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WARMEST THOUGHTS AND BEST WISHES
FOR A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY
AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

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****  DX  INFORMATION  ****
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DU - Chris VK3FY, Nik VK3FNIK and Dindo DU1UD will be active as DX8DX (to be confirmed) from Luzon Island (OC-042) on 23-29 December, with the possibility of side trips to other IOTA groups in the same region (for instance OC-130 and OC-235). On 6-8 January DX8DX (to be confirmed) will be QRV from the Calagua Islands (OC-202). Plans are to operate SSB and CW on 40-10 metres, with limited activity on 80 and 160m. QSL via M0OXO’s OQRS (direct and bureau); traditional cards should be sent to M0OXO direct only. [TNX M0OXO]

E5_sc - Milan, OK1DWC has been active again as E51DWC from Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cook Islands since 22 December. His first activity was in June-September 2015, length of current stay unknown. He operates CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-10 metres. QSL via OK1DWC, Club Log’s OQRS, LoTW and eQSL; QSLling policy at www.qrz.com/db/e51dwc.

EA8 - Mauro, IV3HAX will be active again as EA8/IV3HAX from Fuerteventura Canary Islands (AF-004) from 27 December to 6 January. He will operate CW, RTTY and PSK on the HF bands. QSL via IV3HAX (direct), LoTW, eQSL and Club Log’s OQRS. [TNX DX Coffee]

EI - From 1 January to 31 December 2017 nine special callsigns (EI11WAW, EI22WAW, EI33WAW, EI44WAW, EI55WAW, EI66WAW, EI77WAW, EI88WAW and EI99WAW) will be active to celebrate the Wild Atlantic Way, a tourism route on the west coast of Ireland that runs for 2,500 km passing through nine Counties and three provinces. Each special callsign will be associated with one of those Counties. QSLs via EI6AL; OQRS on Club Log. A certificate will be made available for download to any station that works all nine calls, on any band or mode; apply by email to EI6AL giving your name and callsign.

SM - Once again the unique and still operational long wave transmitter, with call sign SAQ, at the Varberg Radio Station at Grimeton (southern Sweden) will be activated on VLF 17.2 kHz on 24 December. The message transmission will take place at 8 UTC and the transmitter will be tuned up from around 7.30 UTC. There will also be CW activity on the amateur radio bands (7035 or 14035 kHz) with the call SK6SAQ. See www.alexander.n.se for updates and QSL information. Built in 1922-24, the Varberg Radio Station has been inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list since 2004. It is "an exceptionally well-preserved monument to early wireless
transatlantic communication", representing "the process of development of communication technology in the period following the First World War".

SP - Special event station HF8000 will be active from 1 January to 31 March to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the Polish city of Opole. Activity will be on 80-10 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via SP6PAZ, direct or bureau. [TNX SP6DVP]

T8 - Ryosei, JH0IXE will be active again as T8CW from Koror (OC-009), Palau from 26 December to 6 January. QSL via JA0FOX (bureau) or JH0IXE (direct), LoTW and eQSL. [TNX The Daily DX]

UA - Russian Robinson Club's members R7AL, RA1ZZ, RK8A and RW5D are planning a DXpedition to take place from Iony Island (AS-069) on 20-24 July (dates are tentative and highly dependent on weather and sea conditions). They will operate as RI0C with two stations on 40, 30, 20, 17, 15 and 10 metres CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via Club Log's OQRS; traditional cards via R7AL (direct). See www.iony2017.com for further information and updates. The first and only operation from this IOTA group dates back to 1990 (EK0AC).

VE - Celebrating the 150th anniversary of Canada's Confederation, Canadian radio amateurs can replace their normal prefix from 1 January to 31 December: VA stations can use CF, VE stations can use CG, VO stations can use CH and VY stations can use CI.

VK - Andy, VK5MAV will be active as VK9MAV from Marion Reef (OC-267; DXCC wise this is Australia, not Mellish Reef) for six days between 15 and 25 May. Actual dates will depend on weather conditions and boat availability. He will run 100 watts to a multiband dipole and VDAs for 20 and 15 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS; traditional cards should be sent to VK5MAV (direct only) or RN3RQ (bureau). See https://www.qrz.com/db/vk9mav for further information and updates. This IOTA group was activated only once, by VK4WWI/P back in 2004.

W - Erik, N5WR will be active holiday style as N5WR/5 from Mustang Island (NA-092) from 26 December to 1 January. QSL via home call or Club Log's OQRS. [TNX DX World]

425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The November 2016 issue is now available for download at www.425dxn.org/monthly/index.html. [TNX IZ3EBA]

2017 IOTA HONOUR ROLL ---> IOTA enthusiasts are reminded that the last date for mailing applications or updates to checkpoints for inclusion in the 2017 Honour Roll and other performance tables is 31 January 2017. If postmarked after that date, they will be processed in the normal way but the scores will be held over to the following year's listing. Participants who have not updated since the 2012 annual listings and wish to remain listed should make a submission on or before 31 January 2017. [TNX G3KMA]

DAYTON CONTEST UNIVERSITY ---> Registration is now open for 2017 Dayton
Contest University (CTU), to be held all day on 18 May at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Dayton, Ohio. It will be the eleventh year in a row for CTU Dayton. Complete details can be found on www.contestuniversity.com.

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