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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.

4X - The "Land of Craters" programme will see four special stations operate from the Makhteshim ("craters") in the Negev desert of Israel. The first activity was conducted by 4X0ARF (November 2020). Look for 4X0GDL to be QRV from Makhtesh Gadol ("The Big Crater") on 30 April-1 May. QSL via 4X6ZM, LoTW and eQSL. A certificate will be available for working three out of four special stations: see https://www.iarc.org/craters/. [TNX 4X6ZM]

6O - Ali, EP3CQ will be back to Mogadishu, Somalia from 25 April for two months. In his spare time he will operate mainly FT8 on various bands as 6O1OO. QSL direct to Ali Solhjoo, Freienwalderstr. 35, 13359 Berlin, Germany. [TNX The Daily DX]

G - GB0DOE, GB1PPP, GB2DOE and GB4RIP are four special callsigns (see qrz.com for QSL information) commemorating the life of HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, who passed away on 9 April aged 99. He had been the Radio Society of Great Britain's patron since 1952.

G - Celebrating Saint George, patron saint of England, the Welland Valley ARS will be active as GB0SG on 22-24 April. QSL via G4XEX, LoTW and eQSL.

HA - The Hungarian Amateur Radio Society (MRASZ) will commemorate the 230th anniversary of the birth of Samuel Morse with nine special callsigns: HA230S, HA230A, HA230M, HA230U, HA230E, HA230L, HA230O, HA230R and HA230MSE. Look for activity on CW and SSB on 17-27 April. QSL via LoTW; paper cards should be requested via Club Log's OQRS. See https://www.mrasz.org/s-morse-award-230/award-rules for information on the "Samuel F. B. Morse Award 2021".

HV - Special event station HV9SMG will be active on 24 April (International Marconi Day) from the Vatican Radio Broadcasting Centre at Santa Maria di Galeria. Look for activity on 40, 20 and 10 metres SSB, CW and digital modes from 6 to 12 UTC. QSL via IK0CNA. [TNX IN3EYI]

I - II5RCH ("Remembering Chernobyl") is the special callsign for Loriano, IZ5RHU to memorialize the 35th anniversary of the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant disaster from 18 April to 9 May. QSL via IZ5RHU, direct or bureau.

I - Members of ARI Belluno will be active as IB3CAI from 1 May to 30 September. QSL via IU3EDK. The special callsign memorializes the 130th anniversary of the local section of the glorious Club Alpino Italiano (the Italian Alpine Club, founded in 1863), as well as the

70th anniversary of the alpine hut "VII Alpini at Pis Pilon", operated by CAI Belluno since 1951.

JA - Operated by members of the Denpaken Club and the A1 Club, 8N1MORSE is a special callsign celebrating the 230th anniversary of the birth of Samuel Morse and other significant landmarks in the history of CW until 28 February 2022. A website is under construction at https://www.8n1morse.org.

JA - Take, JI3DST will be active as JI3DST/5 (QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via home call) from Shodo Island (AS-200) from 29 April to 5 May. He will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 40-6 metres, and will also be QRV as JR8YLY/5 (QSL via Club Log's OQRS).

JW - Tom, OH6VDA (LA6VDA) expects to be active again as JW6VDA from the JW5E station in Longyearbyen (EU-026), Svalbard from 26 April to 9 May. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, eQSL, or via the bureau to LA6VDA. [TNX DX World]

KH9 - Randy, WW6RG is scheduled to be on Wake Island on 20, 23, 27 and 29 April. He plans to operate QRP SSB as WW6RG/KH9 on 20 and 17 metres between 4 and 7.30 UTC. This will be Randy's last trips to Wake before he retires in September. QSL direct to WW6RG; he does not use LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

OE - Austrian special event station OE21M will be active on 24-26 April to commemorate the anniversary of Guglielmo Marconi's birth (25 April 1874). QSL via OE1WHC (bureau) or direct to DokuFunk, OE21M, An den Steinfeldern 4A, 1230 Wien, Austria.

ON - OT30CRD is the special callsign for Club Radio Durnal (ON4CRD) to celebrate its 30th anniversary until 18 May. All QSOs will be confrmed automatically via the bureau.

OZ - Special callsign 5P0WARD will be active on 18 April in celebration of World Amateur Radio Day. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW and eQSL, or via OZ1ACB. A special award will be available for contacts made with 5P0WARD/xx stations with different suffix extensions; further information can be found on https://www.qrz.com/db/5p0ward.

SP - The Niepolomice Radio Club (SP9MOA) will operate special event station SN0IMED on 19-25 April to celebrate International Mother Earth Day (22 April). Established in 2009 by the UN General Assembly, International Mother Earth Day promotes a view of the Earth as the entity that sustains all living things found in nature.

SV - SZ200P is a special callsign for the Radio Amateur Association of Western Peloponnese to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Greek Revolution of 1821. Activity started on 9 April and will go through the end of the year. QSL via LoTW and eQSL.

UA - R35CHA (QSL via RZ5D) and R35YCH (QSL via RW3YS) are two special callsigns to be used between 17 and 30 April to memorialize the 35th anniversary of the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant disaster (26 April 1986).

UA - A team of six operators (M0MSV/RA3NAN, R6LGT, R6MG, RN3BL, RX3F and RZ3EC) will be active as RI0FF from Iturup Island (AS-025) on 28 July-3 August, and from Sakhalin Island (AS-018) on 4-6 August. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via RZ3EC. More information can be found on https://ri0ff.com/.

UA2F - Special callsigns RK75AK (UA2FAK), RK75FF (UF2F) and RK75FU (RA2FU) will be in use between 14 April and 31 July to mark the 75th anniversary of Kaliningrad. In 1946 northern East Prussia was annexed

as part of the Russian SFSR by the Soviet Union and named the Kaliningrad Oblast.

VK - Steve, VK6SJ will be active as VK6SJ/4 from the islands of Iama (Yam), Thursday and Poruma (Coconut) in IOTA Group OC-138 between 26 April and 4 May. He will be there for work, and will be QRV during the local evenings. "Most likely only be using FT8", he says, "but if someone emails me separately and I have the time, I could do the odd SSB and CW contact". QSLs will be electronic only (LoTW, eQSL, QRZ).

VK9X - Steve, VK6SJ will be active as VK9XX from Christmas Island (OC-002) on 7-28 May. He will be QRV "mostly outside working hours", with a focus on 80, 40 and 30 metres "probably only FT8". QSL via EB7DX.

VP8 - Matthew, M0ZMS will be seconded to the RAF station at Mount Pleasant, Falkland Islands (SA-002) from late April to late August. He will be active as VP8ZMS, hopefully using the Royal Air Force Amateur Radio Society's club station shack. He operates digital modes, CW and some SSB. QSL via home call and LoTW; logsearch on Club Log. See https://twitter.com/Vp8Zms for updates.

XE - Celebrating the 61st anniversary of the Asociacion de Radio Aficionados de la Republica Mexicana (https://ararm.com.mx/), special callsigns 6D1A, 6D2A and 6D3A will be active from 16 April to 16 May. QSLs via XE2T.

WORLD AMATEUR RADIO DAY 2021 ---> Every 18 April, radio amateurs worldwide take to the airwaves in celebration of World Amateur Radio Day. It was on this day in 1925 that the International Amateur Radio Union was formed in Paris. The IARU Administrative Council has chosen "Amateur Radio: Home but Never Alone" as the theme for this year's World Amateur Radio Day (https://www.iaru.org/on-the-air/world-amateur-radio-day/): "Faced with a pandemic that forced the adoption of extreme physical isolation to reduce the spread of the virus, the worldwide amateur radio community responded positively to overcome the resulting social isolation". Announced participants in WARD 2021 include stations from

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| Bahrain | A91WARD |
| Belgium | OS21WARD |
| Canada | VA2RAC (Quebec), VA3RAC (Ontario), VE1RAC (Nova Scotia, VE4RAC (Manitoba), VE5RAC (Saskatchewan), VE6RAC (Alberta), VE7RAC (British Columbia, VE8RAC (Northwest Territories), VE9RAC (New Brunswick, VO1RAC (Newfoundland), VO2RAC (Labrador), VY0RAC (Nunavut), VY1RAC (Yukon), VY2RAC (Prince Edward Island) |
| Chile | XR3IARU |
| Croatia | 9A21WARD |
| Denmark | 5P0WARD |
| England | GB4ARD, GB6ARD |
| France | TM96WARD |
| Germany | DA21WARD |
| India | AT2WAR, AU2WAR, AU6ARD, AU8WAR |
| Italy | II2OM |
| Luxembourg | LX5WARD |
| Netherlands | PA21WARD, PA96Q, PA96WARD, PB96WARD, PG96WARD |
| Poland | 3Z0WARD |
| Romania | YO21WARD |
| Saudi Arabia | HZ1WARD |

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| Spain | EG5DMR, EG5WRD, EH4WRD |
| Switzerland | HB9WARD |
| UAE | A60WARD, A60WARD/# |
| Uruguay | CX1AA |
| Turkey | TC18QRP |


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CONTEST UNIVERSITY 2021 ---> The Dayton event has been cancelled, but CTU 2021 will still take place on 20 May. It will be held online free of charge via Zoom, starting at 13.00 UTC. Registration opens on 21 April on the CTU website (https://www.contestuniversity.com/), where the Course Outline page is already up and running. CTU 2021 will end at 20.35 UTC with the presentation of this year's CQ Contest Hall of Fame.

CY0C: SABLE ISLAND 2022 ---> The CY0C team posted to the DXpedition's website (http://cy0dxpedition.net/index.html) that their October 2021 operation from Sable Island [425DXN 1554] has had to be postponed due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. "Furthermore, because of the pandemic, Parks Canada is behind on their island maintenance projects and the Visitor Quarters will not be available for the DXpedition team. The Sable Island manager did extend an invitation to the team for October 2022, which the team unanimously accepted". Since the 2021 DXpedition is no longer possible, the team "is offering a couple of options to the many foundations, clubs and individuals who have already sent financial support. We are offering complete refunds to those who request a refund. If you would like us to apply your contribution to the 2022 CY0C DXpedition, that will be available as well. Any refund requests should be directed to WA4DAN".

DANNY WEIL ---> "Join the Yasme Foundation in recognizing World Amateur Radio Day as we showcase our rich history and celebrate the legacy of a storied DXpeditioner". The Board of Directors of the Yasme Foundation is pleased to announce the release of "Danny Weil. A Dreamer of Distant Lands Who Took Amateur Radio on the Trip of a Lifetime" by Martti Laine (OH2BH). The 21-page article is published at http://www.yasme.org/dw1/. The page also contains a list of Danny Weil's expeditions, a collection of Danny's QSLs, and an interview with Danny at age 80, with OE1WHC of Dokufunk. Along with OH2BH's article, the book "Yasme. The Danny Weil and Colvin Radio Expeditions" by James D. Cain (K1TN) is also now available for the first time as a free downloadable PDF. [TNX K4ZW]

INTERNATIONAL MARCONI DAY ---> Organized by the Cornish Radio Amateur Club, the International Marconi Day (IMD) is a 24-hour amateur radio event held annually to celebrate the birth of Guglielmo Marconi (25 April 1874). It is not a contest, but an opportunity for amateurs around the world to make

contacts with historic Marconi sites using HF communications techniques. This year's event will be held on 24 April, from 00.00 UTC to 23.59 UTC. Details, including information on the Award Certificates and the listing of participating stations, can be found at http://gx4crc.com/.

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 "multipliers" [425DXN 1559]. Multiplying your QSO points (maximum 100) by your multiplier value (max 10) will give you your score - maximum of 1000 points.
On 17-18 April a minimum of five multipliers will be QRV: OG2B (operated by OH2BH, OH2GEK and OH7EA), OH100SRAL (operated by OH2BCI and OH2KW), OH2A (operated by OH2KI and OH3JR), OH6SRAL (operated by OH6ZS) and OI3AX operated by OH2LGW). For easy logging, please use the special activity sheet at https://www.sral.fi/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/SRAL-100_Logging.pdf.
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)

+ SILENT KEYS + Feco, HA8KW reports the sad news of the passing of Csaky "Tami" Tamas, HA8EK (HG8C). A member of the HG8DX Contest Team, he passed away on 6 April of Covid-19.
Edward "Eddy" M, Reynolds, K5WQG passed away on 9 April as the result of a major heart attack. Many IOTA chasers worked him on his numerous trips to Papua New Guinea, when he operated P29NI, P29VCX and P29VPB with Derek, G3KHZ, and Hans, SM6CVX. [TNX W5PF]

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QSLs received direct or through managers: 3E3E, 4U75UN, 5R8UI (AF-057), 5Z4VJ, 6Y5FS, 8Q7NV, 8Q7ZO, A25JR, A71YY, CB7FT (SA-018), CO7MLS, CU2DX, DS1JFY, E51WL, ED9Z, FG/F5HRY, FM5BH, HB0A, HH2/N5JR, HH2AA, HP3SS, IS0HMZ, J3/WA2DE, JT1BV, JT5DX, KH6ZM, KL7RA, KP4AA, LQ3D, LU1DX, LW2DOD, NP2J, NP3A, NP4DX, OA4SS, OH0V, P40A, P43A, PS2T, RI0Q (AS-152), S21VU, S79AM, ST2NH, TK5IH, TT8SN, TZ1CE, V51LZ, VP8LP, VP9GE, VU2OY, XU7AKU, XV1X, YB0MWM, YI9WS, YV7MAE (SA-012), Z35T, ZB2FK, ZD7FT.

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