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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.

5N - Jean-Louis, 5N7MSF (aka F5MAW, ZS6AAG, 3DA0MF, C91MSF and TT8JLH) is active from Abuja, Nigeria until 15 September. He works for Medecins Sans Frontiers (Doctors Without Borders), and will be QRV during his spare time and the weekends. QSL via eQSL. [TNX The Daily DX]

5U - Adrien, F4IHM, who has been active again as 5UAIHM [425DXN 1565] since 18 May, has extended his stay in Niger until 27 June. He operates SSB and CW on 40 and 30 metres. QSL via F4IHM, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

A9 - A91GCC is the special callsign for the Bahrain Amateur Radio Society to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Gulf Cooperation Council on 21-25 May. QSL via EC6DX. Established on 25 May 1981, GCC is a regional intergovernmental political and economic union that consists of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

EA - Special callsign AM5IP will be active from 28 May to 6 June to commemorate the 170th anniversary of the birth of Isaac Peral y Caballero. QSL via EA5CP, direct or bureau. An engineer and naval officer, Peral was the developer the first electric-powered submarine.

G - Special callsigns GB1ORC (24 May-20 June) and GB0ARC (28 May-24 June) will be active to celebrate the first anniversary of the Online Amateur Radio Community (M0OUK, https://www.oarc.uk/), an online based club affiliated with the RSGB.

HC - Celebrating Ecuador's Independence Day (24 May), members of the Ecuador DX Club will be active as HD1ECU on 22-24 May. QSL via LoTW. See https://ecuadordxclub.org/independencia/ for the award.

HH - Peter, JK1UWY has been active as HH2JA since 15 May, and will stay remain in Haiti for three years. He operates CW, SSB and FT8 on 80-6 metres. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. [TNX The Daily DX]

JA - Look for JI3DST/3, JR8YLY/3 and JR8YLY/p (FT8) to be active on 80-6 metres from Awaji Island (AS-117) on 22-24 May. All QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log and made available for Club Log Matching on the IOTA website.

JA - The correct dates for JI3DST's activity from Shodo Island (AS-200) [425DXN 1567] are 19-21 June and 26-28 June. Take will be active as JI3DST/5, JR8YLY/5 and JR8YLY/p on 40-6 metres SSB, CW and FT8. All QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log and made available for Club Log Matching on the IOTA website.

TY - TY5AB is the callsign issued to Ian, ZS6JSI, who has been active as ZS6JSI/TY since late January. He is QRV in his spare time, mainly on 20 metres FT8. Ian expects to remain in Benin through June. QSL via LoTW and EC6DX.

UA - Special callsigns R800AN, R800ANG, R800ANL, R800ANN, R800ANV and R800RAN are active until 30 June to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the birth of Alexander Nevsky. Commonly regarded as a key figure of medieval Russia, he is best known for the victory over the Teutonic Knights in the Battle on the Ice (1242). The Radio Amateur Association of Sankt Peterburg is offering a commemorative award: https://hamlog.online/global/russia/r1a/149/. QSL via operator's instructions.

UA - Commemorating the 116th anniversary since the birth of Mikhail A. Sholokhov (the 1965 Nobel Prize in Literature), special callsigns R116MS, RO36MS, RT36MS and UE36MS will be active on 20-25 May during the 36th edition of the Sholokhov Spring Festival. A certificate will be available on https://hamlog.online/club/mdxc. QSLs via RQ7L.

UA - Special callsigns R18UGRA, R18JHM, R18JLA, R18JMG, R18JNR, R18JNV, R18JPK, R18JRA and R18JSV are expected to be active from 22 May to 6 June from the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Okrug-Yugra (Tyumen Oblast) in support of the XVIII International Environmental Action "To Save and Preserve". QSL via operator's instructions.

UA - Special callsign R115MUSA will be active between 26 May and 25 August in celebration of the 115th anniversary of the birth of Musa Dzhalil (1906-1944), the eminent Soviet Tatar poet and resistance fighter.

VK - John, VK6NU will be active holiday style as VK6NU/p from Rottnest Island (OC-164) on 25-28 May. He will operate CW and SSB on 40-10 metres. Look for him at 6-10 UTC, 11.30-15 UTC and 22-1 UTC. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

VK9X - Steve, VK6SJ now plans to be active as VK9XX from Christmas Island (OC-002) [425DXN 1566] from 28 May to 11 June. Expected hours of operation are 11-15 UTC and 22-00 UTC on a daily basis. "If I get ahead of schedule in my work", he says, "I may squeeze in a day off, in which I will see if I can tune up the dipole on 6, 10 and 15 metres during the day". He plans to operate a separate band each night, but if there is no propagation "I will change band rather than call into nothing":

Date	Band	QRG FT8	QRG SSB
28 May	20m	14.090	14.280
29 May	40m	7.056	7.180
30 May	30m	10.131	-
31 May	80m	3.567	3.625
01 June	20m	14.090	14.280
02 June	40m	7.056	7.180
03 June	30m	10.131	-
04 June	80m	3.567	3.625
05 June	20m	14.090	14.280
06 June	40m	7.056	7.180
07 June	30m	10.131	-
08 June	80m	3.567	3.625

09 June 20m 14.090 14.280
10 June 40m 7.056 7.180
11 June 30m 10.131 -

All FT8 operation will be Fox & Hound mode. "I will stop FT8 at the end of each hour and try SSB for 10 minutes minimum. If I get a run on SSB, I'll stay there until I don't, then return to FT8. SSB operation will be split frequency, listening 5KHz up and +/- QRM". During the CQ WW WPX CW Contest "I may answer a bunch of stations calling CQ test, but I don't think my CW is up to managing a pile-up". See VK6SJ on qrz.com for updates. QSL via EB7DX.

VP5 - VP5/K2SX, VP5/K4BAI, VP5/K4QPL and VP5/KR4R will be active from Providenciales (NA-002), Turks and Caicos, from 25 May through 1 June. They will participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest as VP5M (QSL via LoTW, or direct to K4QPL). [TNX NG3K]

W - Allan, KV4T and his wife Bridget, KS4YT will be active from Grand Isle (NA-168) on 29 May-1 June. They will operate FT8 and FT4 on 40 and 20 metres, and will return to the island for the IOTA Contest (24-25 July). QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or direct to home calls. [TNX DX World]

YL - Special callsign YL21ICE will be active on all bands and modes for the Ice Hockey World Championship to be held in Latvia from 21 May to 6 June. See https://qsl.services/event/YL21ICE for information about the award.

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CQ AMATEUR RADIO HALL OF FAME ---> The CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame was established in January 2001 to recognize individuals - radio amateurs or not - who significantly affected the course of Amateur Radio, as well as radio amateurs who have made significant contributions either to amateur radio, to their professional careers or to some other aspect of life on our planet. This year's inductees, which bring the total number of members of the CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame to 339, are:

* Archibald Doty, W7ACD (SK), engineer, inventor, researcher into efficient radial systems for vertical antennas and pioneer of college radio; co-founded what is now WESU at Wesleyan University in Connecticut in 1939, the second-oldest college radio station in the U.S.; also served as a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II.
* Nathaniel Frissell, W2NAF, founder of HAMSci (Ham Radio Science Citizen Investigation), a collaboration between radio amateurs and ionospheric scientists; organizer of the 2017 Solar Eclipse QSO Party, which also served as a research project on the effects of a total solar eclipse on HF propagation.
* Lorin Hollander, WA1PGB, world-renowned classical concert pianist who has performed with virtually every major philharmonic orchestra in the United

States, along with many others overseas; heavily involved in music and arts education and in relationships between music and medicine.
* Christopher Imlay, W3KD, ARRL Counsel and General Counsel from 1982-2018; represented the League before the FCC on a wide variety of issues, including PRB-1, now enshrined in FCC Rule 97.15 b), that requires state and local regulations to reasonably accommodate amateur radio antenna structures.
* Cathryn Mitchell, M0IBG, Academic Director of the University of Bath Doctoral College (UK) and recipient of the 2019 Edward Appleton Medal "for pioneering research in tomography and data assimilation revealing a completely new perspective on Earth's ionosphere in response to extreme space weather".
* Admiral Charles "Chas"" Richard, W4HFZ, commander of the United States Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM), one of eleven unified commands of the Department of Defense; served previously as Commander of U.S. submarine forces and Director of Undersea Warfare at the Pentagon.

CQ CONTEST HALL OF FAME ---> Established in 1986, the CQ Contest Hall of Fame honours those amateurs who have made major contributions to the art of radio contesting. The 2021 inductees are:
* Robert Wolbert, K6XX, a "renaissance man" of contesting, advancing the state of the art in designing amateur equipment at Elecraft, a participant in more than 1100 contests over 35 years and a many-time winner (he is a 9-time recipient of the Jim Maxwell Memorial Trophy for the highest-scoring California single-op unassisted station in the ARRL DX CW Contest); member of the organizing committee for the first WRTC in 1996 and a team leader in 2000 and 2014; has authored many articles for amateur contesting publications, presented at multiple conferences and is a longtime member and leader of the Northern California Contest Club (NCCC).
* David A. Pruett, K8CC (SK), author of the NA contest logging program as well as a log-checking program and host of many multi-multi operations from his Michigan contest station over 30 years; longtime chairman of the Michigan QSO Party; former editor of the National Contest Journal and longtime member and leader of the Mad River Contest Club.

This year's induction was conducted online once again, as a result of the the COVID-19-related cancellation of the Dayton Hamvention and associated Contest Dinner. CQ World Wide DX Contest Director John Dorr, K1AR, led the Contest Hall of Fame induction at the conclusion of Contest University's online seminar on 20 May.

CQ DX HALL OF FAME ---> Established in 1967, the CQ DX Hall of Fame honours those amateurs who have made major contributions to DXing and DXpeditioning. The 2021 inductees are:
* Jacky Calvo, ZL3CW/F2CW, a veteran of the French Air Force and the International Committee of the Red Cross, with postings that took him (and his ham station) to a dozen countries around the world; a participant in more than two dozen DXpeditions and WRTC (World Radiosport Team Championship) competitions from 2010-2018 and is a team leader for 2022.
* Francesco Valsecchi, IK0FVC, who has regularly activated Vatican City for the past 30 years using HV0A and other call signs, as well the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (SMOM) as 1A0KM. Along with fellow operators, Francesco has logged more than 300,000 QSOs for the two tiny entities, averaging roughly 10,000 contacts per year for hams around the world.

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DXPEDITION OF THE YEAR ---> The Southwest Ohio DX Association has announced their 2020/2021 DXpedition of the Year award, which regognizes "excellence in DXpedition planning and execution" from Most Wanted DXCC Entities. DXpeditions completed from March 2020 through February 2021 were eligible for this year's award, which has been presented to the VP8PJ DXpedition to the South Orkney Islands (February-March 2020).

INTREPID SPIRIT AWARD ---> The Intrepid-DX Group is pleased to announce that this year's award goes to Johannes Hafkenscheid, PA5X, who was very active as 5T5PA while living and working in Mauritania throughout 2020. This award is to recognize "Johannes's outstanding efforts to activate Mauritania during the Covid-19 Pandemic", and acknowledges "Johannes's unselfish act to activate this challenging and much needed entity on behalf of a grateful Global DX Community. During 2020, Johannes made 35,000 contacts and made a total of 192,514 contacts during his years of activity from Mauritania". The award was presented on 16 May at the International DX Convention. Made in memory of James McLaughlin, WA2EWE/T6AF (killed in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 27 April 2011), the Intrepid Spirit Award "is intended to recognize and honor those individuals or teams that boldly activate rare entities where their own personal safety is secondary to their pursuit of providing contacts to the DX Community".

VISALIA 2021 ---> This year's International DX Convention was a virtual two-day meeting held on 15 and 16 May, with eight DX-related and eight exhibitor Zoom webinars. All presentations were recorded, and are expected to be available on https://ncdxc.org/idxc-info/ (the Northern California DX Club's website) on 21 May.

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3V8SS	LX1NO	ET3AA	N2OO	OM77PA	OM4MM
4K5RA	DC9RI	EY8MM	W0VTT	OS1WFF	ON1WFF
4L1MA	ON4RU	FK8GU	EA5GL	OS3VS	ON3VS
4S6RSP	EA5GL	GB5LIB	GU8ITE	OS4EM	ON4EM
5C1AR	RW6HS	GS8VL	M0OXO	OS7ET	ON7ET
5UAIHM	F4IHM	HC2EP	EA7FTR	PI75LDN	PI4LDN
5W1SA	JA1DXA	HC7AE/1	EA5GL	PJ2CF	EA5GL
5Z4VJ	M0URX	HF35BLP	SP7MJX	PJ2SM	EC5AHA
8P2K	KU9C	HF9MUZEUM	SP9KAG	PY5ZHP	SP7CVW

9J2BG	HB9EWU	HI8K	W2CCW	R116MS	RQ7L
A60WTIS/4	A61BK	HL2/F4AAR	6K2EJJ	R65KZI	R5EO
A60WTIS/5	A61BK	HL41GDM	HL4CCM	R800ANL	RV1AQ
A61QQ	A61BK	HP3AK	W4JS	R800ANV	RK3VWA
A62A	EA7FTR	J73ESL	EA5GL	RO10RT	RA4R
A91WTIS	EC6DX	JW7QIA	LA7QIA	RO36MS	RQ7L
C37AC	EA3QS	KL7SB	N4GNR	RT36MS	RQ7L
C6AFP	N4JQQ	KP2M	NZ4DX	S79LA	4Z5LA
CN18ZG	CN8ZG	L21RCA	LU4AA	SF400B	SK6LK
CN65FAR	RW6HS	LI8MAI	LA5YJ	SN7Q	SP7GIQ
CO7HH	RW6HS	LX9BSC	LX1RT	ST2NH	EA7FTR
CO7QC	IK2DUW	LZ100VARNA	LZ2VP	SU0ERA	SU1SK
CP4BT	IK2DUW	LZ1340B	LZ3SM	TM0BEE	F6KUQ
CP6CL	W3HNK	NL0H	M0OXO	TM100CLG	F8KGS
CR65PQ	CT1EHX	NL8F	N7RO	TY5AB	EC6DX
DT8A	DS5TOS	OA4EA	EA5GL	UE36MS	RQ7L
EF0F	EA4URE	OD5KU	EB7DX	YI3WHR	IK2DUW
EG1XA	EA1RCI	OE100CEN	OE4CEN	Z21DX	PA3CPI
EH1OLA	EA1UVR	OE100CHZ	OE4CHZ	ZC4GR	EB7DX
EP2HAM	M0OXO	OE100GTU	OE1GTU	ZL7DX	M0OXO
EP2LMA	EA5GL	OE60VHSC	OE1TKW	ZP4KFX	IK2DUW
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