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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 9th/December, through Sunday, 16th/December there were 216 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4W, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A2, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D4, D6, DL, DU, E5/s, E6, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, H40, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S0, S2, S5, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T32, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TN, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V5, V8, VE, VK, VK0M, VP2E, VP6, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YL, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z6, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

\* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3Y0I BOUVET DXPEDITION NEWS. On December 9th, the following was posted: "The 3Y0I Team has decided to follow the new FT8 standards and change our software to WSJT-X Version 2.0 Expedition Mode (Fox /Hound).  
NOTE: We would like to remind you that older versions 1.8, 1.9 (or JTDX) WILL NOT decode signals sent from WSJT-X Version 2.0."

They also posted: "Today, December 10, starting at 1700Z we will conduct 24 hours of testing via FT8 Expedition Mode version 2.0 on our listed 3Y0I Band Plan frequencies. We welcome all Hams using version 2.0 to participate in this 24 hour test. This will be helpful for us and all who make contact when we land on Bouvet. Our Callsign during this 24 hour test will be E51DOM/mm."

On December 12th, the following was posted about "Ham Radio Foundations & Clubs": "As I write, and as you see on our "Sponsors" page (\*), we have not listed a single Amateur Radio foundation or DX club that has donated to our cause (yet). (\*) [<https://www.rebeldxgroup.com/sponsors/>](https://www.rebeldxgroup.com/sponsors/)

To answer a friends inquiry as to, "why is that?" - well, we've yet to see an offer from a foundation or club that did not come with "strings attached".

Let's be clear, IF a foundation or a club wants to donate to our cause they can - and we'll gladly accept those donations to buy more Satellite Internet minutes, and we'll also list them as a Donor, but don't expect the Rebels to accept your list of members, your logo, requests for free QSL cards, LoTW requirements, online log specifications, QSL via bureau requirements, list of remote control ops and on and on, and on...

The Rebel DX Group thanks all of our listed Sponsors(\*) who have donated to date!"

No other details to report, other than that there were a few 3Y0I pirates active recently. Departure dates are still not known. It is still a mystery...

Remember, it takes 12 days to get to Bouvet from South Africa, and they plan to stay on the island for at least 2 weeks, if the weather cooperates. The 3Y0I DXpedition's band plan frequencies (160-6m) and modes (CW/SSB/FT8) can be found at:

<https://www.rebelDXgroup.com>  
<https://bouvetoya.org/3yoi-bandplan>  
QSL via ClubLog's OQRS (preferred), LoTW or via 3Z9DX. For more details and updates, we suggest to watch the following Web pages:  
<https://bouvetoya.org>  
<https://www.rebelDXgroup.com>  
[http://jouban.jp/3y0i\\_ja](http://jouban.jp/3y0i_ja) (For JA stations)  
<https://www.facebook.com/bouvetoya.org>  
<https://www.facebook.com/rebelDXgroup>  
<https://twitter.com/Bouvetoyaorg>

3Y0Z NEWS (UPDATE to the DX community: REFUNDS of unused DXpedition funds...). The following was posted December 15th, 2018, on the 3Y0Z FaceBook page:

We are pleased that we can now offer refunds to ALL those that helped support the 2018 Bouvet DXpedition (3Y0Z). 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. 73 and thanks for your patience ! Bob-K4UEE

9G, GHANA. Matt, IZ4YGS, will soon be active as 9G5GS from Sanzule, West Takoradi (Western Region), Ghana. His length of stay is unknown. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via IZ4YGS, direct or eQSL.

9X, RWANDA (Update). Harald, DF2WO, will once again be active as 9X2AW from Kigali between January 18th and February 14th. He is currently preparing his 160m antenna and will build a Hexbeam with Bamboo Sticks for working on 20/17/15/12/10 meters using mainly Digital modes (FT8, PSK31, JT65 and RTTY), CW and SSB. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS.

AFRICA TOUR. Carl, ZS1KM, plans to travel to Namibia (V51KM) and Botswana (A25KM) between mid-December and mid-January. Activity will be mostly on SSB with some Digital modes on 80/40/20 meters. QSL via his home callsign.

BLOCKED/BOUNCED OPDX BULLETINS. Some OPDX Bulletins are still being BLOCKED. However, the good news is that the bouncing of bulletins seems to have stopped. The majority of the bounces/blockings are from the following ISPs: COMCAST, COX and GMAIL. We are not totally sure why this is happening, but if your ISP blocks the OPDX Bulletin, please send a complaint to your ISP.

We were informed this past week that if you use one of the above ISPs there is away to stop the blocking. If you are an ARRL member, try using their mail forwarding service (see <http://www.arrl.org/member-support>). This service will pass the bulletin through to your ISP.

If you did not receive the bulletin, there are other ways to receive it. The bulletin is posted every week at the following URLs:

The OPDX (Mailing List) Archives: <http://hamnet.org/pipermail/opdx>  
The OPDX Web page (provided by John, K8YSE): <http://papays.com/opdx.html>

The weekly bulletin (issue #) is also posted (for the above URLs) on FaceBook <https://www.facebook.com/NorthernOhioDxAssociation/> and Twitter [https://twitter.com/kb8nw\\_opdx](https://twitter.com/kb8nw_opdx). Let's hope this problem will clear up. Thanks for your understanding..... 73 de Tedd KB8NW

C6, BAHAMAS. Heli, DD0VR, (along with XYL Bigi, DE3BWR) will be active as C6A/DD0VR from Bahamas between January 21st and February 2nd, 2019. Look for Heli to possibly operate on various HF bands from different Islands.

QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau. ADDED NOTE: Heli also mentions that he will be active in 2019 from the following locations: in September 2019, to Fiji (3D2) between September 2-9th, Samoa (5W) between September 9-16th, Tonga (A3) between September 16-21st, and back to Fiji again between September 23-27th. They are currently trying to obtain the licenses.

CT9, MADEIRA ISLAND. Georg, NZ1C, will be active as CT9/NZ1C from Santana on Madeira Island (AF-014) between December 16-25th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters with a focus on CW and FT8, with some SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via DD5ZZ, LoTW or eQSL.

CX, URUGUAY. Ghis, ON5NT, will be active as CX5DNT from Montevideo between December 16-18th. Activity will be holiday style on various HF bands. QSL via ON5NT.

FG/TO7, GUADELOUPE. Jean-Pierre, F6ITD, will once again be active as FG/F6ITD from Guadeloupe and one of its islands between January 14th and March 13th (2019). This is his 10th trip. Island mentioned is La Desirade Island (IOTA NA-102, Lighthouse GUA005 and French Flora Faune FFF 1000). Activity will be on all HF bands (80-6m) using CW, SSB, FT8 and the Digital modes. Look for him to use the callsign TO7D during some contests. Radio equipment is a FT-450D + Tokyo 550 Power 500w. QSL via his home callsign, direct or LoTW (preferred). Logs will be uploaded to ClubLog and LoTW.

FM/TO5, MARTINIQUE (NA-107). Albert, F5VHJ, will once again be active as TO5A from FM5BH's QTH during the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 2-3rd) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL with SASE to WA6WPG. All others by F5VHJ, LoTW and the REF Bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. An OQRS will be available via ClubLog.

IOTA NEWS.....

AS-101. Erich, HB9FIH, is now active as HS0ZLS from "Near Pattaya" and Koh Samui Island, Thailand, between now and January 10th, 2019. Activity will be on various HF bands using CW, the Digital Modes and some SSB. QSL via HB9FIH, LoTW or eQSL.

NA-026. Bodo, DF8DX, will be active as KT3Q/2 from Long Island between December 18-23rd. QSL via DF8DX, by the Bureau or direct.

NA-029. Operator Mike, G3VYI, will be active from Prince Edward Island in eastern Canada using the VY2TT superstation (Grid Square FN76vs, CISA PE-001) during the Commonwealth Contest (March 9-10th). He hope to be there the Wednesday before BERU so look out for VY/G3VYI on CW especially on the LF bands on the evenings preceding the kickoff.

NA-091. Mikhail "Mike", VE7ACN, will be active as VE7ACN/7 from Cortes Island between January 25-29th. Activity will be holiday style on 160-15 meters (depending on the propagation). QSL via ClubLog's OQRS (preferred), LoTW, direct or bureau to VE7ACN.

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the new [www.iota-world.org](http://www.iota-world.org) have decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announce upcoming IOTA operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX, and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin.....

J8, ST. VINCENT ISLAND. Tom, KC0W, has announced that he will be active as J8CW from Saint Vincent Island (NA-109) sometime during the summer of 2019. Activity will be 100% CW on various HF bands. QSL via KC0W direct. NO LoTW or Bureau. Look for more details to be forthcoming.

JD1, OGASAWARA (Reminder). Harry, JG7PSJ, will once again be active as JD1BMH from Chichijima Island (AS-031) between December 17th and January 2nd. This will be his 22nd visit. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via the Bureau to JD1BMH or direct to JG7PSJ. Visit

his Web page for more details at: <http://sapphire.es.tohoku.ac.jp/jd1bmh>  
Also, on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/jd1bmh>

P4, ARUBA (Update/Date Change). John, W2GD, will once again be active as P40W from Aruba (SA-036) during the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 16-17th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. He will be there between February 11-18th (not 18-25th as first announced). Operations outside of the contest are usually on 160/80m and 30/17/12 meters as time permits. Watch 160m on the hour and 80m on the half hour. QSL via LoTW or direct to N2MM, Bureau cards are no longer accepted. Logs will be loaded on LoTW upon his return to the USA.

PJ2, CURACAO. Andy, DK5ON, will once again be active as PJ2/DK5ON from Curacao (SA-099, WLOTA 0942) between March 14-30th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters including the 17/12 meter bands using CW, SSB, RTTY and the Digital modes (RTTY/PSK/JT65/FT8). QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau, LoTW or ClubLog's OQRS. NO eQSL.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (December 17-23rd).....

Dec/17th AN      Dec/20th AN      Dec/22nd AN  
Dec/18th AN      Dec/21st AN      Dec/23rd AN  
Dec/19th AN

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

Meanwhile, check out the following Web sites:

- \* VOACAP predication Web page at: <http://www.voacap.com/hf>
- \* DX.QSL.NET Propagation page: <https://dx.qsl.net/propagation>
- \* A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm>
- \* SolarHam Web page: <http://www.solarham.net>
- \* Radio Propagation/Space Weather/Sunspot Cycle Information at: <http://sunspotwatch.com>
- \* Also on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/@GiellaW4hm>

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF <[www.qsllinfo.eu](http://www.qsllinfo.eu)> <December 16th>

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4K9W via DL6KVA                      J42CPMV via SV2HXV & (L)      SK50AJ via SM5CBN  
4U1XMAS via UA3DX                    J62DX via EB7DX                    ST2NRD via ST2M  
DF1000ZEIL via DG3NCZ (B)      K2L via K2RYD                      TM1VG via F4FCE  
EG40CE via EA5KB                    LX/PA3EZC/P via PA3EZC (L/e)      UN9GD via DL8KAC  
EG7PIE via EA7DA                    N4T via WX4TV (d/L)                YP5XMAS via YO9FNP  
FM5BH via W3HNC                    N9NC via OM2SA                      YT27AP via YT1T  
HF100I via SP4LVK                    PF2018HAR via PA0MBD                Z66DH via M0SDV (O/L)  
HS18NBTC via HS18NBTC (HS-B)      PT3T via PY3AA

(e) eQSL only    (d) direct only    (B) Bureau only    (\*-B) DX's- Bureau  
(O) OQRS only    (C) ClubLog only    (L) LoTW only    (N) No QSL needed  
(I) No IRC        (P) PayPal        (NB) No Bureau

LOGS ONLINE AT CLUBLOG.ORG THIS WEEK.....

<https://clublog.org/logsearch/E51DWC>  
<https://clublog.org/logsearch/RI1ANV>  
<https://clublog.org/logsearch/Z66DH>

ATTENTION LOTW USERS. The latest version of the LoTW's Trusted QSL program (TQSL v2.4.3) is now available at:

<http://www.arrl.org/tqsl-download>

TQSL is available for MS Windows (PC), Apple OS X (Mac) and Linux operating systems. You do not have to uninstall older versions of TQSL.

QSL MANAGER Pedro, EA5GL, informs OPDX that he is now the QSL Manager for 9V1EA and PZ5JW.

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 6Y3T, A52BH, A71AM, CO8CML, FM5BH, JD1BON, JJ2SEE, LX/PA3EZC/P, LZ8E, OD5ZZ, P33W, PY7XC, RD1A/P (EU-133), TX0C, UW5Y and Z23MD

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3C0W, 5A0AA, DS2GOO/3, EZ8CQ, FR400, J68GU, KH8C, K6VVA/6, KP4/EI9FBB (NA-249), NL8F, OJ0W, R18BRA, RU4SS, TI8II, TO6OK and XT2AW

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 4L1MA, 4O/ES1JA, 4W/PE7T, 6W/PA3EWF, 8J1RL, 8P5A, 8P6DR, A41KB, A35JP (OC-064), AM725RCV, AN400S, AO190DD, BM0LF, BT100EV, C5YK, C81G, C93PA, CT9/EA5KA, CX/PA2CHR, DF0WRTC, EA6AZ, EA6XQ, EA8AAH, EA8ACW, ED8AIU, EF0F, EG8WRD, EH0P, EK/DK7AJ, J5W (AF-020), IS0BBY, JD1BLY (AS-031), HB0/HB9AON, HF2016HNY, OH0/ES2TT, P4/DL5RMH, P29LL, PT70FEB, S9CQ, S9YY, SV5/DL3DRW, SV7GD, SY9AAA, TF/DL6JZ/P, TF/DO2JX, TM0RHUM, V51WH, VP6EU, XT2AW and YF1AR/8

--- We would like to see more QSL Bureaus (such as AS/US/SA/AF.. etc) send in their info....

RI1, ANTARCTICA (New Callsign). Alex, RD1AV (Season Team Leader), just arrived at base for the new campaign, and has been active since December 6th as RI1ANC during his spare time from the Vostok Station (AN-016, WFF RFF-168) in the Antarctica. On December 24th, the RI1ANC license will end, and will be replaced with a new license RI1ANV. Alex will be at the base station until February 2019. QSL via RN1ON, direct, by the Bureau or ClubLog's OQRS.

S7, SEYCHELLES. Mike, OE6MBG, will be active as S79AA from Mahe Island (AF-024) between January 5th and February 2nd, 2019. Activity will be from Baie Lazare for two weeks and two weeks from Anse Boleau. Operations will be on 160/80/40/20/15/10 meters (possibly 6m) using CW and SSB. QSL via ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW.

VP6 PITCAIRN ISLAND DXPEDITION (Update). The October 2019 DXpedition to Pitcairn Island now has their Web page active at: <https://pitcairndx.com>  
A FaceBook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/580069859103416>  
Also a Twitter page at: <https://twitter.com/2019Island>

The Pitcairn team has posted the following update: "Dec. 10, 2018: Six of us spent last weekend in Peoria, IL doing preliminary staging of our DXpedition equipment. This involved unloading the ill-fated Bouvet DXpedition sea container; sorting items for disposal, sale, or use on Pitcairn; and then re-loading the items we will take to Pitcairn Island. Those of us participating in the exercise were N4GRN, K9CT, W0GJ, N9TK, W8HC, and K0IR.

We will return just after the Dayton Hamvention to inventory our equipment, double check it, and then repack it in a smaller, 20 ft. sea container. The container will be shipped to New Zealand in June so its contents can be put aboard the RV Braveheart in early August. The gear will come ashore with us on Pitcairn in October. See the photos at:

<https://pitcairndx.com/news-and-updates>

Our DXpedition dates are looking more and more like the last two weeks of October of 2019."

The following operators have been named for the DXpedition: Ned/AA7A, Nodir/EY8MM, Hal/JR4OZR, Ralph/K0IR, Pat/KOPC, Craig/K9CT, Lou/N2TU, George/N4GRN, Arnie/N6HC, Glenn/W0GJ, Mike/W0VTT, Gregg/W6IZT, Hal/W8HC, and Jerry/WB9Z.

WSJT-X 2.0 (Full Release Now Available; FT8 Enthusiasts Urged to Upgrade Now). It has been announced that the new WSJT-X 2.0 software suite has been released by developer Joe Taylor, K1JT. It was also mentioned that FT8 and MSK144 users are urged to upgrade to the new standard because the FT8 and MSK144 protocols have been enhanced in a way that is not

backward compatible with older versions of the program. This includes any of the older 1.9 version releases. As of December 10th, the new protocols will become the worldwide standards, and all users should upgrade to WSJT-X 2.0 by January 1, 2019. Joe Taylor, K1JT, states, "After that date, only the new FT8 and MSK144 should be used on the air." The new version can be obtained on the WSJT-X home page at:

<https://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/wsjtx.html>

Users are encouraged to read the new Quick Start Guide for WSJT-X at:

[https://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/Quick\\_Start\\_WSJT-X\\_2.0.pdf](https://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/Quick_Start_WSJT-X_2.0.pdf)

Gary Hinson, ZL2IFB, has released an FT8 Operating Guide at:

[http://www.g4ifb.com/FT8\\_Hinson\\_tips\\_for\\_HF\\_DXers.pdf](http://www.g4ifb.com/FT8_Hinson_tips_for_HF_DXers.pdf)

Z8, SOUTH SUDAN. Diya, YI1DZ, is once again active as Z81D from Juba, South Sudan, for the next 6 months. Activity will be limited to his spare time on 80-10 meters using SSB and some Digital modes. QSL via OM3JW. He also use ClubLog and LoTW.

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS. Colin, G4CWH, will once again be active as ZF2CA from the ZF1A club station on Grand Cayman Islands (NA-016) early March. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB. His activity will also include an entry in the 81st 2018 BERU (British Commonwealth) Contest (March 9-10th). QSL via his home callsign direct.

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Information can now be faxed to the following phone line at:

1-419-828-7791 (F A X only!)

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Additional Bulletin for OPDX InterNet Subscribers.  
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Announcing 2019 Dayton Contest University - celebrating 13 years

From Tim Duffy, K3LR [<k3lr@k3lr.com>](mailto:k3lr@k3lr.com)

I am proud to announce that student registration is now open for the 2019 Dayton ConTest University ("CTU") to be held all day on Thursday May 16, 2019 at the Crowne Plaza in Dayton, Ohio. <http://contestuniversity.com>  
This is the day before Hamvention opens in Xenia, Ohio

Eight different countries have hosted CTUs over the past thirteen years. USA, Australia, Russia, Germany, Italy, England, Brazil and Finland. Over 7500 students have attended these CTUs with more than 100 CTU Professors sharing their contesting experiences.

2019 will be the 13th year in a row for CTU Dayton. To give you an idea of the quality of the CTU content and activities you can see videos and PDFs from past CTUs on the CTU web site at <http://contestuniversity.com>

The 2019 CTU Professor line up is outstanding and is posted on the CTU website. Thanks to our returning professors NC0B, W0YK, N6TV, W3YQ, N0AX and K1DG. You will notice several NEW professors for 2019.

I am proud to welcome Bryant, KG5HVO who will present new ideas for attracting youth in contesting.  
Dan, N6MJ and Chris, KL9A (Gold Medal Team WRTC2014) will each present advanced operating papers.  
Randy, K5ZD returns to the CTU staff after a multiyear break.

CTU professor stalwart Frank, W3LPL is on sabbatical this year. Frank has taught many many sessions at CTU over the past 12 years. He deserves a break! Frank will attend CTU Dayton 2019 and answer questions, but he will not have any teaching duties this year. Congrats to W3LPL!

The 2019 CTU Dayton course outline will be posted soon. Check the CTU website for updates. Each presentation is carefully prepared with up to date information.

There are scholarships (registration fee paid) available for CTU through a grant from the Northern California DX Foundation (NCDXF) for those students 25 years old and younger. Please use the "contact us" button on the CTU website to get more information.

2019 Student registration information is on the CTU web site  
<http://contestuniversity.com>

CTU registration makes a great Christmas gift!

Important - as we did last year - if you want to sign up for CTU 2019 Dayton and you have given (or will give one by Hamvention 2019) a talk about Amateur Radio to any club, Hamfest or group since May 16, 2018 - you qualify for a \$10.00 registration fee discount. Please choose the "Registration with Club talk discount" option to get the \$10.00 discount. Spreading the word about amateur radio is lots of fun and can save you money at CTU!

Thanks to all of the CTU sponsors including Icom America, DX Engineering, the Northern California DX Foundation, YASME, the Radio Club of America and CQ Magazine for making CTU possible. Thanks to K8MNJ and K1SO for all of their help with CTU. Special thanks to Scott, KA9FOX from QTH.com for hosting and constructing the CTU headquarters web site.

CU in Dayton at CTU 2019 and Merry Christmas,  
Tim K3LR  
Contest University Chairman

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