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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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3W - Look for 3W9IL (JF3PLF), 3W9LSV (JR3LSV), 3W9TXR (JH3TXR), 3W9YAQ (JA3YAQ), XV9HS (JA6FWJ) and XV9KL (JN3JBC) to be active holiday style from Hanoi, Vietnam between 21 and 30 December. They will operate SSB, CW, RTTY and FT8 on 80-6 metres. Check qrz.com for the QSL routes.

6O - Team 6O3T will be active from Somalia sometime in early 2024. Plans are to operate SSB, CW and digital modes for a couple of weeks, with a focus on the low bands and 6 metres. Details are expected in due course.

DL - Special callsigns DB100FK, DC100FK, DD100FK, DF100FK, DL100FK, DM100FK, DQ100FK and DR100FK - as well as DM100MW and DR100PE - will be active from 1 January to 31 May to celebrate the 100th anniversary since the formation of the Deutsche Funk-Kartell (24 January 1924), a federation of clubs of radio enthusiasts during the early days of amateur radio in Germany. QSL "only digital" (via LoTW, eQSL, etc). An award will be available, see https://100fk.de/ for information.

F - Jeff, F4IIQ will be active as TM130SMK on 5-9 January to commemorate the 130th anniversary since the birth of St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe. QSL via F4IIQ. Born on 8 January 1894, Father Kolbe (SP3RN) was killed on 14 August 1941 at Auschwitz.

FY - Pierre-Jean, F4GPK will be active holiday style as TO2FY from Kourou, French Guiana from 29 December to 16 January. He will operate SSB only from the facilities of the local radio club (FY5KE). QSL via eQSL, or direct to home call; he does not use LoTW or Club Log.

HH - Members of the Radio Club d'Haiti (HH2RCH) will be active as HH220Y on 1-31 January to celebrate the 200th anniversary since the declaration of the former colony's independence (1 January 1804). QSL via N2OO.

I - Members of ARI Padova will be active as II3PUP on 7-14 January. The special callsign's suffix is an acronym for Patavium Urbs Picta (Padua the Painted City), which refers to the fourteenth-century fresco cycles that have been inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list since 2021. QSL via IQ3WW; QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log and qrz.com.

JD1_oga- Once again Harry, JG7PSJ will be active as JD1BMH from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara from 23 December to 1 January. He will operate

CW, SSB and RTTY on 40-10m. QSL via JD1BMH (bureau), or direct to JG7PSJ. Logsearch on http://jg7psj.starfree.jp/jd1bmh/. He does not use LoTW or PayPal.

OE - Members of the OE3XDC Radio Club will be active as OE205XMAS from 23 December to 6 January. Look for activity on 80, 40, 20, 15 and possibly 160 metres SSB and FT8, as well as via QO-100. The special callsign marks the 205th anniversary of "Stille Nacht" ("Silent Night", one of the most popular Christmas carols, composed in 1818 by Franz Xaver Gruber to lyrics by Joseph Mohr. QSL via the bureau, eQSL, or direct.

VK - Andrey, VK5MAV will be active as VK5MAV/4 from Magnetic Island (OC-171) on 6-11 February. He will operate mainly CW, with possibly some SSB (sked) on 40, 20, 15, and 10 metres. QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log, and made available for QSO matching (free of charge) on the IOTA website one month after the activity. Those who make more than two QSOs, however, will get the Club Log Matching six months later, as Andrey would like "to give a chance of new IOTA to as many IOTA chasers as possible". Paper QSLs will be available only for those who donate USD 10 or more before the operation.

T32 - The Rebel DX Group's T32TT operation from Kiritimati/Christmas Island (OC-024), East Kiribati [425DXN 1700] has been extended until 12 January. Bookmark https://www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup/ for updates. QSL via Club Log's OQRS.

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CONTEST UNIVERSITY 2024 ---> Registration is now open for the 2024 Contest University (CTU), to be held on 16 May at the Hope Hotel near Dayton, Ohio. This is the day before the Dayton Hamvention officially opens. See https://www.contestuniversity.com/ for the details.

CQ MAGAZINE ---> Reportedly, CQ Magazine has temporarily suspended publication. The latest issue sent out was the digital version of the October issue (Volume 79 Number 10). In a message circulated over the Internet, Richard Moseson (W2VU, Editor of CQ Magazine) says that "everything is unfortunately on hold" until "the necessary funding to continue operations" is secured. The CQ Contests will continue to be run by the World Wide Radio Operators Foundation (WWROF). As for the DX Marathon (https://dxmarathon.com/), the Programme "will remain viable with or without CQ Magazine", because it "does not receive any financial support from them, nor do we draw any resources to operate our program from them", Mark Wohlschlegel (WC3W) states. Participants in the 2023 DX Marathon must send their entries by 5 January 2024, preferably using the new online submission tool.

POSTAL RATES (DENMARK) ---> Effective 1 January 2024, Post Danmark will imp-

lement a major postage rate increase. The rate for letters up to 100 grams to all international destinations will be 50.00 Danish Kroner - that's more than 7 US dollars, so keep that in mind if you need to request a direct card from a Danish station.

QSL V62P AND V62S ---> The logs for V62S from Satawal Atoll (OC-299, 13-22 November) and V62P from Puluwat Atoll (OC-155, 24-30 November) have been uploaded to Club Log, and the OQRS for both callsigns has been enabled. See https://v6iota.weebly.com/logs--qsl.html for the QSLling policy.

YOTA CONTEST 2023 ---> The third session of this year's YOTA Contest, organized by the IARU R1 Youth Working Group in cooperation with the Hungarian Amateur Radio Society (MRASZ), will take place on 30 December (1200-2359 UTC) on the five classic bands CW and SSB. Everyone can work everyone. The complete rules can be found on https://ham-yota.com/contest.

QSLs received direct or hrough managers: 1A0C, 3D2RRR, 4S7AB, 4W1A, 5A1AL, 5W0LM, 5X3K, 5Z4VJ, 6Y/VY2MA, 7Q6M, 7Q7EMH, 9N7AA, AP2TN, B0A, C5YK, CE0Y/EA5KA, CT3MD, E51JAN (OC-014), ET3AA, FS/AC4LN, HH2JR, JD1BMH, JW5E, K6VHF/HR9 (NA-057), KH0/KC0W, KH0W, KH6BB, PJ4MM, RI0Z (AS-039), S01A, T2C, TX6D, V6SX, VB2M (NA-176), VK9LAA, VP6A, VP9/AA1AC, ZA/OE8NDR, ZF1A, ZL7/SP5EAQ, ZL7A.

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