E4 - Elvira, IV3FSG has been active again as E44YL from Bethlehem, Palestine since 5 December, and will remain there until 18 December. QSL via IK3GES.

HL - Celebrating the XXIII Olympic Winter Games that will be held next year in PyeongChang (https://www.pyeongchang2018.com/en), special event station DT23WOP is active until 28 February 2018. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau and LoTW.

JD1_oga - Once again Harry, JG7PSJ will be active as JD1BMH from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara from 24 December to 2 January. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-10 metres. QSL via JD1BMH (bureau) or JG7PSJ (direct). See http://sapphire.es.tohoku.ac.jp/jd1bmh/ for logsearch and other information. He does not use LoTW.

JW - Morten, LA4JSA will be active as JW4JSA from Bear Island (EU-027), Svalibur until 1 June 2018. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

OE - The International Amateur Radio Contest DX Club based in Vienna, Austria will be active as 4Y1A on 7-14 December for the International Civil Aviation Day. QSL via UA3DX; logsearch on Club Log.

OH - This year Santa Radio (OF9X) will be active as OJ9X to either promote the Christmas spirit on the radio spectrum and celebrate Finland's 100th anniversary as an independent state. The country-wide operation will take place on 6-31 December and will see several radio clubs participating across all bands and modes. The first 100 scoring the highest number of bands/modes, with the top 10 from each continent, will qualify for the "Finland 100 Years" award signed by Santa himself along with the prime minister of Finland, Mr. Juha Sipila, who is a patron of this special event. You can follow your score on Club Log. QSL via and Club Log's OQRS. [TNX W6SZN]

OZ - Volker, DJ8VV will be active again as 5P8VW from Romo Island (EU-125) on 13-23 December. He will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 160-6 metres. QSL Club Log's OQRS (preferred), eQSL, LoTW or via DJ8VV (direct or bureau). [TNX DX Newsletter]

S5 - Special event station S510PMC will be active from 7 December to 7 January 2018 to promote the PMC Contest, sponsored by the Radio Club Slovenj Gradec (S59DCD). QSL via the bureau. The International Association of Peace Messenger Cities was established in 1988 to recognize and encourage the role and responsibility cities have in creating a culture of peace. The PMC Contest, promoting contacts between stations located in the Peace Messenger Cities and the rest of the world, will be held on 6-7 January (complete information can be found at http://www.s59dcd.si/).

TK - Georg, N21C will be active holiday style as TK/N21C from Corsica on 16-24 December. He will operate CW and FT8, with some SSB, RTTY and
PSK on 40-10 metres. QSL via DD5ZZ. [TNX NG3K]

VU - The Manipal Institute of Technology's amateur radio club (VU2MHC) will be active as AT6MIT from 9 December to 7 January to celebrate the institution's Diamond Jubilee. QSL via VU3BUN.

CARIBBEAN TOUR --> Heli, DD0VR and his wife Bigi, DE3BW will be touring the Caribbean between mid-December and mid-January, with planned holiday style activities from Barbados as 8P0VR (requested callsign, 17-31 December), Martinique as FM/DD0VR (31 December-10 January), Dominica as J70VR (10-14 January), and Guadeloupe as FG/DD0VR (14-20 January). Look for activity on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres SSB and QRP CW. QSLs via DD0VR. [TNX The Daily DX]

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EL2EF --> Eric, EL2EF (the nephew of Dickson, EL2DT) is a new amateur radio operator from Liberia. "So far he has limited operating experience and basic equipment", DX World reports. "For the time being he is paper-logging, but hopes to have a laptop soon. Thereafter, he will use the services of a QSL manager who will look after his log and QSLs".

IREF --> The Island Radio Expedition Foundation (IREF) was founded in 1999 for the purpose of providing financial assistance for expeditions to rare IOTA groups (i.e. confirmed by less than 15% of island chasers). Now the Board believes "that the time has come for IREF to find other, non-financial ways, to encourage IOTA expeditions to less rare destinations". Therefore IREF will be sponsoring the "IOTA Expedition of the Year" award, which "will encourage expeditioners, through friendly competition, to activate islands that won't necessarily meet IREF funding guidelines, but are needed by many of the newer chasers". For information and rules please visit the IREF's new website: https://irefnew.wordpress.com.

OC-175 --> The logs for both DU9/RZ3FW and DU9/R4WAA have been uploaded to Club Log (search for DU9/R4WAA_OC175 and DU9/RZ3FW_OC175), and the OQRS has been activated. They were QRV on 21-28 November and totalled 5000 QSOs.

ZA1WW --> The logs for the recent activity (according to Club Log, 13971 QSOs were made between 24 November and 4 December) have not been uploaded to LoTW. "A difficulty in obtaining the certificate for ZA1WW resulted in one test QSO being listed, which is why an upload shows in 'Find Call'. The logs will be uploaded in due course". [TNX N7NG]

+ SILENT KEY + John Plenderleith, 9M6XRO passed away on 4 December, after battling cancer for several years. First licensed in 1960 as GM3OOK, he operated as 9V1RS from Singapore for about ten years; then he moved to the Isle of Man (GD3OOK), England (G3OOK) and finally retired to Kota Kinabalu,
Sabah (East Malaysia), where after one year as 9M6/G3OOK became 9M6XRO in May 2006. John logged over 250 thousand QSOs with his personal call signs, which included 3DA0OK, 7P8OK, A250OK, C91XO, CU2/G3OOK/p, ELOA, V8FRO, V85/9M6XRO, UX7XRO, YB9/GM3OOK, ZL/GD3OOK, ZS6/GM300K. He was a team member of 4W6A (Atauro Island, Timor Leste 2011), 9M4SLL (Spratly Islands 2012 and 2013), ZL9HR (Campbell Island 2012), N8A & W8A (American Samoa 2013) and 5W8A (Samoa 2013). John was also active in the IOTA Programme, and operated as 9M6XRO/p from OC-133 (five times between 2008 and 2014) and OC-295 (2010), and as 9M6XRO/8 from OC-165 (2011). A keen contestor, he also chased DXCC (CW, Phone and Digital). "John's favourite mode was CW, but was comfortable on any mode", his QSL manager (M0URX) recalls. His CW "was so accurate that over the last ten years I rarely had any busted call enquiries".

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******* QSL ROUTES *******
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CALL        MANAGER     CALL        MANAGER     CALL        MANAGER
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3B8JB       SM6JBC      DU1IST      JA1HGY      OM17YOTA    M0SDV
3B9HA       M00XO       E2X         E20GMY      OM50SP5EKE  OM8AND
3DA0AQ      EA5GL       E44YL       IK3GES      ON1418POP   ON4HRT
3V8SS       LX1NO       E51ACO      JT1CO       ON4YOTA     M0SDV
3WI1        RW6HS       E71YOTA     M0SDV      OP17AR      ON7SS
3Z1K        SP1KRF      EA8JKK      EB7DX       OP17N       ON4CRD
4K6FO       DC9RI       EA9EU       EA5KB       OP17RCL     ON3AR
4K9W        DL6KVA      ED2C        EA2CJ       OP70BFS     ON2KFJ
4L2M        EA7FTR      ED8X        RN3RQ       OT100BCA    ON4CRD
4L5P        UT7QF       EF2A        EA2OT       OZ100DVI     OZ1IVA
407CC       UA4CC       EF8R        EB7DX       P29XC       ZL2XC
4S7DLG      DK8ZZ       EG2YOTA     M0SDV      P33W        UA3DX
4U1A        UA3DX       EH2EUS      EA2TP       PA6X        PA7CW
4U1GSC      9A2AA       EH2GRE      EA2RKW      PJ2ND       K8ND
4U24OCT     9A2AA       EH5MM       EA5GVZ      PJ2ND       K8ND
4X2M        4X4DZ       EH5SFJ      EA5AG       PJ2T        W3HMK
4Y1A        UA3DX       EI0R        EI6FR       PJ4A        K4BAI
5B4ALX      I24AMS      EM25IWW     UR7IWW      PJ4E        K9ES
5B4AMM      UT5UDX      EP2LMA       EA5GL       PJ4I        AD4ES
5P3WW       DL1YAW      ER4A        ER1FF       PJ4Y        DL5CW
5R8XB       ON8XB       ES9C        ES5RY       PS2T        K3IRV
5ST5I       NI5DX       FK8DD       NI5DX       PX0F        PP5BZ
5W0DXA      JA1DXA      FM5FJ       K9C         PX2A        PY2VM
5W1SA       JA1DXA      FR4PV       FI1UIJ      R164S       R6CF
5X8C        ON6NL       G3V         G3VER       R17YOTA     M0SDV
6W1SU       M0URX       G6T         M0URX       R1853S      R6CF
6Y0D        TA3D        GB17YOTA    M0SDV      R1941OM     RD5C
6Y3M        VE3NE       GM2V        N3SL        R25MGO      RK3A
7Q6M        K6ZO        GW5R        GW3YDX      RA75SF      R4AS
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