



## **DX bulletin 370**

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## **DX News**

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- + QSL of the day
- + IOTA of the day
- + DXCC or IOTA by drone
- + Weekly quiz
- + DX audio recordings

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### **VP8PJ South Orkney Islands –update**

We have closed the books on the VP8PJ DX-pedition to the South Orkney Islands. Due to the global pandemic our equipment was returned to California about two months later than planned. Nothing was missing or damaged during the extended journey. Thanks to the worldwide clubs / foundations, the DX community and our corporate sponsors, the project met all operational and financial goals. We appreciate the continued support from the DX community. <https://www.dx-world.net/vp8pj-south-orkney-islands-dxpedition/>

### **JX0X Jan Mayen DXpedition –update by Ken LA7GIA**

We received **the news** yesterday that LA-DX-Group member Erik LA2US is going on a 6-month work assignment to Jan Mayen. His trip has been unknown to us. This puts our project in a difficult situation. While there are several differences between a 6 month single-op trip and a 2 week tent and generator DXpedition, for us this is a matter of if we are able to raise the remaining funds and willing to sign an expensive vessel contract with all the added uncertainties. <https://www.dx-world.net/jx0x-jan-mayen-island-2021/>

### **Solar Cycle 25**

The solar minimum between Solar Cycle 24 and 25 – the period when the sun is least active – happened in December 2019, when the 13-month smoothed sunspot number fell to 1.8, according to the Solar Cycle 25 Prediction Panel, co-chaired by NOAA and NASA. We are now in Solar Cycle 25 with peak sunspot activity expected in 2025, the panel said. <https://www.dx-world.net/hello-solar-cycle-25/>

### **Report an IOTA activation**

IOTA activators are encouraged to submit information about their past operations by login to **IOTA-World website** and using the form available at *Support > Report an IOTA Activation*. Each entry must include the callsign, island name, IOTA reference, as well as the date and time of the first and last QSOs for each contiguous time window of operation. All entries will be checked by the Validation Team.

# **DXCC**

## **This week on air**

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

**4L, GEORGIA** Peter G4ENL (ex 9X9PJ) is now active as 4L/call. Operation during his spare time on HF. QSL via home call or direct to N4GNR.

**9H, MALTA** Reiner, DL2AAZ is active as 9H3SAT until September 18. Operation on HF using CW and SSB, on 6 meter and especially the QO-100 sat. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**FJ, SAINT BARTH** Look for Marco FS4WBS, Claude FS5GL and Franck FG4ST as TO0Z until September 17. QRV using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via IZ1MHY.

**HBO, LIECHTENSTEIN** Tina DL5YL and Fred DL5YM are QRV until October 3. Operation on HF in 'holiday-style'. QSL via homecalls.

**HI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** Mario, HB9EMR now resides in Boca Chica, Dominican Republic. He plans to be active on HF bands soon using an IC-7200, 100w and a dipole antenna (41m long at 19m height).

**HK, COLOMBIA** Lothar, DK8LRF extends his stay until end December. QRV as HK3JCL.

**OJ0, MARKET REEF** Henri, OH3JR will be operating as OJ0JR from September 19 until September 26. Operation during his spare time from 160 to 10 meter using CW, FT8 and some SSB. QSL via home call, Club Log.

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

**SV5, DODECANESE** Claudio, HB9OAU is operating as SV5/call from Karpathos Isl until September 25. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and RTTY. QSL via LoTW.

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

**TF, ICELAND** Norbert, DJ7JC is QRV as TF/call until October 18. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 160 to 10 meter using CW, FT8 and RTTY. QSL via DJ5BWD.

**XW, LAOS** Mike, UA0XB has received the call XW2DX during a 5 year stay in the country. Operation on 20, 15 and 10 meter. QSL via RM0L.

**YI, IRAQ** Giorgio IU5HWS is active until end November. QRV on 40-20-10 meter. Giorgio will update his YI/IU5HWS page on QRZ.com with more details later.

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

## **Coming up**

**JW, SVALBARD** Erwann, LB1QI will be active as JW/call during September 24-27. Activity from the JW5E Radio Club from 160 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, bureau or direct, LoTW. <https://www.qrz.com/db/jw/lb1qi>

## On the scene

TOOZ St Barths -by Marco FS4WBS <https://www.dx-world.net/to0z-st-barths/>



# IOTA

## **This week on air**

### EUROPE

**EU-008 Isle of Mull** Paul, G4PVM will be active in 'holiday-style' as GM4PVM between September 22 and September 26. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW.

**EU-017 Panarea Isl** Dario IT9ZZO and IT9EJW, IT9GAC, IT9IDR, IT9LKX, IT9NKT, IT9VKY and IW9HSK are operating as ID9/IT9ZZO until September 20. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, CW, RTTY and FT8. The activity marks the Oriental Sicily Contest Team's (IB90) 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**EU-038 Texel Isl** Ben, DO1BEN will be active as PD/DO1BEN between September 19 and October 1, and again on October 12-22. QRV on 40 and 20 meter using SSB and digi. QSL via home call, bureau preferred.

**EU-043 Orust Isl**

**EU-087 Alnon Isl**

Ric, DL2VFR and Klaus, DL7UXG are operating as SD7V/6 and SD3G/6 until September 17 and as SD7V/3 and SD3G from Alnon Island (EU-087) on September 18-21. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8/FT4 on the HF bands. QSL SD7V via DL2VFR, direct or bureau (the log will be uploaded to Club Log, LoTW and eQSL). QSL SD3G via DL7UXG, direct or bureau.

### NORTH AMERICA

**NA-134 Aasiaat Isl** Bo, OX3LX is once again active until September 20. QRV from 40 to 4 meter with main focus on 50 and 70 Mhz. QSL via OZ0J.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Announced DX

#### THE NEWCOMERS

**CU, AZORES** Travel restrictions permitting, look for Dave WJ2O to be active from Ponta Delgada during the CQWW CW contest (November 28-29) as CU2/call. QRV as SOAB LP. No 160m. QSL via N2ZN.

**PJ4, BONAIRE** Marty, W1MD will be active as PJ4A during the CQWW DX SSB contest (Oct 24-25). Outside the contest he will be on air as PJ4/call. QSL via K4BAI.

#### 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.

**3X, GUINEA** The F6KOP team (E44CC) is preparing an DXpedition to Guinea and Kassa Island AF 051 during January 2021. Operation with 5 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. More to follow.

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

**5H, TANZANIA** Roman, RA/3W3RR (ex-9Q9RR) has announced plans to be active from Zanzibar island, AF-032. Currently no set dates as to when 5H1RR activity may happen due to COVID-19. More info to follow in due course..

**A3, TONGA** Stan LZ1GC and Ivan LZ1PM will be operating as A35GC somewhere in 2021. 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** The Polish DXpedition Team with Jan SP3CYY, Jurek SP3GEM, Wlodek SP6EQZ, Janusz SP6IXF, Roman SP9FOW and Piotr SP9RCL will be active

somewhere during 2021 as XR0YSP. 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 with the team: WA2DAN, N2IEN, K5DHY, K5YY, K4UEE, WW2DX, AA4NC, N8AA, N2TU. The CY0C Sable Island DXpedition team learned this week that our DXpedition will have to be postponed until October 2021 due to the ongoing worldwide Coronavirus.

<http://cy0dexpedition.net/index.html>

**E6, NIUE** Stan LZ1GC and Ivan LZ1PM will be operating as E6AM during October-November 2021. 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.

**FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Chris, VO1CH updates DX-World that due to Covid-19, the TO5T DXpedition to St Pierre & Miquelon has been postponed until August 8-16, 2021. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. <http://www.to5t.com/>

**FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Eric, KV1J will once again be active as FP/call between June 29 and July 13, 2021. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW. <http://www.kv1j.com/fp/July20.html>

**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.

**FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA** Tom, KH0/KC0W informs: due to Covid this trip will be postponed. As soon the situation changes Tom will let us know when he departs Saipan.

**HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL** A DXfriends DXpedition will take place to San Cristobal. QSL via EA5RM. More to follow.

**J8, GRENADINES** Brian, GW4DVB will be operating as J88PI between July 23 and August 1, 2021. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call. <https://www.g4dyb.co.uk/dxpedition-2017>

**JD1, OGASAWARA** Makoto JI5RPT will once again be active as JD1BLY from Chichijima on October 3-6. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call.

**JX, JAN MAYEN** Ken LA7GIA announces a low band DXpedition as JX0X in September/October 2021. JX is high ranked on the low bands and also on CW and digital. The team members are Ken LA7GIA, Erwann LB1QI, Allan EA3HSO, Dima RA9USU and Dominik DL5EBE. Operation on all bands but with focus on the low bands. Also bands as 60, 20 and 17 meter depending on the conditions. Website to follow.

**KH4, MIDWAY ISL** Ron, KH6DV announces a trip to Midway during the second half of February 2021 for about 2 weeks (if the COVID 19 is under control). 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.

**KH8, SWAINS ISL** Due to the Covid-19 pandemic it is still impossible to travel to Swains Island. This means that we have to postpone our DXpedition until Spring 2021 at the earliest. Alex Jennings (owner of island) and the team will start planning again as soon as we are allowed to travel to American Samoa without restrictions (such as 14 days in quarantine).

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

**P4, ARUBA** John, W2GD will again be QRV as P40W during October 20-27 and November 24 to December 1. Activity on HF bands with an emphasis on CW. Single Operator All Band entry in the CQ World Wide DX SSB & CW contests. QSL via LoTW.

**PJ7, SINT MAARTEN** Tom, AA9A will once again be active as PJ7AA from February 27 until March 27, 2021. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via LoTW and Club Log.



**TI, COSTA RICA** Members of AB3G will be operating from different Costa Rican provinces during a week of Summits on the Air. They will be QRV between January 3-9, 2021. <https://ab3g.weebly.com/#>

**TT, CHAD** The Italian DXpedition Team will be active as TT8RR (CW, SSB and RTTY) and as TT8XX (FT8) during 2021 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/>

**V3, BELIZE** Jeff, N1SNB will be active as V31AZ during the CQWW CW contest (November 28-29). QSL via home call.

**V4, ST KITTS** John, W5JON will once again be active as V47JA from Calypso Bay between February 13 and March 5. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW or via 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.

**VP9, BERMUDA** Jeff, N1SNB will be QRV as VP9/call from October 21 until October 26. Operation on HF with a focus on CQWW SSB contest. QSL via home call.

**VQ9, DIEGO GARCIA** Dates are not confirmed, nor length of activity, but Bob DU7ET could again be active from Diego Garcia as VQ9ET later this year. Update to follow...

**XT, BURKINA FASO** Max, DK1MAX will once again be active as XT2MAX somewhere during 2021. QSL via EA5GL. More to follow.

**YN, NICARAGUA** Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Dates are still in planning phase due to COVID. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. <https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO>

**Z6, KOSOVO** A Belgian team will be active somewhere in 2021 from Kosovo. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via Club Log, OQRS.

**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/>

## **Announced IOTA**

### **THE REMINDERS**

#### **AFRICA**

**AF-115 Mukawwar Isl** Earlier this year, an experienced IOTA were issued as ST6SIT. Their intention was to activate AF-115 but due to COVID 19 plans changed for this never activated IOTA in the Red Sea, off Sudan. Future plans will be updated.

#### **ASIA**

**AS-152 Bol'shoy Begichev** Dates are not yet confirmed, however the Arctic Legends team (RT9K) recently received their RIOQ license with a view to being active from Bol'shoy Begichev AS-152 in early 2021.

#### **EUROPE**

**EU-039 Chausey Isl** Fabien F4HIK and Joel F4IKA will be active as TM39EU from November 4 until November 11. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, digi and maybe SSTV. QSL via Club Log.

**EU-111 Monach Isles** A team with G0VJG, G2NF, G4TSH, GM0WED, G4FAL and G0FDZ will be active as MM8C during the IOTA 2021 contest period from Ceann Ear. Outside the contest they will be active as GM3RCV.

**EU-177 Stora Alo-Boko** Waldi, SP7IDX will be operating as SM/call from October 10 until October 17. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

## **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-039 Adak Isl** Rob N7QT, Yuri N3QQ and Yuri UA9OBA will be active as KL7RRC from Adak Island during June 2021. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via N7RO.

**NA-070 Kiska Isl** Rob N7QT, Yuri N3QQ and Yuri UA9OBA will be active as KL7RRC from Kiska Island during June 2021. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via N7RO.

**NA-079 Dry Tortugas Isl** A team with Connor W4IPC, Matt AE4MQ, James WX4TV, Zach KN4KVC, Mike N3KPU, Grace KE3G and Mason KM4SII will be active as N4T around December 2020. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT8 and satellites. QSL via LoTW. <https://www.qrz.com/db/n4t>

## **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.

## **SOUTH AMERICA**

**SA-092 Papegaaen Isl** Markus, DJ4EL informs DX-World that he has new dates for his IOTA DXpedition to Papegaaen Island as PZ5G. He hopes to be QRV from this rare IOTA during October 16-19. Activity on 80-10m using CW and SSB.  
-PZ5G October 16-19 Grid GJ15kv (10-80 meter CW and SSB)  
-PZ5GE October 11-25, Grid GJ25kr (10-40 meter using SSB only)  
More on QRZ.com

## **Antarctica base stations**

**Mirny Station** Alexander, RX3ABI is QRV as RI1ANM from Mirny Base, IOTA AN-016, until early 2021 while on work assignment. Activity during his spare time on 40 and 20 meters using FT8. 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**

**HC, ECUADOR** During the last weekend of September 2020, we will be actively transmitting on all amateur radio bands and modes with the special callsign **HD0DX**. Those who participate in this special event will be awarded the commemorative diploma "Ecuador Volcanoes". Only 1 QSO with HD0DX is necessary.

The diploma is in PDF format and can be downloaded from this **webpage** starting on Monday, September 28th by entering your callsign and the name you want to appear on the diploma. QSL confirmation: LotW, QRZ. QSL card manager: NE8Z.

**ON, BELGIUM** Members of the Pajottenlandse Radio Amateur Club (ON4PRA) are active as **OT5ABI** until October 18. The special callsign's suffix stands for Acquired Brain Injury, and this activity is meant to raise awareness of the work being done by the NAH Liga. QSL via the bureau or direct to ON6LC.

**RA, RUSSIA R500LWTK**, operated by Valery/R2PT, Roman/R2PU and Aleksandr/R3PKS draws attention to the building of the Kremlin in Tula 500 years ago. QRV until the end of October. An award is available as well. QSL via R2PT. (TNX DXNL)

**UR, UKRAINE EN370LL** celebrates the 370th anniversary of the town Liubotyn until the end of September on the air and with an award. (TNX DXNL)

**VK, AUSTRALIA VI75WW2** commemorates the end of World War II until November 11. <https://www.silvertrain.com.au/> (TNX DXNL)

## **THE REMINDERS**

**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.

### **A60EMM Emirates Mars Mission**

The United Arab Emirates has officially entered the global space exploration race. This came after His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed al Nahyan, President of the UAE, issued a decree to establish the UAE Space Agency, and began working on sending the first Arab and Islamic probe to Mars, a project named "Hope Probe". This makes the UAE one of only nine countries working to explore Mars.

The probe will start its journey in 2020, and is scheduled to arrive to Mars by 2021, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the union of the UAE. The planning, management and implementation of the probe project are implemented by an Emirati team, whose members depend on their skills and diligence to acquire all space exploration-related knowledge and applying it. The program is fully funded and supervised by the UAE Space Agency, while the probe is being developed by the Mohammed bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC), in collaboration with international partners.

Ops for 2020:

- \* A60EMM/1, Op. A61M, QSL: A61BK
- \* A60EMM/2, Op. A61Q, QSL: EA7FTR
- \* A60EMM/3, Op. A61FK, QSL: A61BK
- \* A60EMM/4, Op. A61BK, QSL: A61BK
- \* A60EMM/5, Op. A61DD, QSL: A92AA
- \* A60EMM/6, Op. A61QQ, QSL: A61BK
- \* A60EMM/7, Op. A61FJ, QSL: LZ1YE
- \* A60EMM/8, Op. A61DL, QSL: A61BK
- \* A60EMM/9, Op. A61NN, QSL: Direct

<https://www.mbrsc.ae/emirates-mars-mission>

**CE, CHILE** Members of the Radio Club Traiguén (CE6TRA) are be active as **CB6P**, **CB6Q**, **CB6T** and **CB6TEB** until end September to commemorate the arrival of the first railway in Traiguén. QSL direct to CE6TRA. (TNX 425DX)

**CE, CHILE** In August 2010, there was a landslide in a mine in the north of Chile (Atacama Desert) and 33 miners were trapped for 3 months until their rescue was carried out. It was an historic event; the eyes of the world were watching as each miner was pulled to safety. To commemorate 10 years of this feat, Radio Club Eternautas are active as **CB33M** until October 13. QRV on 80m-70cms; CW/SSB, Digi. QSL via PO BOX 12096 Santiago.

**CE, CHILE** Members of the Chilean Pacific DX Group will be active during September as **XR210CHI** to commemorate the 210<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the First Government Junta (18 September 1810), the earliest step in the Chilean struggle for independence from Spain. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via XQ7UP. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY** Special callsign **DK7ODARC** is active until 31 December to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club, the German IARU society. QSL via the bureau; direct cards should be sent to DK5ON. (TNX 425DX)



**DL, GERMANY** The German section of the International Police Association (IPA) celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their organisation with the special event callsign **DL70IPA**. Operators plan to work each Sunday (08z-10z on 7080kHz) and Thursday (18z-19z on 3680) during September; 20m depending on condx. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY** DARC's local branch D13 (Maerkisches Viertel) will operate special call **DL73TXL** until end June 2021 to say goodbye to Berlin-Tegel Airport (IATA code TXL), the main international airport of Berlin, which is expected to close permanently in early November. Along with Gatow and Tempelhof, it played a pivotal role during the Berlin Airlift (1948-1949), organized by the Western Allies to carry supplies to the people of West Berlin. (TNX 425DX)

**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)

**EA, SPAIN A05CLE** celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Spanish Legion. QRV until September 20 on HF using SSB, CW and digi. QSL via EA5GTU. (TNX DXNL)

**EA, SPAIN** Special call **A05CLE** will be active on all bands and modes until September 20 to mark the centenary of the Spanish Legion, established in 1920 as the Spanish equivalent of the French Foreign Legion. QSL via EA5GTU. (TNX 425DX)

**F, FRANCE** Members of the Radio Club de Cestas (F6KUQ) operate the special event station **TM100LY** to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the radio broadcast station Bordeaux-La Fayette. They are joined by **TM1IY**, run by the Radio Club du Bassin d'Arcachon (F5KAY). Both calls are active until the end of 2020. QSL for TM100LY via F6KUQ; TM1LY via F5KAY. (TNX DXNL)

**F, FRANCE** For the 69<sup>th</sup> year the Association des Radioamateurs de la Sarthe (F6KFI) will operate a special event station for the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Look for **TM24HC** on 6-20 September, with activity on various bands and modes (SSB, CW, RTTY, PSK, FT8). This year's race has been postponed from June to 19-20 September owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, hence the "C" in the suffix. QSL via F6KFI. (TNX 425DX)

**F, FRANCE** Mado F1EOY and others will be active as **TM5ISY** at various times until October 14. The special callsign is in memory of Carine Dubois, F5ISY, who passed away on 3 November 2019. QSL via F1EOY.

**F, FRANCE** The special event station **TM5SF** operates in the context of the Solitaire du Figaro, a solo sailing race until September 19. QSL via F8KGS. (TNX DXNL)

**G, ENGLAND** The special event station **GB1LAA** (London Air Ambulance) operates around the International Air Ambulance Week throughout September. QSL via M0HEM (d). (TNX DXNL)

**G, ENGLAND** Members of the Royal Air Force Amateur Radio Society (RAFARS) commemorate the Battle of Britain as **GB80BOB** until September 28. QSL via 2E0NDZ. (TNX DXNL)

**G, ENGLAND** Marking the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the Royal Corps of Signals, special callsign **GB100RS** will be operated by members of the Royal Signals ARS from Wales on 6 September-3 October, and Scotland on 4-17 October. Additionally, **GB100RCS** will be active from the HQ station at Blandford Camp, Dorset as soon as permission to reopen it is received. See <https://rsars.org.uk/> for more information. (TNX 425DX)

**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 callsigns 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/>

**HZ, SAUDI ARABIA** Saudi Arabia celebrates the 90th National Day of the Unification of the Kingdom until September 25.

This date dates back to the Royal Decree issued by King Abdul Aziz No. 2716 dated 17 Jumada I 1351 AH, which orders renaming the kingdom of Hejaz and Najd and its accessories to become the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia starting from Thursday 21 Jumada I 1351 AH corresponding to the 23rd of September 1932.

There will be free e-awards by email upon request.

One point for each QSO with the participating stations: **7Z90AL – 7Z90SJ – 7Z90AQ – 7Z90WW – 7Z90OO – HZ90SK – HZ90SM – HZ90BW – HZ90TL – HZ90LG – HZ90BT – HZ90DG – HZ90ND** in any mode/band (SSB-CW-DIGI). QSL via 9K2RA.

**I, ITALY** The following special event calls are active for the Italian Navy Ship Radio Stations Award 2020 until September 20: **II8IGNL, II0IGTO, II0IAJV, II2IARD, II0IADU, II9IABJ, II5IHMW, II5IACF, II9IHPM, II9IASG, and II0IGLO**. For QSL information see qrz.com. (TNX DXNL)

**I, ITALY** The ARI section Mondovi hosts the 19<sup>th</sup> DCI meeting, the 17<sup>th</sup> WAP meeting, and the 11<sup>th</sup> IFFA meeting from September 18 to 21. The special event station **IP1DCI** operates in this context until September 30. QSL via IK1QFM.

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

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

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.

**I, ITALY** The ARI section of Bruneck activates the callsign **II3STAY** until end 2020. QSL via IN3ZWF (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

**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)

**JA, JAPAN** Special event station **8N1ABIKO** is QRV until the end of 2020 in celebration of the founding of Abiko-City, IOTA AS-007. QSL via bureau.

**JT, MONGOLIA JU85UIA** celebrates the founding of the University of Internal Affairs 85 years ago. Operators throughout 2020 are JT1CH, JT1BZ, JT1BU, JT1DR, JV1A, and JT1BV. QSL via JT1CH (d). (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/>

**LY, LITHUANIA LY784A** celebrates the 784<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the city Siauliai until the end of September. QSL via LY5A. (TNX DXNL)

**LZ, BULGARIA** The Bulgarian Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) continues to honour the memory of Orthodox saints during September as **LZ595IP**. QSOs count towards the All Saints - 2020 award. QSL via bureau, LZ1KCP (direct). (TNX DXNL)

**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** 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 during the first full weekends of September-November. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. (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)

**P4, ARUBA** During the month of September, P4 (Aruba) operators will use the special callsign **P42WW** to commemorate the end of WW2. More info soon..

**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** Arie, PD0ARI is active again as **PD538RNI** until 30 September. His love for radio started in the early seventies while listening to Radio Veronica (which transmitted on 538 metres) and Radio Northsea International (RNI). Both offshore stations had to close down on 31 August 1974, when the Dutch government passed its antipirate legis- lation. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. (TNX 425DX)

**PJ4, BONAIRE PJ4TEN** is a special event station that will be active during October 2020 to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "10/10/10" – October 10th, 2010. On that date the former country of the Netherlands Antilles was dissolved and Bonaire became a 'special municipality' of the Netherlands. As a result, Bonaire became a new DXCC entity on that date. QSL via MOURX OQRS, LoTW.

**RA, RUSSIA** During September, **R450STAR** marks the 450<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Starocherkasskaya, the capital of the Don Cossacks. **R450AKSU** celebrates the founding of Aksayskaya (now Aksay City). An award is available as well. QSL via RM6LW and Club Log. (TNX DXNL)

**S5, SLOVENIA** Members of the Radio Club Cerklno 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 Cerčno, 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 Cerčno S50E website at <http://www.s50e.si/> (TNX S50U)

**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)

**SV, GREECE** The special event station **SX300ML** commemorates the Battle of Thermopylae, first from Agios Island (EU-049) and later from the Science Center & Technology Museum in Thessaloniki. QRV until September 19. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW, eQSL, SV2GWY (d). (TNX DXNL)

**SV, GREECE** The Hellenic department of the 'Fifth Ocean Ham Aviator's Club' will be operating during September as **SX1AFM**. This to commemorate the 70 years since the establishment of the Hellenic Air Force History Museum. QSL see QRZ.com.

**UR, UKRAINE** **EM90QMR** marks the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Melitopol district until September 20. An award is also available. QSL via eQSL. (TNX DXNL)

**VK, AUSTRALIA** Special callsign **VI110WIA** celebrates the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wireless Institute of Australia. Operation until end 2020, it is available for use by WIA affiliated clubs and all WIA members. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

**VK, AUSTRALIA** The Wireless Institute of Australia has joined the "Stay Home" campaign and be active as **VK20HOME** until end 2020. The special call is available for use by WIA affiliated clubs and all WIA members. QSL via LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

**VR, HONG KONG** Members of the Hong Kong Amateur Radio Transmitting Society are operating as **VR2HK90** to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their society. QRV on HF.

**XE, MEXICO** Look for **4A50CRH** to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Club de Radio Aficionados Hidrocalidos. Operation until end 2020 from 160 to 6 meter and satellites using CW, SSB, digi and FM. QSL via LoTW, Club Log. (TNX DXNL)

**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.

**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.

**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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