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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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- 3D2 - Andre, GM3VLB will be active once again as 3D2LB from Beachcomber Island (OC-121), Fiji from 25 May to 2 June. This will be a holiday style operation; Andre will operate CW and SSB on 10-80 metres and will also give 160m CW a try. QSL direct only via home call (Andre Saunders, 6 Douglas Crescent, Kelso, Roxburghshire TD5 8BB, Scotland, UK). [TNX GM3VLB]
- C3 - Special event station C37JPE (Jocs dels Petits Estats d'Europa) will be active from Andorra from 23 May to 5 June for the XI edition of the Games of the Small States of Europe (<http://www.andorra2005.ad/en/>). QSL via bureau. [TNX La Gazette du DX]
- C6 - Duncan, EA50N will be active as GM7CXM/C6A from Freeport, Grand Bahama (NA-080) on 26-30 May. This is a business trip, but he hopes to be fairly active on 80-10 metres, mostly on SSB. QSL via EA50N, direct or bureau. [TNX EA5KY]
- CT - Several Portuguese stations are expected to participate in the European Castles Day (22 May, <http://perso.club-internet.fr/f6fna/>). The Portuguese DX Group will be active as CS1GDX, CS4GDX, CQ0GDX and CQ4GDX from four different castles (QSL for all via CS1GDX), the Radioamador Clube Loule will operate as CS0RCL/p (QSL via CS0RCL) and the Associacao Radioamadores Ribatejo will operate as CS2CSR (QSL via CT1BXT). [TNX CT1END]
- CT - Marq/CT1BWW, Antonio/CT1DGK and Victor/CT1AU0 will participate in the Rede dos Emissores Portugueses' Field Day (26 May) as CT1REP. QSL via bureau. [TNX CT1BWW]
- EA8 - Edu/EC8AUA, Dunia/EC8ADU and several other members of the Canary Islands DX Society will participate in the International Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend (20-21 August) as EF80AL (the Old Lighthouse at Punta de Arinaga) and EF8NAL (the New Lighthouse at Punta de Arinaga) from Gran Canaria (AF-004). QSL via EC8AUA. Further information will be available at www.cidxs.com [TNX EC8ADU]
- F - F5JOT, F5LGQ, F6AUS and F6CKH will operate CW and SSB on the HF bands as homecall/p from Sein Island (EU-068, DIFM AT-007) on 20-22 May. QSL via home calls. [TNX F8DQZ]
- G - Mick, G3LIK reports he will be running special event call GB2FOS from 6 June to 3 July for the International Festival of the Sea, which will take place in Portsmouth (<http://www.festivalofthesea.co.uk/>).
- G - A group of operators from the Cray Valley Radio Society will be active from St. Mary's, Scilly Isles (EU-011) from 25 July to 1 August. Look for M3CVN, G0VJG, G4BUO, G7GLW, 2E0ATY and G0FDZ to operate as homecall/p on 10-80 metres, plus 2m, 6m and 10GHz before

- the IOTA Contest, in which they will participate as M8C (QSL via G4DFI). [TNX www.rsgbiota.org].
- G - Dominic, M1KTA will operate on all bands SSB as G2XV/P from the Scilly Isles (EU-011) on 29-31 July. He will participate in the IOTA included, and will attempt to operate slow CW during the event. QSL via home call. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]
- GM - A group of operators from the Sheffield Amateur Radio Club will be active from the Isle of Arran (EU-123) on 29-31 July and will participate in the IOTA Contest as MM3M. Further informaton at <http://www.sheffield-live.co.uk>
- HB0 - Marcel, ON6UQ and Roger, ON7TQ will operate as HB0/homecalls from Liechtenstein on 17-24 September. They will operate SSB, CW, RTTY and SSTV on as many bands as they can, with an emphasis on the low bands. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. Pictures of last year's operation can be found at <http://users.pandora.be/ON6UQ> [TNX ON6UQ]
- HL - A group of eleven operators (namely HL2EJT/4, HL10JQ/4, HL10YF/4, HL1SRJ/4, HL1VAU/4, DS1KQ/4, DS1NMA/4, DS3MLG/4, DS4NMJ, DS4NYE and the President of the Korea Amateur Radio League, HL2AGG/4) will be active from Chu'ja Island (AS-084) on 3-5 June. QSL via HL10YF. The web page for the operation is at <http://www.iotaclub.net/as084> [TNX DS1NMA]
- HR - HR2PAC and several other operators will be active on 10-40 metres SSB as HQ9P from the Bahia Islands (NA-057) on 19-22 May. QSL via HR2PAC, direct or bureau. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]
- JA - Look for JA4GXS/4 to be active from Otsu Island (AS-117, JIIA AS-117-110), Yamaguchi prefecture on 21-22 May. QSL via home call, direct (Kenji Sasaki, 2-15 Ishikannon-cyo, Yamaguchi-city, 753-0038, Japan) or bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]
- JA - Look for JN2TZB/2 to be active from Kaji Island (AS-117, JIIA AS-117-003), Aichi prefecture on 22 May. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]
- LA - SM4YWO, SM4YXA, SM4KMN, SM4YWZ, SM4HAK and SM4IED will operate on 10-80 metres as LA/SA4V from Averoy (EU-036) on 27-29 May. QSL via SM4IED. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]
- OH - Juha/OH6OS, Pasi/OH6UM and Toni/OH6TN will be active (on 10-80 metres CW and SSB) as OH6M from Molpe Island (EU-101) on 10-12 June. QSL via bureau. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]
- PY - PS8DX, PS8ET, PS8HF, PS8NF, PS8RJ and PS8TV will operate as ZW8T from Canarias island (SA-072) on 26-29 May. QSL direct only via PS8HF. [TNX PT7WA]
- SP - Special event station SN0PTG will be active from 29 May to 12 June to celebrate the 120th anniversary of the Sokol Polish Gymnastics Society (Polskie Towarzystwo Gimnastyczne) in Krakow. QSL via SP9PKZ, bureau or direct. [TNX SP9GKM]
- TF - Special call TF3SYL will be aired from Reykjavik, Iceland on 10-20 June for the SYLRA (Scandinavian Young Ladies Radio Amateurs) meeting that will take place on the 12-15th. QSL via bureau. [TNX DL3KWR]
- TI - Tono, EA9CP plans to operate as TI2/EA9CP from Costa Rica between 29 May and 6 June. Expect activity on 20 (+/- 14250 kHz), 15 and 10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX EA5KY]
- UA - RA1ALK, RA1ALA, UA1AEL and RX1AW will be active as RI1CIS from Sukho Island (RR-19-12, not IOTA) on 20-23 May. QSL via RX1AW. [TNX RZ3EM]

- UA - Dmitry/UA0LQJ, Yuri/UA0LG, Alex/UA0LDY, Anatoly/RA0LHK, Igor/RA0LGG, Svetlana/RA0LHE, Kristina/UA0LHH and Nick/UA0NM will operate as UE0LPI from Petrova Island (AS-066; RRC RR 16-08) and as UE0LBI from Beltsova Island on 17-21 June. QSL via IK2DUW. [TNX IK2DUW]
- UR - Special stations E050UA (UY2UA), EN50UN (UX7UN), EM50UKY (UT5UKY), EN50KIEV (UT4UZA) and E050KIEV (UT4UWC) will be active until 23 May for the 50th edition of the Eurovision Song Contest in Kiev. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX UT5UKY]
- VE - Special event station VE3SCX will be active from the original site of Camp X at Intrepid Park, Whitby (Ontario) on 28 May (14-21 UTC) and again on the 29th (14-19 UTC). Full information on Camp X can be found at <http://www.campxhistoricalsociety.ca/> [TNX VA3RJ]
- VE - The Penticton BC ARC will be operating a special event station VE7KVL from the Kettle Valley Railroad on 28-29 May. Operation will be on 20 metres around 14190 kHz, starting at about 16 UTC each day. QSL via VA7DP. [TNX VA7DP]
- VK - Wally/VK6YS, Dan/VK8AN, Nigel/VK6KDH and possibly a fourth operator will operate as VK6DHI from Dirk Hartog Island (OC-206) on 20-23 August. QSL direct only to VK4AAR (Alan Roocroft, 376 Old Toowoomba Road, Placid Hills 4343, Australia); bureau cards will not be answered. [TNX VK8AN]
- VP2E - Four members of the Florida DXpedition Group - namely Bill/W4WX (VP2EWX), David/ WA4ET (VP2EDP), Cory/ N1WON (VP2ECM), and Clarence/ W9AAZ (VP2EAZ) - will be in Anguilla from 25 October to 1 November. Each will operate a different band during the CQ WW SSB Contest, while before and after the contest they will operate on all modes on 6-160 metres. QSL direct to home calls. [TNX W4WX]
- W - Dave, N2NL will operate as NK4AA from Key West (NA-062) on 24-31 May, CQ WPX CW Contest included. QSL via home call. [TNX VA3RJ]
- W - The South Texas DX and Contest Club (W5RTA, <http://stdxcc.org/>) will be active from the Mustang Island (NA-092) State Park on 28-31 July. The operators will be K50LE, KS5V, KC5YKX, W5DK W5QZT AC5YK, KB5WT and N5VYS. They will be the guests of the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife and will participate in the IOTA Contest as K5M (SSB and CW). QSL via W6WF. Outside the contest look for W5RTA to operate SSB, CW, and RTTY on 80-10 metres, WARC bands included. [TNX K50LE]
- XY - Nick, UT4UT says that his XY4U operation from Thebyu Island (AS-167), originally planned on 20-22 May [425DXN 732], has to be postponed. Updates will be posted on www.qrz.com under XY4U.

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CW VS. SMS 5-0 ---> On 14 April "in Sydney, Australia, the Powerhouse Museum

staged a contest that pitted the oldest type of electronic text messages with the newest-Morse Code vs. instant messaging. Winning the race was 93-year-old telegraph operator Gordon Hill, who learned Morse Code in 1927 and worked for the Australian Post Office. He easily beat Brittany Devlin, his 13-year-old rival, who used a mobile phone and text messaging shorthand. Mr Hill, whose messages were transcribed by another telegraph veteran, Jack Gibson, 82, then repeated the feat against three other children and teenagers with mobile phones" (source: <http://www.kb6nu.com/>). Read the full story and give a look to the photo on the Sydney Morning Herald's web site at <http://www.smh.com.au/news/Technology/Down-to-the-wire-but-morse-shows-some-dash/2005/04/14/1113251739401.html?oneclick=true#>

A similar contest took place during Jay Leno's "Tonight Show" (http://www.nbc.com/The_Tonight_Show_with_Jay_Leno/index.shtml) on 13 May. The CW operators were Chip Margelli, K7JA and Ken Miller, K6CTW; the clip can be seen at <http://www.ku3o.net/>, <http://www.kkn.net/~n6tv/>, <http://home.qth.com/> and <http://www.tarc.org/index.php?load=leno>

DXCC NEWS ---> The current T68G operation from Afghanistan, effective April 2005, has been approved for DXCC credit. [TNX NC1L]

EU PSK DX CONTEST ---> The Scottish-Russian ARS invites the radio amateurs all over the world to participate in the European PSK DX Contest which is held on 21-22 May. The objective of the contest is to establish as many contacts as possible between radio amateurs around the world and radio amateurs in Europe using the BPSK31 mode. Detailed rules are at <http://www.eudx.scottham.net> [TNX MM0DFV]

F5LPY/TU8 ---> Bernard Jung, F5LPY says he was active as F5LPY/TU8 in 2004, from 22 UTC on 18 February until 8 UTC on 30 May. He has been back home since 1 June 2004, and he has nothing to share with the recent "F5LPY/TU8" (a pirate, please refrain from submitting QSL requests). [TNX F5NQL]

IOTA AT FRIEDRICHSHAFEN ---> There will be an IOTA gathering at the VfB Station Restaurant (formerly "Beim Bene"), Thueringerstrasse 2 on Friday evening (24 June). There will also be an IOTA Forum at the Messe on Saturday 25th, from 1400-1530.

KP1-5 PROJECT ---> The KP1-5 Project (www.kp1-5.com) [425DXN 729 and 720] consists of a group of Amateur Radio operators who are advocating the reopening of Navassa (KP1, NA-098) and Desecheo (KP5, NA-095) to Amateur Radio operations. Both islands, wildlife refuges managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), have been closed to Amateur Radio and other lawful use for ten years. The KP1-5 Project is attempting to change the situation through legislation in Congress, H.R. 1183, and federal court review of the FWS's denial of applications for permits for Amateur Radio use of the Navassa and Desecheo refuges.

* KP1-5 Project at Dayton (20-21 May)

Members of the KP1-5 Project team will be at the Dayton Hamvention on 20-21 May at Booth 194. Amateur Radio operators will be able to send a message to their Congressman from Booth 194 in support of H.R. 1183. The team will present an update on the legislative and legal front during the Hamvention's DX Forum on the 21st.

* Conference Call (23 May)

The KP1-5 Project will conduct a conference call for Amateur Radio media and others on 23 May at 9.00 p.m. eastern time via telephone and Echolink. To participate in this conference call, please contact Brad Farrell, K4RT at 202-623-5713 or farrell@clm.com for instructions.

* Congressional Subcommittee Hearing (26 May)

Renowned DXer Bob Allphin, K4UEE and court appeal plaintiff Brad Farrell, K4RT have been invited to testify before the House Subcommittee on Fisheries, Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans on 26 May in Washington, D.C. The Subcommittee invited Mr. Allphin and Mr. Farrell to testify to hear the Amateur Radio perspective on the issue of access to the nation's island wildlife refuges. The Subcommittee hearing will be open to the public. [TNX K4RT]

NOT THE MANAGER ---> Andrew, GI0NWG reports he is not the QSL manager for GI1W. The correct QSL route is via UT5SI.

QSL 9K2CQ ---> Phil, G3SWH reports he is receiving QSL requests for this station, but he is not the QSL manager. According to qrz.com, direct cards should be sent to: Mohamed Al Kanderi, P.O. Box 2835, Mishref 40179, Kuwait.

QSL VIA N1WON ---> Vance, N5VL has been a SK since 25 January 2005. The new QSL manager for W4A (August 1999, International Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend from Amelia Island) and J6J (October 1999, CQ WW SSB Contest) is N1WON, direct only. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

VATICAN CITY ---> A recent issue of Amateur Radio Newsline featured a report stating that "ham radio may be disappearing from the Vatican" as HV1CN, HV5PUL and HV3SJ are "all inactive"; as for the station located at the North American College, rumours were that "it was going to be dismantled because there were problems".

A few days ago, in a joint press release Luciano Blasi, IOJBL and Francesco Valsecchi, IK0FVC (chief operator at HV4NAC and HV0A) stated that it "is true that some stations have been closed due either of restructurings or OM's SK"; however "since 1992, we manage and maintain the station installed in the Pontifical North American College (HV4NAC and HV0A), continuously on the air, logging at least 70.000 QSOs, all bands, all mode". The latest operations from HV0A took place in April to celebrate the election of pope Benedictus XVI. QSL via IK0FVC.

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*** NEWS FROM THE WEB ***
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EACQDX: This is a newly born portal in Spanish language: <http://eacqdx.dyndns.org/>. Devoted to DX information and amateur radio in general, it is really worth a visit.

IF9ZWA: Pictures of IF9ZWA's recent operations from the Egadi Islands are available at www.mdxc.org/if9zwa_p

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3D2NA, 3D2RE (OC-016), 3D2RR (OC-060), 3DA0TM, 3G0YM, 3G0YP, 3V8BB, 4S7KM, 4S7VK, 4U1UN, 4X4WN, 4Z5PT, 5T5CW, 6F1IHF (NA-183), 6W6/K3IPK, 7P8DA, 8Q7DV, 8R1EA, 8R1RPN, 9G5GA, 9G500, 9G5ZZ, 9K2HN, 9K2MU, 9M6/PA0RRS/8, 9V1UV, A61A, A61Q, AY1ZA (AA LU-14), BX3/DJ3KR, C56M, CE6TBN/p (SA-061), CE8A (SA-094), CN2KM, CN2R, CT9L, CX6VM, D88S (AA HL-01), DX0K, EP2FM, ET3TK, EY8CQ, FO/F6GNZ, FR1AN, FS/K9EL, FT5WJ, FT5X0 (AF-048), FY5FY, GW7X, HK1AR, HP3XUG, HR5/OH3JF, JT1CO, JW0HS, JW0HU, JW0HZ, JY9QJ, KP2/K3CT, KP4WW, LA9VDA/p (EU-056), MJ0AWR, OA4DHW, OC4WW, OE4A, OJ0J, P40A, P40TA, PJ2/AE9B, PZ5RA, RZ0ZWA/p (AS-095), S58N, S79QK (AF-033), S9A, S9BB, ST2BF, SU8BHI, SU9BN, SV0XAI/9, T88MC, TG7/OH3JF, TI5N, TX9, UA0FZ, UK/JI2MED, UK9AA, V31AY, V31NL, V51AS, V73JY, V8NOW, VP2E, VP2V/DL4WK, VP2V/DL7DF, VP2V/DL7UFR, VP5/WX3B, VP9I, VU2HFR, VU2PHD, VU4NRO, VU4RBI, WP3C, XF4IH, XU7ACE, XW3DT, YA8G, YI1EM, YI9KT, YI9VCQ, YN4SU, YW5M, YW6C, Z2/PA3CPG, ZD7BG, ZD8Z, ZL1CT (OC-203), ZL1V, ZP0R, ZW5B, ZX8M.

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