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 \* TO ALL OUR READERS \*  
 \* WARMEST THOUGHTS AND BEST WISHES \*  
 \* FOR A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY \*  
 \* AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR \*  
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 \*\*\* 4 2 5 D X N E W S \*\*\*  
 \*\*\*\* DX INFORMATION \*\*\*\*  
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- 60 - Ken, LA7GIA and Adrian, K08SCA will be active as 6060 from Somalia on 3-16 January. They will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 on 160-10 metres with two stations. QSL via LoTW or via M00X0's OQRS; logsearch on Club Log. The DXpedition will also have a humanitarian aspect. 100% of donations received from individuals, clubs or organizations will go to Medecins Sans Frontieres. See "Doctors Without Borders Fundraiser" on <http://la7gia.com/6060/index.html>. [TNX K08SCA]
- 8Q - Roland, HB9VQQ will be active holiday style as 8Q7HB from the Maldives (AS-013) on 22-30 December. He is likely to operate mainly JT65 and FT8 on the HF bands. QSL via home cal; he will also upload his log to Club Log, LoTW and eQSL.
- 9Y - Thomas, DL90BQ will be active as 9Z4/DL90BQ from Trinidad (SA-011) from 19 December to 7 February. He will operate mainly CW on 30, 17 and 15 metres. QSL via bureau to home call.
- C5 - Forthcoming activities from The Gambia include:  
 Pedro, ON7WP again as C5WP between 25 December and 1 January. This time he will focus on the digital modes, with main activity on 60 metres JT65. QSL via ON7WP, direct only.  
 Frank, ON7RU as C56RU from 26 December to 1 January. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, via ON7RU and LoTW.  
 Przem, SP3PS as C5/SP3PS from 30 December to 12 January. He will be QRV on 40, 20 and 10 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]
- DL - Volker, DL1WH will be active as DL1WH/p from Foehr Island (EU-042) from 22 December to 2 January. He will operate CW and some SSB on the HF bands. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX DX Newsletter]
- EA8 - Mauro, IV3HAX will be active as EA8/IV3HAX from Fuerteventura, Canary Islands (AF-004) from 24 December to 5 January. He will operate CW, RTTY and FT8 with a focus on 160 and 80 metres. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS or direct to IV3HAX. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]
- JA - Take, JI3DST will be active as either JS6RRR/6 and JI3DST/6 from Kita-Daito Island (AS-047) from 28 December to 9 January. He will operate SSB, CW, RTTY, JT65 and FT8 on 80-6 metres. QSL JS6RRR/6 via JS6RRR, QSL JI3DST/6 via JI3DST.
- VK - Special callsign VI70HI will be active from mainland Australia to

commemorate the first ANARE expedition to Heard Island in December 1947. Look for activity on 160-10 metres SSB, CW, RTTY and possibly other digital modes from 19 December to 28 February. QSL via M00X0's OQRS and LoTW.

- XT - Harald, DF2W0 will be active again as XT2AW from Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso between 30 December and 18 January. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via M00X0's OQRS and LoTW.
- ZD8 - Andy, M0HLT will be working on Ascension Island (AF-003) for the next two years. He plans to be active as ZD8AC on 40-10 metres SSB. QSL via operator's instructions. [TNX The Daily DX]

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\*\*\*\* GOOD TO KNOW ... \*\*\*\*  
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9E1C ---> Gabriele, IK3GES (ik3ges[@]alice.it) has uploaded to LoTW the logs for IV30WC's activity as 9E1C from Ethiopia (some 36,000 QSO made between 23 January 1999 and 29 November 2000).

EL2DT RADIO FUND ---> Dickson, EL2DT participated in the attempt to activate Baiyah Island (AF-111), a new IOTA, in November 2017. You can find the story here: <https://af111new.files.wordpress.com/2017/11/5l3bi-story-pdf.pdf>.

"The outcome of the expedition was that the team was unsuccessful in even landing on the island. The financial losses were significant for everyone. In addition to the money, Dickson's primary home station radio (an older TS-50) was dunked in the sea and is a total loss".

When the Voodoo Contest Group left Liberia in 2012, they donated one of their Kenwood TS-930s to Dickson. "He quickly discovered that it only ran on 110/220 VAC and is a current hog. So he acquired the TS-50 and most of his operating has been from battery power. Since he has no power at his home, he must pay his neighbor to run a generator to re-charge the battery".

Bud, N7CW is now soliciting "donations for 1 of 2 solutions to Dickson's problem of getting back on the air. He can purchase a generator in-country to run the 930. This option has the added benefit of providing power to his home at other times, however, gasoline is expensive and sometimes hard to find. The second alternative is to find or buy him a replacement radio, perhaps another TS-50, an IC-706, an FT-857/897 or something similar. The negative side of a radio is that we have to get it into Liberia, which usually means finding someone willing to carry it in their personal luggage".

If you have a radio you can donate, please let Bud know (bsemon[@]gmail.com) as soon as possible. He would prefer not to collect money if he can find a radio. If you wish to donate money, he has set up a MoneyPool with PayPal at this link: <https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/802uhKe0Bz>. [TNX N6VR]

VK IOTA POLL --- > Craig, VK5CE is planning "a range of rare and semi-rare IOTA operations". He invites island chasers to visit the new VK IOTA website

([www.vkiota.wordpress.com](http://www.vkiota.wordpress.com)) and take the poll (click on "What VK IOTA's do you need?") to help guide his future IOTA activations.

WRTC 2018 ---> WRTC 2018 e.V., host of the 2018 World Radiosport Team Championship in Germany, has announced the 65 referees (63 on site and 2 alternates) that will be monitoring the teams during the competition (14-15 July 2018): AA4NC, AJ9C, CE3CT, DK3GI, DL20BF, DL7FER, DM5EE, ES5RY, G0CKV, G4BU0, HA3NU, HB9CAT, HB9DHG, I2WIJ, IK1HJS, JH4RHF, JK3GAD, K1CC, K1RX, K4AB, K4BAI, K7BV, K7GK, K9Z0, KC7V, KU5B, LW9E0C, LY7Z, LZ2HM, N2GA, N2IC, N3RD, N6AN, NF4A, NN3W, OE50H0, OE6MBG, OH1RX, OK2FD, OZ1IKY, PA3AAV, PP5BZ, RC0F, RM2D, S50R, S50XX, S53R, S56A, SP4Z, UA9MA, UT7QF, VA2EW, VA2WA, VE3EY, VE3XB, W0YK, W1UE, W1VE, W60AT, W6PH, YL1ZF, YL2KL, YT6W, YT7AW, YU1EA. A referee will be on site at each of the 63 competing stations to verify compliance with the rules and make decisions on any rule questions by the teams. The referees must be top-level testers because they must simultaneously listen to the audio from both operators for the entire 24 hours of the WRTC2018 competition. The referee application and verification process was managed by Ulf Ehrlich, DL5AXX. There were over 130 applications received. The selection process considered many factors, including geographical areas, language skills and S02R ability. The final selection was done by the Judging Committee of the WRTC 2018.

+ SILENT KEYS + World class tester Jim Sullivan, W7EJ passed away a few days ago aged 64. His contest career began in 1973 and in 1989 he started to operate outside the US. He constructed three stations in DX locations - FG5R 9M8R and CN2R (<http://cn2r.net>) - where he achieved several records in the CQWW, WPX, RUDXC, and CQ160 DX contests. Besides being a top-notch single operator, Jim contributed to several winning multi efforts.

Ulrich Bihlmayer, DJ9KR passed away on 16 December after a long illness. "Uli served in the DARC Bandwacht for 45 years of which 26 years as Coordinator", IARU Region 1 reports. In 2005 he was appointed deputy coordinator of the IARU Region 1 Monitoring System. "Together with IARUMS coordinator Wolfgang Hadel DK2OM, he led a team that grew from 5 to 24 members. Being a polyglot, Uli specialised in broadcast intruders and pirates on telephony. Uli was presented the IARU Region 1 medal in 2011 before he stepped down from the IARU Region 1 Monitoring System in 2012".

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***** QSL ROUTES *****
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3B9FR         M00X0         D80MT         DS3EXX        OH1NAVY        OH1AJ
3G1D          XQ1FM         DM1517L       DL5AWI        P3X            5B4AMM
3G2M          CE2MVF        DM60BER       DL1BWU        PA6YOTA        M0SDV
3V8CB         LX1N0         DT23WOP       HL1IWD        PF44FF         PH0N0
3V8YOTA       M0SDV         E51DXX        AG1LE         PI40B0Z        PD3JAG
3W3B          E21EIC        ED1L          EA3AH         PJ4DX          M0URX
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| 3W9XG     | DF2XG  | ED8H       | EA8ARI | PT3T       | PY3AA      |
| 3Z0XMAS   | SP6IEQ | EG5ERC     | EB5AG  | PV2B       | PU2VJI     |
| 3Z560SC   | SP7KMX | EG8NB      | EA8NB  | PW5T       | PP5NY      |
| 4E1ADW    | 9V1KG  | ES9YOTA    | M0SDV  | R100FSB    | UA3FQ      |
| 404A      | LX1N0  | ET3AA      | N200   | R100KGB    | UA3FQ      |
| 4U1WB     | KK4HD  | EY8MM      | K1BV   | S500R      | S53M       |
| 4X6TT     | N4GNR  | FK8GX      | W3HNK  | S510PMC    | S59DCD     |
| 5B4AAB    | G8CLY  | FR5FC      | EA7FTR | SN150MJP   | SP3PGR     |
| 5B4ALG    | EC5AC  | G6MC       | G2YL   | SN20WHL    | SP2TMT     |
| 5B4XMAS   | IZ4AMS | GB2GM      | G3UCQ  | SP20ZIP    | SP5ZIP     |
| 5P8VW     | DJ8VW  | GM5X       | N3SL   | TC630MECCA | TA3X       |
| 5R8UI     | IZ8CCW | H2017PFO   | 5B4AIE | TI3/N8JAJ  | K8EF       |
| 5Z4BU     | EA5GL  | HA60KNA    | HA3KNA | TI5/N3KS   | W4FS       |
| 8P9AR     | DD0VR  | HF0HERTZ   | SP5PPA | TI7W       | W4FS       |
| 8P9JB     | J69Z   | HF0HW      | SP3PWL | TK/NZ1C    | DD5ZZ      |
| 8Q7RB     | GM4DLG | HF2018HNY  | SP2PBM | TM0W       | F2CT       |
| 9A57AX    | 9A5AX  | HI3Y       | RW6HS  | TR8CA      | F6CBC      |
| 9H3CW     | DL5SE  | HK1MW      | N200   | UE80S      | UA3SLB     |
| 9H3YY     | DL2JRM | HK3C       | NR6M   | V31MA      | M00X0      |
| 9J2B0     | G3TEV  | HR2DMR     | KD4POJ | VK8NSB     | M0URX      |
| 9K2BS     | A61BK  | HZ1SK      | IZ8CLM | XV9NPS     | JA2NPS [b] |
| 9V1YC     | W5UE   | IY3VE      | IQ3ME  | XV9NPS     | JA20DB [d] |
| 9X9PJ     | N4GNR  | J28ND      | S57DX  | Y013IPA    | Y03AS      |
| A41CK     | A61BK  | JY4CI      | K2AX   | YP0XMAS    | Y09FNP     |
| A91ND     | A92AA  | JY5MM      | IK2DUW | YP2018HNY  | Y03KPA     |
| AC2BF/KH2 | JA10HP | KC4AAA     | K1IED  | YP2XMAS    | Y09FNP     |
| AT6MIT    | VU3BUN | KH6YY      | K2PF   | YP5XMAS    | Y09FNP     |
| C5YK      | ON7YK  | LQ0D       | EC5AC  | YP9XMAS    | Y09FNP     |
| C93PA     | PA5X   | LY2017XMAS | LY2QT  | YS1/HR2DMR | KD4POJ     |
| CB3R      | XQ3SK  | LZ105PBP   | LZ1ZF  | YT0W       | YU1JW      |
| CE2AWW    | N7R0   | LZ5R       | LZ1YQ  | YT800YU    | YU1MM      |
| CN17JIM   | EA7FTR | M3I        | G3SWH  | YT8A       | YU1EA      |
| CP5HK     | EC5AC  | MX0SNB     | G3SVK  | YW2LV      | YV5YMA     |
| CS2017RCL | CS0RCL | OD5KU      | EB7DX  | Z60YOTA    | M0SDV      |
| CV7S      | CX7SS  | OD5VB      | EA5GL  | ZF2YL      | AE9YL      |
| CX2BR     | EA5GL  | OF0BHU     | OH0BHU | ZS9YOTA    | M0SDV      |
| D41CV     | IK2NCJ | OH100FIN   | OH3ZQ  | ZZ2P       | PY2AA      |

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