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Train The Trainer Report

As we all know it has been difficult to organize something or even to imagine the future. News here are good, one of the F youngsters left France in January to study in South Korea, the others obtained degrees and achieved their studies.

Each youngster enjoyed "on-air" time on their own (a bit sad by the way). I took part in the ARRL DX SSB from LX7I, then enjoyed the WPX SSB in 9A remotely from France and then I will have the opportunity for the second time to join HQ team during the upcoming IARU.

YOTA F activities are down, and for the next five years I really hope that we will have more and more young licensed in France. There will be events as each year to promote local clubstation and society where each youngster will be present to promote their activity. There is also the science weeks (october) where we have at the local clubstation 4 days of presentation of the hobby to boys and girls (from 7 to 10 years old).

Next year as we should have organized that activity this year, we will try to meet during a weekend, as well as taking part together in a contest, and being at the SummerCamp !

Something that I want to try is to make a couple of articles with fresh descriptions, pictures and explanations of what is hamradio and why there is still interest in this hobby even in the youth sphere - and then to diffuse them. We all saw too much articles where old ham get a place in press, with an ugly picture, where the journalist restitution of what said that guy about radio ever sound annoying.. So we will try to get this up!

For the rest with a little group it's difficult to impulse something, find something new, try to get the rest involved or interested but, no worries that we will get that group running well !

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I created a telegram group where we are now 13 guys (no girls for the moment). These youngsters are very happy to have been contacted to join that kind of group. They are motivated to enjoy the radio together, there are a lot of great discussions. We know the existence of some others young ops, but they haven't joined the group yet for unknown reasons. The group has been created before the DYM to allow the good organisation of the activation and to maximise the pleasure of sharing the moment with other youngsters, even if we are all far from the others.

For legal reasons we had to respect a 15 days restriction for special event station activity where OnAir time were concentrate during Wenk-ends and holydays period. We manage to make some 2400 QSO's, those who were very new really enjoyed their beginning behind the mike or the key, those who were interested by being the DX were surprised of the pile they generated and surprised about the success of their own little pistol stations. We also had an article to promote and encourage F stations to be on the air and to welcome the newcomers behind the TM19YOTA call.

For our media, the website is not yet online, we are trying to move on that project to put it online very soon. Some adjustments with the society are needed but we hope it will soon move forward.

After some discussions with the society and the group, it appears that it would be great to organise an event with the youngsters in France who won't be able to go in Croatia for the SummerCamp. We are reflecting about a 24h contest weekend who could be good to share a great radio time, an eyeball meets to know each other.

That's a summary of what's happen here since October.

Next months objectives :

- Website hosting discussion with society
- Media strategy discussion
- RREF article in February
- Organisation of a YOTA F weekend
- Beginning of the organisation of the F team for the 9ASC !

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