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

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**DL** - Special event stations DF13BLN, DF13BUD, DF13DEJU, DF13MUC, DF13PAR and DF13STO will be active from 1 January to 30 June to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the maiden flight of the Junkers F 13, the world's first all-metal passenger aircraft that opened a new era in the history of aviation. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. A website where to find information about the event and the award is under construction at [http://juf13.de/](http://juf13.de/). [TNX DM2TO]

**PO** - Hiro, JI1JKW Hiro will be active as FO/JI1JKW from Fakarava Atoll, Tuamotu Islands (OC-066), French Polynesia on 23-26 December. He plans to operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 40-6 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX JE1LFX]

**HI** - Holger, DK1FY will be active as HI6/DK1FY/p from Lake Enriquillo, Dominican Republic (NA-096) from 18 December until 19 January. He will operate mainly CW, SSB and maybe digital modes on 40-10m. QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]

**HL** - DS3EXX/4 and DS3HWS/4 will be active from Shinji Island (AS-060) on 22-24 December. They will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 160-10 metres. FT8 Fox & Hound announced frequencies are 1825, 3545, 7070, 10130, 14090, 18090, 21090, 24910 and 28090 kHz. QSLs via DS3EXX and logsearch on Club Log.

**HP** - Victor, HP1AVS and others will be active as H31A from 1 January to 15 August 2019 in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the founding of Panama La Vieja. Look for activity on 80-10 metres SSB, RTTY, FT8 and some PSK31. QSL via Logsearch or via HP1AVS.

**OE** - The Marine Funker Club Austria ([http://www.marinefunker.at/](http://www.marinefunker.at/)) will be active as OE120MF on 21-23 December to commemorate the 120th anniversary of the first wireless telegraphy trials between two Austro-Hungarian Navy's ships (21 December 1898). QSL via OE6XMF.

**OH** - Once again Santa Radio, OF9X (Old Father Nine Xmas) will be active to promote the Christmas spirit on the radio spectrum. The Hunt for Santa Claus will start on 21 December at 18.00 UTC, and will end on 31 December at 24.00 UTC. This year the radio operations will be led by the "younger elves" - including Niko OH5CZ (18), Otava OH3OT (16), Arttu OH2FB (15) and others from their age group - while the "regular elves" will be substituting. The youngsters will give a 2-
Letter X-report (e.g. "59 XN" for Niko), the more seasoned operators will give a 3-letter report (e.g. 59 RAI for Raimo, OH2BCI). Work OF9X on as many bands and modes as possible, and work as many elves as possible to gain points. More information can be found at https://www.qrz.com/db/of9x. QSL via OH2BH and Club Log's OQRS. This year OF9X has partnered with the Norwegian Worldview International Foundation (http://www.wif.care/) in its mission to restore the mangrove forests in Asia. All Club Log donations of 10, 25 or 100 US dollars will result in the planting of 10/25/100 mangrove trees in the dedicated Santa Claus section at WIF's Thor Heyerdahl Climate Park in Myanmar. [TNX OH2BH]

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Rich, WA5LFD will be active from North Padre Island (NA-092) from 27 December to 14 February. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via LoTW, or via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

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3Y0I --- "We've just completed our 50-day long training and preparation period prior to our DXpedition to Amateur Radio's 'Mount Everest': 3Y0I from Bouvet Island", the team reported on 20 December. "We approach our goals in small steps, but yet we're always moving forward", they say. Plans are to land using "zodiac type high power boats"; once ashore, the "equipment will be transported up the glacier with professional alpine gear". The equipment includes four generators, four transceivers, four power amplifiers, three 2-element multiband Yagis, three 8-band verticals, sloper and two verticals for 80 and 160m. For the time being, the team continues "preparations of our expedition vessel for this demanding trip". Read the complete release on https://www.rebeldxgroup.com/bouvet-update/

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3Y0Z: REFUNDS --> "We are pleased that we can now offer refunds to all those that helped support the 2018 Bouvet DXpedition (3Y0Z)", K4UEE posted on 15 December. "This will begin early in January 2019. Please QRX for the official press release with details, your options and instructions. All contributors (DX Foundations, DX Clubs, the DXpedition Team and Individual DXers) will be treated equally with the same percentage (%) of their contribution available to them. For those of you that do not want any money back, you will have other options. We believe you will be pleased as between 45-50% refund will be available".

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CQ DX MARATHON --- The CQ DX Marathon is a year-long DX hunt, with participants competing to see who can work the greatest number of countries ("entities") and CQ zones during the calendar year. The deadline for log submission - either online (new!) or by email - for the 2018 DX Marathon is 5 January 2019 at 23.59 UTC. Complete instructions can be found at http://www.dxmarathon.com/Submission/2018/Submission2018.htm.
IDXC 2019 ---> Registration for the 70th Annual International DX Convention, to be held on 12-14 April at the Visalia Convention Center in Visalia (CA), is now open: [http://dxconvention.com/index.html](http://dxconvention.com/index.html).

LOTW MILESTONE: ONE BILLION QSOS ---> As of 21 December, some 1,000,400,000 QSO records have been entered into ARRL's Logbook of The World system. The 1,000,000,000th record was uploaded by 7X3WPL on 19 December at 23:32 UTC for a 20m SSB QSO with IW1DQS that took place on 28 December 2016. The upload resulted in a match (QSL). One billion QSOs represent a significant milestone, but a more important statistic may be the nearly 188 million QSOs confirmed via LoTW since 2003. Today, 75% of all DXCC applications are filed via LoTW, which accounts for 86% of confirmations applied. See [www.arrl.org/news/arrl-s-logbook-of-the-world-tops-1-billion-qso-records](http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-s-logbook-of-the-world-tops-1-billion-qso-records).

RAEM CONTEST ---> The 47th RAEM Contest ([http://raem.srr.ru/en/main/](http://raem.srr.ru/en/main/)) will be held on 23 December, from 00.00 UTC until 11.59 UTC, on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres CW. Organized by the Russian Amateur Radio Union (SRR), this annual event memorializes Ernst T. Krenkel (1903-1971), the legendary Arctic explorer and radioman (callsign RAEM) on various polar stations and on the first drifting ice station North Pole-1.

TX0M & TX0A ---> Adrian, KO8SCA and Cezar, VE3LYC logged 7,513 QSOs as TX0M from Morane Atoll (OC-297) on 6-10 December, and 5,133 QSOs as TX0A from Maria Est Atoll (OC-113) on 12-16 December. The logs have been uploaded to Club Log, and the OQRS for both callsigns will be activated in due course.

YOTA 2019 ---> The Bulgarian Federation of Radioamateurs (BFRA) will host the 9th edition of the Youngsters on the Air (YOTA) Camp near Sofia on 11-17 August. This annual event brings together young radio amateurs from IARU Region 1 member societies for a week, creating an opportunity to learn all about different nationalities and cultures, foster international friendships and goodwill, and learn new amateur radio skills. Should your member society be interested to participate, applications should be submitted before 1 February 2019. See "Call for application: Youngsters On The Air Bulgaria 2019" on [https://www.ham-yota.com/](https://www.ham-yota.com/) or [https://www.iaru-r1.org/](https://www.iaru-r1.org/).

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