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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.

3A - Ennio, IW1RBI and his team will be active again as 3A/IW1RBI from Monaco on 27-30 May. Plans are to be QRV around the clock on 30-6 metres and operate FT8 (Fox & Hound) with one dedicated station, but SSB and CW "will not be neglected". QSL via LoTW, or direct to IW1RBI; logsearch on Club Log.

5R - After spending 21 years in Senegal as 6W7RP (September 1999-July 2020), Daniel Eichenberger has moved to Nosy Be (AF-057), Madagascar and is now active as 5R8RP. His current setup includes a vertical multiband antenna for 40-6 metres.

CT - Celebrating the 65th anniversary of the Tropas Paraquedistas (the Portuguese Paratroopers), special callsign CR65PQ will be active on 17-23 May. QSL via CT1EHX.

DL - DARC Team SES (Special Event Station) will be active as DP90JMT from 1 June to 30 November to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Junker Morse Taste. Patented in 1931 and produced until 2014, this iconic straight key is widely considered to be one of the best performing telegraph keys ever made. QSL via the bureau, or direct to DL2VFR.

F - Members of the Radio Club du Bassin Minier will be active as TM6KJS from Sein Island (EU-068) from 27 May to 7 June, including participation in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. They will operate CW, SSB, and digital modes with two stations on 80-10 metres, and four stations on 6m, 2m, 70cm and 23cm (active from 6 to 21 UTC). They will also be on QO-100. QSL via F6KJS (direct or bureau) and logsearch on Club Log. See https://tm6kjs.f6kjs.fr/ for more information.

FM - Pandemic permitting, Marius, ON4RU will be active as FM/OQ3R from Martinique (NA-107) from 23 May to 5 June. He will operate CW only on 160-6 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest as TO3F. QSLs direct to ON4RU. [TNX NG3K]

FR - Phil, F5TRO and his wife Ann, F5BSB are relocating permanently on Reunion Island (AF-016), and will be QRV as FR8UA and FR8TZ respectively. They will operate mainly SSB and CW, with plans to be equipped for 80m to 23 cm. QSLs via LoTW or direct.

HA - Special callsign HG21TISZA (QSL via HA7VK) will be used during this year's Tisza Cup, the International CW Contest to be held on the first full weekend of June (5-6 June this year, from 1 2 UTC on Saturday until 11.59 UTC on Sunday). Complete information can be found on http://www.tiszacup.eu/.

I - Special callsign II6RI will be active on all bands and modes from

15 May to 30 June to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Italian Republic (2 June 1946). QSL via LoTW, eQSL, Club Log's OQRS, eQSL or direct to IK6IHU. See http://www.ii6ri.it/ for more information.

JA - Take, JI3DST will be active as JI3DST/5 from Shodo Island (AS-200) on 19-21 May and again on 26-28 May. He will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 40-6 metres, and will also be QRV as JR8YLY/5 or JR8YLY/p. All QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log and made available for Club Log Matching on the IOTA website.

JA - If the Covid situation allows, Ichy, JH7IPR will be active as JH7IPR/p (FT8, FT4) and JH7IPR/6 (other modes) from Yakushima on 21-25 May, and from Tanegashima between 25 May and 1 June. Both the islands count for IOTA group AS-032 (Osumi Islands). He will be QRV on 80-6 metres. The logs will be uploaded to Club Log.

JA - Hide, JO1CRA will be active again as JO1CRA/7 from Oshima (AS-206), Miyagi Prefecture on 22-24 May. He will operate CW and FT8 on 40, 30, 20 and 15 metres, with a focus on 6 metres: 50303 kHz FT8 as a beacon, QSOs on 50303 or 50280 kHz, plus SSB on 50260 kHz for JA stations). QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via home call.

KL - Phil, KC3CIB plans to be active as KC3CIB/KL7 on 29-31 May. "I will be on a fishing trip", he says, "but will be activating Shelter Island (NA-041) for IOTA. Operating time will be limited. Will be QRP, most likely using a digital mode". QSL via eQSL or direct.

LU - Radio Club QRM Belgrano (LU4AAO, LU4AAO/A and LU4AAO/D) will be active on 18-25 May to commemorate the "Semana de Mayo", a week-long series of events that took place in May 1810 and represented the first successful revolution in the South American Independence process. Activity will be on the HF, VHF and UHF bands using SSB, FT8, CW and SSTV). See http://lu4aao.org/ for more information. [TNX LU4AAO]

P4 - John, W2GD will be active as P44W from Aruba (SA-036) on 25 May-1 June. Main activity will be during the CQ WW WPX CW Contest; outside the contest he will be QRV on 30, 17 and 12 metres as time permits. QSL via LoTW, or direct only to N2MM. [TNX NG3K]

PA - PA21ARDF is a Dutch special event station promoting Amateur Radio Direction Finding (aka radio-orienteering or fox-hunting). Look for activity on 17-30 May. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards should be requested via Club Log's OQRS.

SM - Anders, OZ3ACB will be QRV as SM7/OZ3ACB from Ven Island (EU-137) at various times during the summer, especially during the week-ends,starting around mid-May. QSL via LoTW, eQSL or direct to home call; logsearch on Club Log.

SV9 - Peter, DD1GG will be active holiday style as SV9/DD1GG from Crete (EU-015) on 15-24 May. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 40-10 metres. [TNX DX World]

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CDXC VIRTUAL CONVENTION ---> Held on 8 May via Zoom, the Chiltern DX Club's Virtual Convention is now available to watch on the CDXC YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3aquQ-XfGWw. It includes presentations by Dave Lloyd K3EL (The VP8PJ DXpedition), Steve Nichols G0KYA (propagation prediction tools), Andy Summers G4KNO (antenna measurements) and Dave Aslin G3WGN (how he built his contest station).

HAMVENTION QSO PARTY ---> The in-person event has been cancelled for the second year in a row, but another Hamvention QSO Party will take place on Saturday of what would have been the Hamvention weekend. It will be held on 22 May, from 12 to 24 UTC (twelve hours), on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres CW and SSB. See https://hamvention.org/qso-party-2021/ for the details.

INDEXA NEWSLETTER ---> The Spring 2021 issue (#132) of the International DX Association's Newsletter is now available for download on the INDEXA website (https://indexa.org/newsletters.html). "With the scarcity of DXpeditions, there is also a scarcity of material reporting on the activity", John Scott, K8YC, says. "Therefore, I've reached back to the April 2006 issue to reproduce the report on the Peter I DXpedition ['Peter I 2006. Getting there is the story!', by Erling J. Wiig, LA6VM]. With the recent announcement of two separate expeditions to Bouvet planned for the next two years and the misfortunes of the last two attempts, I felt we should all be reminded of the difficulties with weather that is prevalent when operating in the polar regions. We should also be thankful that there are intrepid souls willing to undertake the risks and hardships of such ventures".

NL0H ---> Henry, NL0H is now very active again from St. Lawrence Island (NA-040). "His recent antenna upgrades have given him quite a boost on the air, and his signals are now being received worldwide", his QSL manager reports. Henry's mode of choice is SSB, but "under current conditions his 70/100 watts on SSB don't always do the job, and he finds himself dropping onto FT8 just to get his rare IOTA out to the many chasers who need it". QSL via M0OXO's OQRS (https://www.m0oxo.com/oqrs/).

VK6SJ/4 ---> "I completed my week on Coconut and Thursday Islands (OC-138) between 3 and 9 May", Steve, VK6SJ reports. Grid locations were QH19mw for Coconut Island and QH19ck for Thursday Island. Be aware that "for one reason or another" Steve used "a few different versions of callsign during the operation: VK6SJ/VK4, VK4/VK6SJ as well as just VK6SJ. What will be going in the logs will be VK6SJ/4, so please amend your log entry accordingly. I made just over 400 contacts and I am in the process of getting the logs validated with IOTA". QSL via EB7DX.

WTISD ---> Proclaimed in 2006 by the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, World Telecommunication and Information Society Day is celebrated annually on 17 May. Taking part in this year's celebrations will be special event stations
A60WTIS from the United Arab Emirates (16-18 May, QSL via EA7FTR);
A91WTIS from Bahrain (13-17 May, QSL via EC6DX);
ER0ITU from Moldova (15-19 May, QSL via LoTW);
HZ1WTIS from Saudi Arabia (13-17 May, QSL via LoTW).
Also look for A60WTIS to be activated with different suffix extensions (see

qrz.com for the QSL routes).

QSLs received direct or through managers: 4K1AZI, 6O1OO, 8Q7MS, EW7LO, EX8MLE, FR4NT, HH2AA, HK3JJB, HL2VA, J28PJ, OD5ZZ, PZ5RA, RI0Q (AS-152), TG9AMD, TI7W, TT8SN, TZ1CE, TZ4AN, VK9CE, VR2BLEE, XV1X, YI9WS, Z37CXY, ZF5T.

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