

RSARS QSL BUREAU – Newsletter 136 (Bryan’s Bureau Blog)

Future and Current Events: (Full details on our website)

Special Event and DX Stations. (All with Affiliated Numbers)

G3ASG	N2DAN Key winner from 20 June 2018.	G3ASG
LZ7CW	Vic G0RVA One-year activity having moved to Bulgaria.	LZ7CW *
GB6NFF	Chilwell Explosion 1st July 1918 ... from 25 June for 28 days	M0OIC *2

* QSL cards not wanted.

*2 QSL cards not wanted, at the moment - to be assessed.

Bureau Users

New members joining the bureau since 01 June 2018

None, but G4SGD now back from Jamaica and listed accordingly.

Bureau Activity

One more card received during June, than May, yes, a total of 14 :-). No cards were despatched, but a fair number will depart for Albuquerque this week.

G3SIG Award

July	G13SIG	G14JTF
August	G?3SIG	
September	G3SIG	G2ABR
October	G3SIG	G2ABR
November	G3SIG	G2ABR
December	G3SIG	G2ABR

GB6NFF

Well, I am pleased to report that I have a fair number of RSARS members in the GB6NFF Log since 25th June. Modes worked have been SSB, CW, RTTY, PSK31 and FT8, and no prizes for guessing who is logged in all modes. PSK31 and FT8 are of course both classed as DATA. Maybe he needs to check with our Awards Manager and mention a bonus point :-). Yes, I can imagine the answer.

As at midnight 30th June I had 26 unique RSARS member numbers listed. These were mainly SSB but a number of other modes as mentioned. Plenty of space in the log for others and I will be at it, most days, until July 22nd - 28 days from commencement.

Happily filling the log, mainly FT8 - sorry Sam, with non-RSARS members and includes 1 x VK5, 1 x OD5, 1 x A41 with the rest in EU, including 21 DL.

I hope to be busy, subject to visiting family calling in, most of July 1st as it was 01 July 1918 when the explosion happened. In the accident report, among other reasons, was mention that the temperature outside/inside was much higher than normal, meaning that temperature could have been a factor. So, I think it is safe to say it was rather warm on this day 100 years ago as it is now?

Dare I suggest, again, that members check back in history to see if there is a military event that could be remembered by a NoV from Ofcom. Members do enjoy chasing new AFF numbers, 26 of us up to now in various modes. I need many new ones for my next claim but cannot even work GB6NFF :- (Yes, 28 days of fun and all it costs is your time.

Nets

Just yet another reminder to members, old and new, we do have nets running most mornings, (less Saturday), Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and evenings. For those interested in all things PSK31 and RTTY, although nets are gone we still have a few dedicated members showing each Monday and Friday. CW of course Wednesday. Times and frequencies are shown on our RSARS website – Shack Aid. GB6NFF will do his best (me only) to give points on PSK, RTTY and CW as well as normal SSB nets.

The Monday Overseas Net went well on 25th June with GB6NFF working not only EA stations but G stations also. QSB was the cause of falling with Nial G4RKB but thankfully we made it Tuesday evening. Mentioning the net of Alan G4BXQ I must make mention of the fact that there were 18 callsigns listed and GB6NFF worked 14 of them, great news, thanks Alan.

If you see GB6NFF IO92 on your FT8 screen please try and grab me, remembering that after signal reports and confirmed, I will send: CHILWELL F??? then R DE BRYAN 73 meaning that I will have passed all required RSARS information. I will expect similar in reply to confirm the RSARS QSO ☺ Members using our RSARS email server will have seen the screen grab from Steve G4SGD proving a confirmed FT8 QSO - thanks Steve.

A belated Christmas card?

Having worked Z60A as a new DXCC I thought I would use Club Log and obtain a folded card. Already confirmed via LoTW but still a nice card to have. The card arrived but also with a Christmas surprise. I had worked OJ9X on 30th December 2017, FT8 of course, so was pleased to receive the card below with the Z60A card. Yes, it was from their QSL manager.

73, Bryan
M0OIC 3867 RSARS
QSL Bureau Manager



OJ9X *Suomi Finland* 100

Finland, Far North of Europe

Santacasting from Century-old Finland

HAPPY SANTA WAS ONE HAPPY CAMPER IN 2017

It was a special December as Santa joined the bandwagon of Finland celebrating her 100th anniversary, culminating in December 6th, the day of the original independence declaration in 1917. The entire country was on its feet, as a variety of cultural, art, education and technology events were organized in every town and village throughout the country and the year.

The theme was "Doing it Together," which called all Finns to be of one soul and one heart, as they continued to make their Republic the best in the world. Santa too—our international goodwill ambassador—rounded up all his elves, asking them to work in unison as broadcasters of the Christmas spirit into households the world over.

When the dust had settled in early 2018, it was no surprise that the UN's World Happiness Report put FINLAND FIRST in the world. The measures of well-being included standard of living, income, health, life expectancy, social support, freedom, trust, and generosity. What they forgot was the ultimate source of OH happiness: Santa's smile under the blazing Northern Lights.

In all, some 52 elves made 66,767 QSOs to 160 countries. This included you, and we hope you enjoyed contacting Santa Radio.

But better yet—Come here and visit us on our happy soil!

The Prime Minister of Finland, Mr. Juha Sipilä, acted as patron for this special OJ9X activity, which marked the 100th anniversary of the Republic of Finland.



To Radio: **MØOIC**

OJ9X is happy to confirm the following 2-way Qso(s):

Date	UTC	MHz	Mode	RST
2017-12-30	12:28	10.1	FT8	-01
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OJ9X-Happy Santa through Snow and Ice!

2017 OJ9X SANTA RADIO TEAM

- DJ5YL, OG9X, OH0XX, OH1EG, OH1HS, OH1JD, OH1MA, OH1ND, OH1NOA, OH1NX, OH1RX, OH1TM, OH1TX, OH1XX, OH2BAD, OH2BC, OH2BCI, OH2BEE, OH2BH, OH2EUU, OH2FB, OH2FIB, OH2GEK, OH2HAN, OH2KI, OH2KM, OH2KW, OH2LU, OH2MA, OH2MZB, OH2PM, OH2TA, OH2XX, OH3JR, OH5BM, OH5BQ, OH5CZ, OH5NQ, OH5TS, OH6HZH, OH6KN, OH6MW, OH6KZP, OH6NVC, OH6VDA, OH7CW, OH7EA, OH7ER, OH7WP, OH7XI, OH8LQ & OH8NC

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