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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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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/. [TNX DM2TO]

FO - 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 LoTW or via HP1AVS.

OE - The Marine Funker Club Austria (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]

W - 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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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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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/

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".

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.

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.

RAEM CONTEST ---> The 47th RAEM Contest (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 he 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/ or https://www.iaru-r1.org/.

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******* QSL ROUTES *******
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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
3B9FR	M0OXO	E51DWC	OK1DWC	PF2018WOR	PA0MBD
3Z0XMAS	SP6IEQ	E770NKSB	E79Q	PJ4DX	M0URX
4E1CVB/4	JA1PBV	EG40CE	EA5KB	PR2E	PY2AA
4K28MAY	4K4K	EH5TYF	EA5RKB	PT3T	PY3AA
4K9W	DL6KVA	EI100MCV	EI6AL	PZ5JW	EA5GL
4L1FL	EA7FTR	EL2EF	N2OO	R115RAEM	R4AS

4L1MA	ON4RU	EM1111U	US7UU	RI0BC	RW1AI
4L1R	W3HNK	EM25QFF	UT3QZ	RI1ANC	RN1ON
4L5P	UT7QF	EP4HR	IK2RZQ	RI1ANL	RN1ON
4S7KKG	DC0KK	FG8OJ	F4AVX	RI1ANM	RX3ABI
4U1WB	KK4HD	FM5BH	W3HNK	RZ4AZ	RW6HS
4U1XMAS	UA3DX	GB2GM	G3UCQ	S510SOTA	S50AAA
5B4ALG	EC6DX	HF100PW	SP3PGR	SK50AJ	SM5CBN
5P8VW/p	DJ8VW	HG18CEJ	HA3JO	SN1918WAR	SP5AXL
5R8AL	G3SWH	HG480UD	HA0NAR	SO750W	SP6CES
5R8UI	IZ8CCW	HH2MK	EB7DX	ST2NRD	ST2M
5W1SA	JA1DXA	HP3SS	AC2OV	TM4TLT	F4KIP
7S75AA	SK5AA [b]	HS0ZNR	VK2BY	TM66BLM	F6KBR
7S75AA	SM5FUG [d]	J62DX	EB7DX	TR8CR	F6AJA
9A1WFF	9A2MF	JD1BMH	JD1BMH [b]	TT8FC	EA3GWK
9A36W	9A6W	JD1BMH	JG7PSJ [d]	TX0A	VE3LYC
9J2BO	G3TEV	KH2L	W3HNK	UE17DRW	RK4CYW
9V1EA	EA5GL	KL7SB	NI5DX	UN9GD	DL8KAC
9V1YC	W5UE	KT3Q/2	DF8DX	V31AX	M0URX
A65DR	N4GNR	OD5YA	IZ8CLM	V31MA	M0OXO
A91ND	A92AA	OD5ZF	IZ8CLM	VK0AI	VK5MQ
C31CT	EA3QS	OD5ZZ	NI5DX	YP7XMAS	YO2MSB
CN18JIM	EA7FTR	OL100BOB	OK2BOB	YP8XMAS	YO2MSB
CO2RQ	EC6DX	OM75TESLA	OM3KHT	YR1918BB	YO8AXP
CP4BT	DJ2BW	OM777CS	OM0CS	YU100WWI	YU1SRS
CP5HK	EC6DX	OP0PPY	ON7LX	Z21LS	DE1ZHB
CT9/NZ1C	DD5ZZ	P49MR	VE3MR	Z66DH	M0SDV
CX5DNT	ON5NT	PF2018DOK	PA0MBD	Z81D	OM3JW
DM900ZWI	DM5JBN	PF2018FRA	PA0MBD	ZF2LA	K9LA
DU1S/9	JA1PBV	PF2018HIN	PA0MBD	ZF2YL	AE9YL
E20AX	E21EIC	PF2018SNK	PA0MBD	ZW2F	PY2LCD

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