

QSOs WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM THEIR FRIENDS

PAUL/ANCHOR: Another kind of gathering - a global gathering of friends - is in the works for April 18. Kevin Trotman N5PRE has those details.

KEVIN's REPORT: On April 18, World Amateur Radio Day will mark that day when the International Amateur Radio Union was formed in Paris in 1925. There was, of course, no IRLP or EchoLink back then, but there's a group of relative newcomers operating on the Western Reflector feeling just as festive over marking the occasion. The World Radio Network/World Friendship Net is preparing for its fourth year as participants in the global event and it's making sure that all hams - even those who can't get on the HF bands - have a chance to get in on the action. The World Friendship Net will operate nonstop for 12 hours starting on 1600 UTC on April 18 and for the first year will be using a special event call sign W2W. Those who participate will get a commemorative special event QSL card this year as well.聽

Organizer John De Rycke (duh RIKEY) said last year's success has encouraged even more participation this year. The 2017 participation logged 426 check-ins with 45 international stations representing 23 different countries. This year's 12-hour net will be run by 8 different net controllers around the clock.

Node 9251 is located on the World Conference Server and part of the Nevada Amateur Radio Repeater network.

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