



## **DX bulletin 352**

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## **DX News**

### **Tom, KC0W updates about his KH0 activity**

Things are going well as **KH0/KC0W**. Just under 27,000 QSOs since moving here last year. Sorry for all the stations I just can't hear with my verticals. I had a large tri-band Yagi shipped to me a few months ago but have yet to install it. My tower is waiting for the Yagi to be installed at the height of 24 meters as soon as I "get around to it". The Yagi will help immensely with stations in Europe & the east coast of NA. I'm getting really, really tired of operating FT8. As soon as the Yagi goes up I will probably go back to 100% CW.

## **DXCC**

### **This week on air**

**This can change daily, please visit <https://www.dx-world.net/> for updates.**

**9G, GHANA** Matt, IZ4YGS is once again active as 9G5GS from Sanzule until May 15. Operation from 160 to 15 meter using mostly FT8 F/H. QSL via home call IZ4YGS, LoTW.

**A2, BOTSWANA** David, VE7VR is operating as A25VR until May 24. Operation in 'holiday-style' on 40-20 meter, low power. QSL via home call.

**H4, SOLOMON ISLANDS** Bernard, DL2GAC is active as H44MS. QRV from his countryside QTH on Malaita Island. He expected to leave the country on 23 April, but all of his flights have been cancelled. H44MS will be QRV "for some more time" on 17 and 40 metres SSB and FT8.

**HK, COLOMBIA** Lothar, DK8LRF is operating as HK3JCL until end May from Finca Ligia. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**HR, HONDURAS** Gerard, HR5/F2JD was expected to remain in Honduras until April 4 but COVID-19 situation is causing him to stay longer. Unless he can catch a "flight opportunity", he is likely to be there until early June. QSL via F6AJA.

**KG4, GUANTANAMO BAY** Kelly, KG4NE remains until at least May 28 or even longer depending when his replacer comes. QSL via NM7H, LoTW.

**VK9N, NORFOLK ISLAND** Janusz, SP9FIH is QRV as VK9NK until there will be flights available. He moved QTH on April 10 to the northern part of the island. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call.

<http://vk9nk.dxpedititions.org/>

**XU, CAMBODIA** Tom BG9XD is operating as XU7AMG from Phnom Penh until June 11. Operation mostly on 40 and 20 meter using CW. QSL via Club Log or direct via BD4HF.

**YI, IRAQ** Giorgio IU5HWS is in Iraq until mid-July. He's going there with the Italian Army Airborne Brigade. QRV on 40-20-10m. Giorgio will update his YI/IU5HWS page on QRZ.com with more details later.

## **IOTA**

### **This week on air**

#### **EUROPE**

**EU-042 Amrum Isl** Michael, DG5LAC will be operating as call/P from May 18 until May 24. Operation on HF using SSB, FT4/8 from WLOTA 2464 and maybe from WWFF DLFF 242.

#### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-134 Aasiaat Isl** Bo, OX3LX is operating until May 21. Best time to work him is around lunchtime and after dinner. (local time UTC-2). QSL via OZ0J.

### **Coming up soon**

#### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-168 Grand Isle** Allan KV4T and his wife KS4YT will be active between May 22-25. The idea is to have 2 stations using their homecalls. QRV on 40, 30 and 20 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via LoTW or direct via home call.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Announced DX**

#### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA** Tom, KH0/KC0W informs: I have been given the OK by my employer for a two week DXpedition to FW land (Wallis & Futuna). This will be a CW only operation with a strong emphasis on Europe. Bands will be 40 – 6 meters. I'm seriously contemplating FT8 on 160/80 meters ONLY but it all depends how much room the 160/80 meter verticals will take up. Unfortunately, Saipan airport has been closed for the past month so I can't leave KH0 land even if I wanted to. As soon as everything opens up I'm ready to be FW/KC0W.

**KG4, GUANTANAMO BAY** Miguel, W1SRR will be deployed in Guantanamo starting from mid-June for 1 year. Operation as KG4MA during his spare time on HF using SSB and digi. QSL information not yet known.

**OX, GREENLAND** Henning, OZ2I will be QRV as XP2I during the CQWW CW DX contest (November 28-29). QSL via LoTW preferred.

#### **THE REMINDERS**

**3B8, MAURITIUS** A team with G0CKV and others will be active as 3B8M during the CQWW CW contest (Nov 28-29). Activity before and after the contest on the low bands. QSL via M0OXO.

**3Y, BOUVET** The Rebels will try to activate Bouvet somewhere December 2020. More to follow.

**5X, UGANDA** Shabu, M0KRI (ex VU7RI, 9U4RI) will be QRV as 5X1RI from end-July to mid-August. More to follow.

**7Q, MALAWI** Pista, HA5AO will be operating as 7Q7AO during the second half of September/begin October. Dates TBA. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, RTTY, FT8 and some SSB. <https://www.ha5ao.com/index.php/news>

**8Q, MALDIVES** Yosuke, JJ1DQR will be active from Male as 8Q7QR from September 4 until September 8. Operation on HF using SSB and FT8. An entry in the All Asian DX Contest is included. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**A3, TONGA** Stan LZ1GC and Ivan LZ1PM will be operating as A35GC from October 19 until November 2. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Logs uploaded during the DXpedition to Club Log. QSL via LZ1GC OQRS, direct or bureau.

**CE0Y, EASTER ISLAND** Hans-Martin, DK2HM will be operating as XR0YHM between August 27 and September 7. QRV in 'holiday-style' from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and digi. QSL via OQRS Club Log, LoTW or home call direct or bureau.

**CE0Y, EASTER ISLAND** The Polish DXpedition Team with Jan SP3CYY, Jurek SP3GEM, Wlodek SP6EQZ, Janusz SP6IXF, Roman SP9FOW and Piotr SP9RCL will be active as xr0ysp FROM September 15 until September 30. Plans are to be QRV with 3 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8.

**CY0, SABLE ISL** Permission for a DXpedition has been authorized from October 19 until October 28. The team: WA2DAN, N2IEN, K5DHY, K5YY, K4UEE, WW2DX, AA4NC, N8AA, N2TU.

<http://cy0dxpedition.net/index.html>

**E6, NIUE** Stan LZ1GC and Ivan LZ1PM will be operating as E6AM from September 28 until October 17. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Logs uploaded during the DXpedition to Club Log. QSL via LZ1GC OQRS, direct or bureau.

**FM, MARTINIQUE** Uwe, DL8UD will be active as TO5O during the RSGB IOTA contest (July 25-26). Before and after he will operate as FM/call. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS.

**FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** A Canadian and American group of operators will be operating as TO5T between August 10 and August 17. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via WB2REM, OQRS Club Log and LoTW. <http://to5t.com/>

**FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Eric, KV1J will once again be active as FP/call between June 30 and July 14. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**FS, ST MARTIN** David, F8AAN will once again be active as FS/call from November 18 until December 4. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW only. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

**KH4, MIDWAY ISL** Ron, KH6DV announces a trip to Midway in October 2020 for about 2 weeks. Midway Atoll is #14 on the Clublog most wanted list and has not been active for some time. The aircraft used for the logistics flights has been downsized and visitors are no longer allowed to fly to the island. Operators interested in joining the expedition should be prepared to undertake a 6.75 day ocean voyage. The vessel DXpedition veteran A/S Machias can be seen on my QRZ page KH6DV. The vessel will provide all power (2 x 27KW generators and air conditioned sleeping, operating and galley areas.) More to follow.

**OY, FAROE ISLANDS** Torsten DL4APJ and Udo DL2AQI will be operating as OY/calls from September 15 until September 23. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via homecalls, bureau and LoTW.

**P4, ARUBA** Bill N4IQ and Bob ND7J will be operating as P4/call between July 15-22. An entry in the IARU contest as P40US is included (July 11-12). <http://p4aruba.com/>

**PJ4, BONAIRE** Rich, M5RIC will be operating as PJ4/call from September 22 until September 29. An entry in the CQWW RTTY is included as PJ4CC. QSL via M0OXO.

**T2, TUVALU** The Rebels will be QRV as T22T (pending) somewhere during spring. More to follow.

**T33, BANABA** The Rebels will be operating as T33T the first half of 2020. More to follow.

**T8, PALAU** Look for JM1LIG/T88FM, JA6UBY/T88RR and JO3LVG/T88MK between September 12 and September 21. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi.

**TF, ICELAND** Mek SP7VC and Kasia SQ7OYL will be travelling by camper around Iceland from July 24 until August 13. They are happy to announce that Iceland is their 100<sup>th</sup> travelled to DXCC! Their trip passes through many locators and are planning activity on

50, 70, 144 MHz via MS, ES, EME. They will use modes: SSB, FT8, MSK144, JT65A. They are also planning to activate about 7 Lighthouses and 7 rare TF-Flora and Fauna nature reserves on the HF bands. <https://iceland2k20.blogspot.com/>

**TT, CHAD** The Italian DXpedition Team will be active as TT8RR (CW, SSB and RTTY) and as TT8XX (FT8) between September 29 and October 12 from Ndjamena. Nine operators (I1FQH, I1HJT, I2PJA, I2YSB, IK2CIO, IK2CKR, IK2DIA, IK2HKT and IK2RZP) will be active with four stations on all bands. QSL via I2YSB (direct only).

<http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/>

**V4, ST KITTS** John, W5JON will once again be active as V47JA from Calypso Bay from June 11 until July 2. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW or home call direct.

**VK9W, WILLIS ISLAND** The 2016/2019 CY9C team, and the upcoming Sable Island DXpedition CY0C team, is pleased to announce our next DXpedition. After the Sable CY0C DXpedition, they will go to Willis Island VK9W in 2021. 8 Operators from those two teams will comprise the 2021 Willis Island DXpedition team. Boat arrangements have already been made. We are currently working with the Australian government for the necessary permits. (WA4DAN). More to follow.

**XT, BURKINA FASO** Max, DK1MAX will once again be active as XT2MAX later this year. QSL via EA5GL. More to follow.

**Z6, KOSOVO** A German team will be operating as Z66DX between October 15 and October 28. Operation with 3 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi.

<http://www.z66dx.de/>

**ZA, ALBANIA** Franz, OE6TQG will be operating as ZA/call from September 6 until September 17. Operation on all bands using all modes. QSL via home call.

**ZD7, ST HELENA** Oliver, W6NV will once again be active as ZD7W during the CQWW CW contest (November 28-29). QSL via LoTW.

**ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS** Look for KO7SS from Cayman Brac as ZF2SS during the CQ WPX CW contest (May 30-31).

**ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS** Frank, KK5XX will be operating as ZF2FD from Grand Cayman from June 10 until June 17. Activity on 80, 40 and 20 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

## **Announced IOTA**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

#### **OCEANIA**

**OC-037 New Zealand Sub Antarctic Islands** The Perseverance DX Group (PDXG) has some unfinished business. Several members participated on the 2012 ZL9 activation that was cut short by weather. After their successful VP8PJ South Orkney Islands 2020 DXpedition, PDXG is pleased to announce their intention to activate the New Zealand Sub-Antarctic Islands (ZL9), Club Log #24 most wanted, in the 2021-2022 time-frame. The plan includes 160-10m operation, CW/SSB/RTTY/FT8, with emphasis on 160, 80, 60, 40 and, propagation dependent, 12 and 10 meters.

The landing permit process is pending and discussions with transportation partners have begun. However, the Covid-19 lockdown has caused significant delays and uncertainty.

### **THE REMINDERS**

#### **EUROPE**

**EU-111 Monach Isles** G0VJG, G2NF, G4TSH, GM0WED, G4FAL and G0FDZ will be active as MM8C during the RSGB IOTA contest (July 25-26). QRV outwith contest as GM3RCV.

#### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-039 Adak Isl**

**NA-070 Kiska Isl**

Yuri N3QQ, Vyacheslav OK8AU, Yuri UA9OBA and others will be active as KL7RRC/p from Kiska Island on June 10-15 and as KL7RRC from Adak Island on June 17-19. Activity with 3 stations using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via N7RO.

## **Antarctica base stations**

**Mirny Station** Alexander RX3ABI is operating as RI1ANM until early 2021. Activity on HF when time permits. QSL via home call.

**Syowa Station** The 61<sup>st</sup> Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition's overwintering team at the Syowa Station on East Ongul Island (AN-015), Antarctica includes Taka, JA1AGS and Hiro, JH7JCX. In their spare time they are QRV from the 8J1RL club station, with activity on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 metres mainly FT8. They will be there until January 2021. QSL via the bureau to 8J1RL, or direct to JG2MLI.

## **Special calls**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**9M, MALAYSIA** Due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak, everyone is encouraged to follow the new norms of life with social distancing, washing your hands frequently and wearing face masks whilst being outside in public, even working from home (WFH). MARTS wishes to thank SKMM for approving the following special event callsigns to be used for a period of three months starting 15 May 2020.

- **9M4STAYHOME**
- **9M4DUDUKRUMAH**
- **9M4COVID19**

These callsigns will be activated on HF and VHF frequencies covering SSB, CW and Digital modes from various locations all over Malaysia.

Coordinators are 9M2PRO, 9M2MDX, 9W2VWT and 9W2PD.

**EA, SPAIN AM40LAR** celebrates the 40th anniversary of a radio programme dedicated to amateur radio broadcast by RNE Radio 4. With over 2300 episodes the programme is one of the station's most successful programmes. AM40LAR is on air until May 31. An award is available as well. QSL via eQSL or LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

**G, ENGLAND** Following GB1CCW, active during the first half of May as a tribute to care workers during the pandemic, **GB2CCW** will be active during the second half of the month. QSL only via eQSL. (TNX DXNL)

**G, ENGLAND** Among the stations active from Britain to celebrate the end of World War II are **GB0PIE** (via eQSL), **GB1PIJ** (via eQSL), and **GB4VED** (via eQSL). (TNX DXNL)

**HS, THAILAND** Members of the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand (RAST) are active as **E2STAYHOME** until July 15. All QSOs will be confirmed via LoTW and the bureau, direct cards via E21EIC. (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** Look for **IO6STAY** during the COVID 19 period. Operation until July 20. QSL via IK6QON direct.

**OE, AUSTRIA** Hannes, OE1SGU is active as **OE30MAGICBAND** (WWL JN88eg) until end June to mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the allocation of the 6m band to Austrian amateurs. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS PD75DDAY** commemorates the liberation of the Netherlands during World War II until the end of May. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL)

**VU, INDIA AT2THC** is a special callsign used until August by the Tripura Ham Radio Club in Agartala to provide assistance during the COVID-19 emergency. QSL via VU2LJB. (TNX 425DX)

**ZS, SOUTH AFRICA ZS1820S** celebrates the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the 1820 British Settlers in the Eastern Cape area of South Africa. The call sign will be active during 2020 on various bands and modes. QSL is via the bureau to ZS2EC, also via LoTW, Club Log and QRZ.

## **THE REMINDERS**

This is a list of all STAYHOME calls:

3G2HOME

4J0STAYHOME

4K0STAYHOME

4U2STAYHOME

4X2BESAFE

5B4STAYHOME

5W19STAYS SAFE

6Y6STAYHOME

8A1HOME

8C2WFH

9K9STAYHOME

A60SH/1-14

A60STAYHOME

AT2SHI

AT2TNX

AT20SH

AU2STH

CB2HOME

CB3SH

CB3STAYHOME

CN20SH

CQ8STAYHOME

CR2STAYHOME

CT1STAYHOME

CV7STAYHOME

DX0STAYHOME

E2STAYHOME

E7STAYHOME

EH7STAYHOME

GB2SH

GB4SAH

GB9KW

HA0STAY

HA0HOME

HA127STAY

HZ1STAYHOME

IO6STAY

II9SH

K2H

OD5STAYHOME

OD50SH

OE1STAYHOME

OH(0-9)PYSYKOTONA

OH(0-9)STAYHOME

ON4HEROES

ON4STAYSTRONG

OO7STAYHOME

OP2STAYHOME

OP6STAYHOME

OR4LIFE

OR4STAYHOME

OR7LIFE

OR20STAYHOME

OQ4ANGELS

OS0STAYHOME

OT20LIFE

OT4HOPE

OT2STAYHOME

OT6STAYS SAFE  
OT7STAYS SAFE  
PC6STAY HOME  
PE6STAY HOME  
PR2STAY HOME  
R3STAY HOME  
SZ3STAY HOME  
TC1STAY HOME  
VE9HOME  
VI2020STAY HOME  
XR3STAY HOME  
YO19STAY HOME  
YO1STAY HOME  
Z30STAY HOME  
Z39STAY HOME  
Z60STAY HOME  
ZW5STAY HOME

**5B, CYPRUS** Amateur radio operators in Cyprus celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their Cyprus Amateur Radio Society (CARS) during 2020 as **prefix 5B60** (e.g. 5B4AIX turns into 5B60AIX). For QSL information see qrz.com.

**5Z, KENYA** The Radio Society of Kenya is proud to share with you the activation of our special event call sign **5Z4STAYHOME** in recognition of the extraordinary circumstances the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic has wrought globally!

The message is loud and clear: let's play our part in staying safe and help stem the spread of COVID-19 by observing social distancing, washing hands frequently, and wearing a mask to prevent infections.

**9V, SINGAPORE** To promote social distancing in the global battle against COVID-19, IMDA has granted SARTS the shared use of the special call sign **9V1STAYHOME** until June 2020. QSL via LoTW only. Logs will be uploaded after June 30, 2020. No direct or bureau QSLs please.

**A6, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** The Emirates Amateur Radio Society (EARS) has several "StayHome" stations active to raise awareness for social distancing and sheltering in place during the COVID-19 pandemic:

**A60SH/1** operated by A61M QSL via A61BK

**A60SH/2** operated by A61Q QSL via EA7FTR

**A60SH/3** operated by A61NN QSL via A61NN

**A60SH/4** operated by A61BK QSL via A61BK

**A60SH/5** operated by A61DD QSL via A92AA

**A60SH/6** operated by A61QQ QSL via A61BK

**A60SH/7** operated by A61FJ QSL via LZ1YE

**A60SH/8** operated by A61K QSL via A61BK

**A60SH/9** operated by A61AY QSL via A61AY

**A60SH/10** operated by A61FK QSL via A61BK

**BV, TAIWAN** Look for **BV120SU** to celebrate the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Soochow University. Operation on HF until August 4. QSL via BU2EQ. (TNX DXNL)

**CO, CUBA** Operators of the Ham Radio Club Manuel Alvarez are celebrating the centenary of the first radio station founded in 1920 by Manuel Alvarez. Operation as **T46W** on June 26, 27 and 28; August 21, 22 and 23. QSL via LoTW.

**DL, GERMANY DL250BEETH** (special DOK 250LVB) joins the celebration of Ludwig van Beethoven's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday until the end of the year. QSL via DJ6SI direct or bureau. (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY DM30RSV** is the special call to commemorate the formation of the Radiosportverband, the first independent national ARC in Germany. QRV until October 2. QSL via bureau, LoTW or direct via DK5ON, logsearch Club Log. <https://www.darc.de/der-club/referate/dx/7oe-jahre-darc-3oe-jahre-rsv/>

**DL, GERMANY** The special event station **DA2025C** (special DOK 2025CH) supports the bid of Chemnitz to become the European Capital of Culture in 2025. QRV until the end of January 2021. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY** The special event callsign **DL35SDR** (special DOK 35SDR) draws attention during 2020 to the rapid development of SDR technology during the past 35 years. It also recognises the achievements of Prof. Ulrich L. Rohde (DJ2LR) in that field. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY DA0DOM** (special DOK 500DOM) draws attention to the completion of the cathedral in Magdeburg in 1520. QRV during 2020 from 160 to 13 cm using CW, SSB, digital modes and FM. QSL via bureau, DL8CWA (d), LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY** Celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club (the German IARU society), special calls **DF70DARC** and **DP70DARC** are on air during 2020. QSL via bureau, LoTW or direct to DK5DC; logsearch on Club Log. <http://www.70darc.club/> (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY** Yannick, DK1YH and others are active as **DL30GER** during 2020 to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the German reunification process. QSL via the bureau or direct via DK1YH. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY** Special call **DL100BKW** is active throughout 2020 to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first broadcast transmission from the Radio Station Koenigs Wusterhausen (22 December 1920), which is regarded as the birth of statutorily regulated broadcasting in Germany. QSL via Club Log OQRS. A certificate will be available, see qrz.com for information. (TNX DXNL)

**E7, BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA** HAM Radio operators in Bosnia and Herzegovina are joining STAY HOME campaign until May 31 as **E7STAYHOME**. Activity will include operators from all parts of the Bosnia and Herzegovina and will be on all bands and modes. Robert, E77E and myself Boris E73Y will take care that QSL cards are sent via bureau to everybody in the LOG. Also you can expect LoTW upload after operation is completed and all LOG's collected.

**F, FRANCE** Look for **TM18JUN** to commemorate 80 years de l'appel Juin 18, 1940. Operators from ARC F4KLR will be active on May 23-24, 30-31 and on June 6-7, 13-14, 18-19-20-21 and 27 on HF, VHF and DMR. QSL via F4AHN bureau. See QRZ.com.

**F, FRANCE** The radio club at the Percee du Bocage Museum (F4KKE) will operate CW, SSB and FT8 as **TM80CDG** on 6-20 June to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the "Appeal of 18 June" made by Charles de Gaulle from the BBC in London. QSL via F4KKE (bureau) and LoTW. Often regarded as the origin of the French Resistance against the occupation during World War II, the appeal is one of the most remarkable pieces in the history of radio broadcasting, and as such it has been inscribed to the UNESCO's Memory of the World Register. (TNX 425DX)

**G, ENGLAND** The National Health Service (NHS) is the publicly funded healthcare system of the United Kingdom. More so than ever, it's at the forefront of saving lives in the war against COVID-19. The UK licensing regulator (OFCOM) has given written approval for operators around the UK to use **GBONHS** from within the comfort of their own shacks. Get in touch with [Col MM0NDX](mailto:Col MM0NDX) if you'd like to run this special callsign with immediate effect.

**G, ENGLAND** Celebrating the British Amateur Radio Teledata Group's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, special call **GB60ATG** is used from the various DXCC Entities in the United Kingdom until end June 2020. QSL via M0OXO. Complete information on the event and the BARTG Diamond Jubilee Award can be found on <http://bartg.org.uk/wp/> (TNX 425DX)

**G, ENGLAND** Chris M0VWT and Adrian M0PAI are paying tribute to key workers during the Covid-19 pandemic with the callsigns **GB4KW** and **GB9KW**. QRV until May 16 on HF (SSB, digital modes). QSL only via eQSL. (TNX DXNL)

**HA, HUNGARY** The following special event calls from Hungary will be active until May 15: **HG20ST**, **HG20AY**, **HG20AT**, **HG20HO**, and **HG20ME**. An award is also available for QSOs with these stations. QSL via bureau, LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

**HB9, SWITZERLAND** **HB40HTC** and **HB40HC** are QRV for the Helvetia Telegraphy Club that is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020. QSL via bureau and LoTW. A special activity programme - the HB Open CW Activity (HB-OCWA) Award - will be in



place throughout the year to mark the anniversary, help activate the special call signs and also "inspire amateur radio operators in Switzerland and elsewhere to increase CW activity on the HF bands. The intent of the award is to encourage and reward them for conducting sustained CW conversations rather than short-duration CW signal reports".

<https://hb-ocwa.ch/>

**HL, SOUTH KOREA** Special call signs **HL40GDM** and **D73M** will be active during May to commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Gwangju Uprising (18-27 May 1980), aka the Gwangju Democratization Movement. QSLs via HL4CCM, direct or bureau. In 2011, the Archives for the May 18th Democratic Uprising against Military Regime were inscribed to the UNESCO Memory of the World Register. (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** Look for **II3FYT** to celebrate 5 years of Gruppo Radio Dispersi. QRV during 2020. (TNX IW3HV)

**I, ITALY** **IO3RT** and **IO3AF** are 2 special calls for ARI Thiene to commemorate 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Arturo Ferrarin's epic flight from Rome to Tokyo. Look for activity from 80 to 6 meter using SSB, CW and digital modes until end May. QSL via IQ3BM. (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** Members of the 4U1GSC Amateur Radio Club is active as **4U25B** until end August. It draws attention to the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations Logistics Base in Brindisi. QSL via 9A2AA direct or bureau. (TNX DXNL)

**I, ITALY** ARI Fidenza will use a series of special calls during 2020 to commemorate 12 major events and achievements in Guglielmo Marconi's life:

May: **II4TEA** First radio message between the United States and the United Kingdom (1903)

June: **II4REP** Rescue of the ocean liner "Republic" (1909)

July: **II4NBL** Marconi is awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics (1909)

August: **II4CLT** Inauguration of the radio station at Coltano (1911)

September: **II4PTN** Marconi applies for his first patent (1896)

October: **II4LGH** Marconi switches on the lights at Sydney Town Hall from Genoa via wireless transmission (1930)

November: **II4RVT** Inauguration of Vatican Radio (1931)

December: **II4MDY** Marconi Day at Chicago World's Fair (1933)

QSL via IQ4FE, bureau or direct. See <http://arifidenza.hamlogs.net/> for the award and more info.

**JA, JAPAN** Members of the JARL Okinawa Branch are supporting the reconstruction of Shuri Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage building which burned down on Oct. 31 2019, with the special event station **8N6SHURI** during 2020. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL)

**LX, LUXEMBOURG** **LX20I** is the special call for the LX7I contest station in Eschdorf, Luxembourg to celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It will be used for most contests in 2020, starting a single-operator entry in the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest (24-26 January). QSL via LX2A. A special LX20I Award will be available. <http://lx7i.com/lx20i/>

**LZ, BULGARIA** Special call **LZ50BFRA** is active until end 2020 to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs. Founded on 26 April 1970, BFRA is the national IARU member society. QSL via LZ1BJ (bureau). (TNX 425DX)

**OE, AUSTRIA** Jo, OE4VIE will be active as **OE50MHZ** (WWL JN87dc) from May until end June. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 6 metres, to mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the allocation- initially subject to severe restrictions - of the Magic Band to Austrian amateurs. QSL via LoTW, paper QSLs will be sent automatically via the bureau.

**OE, AUSTRIA** Wolfgang, OE1WWL is celebrating his golden jubilee in amateur radio during 2020 as **OE1970WWL**. An entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB contest is included (March 28-29) as OE0WWL. QSL via home call, bureau and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

**OE, AUSTRIA** **OE25EU** is celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary since Austria acceded to the European Union. It will be used 21-22 June and during the first full weekends of July-November. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

**OH, FINLAND** "Pysy kotona" means "stay at home" in Finnish. Ten **OH#PYSYKOTONA** special call signs with OH0 to OH9 prefixes are active until July 3 to raise awareness for social distancing and remaining at home during the COVID-19 pandemic. The activity is coordinated by the Lahti Amateur Radio Club. (TNX 425DX)

**OK, CZECH REPUBLIC** Celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Czechoslovak DX Club, special callsign **OL30DXC** will be active on all bands and modes from now until 31 December. A special QSL card will be sent automatically via the bureau; direct cards go via OK2PXJ. (TNX 425DX)

**OK, CZECH REPUBLIC** OK4RQ, OK1VP, OK1AY, OK1DOL, OK6DJ and OK1IWS will be active throughout 2020 with the special event callsign **OL725PLZ** to mark the founding of Plzen 725 years ago. An award is available as well. QSL via Club Log OQRS or OK1DRQ direct. (TNX DXNL)

**ON, BELGIUM** The Belgian regulator is issuing special callsigns to convey the message "stay home, stay safe". Issued so far are **OR2STAYHOME** (QSL via eQSL), **OT20STAYHOME** (QSL via eQSL), **OT2STAYHOME** (QSL via ON7LU) and **OT6STAYS SAFE** (QSL via ON5YL). (TNX 425DX)

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS** Special station **PA75VERON** is active during 2020 to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vereniging voor Experimenteel Radio Onderzoek in Nederland. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using FT8. QSL via LoTW only.

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS** Celebrating 75 years of freedom since the end of World War II, special Dutch callsigns **PA75FREE, PB75FREE, PC75FREE, PD75FREE, PE75FREE, PF75FREE, PG75FREE, PH75FREE, PA75FREEDOM and PD75FREEDOM** will be active on 1-31 May. All QSOs will be confirmed via the bureau; please use Club Log's OQRS for direct requests. A certificate will be available; see the YNOMY DX Group's website <http://www.ynomy.nl/> (TNX 425DX)

**PY, BRAZIL** PT2ADM is QRV **ZW75FEB** until end May. This to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II, and as a tribute to the Forca Expedicionaria Brasileira, the Brazilian Expeditionary Force that fought alongside the Allied powers in Italy during the conflict. QSL via PT2ADM, direct or bureau.

**S5, SLOVENIA** Members of the Radio Club Cerkno are active as special event callsign **S500E** throughout 2020. Activity is to mark half a million QSO made from the S50E - JN76AD station. A special QSL will confirm each contact via the bureau in early 2021. LOG will be uploaded on ARRL LoTW and CLUBLOG on a regular basis. For those who want to send card direct please request QSL over Clublog OQRS (preferred) or send SASE with 3 US\$ or equivalent in EUR to cover return postage to QSL manager Miran Vončina S500, Cvetkova 35, 5282 Cerkno, Slovenija. Cards with insufficient postage or no return envelope will be returned via the QSL bureau. Special S500E T-shirt will be awarded to station with highest number of QSO (band/mode) from each continent and Slovenija. For more information, updates and useful links please visit Radio Club Cerkno S50E website at <http://www.s50e.si/> (TNX S50U)

**SP, POLAND** Look for **SN100KW** to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pope John Paul II on May 18, 1920. Operation during May. QSL via SP3PGS bureau.

**SP, POLAND** Special calls **3Z90PZK, HF90PZK, SN90PZK and SP90PZK** are QRV during 2020 to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Polish Amateur Radio Union (PZK, Poland's IARU Society). Active during the same period are also **HF90TPAR, HF90TPBB, HF90TPBF, HF90TPBG, HF90TPCF and HF90TPCG**, whose suffixes memorialize the callsigns of the founding members of the Lwowski Klub Krotkofalowcow, the first amateur radio club in Poland and forefather of PZK. QSL via operator's instructions. (TNX 425DX)

**SP, POLAND** **SN0KURP** is a special callsign for Radio Club Baza (SP5KVW) to promote the Polish ethnic region of Kurpie until end May. QSL via bureau. (TNX 425DX)

**TA, TURKEY** **TC1STAYHOME** is a special callsign for the awareness of COVID-19 pandemic. For a couple of weeks; stay home, stay safe please. Operation until May 25. <https://www.qrz.com/db/TC1STAYHOME>

**UA, RUSSIA** Special call **UE45SA** will be active on July 11-19 to commemorate the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project. Conducted in July 1975, it was the first joint US-Soviet space flight. QSL via Club Log OQRS or via RV3YR. (TNX 425DX)

**VE, CANADA** **XN1BOA**, operated by members of the Grassroots HAM Radio Club, commemorates the end of the Battle of the Atlantic 75 years ago. QRV until May 15 from Saint Johns / Newfoundland (NA-027). (TNX DXNL)

**VK, AUSTRALIA** The Western and Northern Suburbs Amateur Radio Club (WANSARC) celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as **V150AWS** until end August. All contacts will be confirmed with a special QSL. <https://www.wansarc.org.au/>

**VK, AUSTRALIA AX2020STAYHOME** is a special event callsign issued to the Radio Amateur Society of Australia. It will be used to promote the message "STAY AT HOME" and encourage hams all around the world to isolate at home and get on-air.

**W, USA** The Great South Bay Amateur Radio Club of Babylon, NY is looking for amateurs in each of New York State's 62 counties to operate their home stations under the special event callsign **K2H** (H for Heroes) during May. All operators will be signing K2H/along with the county abbreviation as used in the New York QSO Party e.g. K2H/SUF for Suffolk, K2H/NAS for Nassau, etc). This special operation is intended to express gratitude to the men and women on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic. "Confirmation certificates" will be available, but QSL cards will not be issued.

**XE, MEXICO** The special event stations **4A60A, 4A60M, 4A60E, 4A60X, 4A60I, 4A60C, 4A60O, 4A60N, 4A60F** and **4A60S** celebrate the founding of the Asociacion de Radio Aficionados de la Republica Mexicana (ARARM) 60 years ago. QRV until July 25. The club also offers an award for contacts with these stations.

**XE, MEXICO** The DXXE group celebrates their 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary during 2020 with the special event callsign **4A15DXXE** on HF. Members are also planning operations with special callsigns from other countries. QSL via LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

**YU, SERBIA** Look for **YT50SCWC** by the Serbian CW Club to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Operation during 2020. QSL via YU1MM, direct or bureau, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

**ZL, NEW ZEALAND** At the suggestion of Paul, ZL4TT, we applied to Radio Spectrum Management for, and have been granted, approval to treat the COVID-19 lockdown period as a "special event." This means that, for the duration of the lock down, New Zealand Amateurs may use the **ZM** prefix instead of the ZL prefix on their callsign. Please feel free to use these callsigns from today. We hope that the use of the ZM prefix will:

- Help to relieve the boredom for amateurs stuck at home over the lockdown period; and
- Increase the profile of New Zealand amateurs (and New Zealand in general) overseas.

**ZS, SOUTH AFRICA** Look for **ZS95SARL** during 2020. This to celebrate the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the South African Radio League, founded in May 1925 as South African Radio Relay League. QRV on HF, VHF, UHF and via satellites. QSL via bureau.

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