World Radio Day, 13 February

The aim of UNESCO devoting one day to Radio, is to enhance a mass media, simple and low cost, specifically suited to reach remote communities and vulnerable people.

The day should be also a good opportunity to think over and to value the media and the task performed in the development of society.

Radio amateurs, as a subcategory within the Radio and of a huge interactivity, have our own role and contribute to keep alive the technical knowledge of equipment and behavior of waves.

Several members of EURAO organized special activities around this day, this year with the motto: "Radio is you!".

In this way, you could hear on air the following SES: AO1WRD, AO2WRD, AO3WRD, AO4WRD, AO5WRD, AO6WRD, AO7WRD, AO8WRD and AO9WRD; from Friday 10 to Monday 13.

Also other ham stations from other countries celebrated this day. Maybe next year you will think it is a good idea to join this event, do you?

Check the website: http://www.diamundialradio.org

Amateur Radio News...

International Space Station contact with France

Sponsored by our member association URC, on May this year it will take place a contact between the French ISS astronaut Thomas Pesquet and several schools in France [collège Brassens (Saint Venant), collège Cassin (Lillers), lycée Anatole France (Lillers)] and another in USA [Stem (Highlands Ranch)].

As usual, students will ask questions to the astronaut, who will answer them live.

Radioamador Clube de Loulé 2017

Radioamador Clube de Loulé organizes this great award to celebrate the oldest Carnival in Portugal.

1-20 February you will find on 10m, 20m, 40m, 80m and 2m the following granting stations: CT1EEC, CT2CRP, CT2GPD, EA7GR, EA7MV, EA4CQR, E9UV, E9QD and the club station CS0RCL.

FEDI-EA, 25 years serving amateur radio

Federación Digital EA, E3RKF, founder member of EURAO, was founded on July 25, 1992, coinciding with the inauguration of the Olympic Games in Barcelona, 25 years ago.

Since then, FEDI-EA has consolidated its social project with a lot of adhered clubs around the country, with which organize activities of all kinds, common services for its members and affiliates, and a very intense task of representation before Public Administrations.

Most known by foreign hams is the help to those who settle in Spain to get a licence and an Spanish callsign. Also the EANET, Radio Clubs of the World, Award and Contest is quite famous.
EUROAO Party - Winter 2017: 10m FM

The European Radio Amateurs' Organization announces a new party on the air, this time with the motto: "10m FM". Remember this is not a contest, it is just a radio meeting with a few simple 'rules', better to call them recommendations.

Purpose: to encourage searching information and discovering the benefits and uses of QSOs on 10m FM, not only at local scope, but also with international contacts, if propagation permits. Meeting hams, near you or all over the world, is fun. Of course also SWLing is welcome.

Date & time: February 25th and 26th, 2017, Saturday and Sunday, 00:00-24:00 UTC.

Bands & modes: these are the recommended frequencies (+/-) for 10m FM: simplex worldwide calling channel: 29.600 MHz; repeaters output: 29.620, 29.640, 29.660, and 29.680 MHz, input -100 kHz (CTCSS ?); you can find FM QSOs anywhere above 29 MHz, but 29.300 - 29.510 MHz is reserved for satellites.

Call: "CQ EUROAO Party".

Exchange: because this is a QSO event, not a contest, you can talk about whatever you want, in any language, and for as long as you like. Here are some topic suggestions to get the conversation going: name, city, locator, weather, antennas, rigs, etc.

Also talk about QSL interchange. Tell the truth. Say "no, thanks" if you are not interested in QSL cards. But if you would like to have a memory of your contact, feel free to use our EuroBureauQSL (see below).

Logs: for statistical purposes only, we ask participants to submit their logs to party@eurao.org in ADIF format, where the filename should be your callsign (e.g. EA3RKF.ADI).

There will be no results or league tables, only statistical information about number of QSOs, countries, callsigns, OMs/YLs/Cubs, etc.

Certificate of Participation: for those sending the log and with a minimum of 10% QSOs confirmed.

EuroBureauQSL: you can use it to interchange QSLs even if you are not member. In this case, just send the QSL to the entry point in the country of the station you have contacted.

Amateur Radio News... (cont.)

25 February - 5 March this special event station will be on air thanks to Radio Club Barcelona, EA3RKB, echoing this first class international event hosted by the mobile world capital.

Week of technology, news and radio. All members can participate actively operating this station, even remote. The contact is also valid for the EANET Award.

EUDOTA: Europe Day "on the air" 2017

This year, 9 May is on Tuesday, but we will be active from Friday 5, the whole weekend, with the special callsigns: AO1EU, AO2EU, AO3EU, AO4EU, AO5EU, AO6EU, AO7EU, AO8EU and AO9EU, to commemorate the creation of the EU in 1950.

As usual, special QSL and Award will be available. Contact also valid for the Radio Clubs of the World Award, EANET. Follow the event through the hashtag: #eudota.

News in brief

- TM100VIMY, VE100VIMY: April 1-9, 2017, commemorating 100 years of the Vimy Ridge battle in WWI. Meeting between French an Canadian hams organized by URC. http://ve100vimy.ca