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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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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 HF800O 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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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
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	W3HNK	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	W3HNK	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	W3HNK
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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