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VK0IR - It is anticipated that the landing operation, including the setting up of the first shelter will take approximately 4 to 6 hours, depending on weather. One of the first tasks will then be to set up the NCDXF beacon. The radio operation will only start after all infrastructure has been set up, and after all antennas have been raised. This may take 2 or 3 days. During this time we will be able to collect a lot of valuable propagation data from listening to the beacon station. The NCDXF beacon will run from the island as VK0IR with an R5 vertical. It will transmit on 14.100, 18.110, 21.150, 24.930 and 28.200 MHz. The beacon transmits for ten seconds on each band every three minutes. The VK0IR transmission on 20 metres is at one minute and ten seconds after the hour, and every three minutes after that. The transmissions on the other bands follow every ten seconds with the 10 metre transmission starting at one minute and fifty seconds after the hour, and every three minutes after that. On each frequency it sends VK0IR in CW at 100W, then 1 second long steady tones, at 100, 10, 1 and 0.1 W and then moves to the next higher frequency. Listen for the beacon and report peak times, strength and SP/LP specs to your pilot station or to ON4UN (E-mail to john.devoldere@innet.be or via packet to ON4UN @ON4AWP.OVN.BEL.EU). The quality of these reports will be an important tool to draft the operating plan for the first days of operation

VK0IR: AM I IN THE LOG? ---> PACSAT be used to send the contents of the logs to civilized word so that they can be use for log-checking. The log will only contain call, band and mode. It will not contain any duplicate QSO's and you will not be able to "browse" through the log. The log data will be available on:

* WORLD WIDE WEB: connect to <http://www.aurumtel.com/hnews.html> (from here you can go to the log server) or connect directly to the US log server page at <http://www.aurumtel.com/heard-log.html> or connect directly to the European log server at <http://heard.eunet.be> (once connected, enter the callsign you

are interested in, and press the "search" button);

* E-MAIL: send an e-mail message to heard-log@ve7tcp.ampr.org with the call sign of the station in the body (one per line). The log server will immediately return a message to you with the requested data;

* PACKET RADIO: the following syntax has to be closely followed:

to : PA3BXR @PI8VAD.#ZH2.NLD.EU

subj: HEARD-LOG

msg : HEARD-LOG <<< call >>>

You can ask for log info for your friends as well. Put one call per line, preceded by " HEARD-LOG ". A maximum of FIVE callsigns are accepted. The callsign MAY NOT contain a slash (/). The log server will return a message to you with the required data. This may take some time though (from a few hours to a day or more if a lot of HF forwarding is involved!)

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- 5N - Mark, 5N0MVE (QSL via ON7LX) is back home in Belgium because his work assignment in Nigeria is over]
- 5R - Maurizio, 5R8FH is a lay missionary at Sakalalina, in South Central Madagascar. For the time being Maurizio is active only on 20 and 15 metres, with 80 watts and a three element beam towards Europe. QSL direct to I1PIN: G.Carlo Pignocchino, Via San Solutore 18, 10010 Caravino-TO.
- 70 - Recent operations by Zorro, JH1AJT and Franz, DJ9ZB as 701A (15-23 December 1996) logged 13,140 SSB QSOs with 105 Countries, on 80 (1,078 QSOs), 40 (1,926), 20 (3,620), 17 (3,635), 15 (1,971), 12 (670) and 10 (240) metres.
- 7Q - Karl, WF5A will be active again (10-80 metres, WARC bands included, SSB and CW) from Malawi as 7Q7KH for four or five weeks starting in early February. QSL via home call.
- 8Q - Chris HB9CYV/8Q7YV and Martin HB9CYN/8Q7YN [425DXN 292] logged 2371 QSOs (almost all on CW), 1122 on 40 metres. QSL via bureau to their respective home calls. For direct cards, HB9CYN's address is e' Martin Ghermi, Wyden 5, CH-5242 Birr, Switzerland. HB9CYV's (not HB9CRV 425DXN 294) correct address is Christian Zeller, Jaegerstr. 19, CH-8200 Schaffhausen, Switzerland.
- 8Q - In March Rolf (HB9DIF) and his wife Manuela will be in the Maldives for three weeks together with Hans (DL8NBE). Rolf and Hans will be active on all bands CW/SSB/RTTY possibly with their old calls, 8Q7BV and 8Q7BE respectively. QSL via bureau only.
- 9A - Miro, 9A0AA/mm is active from the Antarctic Vessel "Hrvatska Cigra", near the Russian Vernadsky base.
- 9G - From 1 February to 8 March Steve, PA3GBQ will be active from Ghana as 9G5BQ. Operations will take place mainly during the night and morning hours on low and WARC bands. Steve is expected to participate in the ARRL CW Contest (possibly with a special call). QSL via PA3GBQ.
- 9H - From 14 to 24 January IZ3AHY, LX1PS and LX2BN will be active (all

- bands, SSB and CW) from Malta as 9H3XF. QSL via IK3OYS.
- 9M2 - Dick, N4ISV has got the call 9M2RY, with which he will be active (SSB and CW) for several years. QSL via N4JR.
- 9M8 - From 19 April to 6 June Peter, PB0ALB will be active (10, 15, 20, 40 and 80 metres) from Sarawak (OC-088) as 9M8CC. Hopefully Peter will operate also RTTY. QSL via PB0ALB.
- C6 - From 13 to 20 January Rick, NE8Z will be active (SSB and CW) as NE8Z/C6A from Treasure Cay ((NA-080). QSL via NE8Z or K8LJG.
- CE - Paul, F6EXV has got the CE3/F6EXV licence. Paul will be active from Chile for two or three years. QSL via F2VX.
- CE_ssh - CE9MFK is active from Chilean Antarctic base Refuge Sherriff (WABA CE-09) on Livingston Island, South Shetlands (AN-010). He is usually QRV at 00.30 UTC on 14.245 MHz.
- CX - From 10 to 20 Janury a group of CX operators will be active from Flores Island (SA-030) as CV5A (all band/all mode operations). QSL via P.O.Box 2, Z.C. 11000, Montevideo, Uruguay.
- CY9 - From 10 to 20 June (+/-) Mike, VE9AA and Doug, VE1PZ will be active from St. Paul Island as CY9AA [425DXN 293]. They will be active on 160-2 metres SSB/CW (special emphasis will be placed on 6 and 160 metres).
- F - Marc, ON5FP and Kristof, ON6NN will participate in the IOTA Contest (26-27 July) from Sainte Marguerite Island (EU-058).
- F - From 23 to 26 January the station TM4ICF will be active on all bands SSB and CW. QSL via F5PTI.
- FP - Jack, WA1CFS (ex N1REU) is organizing a "seriuos" activity ((CW, SSB and RTTY, all bands 10-160 metres, 2 and 6 metres, possibly satellite) from St. Pierre et Miquelon in August.
- FR - T00R (operated by the VK0IR team) went QRT on 5 January at 02.10 UTC. The logs can be found the log servers (see VK0IR: AM I IN THE LOG? above), where they will be available until the first logs for VK0IR are posted. At that time they will be removed. QSL via INDEXA, c/o W4FRU, P.O.Box 5127, Suffolk. VA 23435, USA.
- FS - From 15 to 20 February (dates are still subject to confirmation) FS5PL, FG5BG and FJ5AB will be active from Tintamarre Island (NA-199).

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- H4 - In early February Bernhard, DL2GAC and Siegfried, DK9FN will be active (mainly on the low bands) for two weeks at least as H44MS (SSB) and H44/DK9FN (CW). They are unlikely to activate "interesting" IOTA islands.
- JX - Per, LA7DFA is active until April from Jan Mayen (EU-022) as JX7DFA. In January he will concentrate on 80 metres SSB and in February he will be active on 160 metres as well. QSL via home call (also through the bureau).
- KC4_ant- On 19 December Henry, KC4/VE0HSS was active for a few hours from the

base Upstream Bravo.

- KC4_ant- On 12 January Greg, WB7CHV arrived [425DXN 294] to US Antarctic base Palmer (WABA K-010), on Anvers Island (AN-012), from where he will be soon QRV as KC4AAC.
- KC4_ant- Art, KC4/KL7RL is now again active [425DXN 295] from multinational Antarctic base Patriot Hills (WABA MN-01). Art will be QRV for Europe on Wednesdays (20-21 UTC on 14.260 MHz) and Sundays (17-18 UTC and 20-21 UTC on 14.260 MHz).
- KC4_ant- KC4/KC8CWI is active from US Antarctic base Amudsen-Scott (WABA K-08), South Pole. He is usually QRV on 20 metres during the weekends.
- LU - From 20 to 30 January LW9DHU, LU6D0 and LW5EJQ will be active (10-160 metres) from Martin Garcia Island (SA-055) as LW5EJQ/D. QSL via LW5EJQ.
- LU_ssh - Pedro, LU1ZS is active from Argentine Antarctic base Teniente Camara Bahia Luna (WABA LU-17) on Meda Luna Island, South Shetlands (AN-010). Pedro is usually active from 23 UTC to 1 UTC between 14.190 and 14.240 MHz.
- LU_ssh - LU8EYK/z is active from Argentine Antarctic base Beyers Base Camp (WABA LU-19) on Livingston Island, South Shetlands (AN-010). He is QRV daily at 1 UTC on 14.331 MHz with Jorge, LU4EDL.
- P2 - In February a group of German operators will be active from Misima Island, Louisiade Archipelago ((OC-117).
- P4 - From 22 to 28 January Mike, K4PI will be active from Aruba as P49I. He will participate in the CQ 160 Meter CW Contest. QSL to K4PI.
- PJ5 - From 24 to 28 January Mike, K3UOC will be active on CW (10-160 metres, WARC bands included) as PJ5AA from St.Eustatius (NA-145). He will participate in the CQ 160 Meter Contest. QSL via W1AF.
- PY - From 9 to 12 January the station PT5T will be active (SSB and CW) from Maria Francisca Island (SA-026, DIB 67). QSL via PP5LL.
- PY - From 8 to 11 February ZY3CEJ will be active (SSB and CW) from Furado Island (DIB 62). QSL via F6FNU or PY3CEJ (for South America only).
- PY - From 20 to 24 February PY5AA (SSB) and PQ5L (CW) will be active from Mel Island (SA-047, DIB 24, DFB PR-01, DFH PR-01) on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL for PY5AA via LABRE/PR, P.O. Box 1455, Curitiba/PR, 80001-970, Brazil (or through the bureau). QSL for PQ5L via LABRE/SC, P.O. Box 224, Florianopolis/SC, 89010-970, Brazil (or through the bureau).
- PY0_sp - The addresses of the QSL managers for the forthcoming operations by ZY0SK and ZY0SG from St.Peter & St.Paul Rocks [425DXN 295] are P.L. Andrade (PT7AA), Rua Osorio de Paiva 75, Fortaleza/CE, 60720-000, Brazil (CW contacts only) and Karl M. Leite (PS7KM), Rua Estacio de Sa 1838, 59054-580 Natal/RN, Brazil (SSB contacts only).
- S2 - Vittorio (I1SLY), Fernanda (IK1FLF) and Manju (S21AM) are organizing an activity from Kutubdia Island (AS-???) scheduled for 21-23 February.
- V2 - From 12 to 19 February Matt, NM9H and Sean KX9X (ex KF9PL) will be V2/ from Antigua. They will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest possibly as V21CW. Operations will take place mostly on CW, with emphasis on 160 and 80 metres and WARC bands. QSL via their respective home calls.

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- V5 - WB0HPS and KV0Q will join KY0A and W8UVZ [425DXN 293] in the operations from Namibia scheduled for 10-18 February. Outside the ARRL CW Contest all mode operations are expected (RTYY on 20 and 15 metres).
- VE - Operator Steve at VE8RCS on Ellesmere Island (NA-008, CISA NT-005) appeared near 14.260 MHz around 20 UTC the last few days. Steve operates from NWT WX Station base Alert, which is the most northern human permanent settlement in the world. QSL direct to: Polar ARC, c/o CFS Alert, P.O.Box 5210, Stn. Forces, Belleville, Ontario, Canada K8N 5W6 (put the operator's name on the envelope).
- VK_ant - Mike (ex VP8MAP) is active from Australian Antarctica (South Pole) until the end of January. He is usually QRV between 22 UTC and 3 UTC on 14.243 and 14.270 MHz.
- VP5 - From 12 to 24 February Joe, K8JP will be active as VP5/K8JP. He will participate in the ARRL DX CW and CQ 160 Metres SSB contests as VP5JP. QSL via K8JP (Joe Pontek, P.O. Box 59573, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0573, USA).
- VR2 - To celebrate the transfer of sovereignty over Hong Kong from UK to China, VR2/VR6 stations will be allowed to change their prefixes into VR97/VS97 (in 1997) and VR98/VS98 (in 1998).
- VU_and - Last week Mani, VU2JPS and his wife Mala, VU2MTC (Port Blair, Andaman Islands) eventually got the equipment donated by the Heard Island DX Association [425DXN 249].
- VU_ant - In early January another group of scientists (among them there is Sen, VU3PMG) arrived to Indian Antarctic base Maitri (WABA VU-02), on Queen Maud Land. Current operators from VU2AXA are VU3DEN, VU3NHK and VU3PMG.
- W - On 11 January Norm, N6JV will be active from a few USI islands (Big, Small, Goat, Schoolhouse and Indian) in Lake Berryessa.
- W - From 16 UTC of 28 January to 1 UTC of the 29th Challenger Middle School ARC, San Diego, CA, will operate a special event station, KI6YG, to commemorate the eleventh anniversary of the Challenger space shuttle tragedy. Frequencies will be on or near 14.250, 21.350, and 28.350. There will be a special commemorative QSL. QSL to Challenger Middle School, Attention: Frank Forrester, 10810 Parkdale Avenue, San Diego, CA 92126, USA.
- XU - Mike, XU6WV has not much time for operating. He has been active mainly on 20 metres SSB (23.30-00.15 UTC or 12-13 UTC) so far, with a few excursions on the WARC bands. He will have a 40/80 vertical up within the next few days.
- YB - Deddy, YB1XUR reports that the activity from Tukangbesi Is (OC-???) [425DXN 295] has been postponed to late February (possibly from 21st to 23rd). This is the only IOTA activity currently expected from Indonesia.
- ZF - Bruce, W6OSP and Joe, WA6VNR will participate in the CQWW CW 160 Meter Contest (24-26 January) as ZF2QM from Cayman Islands. QSL via W6OSP.

ZP - From 19 to 26 January ZP5K0 and others will be active (10-160 metres SSB/CW) from the island of Yacyreta (Parana river) as ZP0V.
ZS_ant - Marten, ZS6ZY will be leaving for Antarctica on 7 January. He will be active as ZS7/ZS6ZY from the Aghulus (a resupply ship), from SANAE base (WABA ZS-01) and from the new South African base at Vesleskarvet.

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>>> NEWS FROM THE RSGB IOTA COMMITTEE <<<

The following notice has been received from the RSGB IOTA Committee:

IOTA REFERENCE NUMBERS ISSUED SINCE OCTOBER 1996

AF-077 ZS1 Cape Province-South Coast group (South Africa, operation by ZS23I in October 1996)

The following Reference Numbers have been issued provisionally (Prov), to be confirmed when satisfactory validation material has been provided:

AF-076 (Prov) 5N4 Gulf of Guinea group (Nigeria, operation by 5N4ALE from Bonny Island during September to December 1996 - all necessary paperwork has been received but information still required about QSLing arrangements)

OC-217 (Prov) YB3 Kangean Is (Indonesia, operation by YB3SPS/P in December 1996)

OC-218 (Prov) FK Matthew Island (New Caledonia, operation by FK5M in December 1996)

AS-125 (Prov) HS Gulf of Thailand North East group (Thailand, operation by HS50A from Koh Chang in December 1996)

Validation is also awaited for the following operations from already numbered groups:

OC-152 FO Tubuai Island (French Polynesia, operation by FO0SUC in October 1996)

AS-067 JA Uji Archipelago (Japan, operation by JI6KVR in December 1996)

Checkpoints are not authorised to accept for IOTA credit QSLs for these operations for which validation material is required. No change to their

status will now be made before the Honour Roll/Annual Listing update deadline. IOTA members are reminded that updates for the annual listings should be mailed to their nominated Checkpoints on or before 1 February 1997.

NEW CHECKPOINT

The RSGB IOTA Committee is happy to announce the following new Country Assistant and Checkpoint appointments for Brazil and South America:

- * Helio Carlota, PY2DBU, as the Checkpoint for Brazil and South America (excluding French Guiana),
- * Ronaldo Bastos Reis, PS7AB, as Country Assistant for Brazil,
- * Pedro Sirzanink, PP5SZ, as Country Assistant for South America (excluding French Guiana).

PS7AB and PP5SZ will act as Assistant Checkpoints when necessary.

These new checkpoint arrangements, which have the support of the Brazilian National Society LABRE, took effect on 1 January 1997.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO VK6LC'S LACEPEDE IS OPERATION OC-214

" [...] When a group or an individual go out of their way to make a collection for a DXpedition without any thought of benefit to themselves, it deserves to be recorded and publicised. This happened in the case of Mal Johnson VK6LC's operation from the remote Lacepede Is in May 1996 signing VK6ISL. DXNS 1704 [as well as 425DXN 249, ed.] carried a note at the time that the Diamond DX Club (DDXC) had decided to try and raise US\$1000 for Mal towards the projected cost of US\$5000 for this IOTA New One. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Gianni Varetto, I1HYW, this target was well exceeded, the amount collected reaching, with a US\$260 contribution from the USA, a handsome US\$1921! This was a tremendous, and extraordinary, gesture on behalf of an operator who has over recent years activated many new IOTA groups in Australia at considerable cost to himself. Needless to say, Mal is very grateful. Hearty congratulations to Gianni and the Diamonds. (This is quite separate from a donation of 450 pounds made by the IOTA Committee, with the assistance of a collection at the Windsor HF Convention, towards the cost of replacing equipment lost by Mal in an accident on his immediately following operation from Sholl Island OC-140)." (Roger Balister, G3KMA, RSGB IOTA Manager).

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***** GOOD TO KNOW ... *****

CADXA 1997 ---> The 1997 Central Arizona DX Association Board of Directors is as follows: Mike Fulcher, KC7V (President), Mike Bill, AA7NO (Vice President) Steve Thompson, N7TX (Secretary). Rick Dill, N7KO (Treasurer), Dave Hollander

N7RK (Member at Large), Ned Stearns, AA7A (Member at Large), Gary Capek, K8BN (Immediate Past President). The CADXA Home Page is at:

<http://www.getnet.com/~davidh/cadxa.html>

DX AWARDS DIRECTORY ---> Ted, K1BV is pleased to announce that the 1997 edition of his "DX Awards Directory" is now being printed. The book will show the rules for 2551 different awards from 122 DXCC countries. Many hundreds of address and rules changes are also included. More info by E-Mail from k1bv@top.monad.net or at WWW page <http://top.monad.net/~k1bv>

NJDXA 1997 ---> The North Jersey DX Association officers for 1997 are the following: Ben Friedland, K2BF (President); John Sawina NA2R (Vice President) Bill Hudzik, W2UDT (Secretary); Gene Ingraham, N2BIM (Treasurer). The NJDXA Home Page is at <http://www.njdx.org>

QSL 3V8BB ---> The QSL manager for the 3V8BB operations between 21 and 26 November 1996 is DL2HBX (not DL2HSX).

QSL 3V8BB ---> The cards for the operations by Hans (DF2UU) and Win (DK9IP) from 3V8BB (11-17 September 1996) have all been mailed either direct or through the bureau.

QSL 5A1A -> Kenneth, SM4EMO reports the mailing addresses of some operators active from 5A1A: op. Ali, Box 80462, Tripoli; op. Usama, Box 78665, Tripoli; op. Abubaker, Box 74421, Tripoli, Libya. Kenneth suggests QSL should be sent via registered airmail.

QSL D44 ---> The direct cards for Veronica's (IK3ZAW) and Martino's (IK3RIY) operations from Cape Verde [425DXN 271] have all been mailed. The remaining QSOs will be confirmed automatically through the bureau.

QSL D68XS, D68ET & D68DV ---> The direct cards for D68XS, D68ET and D68DV (August/September 1996) have all been mailed. QSL via DL4XS (Maike Stargardt, Friedrichsthal 21, 51688 Wipperfuerth, Germany) preferably via the bureau.

QSL I5DCE ---> IK1GPG (Massimo Balsamo, Strada Statale 28 Nord # 7, I-12084 Mondovi'-CN, Italy) has logs and QSL cards for all the operations by the late Franco Guiducci, I5DCE. Between August 1989 and March 1996 I5DCE's operations included activities from the following IOTA groups: EU-014, EU-041, EU-049, EU-067, EU-075, EU-113, EU-151, EU-158, AF-065, AF-068, NA-102, NA-114, NA-147, SA-012, SA-059.

QSL KUWAIT ---> Hamad, 9K2HN reports the QSL info for the following Kuwaiti stations: 9K0A (via 9K2HN. also through the bureau), 9K2AI (via bureau), 9K2CA (via ON6BY), 9K2EC (via 9K2HN also through the bureau), 9K2DB (via bureau or direct to Ahmed Al-Holly, Box 17313 Khalidya 72454, Kuwait), 9K2F (for 1996 activities: via 9K2HN also through the bureau), 9K2GS (via WB6JMS), 9K2HN (via bureau or direct to Hamad J. Al-Nusif, Box 29174 Safat 13152, Kuwait), 9K2HR (via bureau or direct to Husain Al-Ramadhan, Box 6262 Hawally 32037, Kuwait), 9K2MR (via bureau or direct to Meshari Al-Ruwaih, Box 14591 Alfayha 72856, Kuwait), 9K2MU (via WA4JTK), 9K2NG (via bureau or direct to Nezar Al-Ghanim, Box 3007 Safat 13031, Kuwait), 9K2NM (via bureau or direct to Nawaf Al-Moharb, Box 14427 Al-Faiha 72855, Kuwait), 9K2QA (via bureau or

direct to Ahmed Al-Turki, Box 954 Hawally 32010, Kuwait), 9K2QQ (via bureau), 9K2RR (via bureau or direct to Faisal Al-Ajmi, Box 1124 Farwaniya 80000, Kuwait), 9K2/Y09HP (via Y09HP). 9K2RA is the call of the Kuwaiti Amateur Radio Society (KARS), which manages the cards only for its own operations. Many amateurs in Kuwait are used to saying "QSL via 9K2RA" to mean "QSL via bureau". The KARS bureau mails the cards every three months (at the end of March, June, September and December).

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QSL FT5XL ---> Didier, F5NZO has mailed all the direct cards for contacts made with FT5XL up to 7 November 1996. The last part of the logs will be coming with the operator himself, who is going to leave Kerguelen.

QSL VK9PG ---> The address of JR5XPG, who was active from Lord Howe as VK9PG [425DXN 291] is: Hidenori Uemura, 550-25 Zota-korehiro, Nagao-cho, Ohkawa-gun Kagawa 769-23, Japan.

QSL ZK1DI ---> DK1RV (Hans-Georg Goebel, Postfach 1114, D-57235 Netphen, Germany) has received the logs of ZK1DI up to 16 December 1996 (1,050 QSOs). Direct cards have all been already mailed.

QSL ZL7AA ---> ZL2AL (L.F. Jennings, P.O.Box 54, Hastings, New Zealand) still has a supply of cards and will QSL to all valid QSOs made with ZL7AA, Chatham Islands (May 1993).

THE DX MAGAZINE ---> Previously published by Paul and Nancy Smith, following many years of publication by Chod Harris, the DX Magazine has been purchased by Carl Smith, N4AA, current publisher of QRZ DX. For further information on this publication, send 10 SASE to: DX MAGAZINE, P.O. Box 16522, Asheville, NC 28816-4522, USA (E-mail: N4AA@AOL.COM).

WWDXC 1997 ---> The Western Washington DX Club 1997 Officers are the following: Bob Preston, W7TSQ (President); Dick Swanson, K7BTW (Vice President); Mike Schone, WA7BAY (Secretary); Marina Zuetell, N7LSL (Treasurer); Duncan Carman, W7JEN; John Gohndrone, N7TT; Joe Gregory, W7QN; Adam Kerner, K7ST; Larry Short, N7YQ e Roger Huntley, W7VV (Trustees); Mike Pickard, K7NPN (Outgoing President Trustee). The Club Home Page is at:

<http://www.eskimo.com/~oolon/wwdxc/>

+ SILENT KEY + It was with the greatest sadness that we have learnt of the passing of Hugo, LU9AB (ex LU3ABX), who became a Silent Key on 26 December 1996.

QSL received via direct: 3C5A (AF-010), 3DA0CA, 5R8FK, 5V7HR, 5V7ML, 9A8P (EU-090), 9M2/G3OZF, (AS-072), CQ2I (EU-150), CY0AA, F5RUQ/p (EU-039), IL3/IK2XDE (IIA R0-011), IM0/IS0NHT (EU-024; IIA CA-016, CA-026, OR-006),

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