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## From HQ

Debby says...

I am very excited to advise we will soon move to a new and improved membership database. Although most things will be transparent to you the member, there are some enhancements that I need your help with. In the past I was only able to enter up to 3 letters in a call sign e.g. ZL2ABC, however this is no longer a restriction, therefore I need anyone who has a four or more letter call sign to contact me, so I can update the new database. This will save me some time scrolling through the RSM database or Call Book.

Furthermore, I can now include a secondary call sign, so again for those of you who have one, please send me an e-mail [nzart@nzart.org.nz](mailto:nzart@nzart.org.nz) advising your primary and secondary call signs, plus any special event calls, so these can be added.

Other little improvements include being able to capture an AREC ID number, if a member is a repeater Trustee, or a branch Exam supervisor. All these little improvements will help me to

better identify in what areas we need to take action, in the case of active/non active or silent key members. This should make life a little easier for all of us.

I recently had an e-mail from a fellow ham from the Virgin Islands asking for help, can you?

*Hello from the US Virgin Islands.*

*My wife and I plan to visit New Zealand for a camper van excursion during February 2019. I am also looking at the possibility of a one to two week B&B or home rental that might give me access to a ham station either before or after our camping tour. Location in country is not important.*

*If you have any recommendation on how to proceed in locating such a QTH please let me know. It would also be fun to meet some ZLs on our journey regardless of the QTH rental situation. Perhaps you can suggest the best way to make ourselves known to any local hams along our route. I will be bringing an IC-706 HF/VHF rig and some portable antennas along.*

*Thank you in advance for any assistance and a warm 73 to all who may read this.*

*Sincerely,*

*Brad - WP2B*

*St. Croix, US Virgin Islands*

*E-mail: [brad@avumedia.com](mailto:brad@avumedia.com)*

Talk soon...Debby ZL2DL

## **43rd HAM RADIO in Friedrichshafen**

Dear All,

HAM RADIO 2018 and the 69th Lake Constance Convention, both organised by DARC, Germany's most prominent amateur radio club, will take place

from **Friday, June 1st until Sunday, June 3rd, 2018** in Friedrichshafen on Lake Constance.

Please note that on June 2nd and June 3rd there will be also a MAKER Faire™ exhibition at the same location. See <http://makerfairebodensee.com/> (in German language) for further details.

We very much hope that again many representatives of the IARU member societies will be able to attend HAM RADIO.

As in previous years we have been able to obtain a discounted rate for you at the "Seehotel".

Further details can be found in the attachment.

You can register and also make a hotel reservation by emailing or faxing the attached registration form to Mrs. Simone Blümer at DARC.

In case you require a visa for your travel to Germany we would like to remind you to apply for it as soon as possible as the visa screening and issuing process can take quite some time.

Please note that the Informal International Meeting for representatives of IARU member societies will be held on Friday, June 1st at 16:00.

In case of any questions please drop me a mail.

Looking forward to meeting you in Friedrichshafen!

Vy 73,

Thomas DF200

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## **2018 USA championships of Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF)**

The 2018 USA championships of Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) will take place June 13-17 near Truckee, California, which is along Interstate 80 about 100 miles northeast of Sacramento and 33 miles southwest of Reno, Nevada. The competition sites are at about 6300 feet elevation near Donner Summit.

An optional training day will be held on Wednesday, June 13. Thursday will be devoted to foxoring, a combination of radio direction finding and classic orienteering. Friday morning will be the sprint event, followed by a model event for equipment testing and a competitor briefing.

Classic two-meter and 80-meter competitions will take place Saturday and Sunday, respectively. There will be an awards banquet on Saturday evening for presentation of medals for foxoring, sprint and two-meter classic. Awards for 80-meter classic will be given Sunday afternoon immediately after the competition, in time for those who most leave to get home.

The Event Information Page in the [homingin.com](http://homingin.com) Web site includes the technical details, lodging, site embargoes, tourism, weather and much more. Information about the sport of ARDF, including equipment and techniques, can also be found in this site. Registration will open soon.

Please pass this message along to anyone interested in on-foot hidden transmitter hunting.

Thanks and 73,

Joe Moell K0OV

ARRL ARDF Coordinator

[www.homingin.com](http://www.homingin.com)

## Official Broadcast

The Official Broadcast is made on the last Sunday of each month except:

- December when the Broadcast is made on the Sunday before Christmas.
- January when there is no broadcast

The broadcast is made on 3900 kHz, and on the National System and local VHF repeaters.

The broadcast is made at 2000 hours (8:00 pm), with a repeat at 2100 hours (9:00 pm).

Members and Branches are welcome to submit material for inclusion in the Broadcast to the e-mail or postal address shown below.

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73, Jim ZL2BHF

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