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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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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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3A - Col, MM0NDX and Steve, MM0SAJ will be active again as 3A/MM0NDX and 3A/MM0SAJ from Monte Carlo, Monaco from 30 December to 3 January. Their main focus will be on the low bands using SSB, FT8/FT4 and RTTY. QSL both calls via EB7DX and LoTW. [TNX DX World]

4X - A Christmas 2025 operation will be conducted from Israel on 25-31 December. Four groups of operators capable of providing QSOs in FT8, SSB, CW and via satellite will be QRV as 4X25X, 4X25M, 4X25A and 4X25S: https://www.iarc.org/xmas-2025/. QSL via 4X6ZM, bureau or direct.

9Y - Earl, WA3DX will be active as 9Y9DX from Arouca, Trinidad (SA-011) on 17 December and again on 22-29 December, and from Buccoo, Tobago (SA-009) on 18-22 December. He will operate mainly FT8 and FT4 on 40-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, or direct to home call. QSOs will be uploaded also to Club Log.

CT - CS25XMAS is the special callsign for members of the National Association of Portuguese Radio Operators and Radio Amateurs (CS5RP) to celebrate Christmas on 19-25 December. QSL via email. [TNX CT1END]

CT - To celebrate the 100th anniversary of Rede dos Emissores Portugueses (REP), Portugal's IARU member society, around fifty operators scattered all around the country will use three special callsigns - CS26REP, CR26REP and CR3REP - on 1-7 January. Look for activity on various bands and modes, and via QO-100. Certificates and eQSLs will be available on https://hamaward.cloud/awards.

DL - The special callsign DB100FT will be active throughout 2026 to celebrate the centenary of the Berlin Radio Tower (Funkturm), one of the city's most iconic landmarks. The 150-metre-high steel lattice tower occupies a prominent place in the history of radio broadcasting in Germany, as it was used to broadcast transmissions starting in 1926. QSL via the bureau, or direct to DO2PZ.

DL - DARC Team SES will be active as DL25WIKI throughout 2026. The special callsign celebrates the 25th anniversary of Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, founded in January 2001: "the station reflects the spirit of free knowledge and international collaboration within the amateur radio community. Wikipedia and amateur radio share common values: openness, education, technical enthusiasm, and worldwide networking". QSL cards will be sent automatically via the bu-

reau; QSOs will also be uploaded to LoTW and the DCL (DARC Community Logbook).

KH0 - Ken, JO1VRK expects to be active as KH0/AJ6VJ from Saipan (OC-086), Mariana Islands from 29 December to 3 January. He will be QRV on 40-10 metres CW and digital modes. QSOs will be uploaded to LOTW, eQSL, and Club Log.

LZ - LZ2025ZONE and LZ2026EURO are two special callsigns celebrating Bulgaria's admission into the Eurozone and adoption of the euro as of 1 January 2026. QSLs via LZ2VP. Also look for LZ1EURO to be active on 1-6 January (QSL via LZ3SCO)

SP - The Dobrzycki Amateur Radio Club (SP3PDO) will use twelve special callsigns during 2026 to honour as many different Polish saints. The first callsign in the series, SP1894MMK (1-31 January), is for St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe (SP3RN), born on 8 January 1894 and killed at Auschwitz in 1941.
It will be followed by SP1440SL (February), SP1040SSZ (March), SP1865JML (April), SP1920KW (May), SP1373JA (June), SP1183JO (July), SP1905MFK (August), SP1373AB (September), SP1550SK (October), SP1234KK (November) and SP1835JK (December). QSLs via SP3PDO. See https://radioawards.club/ses/155 for the certificates.

TL8 - Joao, CR7BNW will be active as TL8BNW from Bangui, Central African Republic for six months [425DXN 1804]. During his stay he will be QRV on 40, 20, 15, and 10 metres SSB and FT8. He has already conducted some preliminary tests in preparation for his first activity, which is scheduled for 20-25 December. QSL via LoTW, QRZ, and via the Portuguese QSL bureau. [TNX CT1END]

VP8_ssh- Ivo, LZ1AAW is heading to the Bulgarian Antarctic Base St. Kliment Ohridski on Livingston Island, South Shetland Islands (AN-010). He plans to be QRV as LZ0A in his spare time between approximately 27 December and 16 February 2026. He will operate SSB and FT8/FT4 on 20 metres and possibly other bands. QSL via the bureau, or direct to LZ1KDP; QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW after the end of the activity.

W - N3V is a special callsign for members of the Charles County Amateur Radio Club to commemorate the anniversary of the first wireless voice transmission, achieved by Reginald Fessenden 125 years ago. Look for activity between 19 and 26 December, and especially on the actual anniversary day (23 December). QSL direct to Michelle Sack, PO Box 1182, Waldorf MD 20604-1182, USA.

XU - Tom, DL7BO will be active again as XU7GNY from Cambodia between 22 December and 18 January. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8 with a focus on the low bands. QSL via DL4WK, Club Log's OQRS, LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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DISCONTINUATION OF THE IRC ---> Since its introduction in 1907, the International Reply Coupon (IRC) has been a universal tool for sending international mail, used by people around the globe - including amateur radio operators, to cover the return postage of their coveted QSL cards.

However, during the 28th Universal Postal Congress in Dubai (September 2025), member countries of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) voted to discontinue the IRC, effective 31 December 2026. The UPU describes this decision as "a natural progression within the broader transformation of international postal services, in alignment with the digital practices and modern outlook of their customers".

Current 'Abidjan' IRCs already in circulation bearing the expiry date 31 December 2025 will now be valid for an additional year. It should be noted, however, that many countries have stopped selling or accepting IRCs for several years now.

RAEM CONTEST ---> This year's RAEM Contest (https://raem.srr.ru/) will be held on 28 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), the 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.

TZ4AM ---> "QRV on all bands 40m to 6m so far at high power", says Jeff. "Solar system is behaving nicely and power cuts occur less often, so I will be operating at higher power when called for. Mostly CW and some SSB". Operations are expected to continue until February 2026. However, Mali is currently experiencing a severe, multifaceted crisis. If the situation deteriorates further, Jeff will evacuate.

YOTA CONTEST 2025 ---> 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 29 December (10:00-22:00 UTC) on the five classic bands CW and SSB. Everyone can work everyone. The complete rules can be found on https://yotacontest.mrasz.org.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B9FR, 3G1P (SA-100), 3G5SM (SA-070), 3V8LL (AF-083), 4U0ITU, 5B4AMX, 5R8TD, 5R8TT, 5R8XX, 7X2VFK, A52G, AH0BT, AT2AH (AS-178), B100IARU, C5R, C93RRC, C94RRC, CU2BN, CX5A, D2EB, E44OM, FP5KE, FW5K, HC1MD/2, JA8COE/p (AS-037), JD1BQP, KH2/JI3CEY, PJ4K, PJ6Y, PJ7K, RI1E (EU-133), SU0ERA, SU3YM, SV1GA/A, T32K, TI1K, UK9AA, V6D, VE2CSI, VK2/SP9FIH, VK9/SP9FIH, VK9A, VK9QO, VP2V/K6TOP, VR2VAZ, WH0RU, WP3Y, YI1YY, ZF1A, ZF2OO.

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