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2018 - Letters Contest

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Please take the time to read that rules			

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1. Introduction

1.1 - Competition objective and Dates

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of Free DXers association, we offer you the challenge « Letters contest ».

The objective is to mobilize the hunters of all radio groups (including the FDX hunters), the independent stations, Hamradio who wish it, through a friendly contest open to all (without distinctions), totally free and without contribution because the exchange will be done by eQSL at the end of the contest.

Several Free DXers operators activate one or more letters during the scheduled time using free bands (11M or PMR 446). **About that, we remind you that it is necessary to respect the regulation of the country (frequencies, power, antennas, montages ...) as indicated on the rules of our association.**

Letters hunters are on the lookout to reconstruct the phrase "FREE DXERS HB TEN" by chasing the next 17 letters:

« F. R1. E1. E2. D. X. E3. R2. S. H. B. T. E4. N. Z1. Z2. Z2 »

Start date of the contest: **Saturday 08th June 2018**

End date of the contest: **Sunday 30th September 2018**

F (Foxtrot) = Activated in team by 14FDX025 Patrice + 14FDX521 Jean-Luc
R1 (Romeo one) = Activated in solo by 14FDX419 Patrick
E1 (Echo one) = Activated in solo by 14FDX087 Michaël
E2 (Echo two) = Activated in solo by 14FDX106 Jean-Paul
D (Delta) = Activated in solo by 14FDX122 Jean-Claude
X (X-ray) = Activated in team by 14FDX114 Cédric + 14FDX165 Rudy
E3 (Echo three) = Activated in solo by 104FDX104 Alex
R2 (Romeo two) = Activated in solo by 14FDX031 Remi
S (Sierra) = Activated in solo by 14FDX016 Gérard
H (Hôtel) = Activated in solo by 14FDX177 Olivier
B (Bravo) = Activated in solo by 104FDX021 Guy
T (Tango) = Activated in team by 14FDX161 Dorota + 14FDX058 John
E4 (Echo four) = Activated in team by 14FDX831 Viviane + 14FDX830 Herve
N (November) = Activated in solo by 14FDX012 Fred

Z1 - Bonus letter 1 (Zulu 1) = Activated in solo by 14FDX040 Franck
Z2 - Bonus letter 2 (Zulu 2) = Activated in solo by 97FDX097 Patrick
Z3 - Bonus letter 3 (Zulu 3) = Activated in solo by 14FDX050 Jean-Marie

2. Description of the contest

2.1 - To begin with

Free DXers operators that want to activate a letter can do it, they just need to register by sending a request by email to : fdxadmin@gmail.com

Important: The FDX operator who activates a letter commits himself to be **as active as possible**, in order to allow the hunters to have the opportunity to contact the activated letter.

Following his registration, the FDX operator is assigned a letter to activate.

2.2 - Possibility to activate from several QTH

A letter can be activated from home, portable, mobile or from your holiday location.

Important: For example, if you activate a letter from 14 division + 30 division, exactly the same logbook will be used. Simply continue to postpone the stations contacted following.

Example: « 14FDX/A » (Alfa) can be activated under « 30FDX/A » callsign, if the operator did 10 QSO from France (14 division), he goes on holiday in Spain, when he takes the microphone from Spain, he will continue to log from the progressive 11 and so on...

2.3 - Team activation

There is the possibility to activate a letter in team, only if this letter is activated in turn (never at the same time) and the Excel logbook is perfectly filled (use a cloud).

2.4 - Mandatory progressives

The use of progressive numbers is mandatory.

Example: During activation, the active operator gives a contact number (commonly called "progressive") and then asks the hunter for confirmation of this number to verify that the hunter has registered it.

Important: a distributed progressive number cannot be changed, otherwise there is a risk of confusion and cheating.

2.5 - Activation delegation

For various reasons, an operator may propose that his letter be activated by another operator of the group, he will simply inform fdxadmin@gmail.com imperatively attaching his log in Excel format.

2.6 - Logbook (very important)

The active Free DXers operator reports his contacts in a computerized logbook.

The logbook is imperatively in Excel format (or filled with open office (free)).

The blank Excel logbook will be sent to you until the starting date.

The active Free DXers operator have to return his log book in Excel format no later than October 07th 2018 (one week after the end of the contest) via fdxadmin@gmail.com

The active Free DXers operator postpones his contacts in a computerized logbook.

The logbook is imperatively in Excel format (or filled with open office (free)).

The blank Excel traffic book will be sent to you at the time of your registration.

It will be necessary to return the log book in Excel format no later than 07/10/2018 (one week after the end of the contest) via fdxadmin@gmail.com

The only way to control the hunters' contacts is the Excel logbook, so, this document must be perfectly filled (QRZ, local time, progressive numbers) so that the hunters have nothing to reproach to our association.

2.7 - Points per activated letter

Each contacted letter by a hunter grants him a number of points according to the positioning in the logbook. These points are therefore decreasing according to the positioning in the logbook (hence the importance of being attentive to a perfect filling of the logbook by the activators).

Only one QRZ per logbook (per letter) will be counted but nothing prevents to contact several times the same station.

Important, for the hunters: thank you for giving your callsign explicitly and completely to avoid mistakes and confusion.

Example:

14ZZ001 contact "14FDX/E2" on June 21st 2018, if he contact again "14FDX/E2" le August 10th 2018, he will be twice in the logbook but he will only be counted on the June 21st 2018 (the most favorable for him).

2.8 - Reasons for disqualification

- Various tricks: use of VOIP software (Skype, Messenger ...), use of PMR or 11M relays to transmit via internet ... Be cool, it's for fun !! 😊
- No return of the Excel traffic logbook at the end of activation: more and in such case the letter will not be counted to avoid litigation (hunters)...

2.9 - Ranking, points, prizes for hunters, eQSL

At the end of the contest, the three best hunters (those who will be best positioned in the logs) will receive a trophy by mail (it will then be necessary to communicate us your postal address).

The five best hunters will also receive a diploma by email, this diploma will indicate their ranking.

Important: we ask hunters to wait until the end of September to send their card via eqslfdx@gmail.com to get your eQSL card.

Please do not send this card before because if the propagation is favorable, you are likely to listen to active letters throughout the summer.

The eQSL Manager of this contest is Alex 104FDX104 via: eqslfdx@gmail.com

Note: The costs of purchasing the trophies and sending them are the responsibility of the FDX Pool (solidarity fund of our association).

2.10 - Classement des activateurs FDX

At the end of the contest, the three best activators (those who have done the most QSO) will receive a trophy by mail (it will then be necessary to communicate us your postal address).

The five best activators will also receive a diploma by email, this diploma will indicate their ranking.

Note: The costs of purchasing the trophies and sending them are the responsibility of the FDX Pool (solidarity fund of our association).

Happy hunting and good activation at the FDX stations that embark on the adventure!

We count on you!

