL via EA7URF, LoTW and eQSL.

G - Celebrating Saint David, patron saint of Wales, the Welland Valley ARS will be active as GB0SD from 28 February to 2 March. QSL via G4XEX, LoTW and eQSL.

HL - Special event station D90EXPO will be active between 1 March and 17 October to promote the 2021 World Military Culture Expo that will take place in the city of Gyeryong on 1-17 October. QSL via LoTW or via DS3BBC; the logs will be uploaded to Club Log.

IS0 - Special callsign II0QSE will be active from Quartu Sant'Elena, Sardinia (EU-024) from 28 February to 30 June to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the local branch of ARI. QSL via IS0AGY, direct or bureau.

KH9 - Thomas, NL7RR plans to be back on Wake Island (OC-053) starting on 26 February and be active as KH9/NL7RR for six weeks. Last time he was there (October 2020) he operated SSB on 40 and 20 metres. QSL via LoTW or direct to AL7JX. [TNX The Daily DX]

PY - Members of Scout team PY2GMR will be active as ZW2I from the Icapara Lighthouse on Ilha Comprida (SA-024) on 19-22 February. QSL via operator's instructions.

SV - Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Revolution of 1821, the

Radio Amateur Association of Western Peloponnese will operate special callsigns SZ21AD, SZ21GK, SZ21LB, SZ21PF and SZ21TK (the suffixes memorialize five prominent figures in the Greek War of Independence) as well as SZ1821R on 1-31 March. QSLs via LoTW and eQSL.

VK9C - Ten members of the Northern Corridor Radio Group (namely VK6BMA, VK6EH, VK6EI, VK6KCC, VK6LOL, VK6MIT, VK6NU, VK6SJ, VK6SSB and VK6XI) will be active as VK9CE from the Cocos Keeling Islands (OC-003) on 16-23 March. "The trip is now set in stone", they say, provided they have "no more COVID scares between now and March 16th". They expect to be "quite active, but possibly not 24/7", on 80-10 metres (possibly 6m as well) SSB, CW and FT8 with two stations running up to 400 watts into vertical and wire antennas. The logs will be uploaded to LoTW, eQSL and Club Log. Paper QSLs via EB7DX.

VK9W - The Hellenic Amateur Radio Association of Australia is planning a DXpedition to the Willis Islands (OC-007) which is scheduled to take place on 3-13 November. The team so far includes five operators (VK2IR, VK2OK, VK2PN, VK2RF and VK3YP) and VK9W is their requested callsign; if they cannot secure it, they will use VK9HR. More information is expected in due course. Willis ranks number 38 on Club Log's current Most Wanted DXCC list. The most recent operations were VK9DWX (2008) and VK9WA (2015). [TNX DX World]

W - Bodo, DF8DX will be active again as KT3Q/2 from Long Island (NA-026) from 25 February to 3 April. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via DF8DX.

YU - On the occasion of the 70th anniversary of continuous activity of the callsign YU1ANO, the Serbian Administration has authorized the Belgrade Amateur Radio Club to use the special callsign YU51ANO from 15 February to 15 June. QSL via YU1EA.

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ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST (CW) ---> Object of the contest is for W/VE amateurs to work as many stations in as many DXCC Entities as possible on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 metre bands, while DX stations (also including KH6, KL7, CY9 and CY0) work as many W/VE amateurs in as many of the 48 contiguous states and provinces as possible (complete rules can be found at http://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx). This year's event will be held on 20-21 February (00.00-23.59 UTC). Give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K: https://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxc2021.html - good contest to you all!

IOTA HONOUR ROLL ---> The 2021 Honour Roll and Annual Listings have been posted on the IOTA website https://iota-world.org/: click on PERFORMANCE LISTINGS in the dropdown menu under PROGRAMME INFORMATION. They show the position as at 31 January 2021.
The Honour Roll lists the stations with a checked score equalling or

exceeding 50% of the total of numbered IOTA groups, excluding those with provisional numbers, at the time of preparation. The Annual Listing lists the stations with a checked score of 100 or more IOTA groups but less than the qualifying threshold for entry into the Honour Roll.
IOTA rules limit inclusion in the listings to those participants who have updated their scores at least once in the preceding five years (i.e. since February 2016) and have opted to have their scores published.

+ SILENT KEYS + Carlos S. Menem (LU1SM) passed away on 14 February. Born in 1930, he served as the 44th president of Argentina from 1989 to 1999. Also reported Silent Key is Vasiliy A. Romanyuk (ER4DX), who passed away on 15 February aged 65. Afflicted with Covid-19, he had been off the air since September.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3D2CR (OC-112), 3Z150MPR, 5R8UI, 7Q6M, A42K, AP2TN, CP4BT, CP5HK, CR6T, E51BQ (OC-013), E51WL (OC-082), EL2BG, GD0TEP, HB9Q, J8/UR5BCP, JD1BMH (AS-031), LU5FZ, MD0CCE, NP3AR, PJ7TM, PU0FDN, R195AM, SO40RY, T88SS, VK5KI (OC-139), VR2XYL, WW0WV, YB0AR, YI1SAL, ZP4KFX.

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