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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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6O - Ken, LA7GIA and Adrian, KO8SCA will be active as 6O6O 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 M0OXO'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/6o6o/index.html. [TNX KO8SCA]

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, DL9OBQ will be active as 9Z4/DL9OBQ 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.
Przemo, 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 M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW.

XT - Harald, DF2WO 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 M0OXO'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 IV3OWC'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/802uhKeOBz. [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) 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, DL2OBF, DL7FER, DM5EE, ES5RY, G0CKV, G4BUO, HA3NU, HB9CAT, HB9DHG, I2WIJ, IK1HJS, JH4RHF, JK3GAD, K1CC, K1RX, K4AB, K4BAI, K7BV, K7GK, K9ZO, KC7V, KU5B, LW9EOC, LY7Z, LZ2HM, N2GA, N2IC, N3RD, N6AN, NF4A, NN3W, OE5OHO, OE6MBG, OH1RX, OK2FD, OZ1IKY, PA3AAV, PP5BZ, RC0F, RM2D, S50R, S50XX, S53R, S56A, SP4Z, UA9MA, UT7QF, VA2EW, VA2WA, VE3EY, VE3XB, W0YK, W1UE, W1VE, W6OAT, 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 contesters 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 SO2R ability. The final selection was done by the Judging Committee of the WRTC 2018.

+ SILENT KEYS + World class contester 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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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
3B9FR	M0OXO	D80MT	DS3EXX	OH1NAVY	OH1AJ
3G1D	XQ1FM	DM1517L	DL5AWI	P3X	5B4AMM
3G2M	CE2MVF	DM60BER	DL1BWU	PA6YOTA	M0SDV
3V8CB	LX1NO	DT23WOP	HL1IWD	PF44FF	PH0NO
3V8YOTA	M0SDV	E51DXX	AG1LE	PI40BOZ	PD3JAG
3W3B	E21EIC	ED1L	EA3AH	PJ4DX	M0URX

3W9XG	DF2XG	ED8H	EA8ARI	PT3T	PY3AA
3Z0XMAS	SP6IEQ	EG5ERC	EB5AG	PV2B	PU2VJI
3Z560SC	SP7KMX	EG8NB	EA8NB	PW5T	PP5NY
4E1ADW	9V1KG	ES9YOTA	M0SDV	R100FSB	UA3FQ
4O4A	LX1NO	ET3AA	N2OO	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	N2OO	UE80S	UA3SLB
9H3YY	DL2JRM	HK3C	NR6M	V31MA	M0OXO
9J2BO	G3TEV	HR2DMR	KD4POJ	VK8NSB	M0URX
9K2BS	A61BK	HZ1SK	IZ8CLM	XV9NPS	JA2NPS [b]
9V1YC	W5UE	IY3VE	IQ3ME	XV9NPS	JA2ODB [d]
9X9PJ	N4GNR	J28ND	S57DX	YO13IPA	YO3AS
A41CK	A61BK	JY4CI	K2AX	YP0XMAS	YO9FNP
A91ND	A92AA	JY5MM	IK2DUW	YP2018HNY	YO3KPA
AC2BF/KH2	JA1OHP	KC4AAA	K1IED	YP2XMAS	YO9FNP
AT6MIT	VU3BUN	KH6YY	K2PF	YP5XMAS	YO9FNP
C5YK	ON7YK	LQ0D	EC5AC	YP9XMAS	YO9FNP
C93PA	PA5X	LY2017XMAS	LY2QT	YS1/HR2DMR	KD4POJ
CB3R	XQ3SK	LZ105PBP	LZ1ZF	YT0W	YU1JW
CE2AWW	N7RO	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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