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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.

C6 - Steve, KG4LJB has been active as C6AJB from Eleuthera (NA-001), Bahamas since 13 March, and will remain there until the 27th. QSL via LoTW and eQSL only. Daily updates are being posted to https://www.qrz.com/db/C6AJB.

C6 - AA7JV, KN4EEI, W6IZT and W8HC will be active again as C6AGU from Water Cay (NA-001), Bahamas on 22-30 March, including activity during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. They will be using a "Radio In a Box" (RIB) station - see https://www.qrz.com/db/c6agu. QSL via LoTW or via HA7RY. [TNX The Daily DX]

CT9 - Helmut, DF7EE will be active as CT9/DF7EE from Madeira (AF-014) on 20-31 March. He will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as CQ3W (most likely) or CR3W. QSL CT9/DF7EE via LoTW and Club Log's OQRS; QSL CQ3W via LoTW and Club Log's OQRS; QSL CR3W via LoTW and DL5AXX's OQRS (http://www.dl5axx.de/dxlog/).

DL - Special callsign DP70HSC will be in use throughout 2021 to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Radio Telegraphy High Speed Club (http://www.highspeedclub.org/). QSL via the bureau and LoTW.

EA - The Mike Delta Victor DX Group (EA3RKM) is active as EH3DWN from 15 March to 1 April to mark World Down Syndrome Day (21 March). QSL via LoTW and eQSL only. See https://mikedeltavictor.com/ for more information.

HL - Lee, HL1IWD will be active holiday style as HL1IWD/5 from Koje Island (AS-081) on 2-4 April. He will operate CW and some FT8 on 40-20 metres. QSL via the bureau, or direct to EA5GL.

JW - Stian, LB5SH will be active as JW/LB5SH from the JW5E club station in Longyearbyen (EU-026), Svalbard on 25-28 March. He will operate SSB and FT8, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as JW2T.

KH9 - Randy, WW6RG is an airline pilot, and he is scheduled to be on Wake Island on 23 March, 26 March and 1 April. He plans to operate QRP SSB on 20 and 17m between 4 and 7.30 UTC. QSL direct to WW6RG; he does not use LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

KL - Keith, KL2JE has been active from Dutch Harbor, Unalaska Island (NA-059) since 14 March, and will remain there until 10 April, The Daily DX reports. In his spare time he is QRV on 20 metres FT8. Note that on 7-10 March he operated from Adak Island (NA-039).

P4 - Jean-Pierre, P43A is active as P45A from 15 March to 15 April, including participation in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. The special prefix celebrates the 45th anniversary of Aruba's National Anthem

and Flag (both adopted on 18 March 1976), as well as the 35th anniversary since the enaction of "status aparte" for the country. QSL via P43A.

PA - PF44F is the special callsign that Enno, PF5X will use to promote the Flora & Fauna Netherlands Programme (http://www.pa-ff.nl/). The first activity will take place on 21 March from Grensmaas, part of the Natura 2000 European network of protected nature areas. QSL via LoTW; paper cards will not be available.

PA - Three members of the Netherlands Telegraphy Club (namely PA3HEN, PA7RA and PG4I) will be active as PA50AGCW on 1-31 May to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Activity Group CW. QSL via PA3HEN, direct or bureau.

SP - Members of the Piastowski Amateur Radio Club (SP6PAZ) will be active as SO100PS on 1-31 May to commemorate the centenary of the third Silesian Uprising (2 May-21 July 1921). The Silesian Uprisings ("Powstania Slaskie") were a series of three armed conflicts in Upper Silesia from 1919 to 1921 in which Poles and Polish Silesians sought to break away from Germany and join the new Polish Republic, founded after World War I. QSL via SP6PAZ and LoTW. See https://logsp.pzk.org.pl/?page=award&id=88 for more information. [TNX SP6DVP]

W - Mark, K0EJ plans to be active from Dauphin Island (NA-213), Alabama on 21-26 March. In his spare time he will operate CW only on 40, 20 and 15 metres. [TNX The Daily DX]

XE - Look for Isma, XF3/XE1JC and Mark, XF3/XE1B to be active from Holbox Island (NA-045) on 19-25 March. They will operate SSB with a focus on 20 and 40 metres. [TNX DX World]

YB - Anton, YB5QZ and other four operators (YB5WIR, YB5OB, YC5TEB and YD5NDR) will be active as 7D5RI from Rupat Island (OC-245) on 26-28 March. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 80-10 metres, and will not participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via operator's instructions; the log will be uploaded to LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

YN - Myron, KN6GHM will be active as H7/KN6GHM from Guanacastillo, Nicaragua on 22-30 March. QSL via LoTW or direct to home call. He and Trevis, YN7ZTR will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as YN1YN. [TNX The Daily DX]

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HAM RADIO TOWERS ---> The complete video recording of Don Daso's K4ZA recent presentation "Safety in All Aspects of Ham Radio Towers" is now available on the Madison DX Club's YouTube channel: the direct link can be found on http://www.madisondxclub.org/MDXC_Programs.html. Don is a tower professional and author of "Antenna Towers for Radio Amateurs. A Guide to Design, Installation and Construction", published by the ARRL. [TNX W9EWZ]

OH NORTHERN LIGHT 100-YEAR CERTIFICATE ---> The Finnish Amateur Radio League (SRAL) is celebrating its 100th anniversary. To earn the "OH Northern Light 100-year Certificate" (OH-NL-100), contact fifty OH and fifty OF stations during 2021 (a special OF prefix will be launched to all OH stations on 15 September), and ten specially featured Finnish stations ("multipliers"). Multiplying your QSO points (maximum 100) by your multiplier value (max 10) will give you your score - maximum of 1000 points. The ten multipliers are:

OF2HQ	to be used by the SRAL team in the IARU HF World Championship on 10-11 July)
OF9X	Santa Claus station, Old-Father-9-Xmas
OG2B	representing the OH2B NCDXF Propagation Beacon
OH0W	Aland Islands
OH100SRAL	the official SRAL centennial jubilee station
OH2A	the SRAL HQ station in Helsinki
OH2YOTA	Finlands' Youngsters On The Air
OH6SRAL	used by OH6ZS when transmitting SRAL news bulletins on Saturdays
OI3AX	representing the various OI-prefixed amateur radio stations in the Finnish Defence Forces)
OJ0C	Market Reef

All who score 1000 points and the top-ten continental highest scorers will receive their OH-NL-100 certificate signed by Santa Claus. A special lottery will feature additional special prizes that will be announced later. Your log extract should be sent to the Santa Claus offices (of9x@sral.fi) during January 2022. The same address will answer all questions relating to this centennial activity. [TNX OH2BH)

REBEL DX GROUP'S PLANS ---> "Things are going slow during pandemic, but we are going forward with our plans", the Rebel DX Group posted to Facebook on 15 March. "After visiting South Africa 2 months ago, we can confirm that all equipment is ready for this year 2021 (November-December) Bouvet operation part 2. We really hope this time wild ocean will cooperate with us.
In the mean time we are finally going back to our Rebel vessel located in Fiji. Plans are to go back to Conway Reef for 3 weeks, Rotuma for 3 to 4 weeks and some very rare IOTAs around 3D2 zone. We will be testing some our new ideas to operate five different stations on FT8 (Fox & Hound) at the same time by one operator (no robots involved!)". See the Rebels' FB page (https://www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup/) for more information.

RI0Q ---> After a good share of trials and tribulations, on 18 March the RI0Q team were approaching the village of Syndassko (some 200km away from Bol'shoy Begichev as the crow flies) when the tracker stopped working. They might be QRV anytime soon, depending on local conditions. The diary of the DXpedition: https://legendsarctic.com/dnevnik_ekspedicii_ri0b_2_2.

VI100AF & VK100AF --- > Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Royal Australian Air Force [425DXN 1553], both VI100AF (4661 QSOs so far) and VK100AF (3612 QSOs) have been active since 1 March. The logs are uploaded to M0URX's OQRS (https://www.m0urx.com/oqrs/logsearch.php) and LoTW the day after each operator's allocated time. The QSL card is now being finalized with the designer and will be at the printers very soon ("we expect to be sending the QSL card out in late April"). [TNX M0URX]

QSLs received direct or through managers: 4U75UN, 8Q7NV, 8Q7ZO, A25JR, A71YY, CB7FT (SA-018), CU2DX, E51WL, EA9LZ, ED9Z, FG/F5HRY, FM5BH, GM5X, HH2/N5JR, HH2AA, HP3SS, J3/WA2DE, JD1BMH, JT1BV, JT5DX, KH0W, KH6ZM, KP4AA, NL0H (NA-040), NP3A, NP4DX, OH0V, OH8X, ST2NH, TK5IH, TT8SN, TZ1CE, VU2OY, XU7AKU, XV1X, ZB2FK, ZD7JC, ZF2LZ, ZF2MJ.

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