
 * 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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- 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]

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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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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***** QSL ROUTES *****
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3D2JS     WB2TJO     EA8AH     OH1RY      R17TCNY   RN3RQ [b]
3G1D      XQ1FM      EA9KB     EA7FTR     R17TCNY   UA3RU [d]
3G3O      CE3OP      EG7SOM    EA7TV      R99FSB    UA3FQ
3Z0XMAS   SP6IEQ     EN25UARL  UT5UIA     RI1ANA    ZS1OIN
3Z70AR    SQ8ERS     EP2LSH    EA5GL      RI1ANC    RN1ON
4K6AG     RW6HS      EY8MM     K1BV       RI1AND    RW1AI
4K6N      RW6HS      FK8CE     NI5DX      RI1ANR    RK1PWA
4L5P      UT7QF      FK8DD     NI5DX      S01WS     EA2JG
4U1WB     KK4HD      FK8GX     W3HNC      SN800L    SP4RKZ
4X07W     4Z5LA      GB2GM     G3UCQ      ST0A      ST2M
5B4AMM    UT5UDX     HB0/NZ1C  DJ6GI      ST100S    ST2M
5C5W      EA5XX      HB9HLM    HB9OCR     ST2ND     ST2M
5T2AI     NI5DX      HC2AO     RC5A       SX25LSV   SZ8LSV
6W/UA4WHX/p UA4WHX     HC2HGT    IK2OHG     T88MZ     DU1CKF [d]
7P8GOZ    ZS1CDG     HF2017HNY SP2PBM     T88MZ     JH0CKF [b]
8P9JB     J69Z      HI3AA     NK4DX      TI8/AA8HH K8DV
9G1SD     AB0GC     HR2DMR    KD4POJ     TM2RST    F8DFO
9H3BP     G4GBP     HT7AAA    TI4SU      TR8CA     F6CBC
9Q6BB     W3HNC     J68HZ     K9HZ       TT8FC     EA3GWK
A41RN     A61BK     J68LNX    W2LNX      TY2BP     IK2IQD
A65CZ     K6EID     J79WTA    HB9MFM     UN7AB     DL8KAC
A71AM     M0OXO     J79XBI    SM5DJZ     UN7TX     RW6HS
A91ND     A92AA     KC4AAA    K1IED      V31MA     M0OXO
AO5CSM    EA5FJL    KL7SB     NI5DX      V51WH     DK2WH
BV0TW     BU2BF     LU1ZI     LU4AA      V73NS     W3HNC
C50VB     UA4WHX    LU4ZS     LU4DXU     VP2VGG    W6RWC
C5YK      ON7YK     MX0YHC    2E0SDV     VP5/VE7ACN VE7ACN
C91IW     ZS1WY     OD5PY     KU9C       XW1IC     E21EIC
CE2AWW    N7RO      OD5ZZ     NI5DX      YP2017HNY YO3KPA
CN2XW     G5XW      OH9SCL    OH9AB      ZB2TT     M0URX
CQ8CQ     CU3AA     OR70AF    ON2KFJ     ZF2WE     K5WE
CT7ANG     G0MMI     P3X       5B4AMM     ZL1SLO    EA5ZD
DR2016KIDS DJ9PH     PA44FF    PH0NO      ZV2C      PY2CX
E51DWC    OK1DWC    PY2ZEA    OH2MM      ZW5B      K3IRV

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