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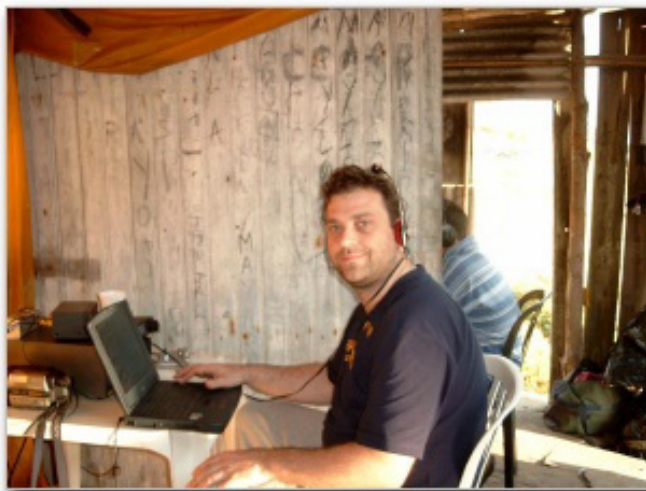
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ZY5X (SA-088 op. IV3NVN)



4Z4DX team



XF1K – Todos island

This month our mailing list (list.425dxn.org) has gone beyond the mark of the 10,000th subscriber. Many thanks to you all for your continuing support!

NEWS

3C0 - 3C0V is the callsign that DJ9ZB, EA5FO, EA5BYP and EA5YN will be using during their operation from Annobon Island [425DXN 637]. Look for them to be active on all bands and modes until 10 October. QSL via DJ9ZB.

4S - A large group of Japanese operators will be active (on 160-6 metres SSB, CW, RTTY, PSK31 and SSTV) from Sri Lanka on 13-18 September. They plan to have five stations on the air and to concentrate on North and South America. QSL each operator via his home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

4W - After a break of two and a half months, Peter/4W3CW (G3WQU) will be QRV again this week. He will be in Timor Leste (formerly East Timor) for around another year. He operates CW only on all HF bands, with 100 watts into a vertical. QSL direct only to Peter McKay, UNMISSET, P.O. Box 2436, Darwin, NT 0801, Australia. All direct QSLs received so far have been replied to. [TNX 4W3CW]

5B - Alan, G3PMR will be active again from Cyprus as 5B4AHJ from 24 September until 13 December. QSL via G3PMR, direct or bureau (e-mail requests for bureau cards are welcome at g3pmr@shacklog.co.uk). [TNX G3PMR]

7Q - Bill, KC4D will be spending three weeks on a missionary trip in Malawi starting on 14 September. He plans to operate mainly CW as either 7Q7WW (QSL direct via home call) and/or 7Q7TX during his evenings and mornings hours. [TNX The Daily DX]

9A - Ron, 9A5JR and Vlado, 9A2V expect to operate from the island of Ilovik (EU-136, CI-029) on 19-20 September and from Grujica Island (EU-136, CI-026) and lighthouse on 20-21 September. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

9A - Dusan, S52DG will be active as 9A/S52DG/P from Krk Island (EU-136, CI-046) on 2-5 October. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX S52DG]

9G - Alan, G3XAQ will be operating (CW only) as 9G5XA from Accra, Ghana on 13-21 September. This time he will be installing a WARC antenna at the Technical College club station so listen for him primarily on those bands. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX G3XAQ]

9H - Girts/YL2KL (9H3KKL), Karl/YL2MD (9H3MMD) and Andy/YL2GQT (9H3GQT) will be active from Gozo Island (EU-023), Malta on 24-30 September. They plan to operate on all HF bands CW, SSB and RTTY, and to participate in the CQ/RJ WW DX RTTY Contest as 9H3M. [TNX YL2KL]

9M - In February-March 2004 Rich, PA0RRS will operate as 9M#/homecall from Malaysia as follows: on 6-9 February from Kuala Lumpur (9M2), on 9-20 February from Keningau (OC-088) East Malaysia (9M6), from 20 February to 2 March from Penang Island (9M2, AS-015). QSL via PA0RRS, direct or bureau. [TNX PA0RRS]

9M6 - Bob Schenck, N200 reports he will be operating as 9M600 from the Hillview Gardens Resort station

>>> PETER I 2004 <<<

The island of Peter I (AN-004), discovered in 1821 and named for Peter the Great of Russia, has been activated on the amateur radio bands only twice: in 1987 by 3Y1EE (LA1EE) and 3Y2GV (LA2GV), and again in 1994 by the multi-national team of 3Y0PI. Bob Allphin, K4UEE and Ralph Fedor, K0IR now announce they have organized another DXpedition this isolated island, which is scheduled to occur during the upcoming Austral summer 2004. A 15-person team is expected to depart from Ushuaia, Argentina on 3 January and arrive at Peter I on approximately 9 January. This will be a high power DXpedition with an international group of experienced operators and multiple stations on all HF bands covering SSB, CW, and RTTY modes. The team hopes for a 3-week stay on the island. Further details will be given in due course. Several operator positions are available. Also, there are opportunities for ham or non-ham travelers to visit Peter I, the Antarctic continent, and the South Shetland Islands returning around 19 January to Ushuaia, Argentina. Contact Bob, K4UEE at k4uee@arrl.net for information. [TNX K4UEE]

(<http://www.gsl.net/9m6aac>) from 19 October to 13 November. QSL via N200.

BQ9_p - The DXpedition to Pratas Island [425DXN 645] is on schedule and the operators (namely BV3BW, BV3FG, BV4FH, DL3DXX, DK7YY, JI6KVR, N200, OE1WHC and ZL4PO) expect to start activity around 10 UTC on 7 October and close down around 1 UTC on the 16th. They will have five stations active on all bands and modes. QSL via KU9C. Lee/ZL2AL and Floyd/N5FG will be the pilot stations respectively for ZL/VK and the Eastern US. More pilot stations are needed (please contact Yuki, JI6KVR at j16kvr@orange.ocn.ne.jp). The web page for the operation is at <http://www3.ocn.ne.jp/~iota/newpage64.htm> [TNX JI6KVR]

BV9_pr - Confirmed operators for the 9-16 October activity from Pratas Island [425DXN 642] include BV4FH, BV3BW, BV3FG, JI6KVR, DL3DXX, DK7YY, ZL4PO and OE1WHC so far. The web page is at <http://www3.ocn.ne.jp/~iota/newpage64.htm> [TNX JI6KVR]

C9 - Andre, ZS6WPX reports he will be active as C91Z from Mozambique for the next few months starting from 8 September. QSL direct via ZS6WPX.

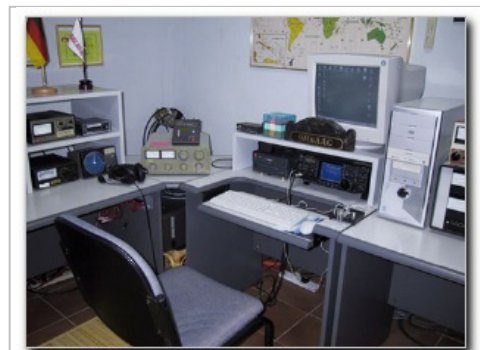
CT - CT1GFK/P, CT1GPQ/P and CT2IHP/P will operate (on 40, 20, 17 and 15 metres SSB, CW and possibly RTTY) from Ilha das Ratas (not IOTA, DIP AL-13) between around 5 and 11 UTC on 7 September. Information and on line logs at <http://adxq.sytes.net>; QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX CT1END]

CT - Filipe, CT1ILT reports he will participate in the WAE DX SSB, CQ/RJ WW DX RTTY, CQ WW DX SSB, CQ WW DX CW and ARRL 10 Meter contests as CQ0T. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

CT - CT1GFK/P, CT1GPQ/P and CT2IHP/P will be active from Magalha Island (not IOTA, DIP AL-16) from 5 to 11 UTC on 21 September. QSL via home calls. [TNX CT1END]

CT3 - Braga/CT3HU, Helder/CT3HQ, Xavier/CT3JK and Jose/CT3MD will operate as CS9C from Porto Santo (AF-014) on 20-27 September. QSL via CT3MD, direct or bureau. [TNX CT1END]

DL - Juergen, DJ7JB will operate (on 10-160 metres SSB) as DJ7JB/p from Borkum



9M6AAC main station

Island (EU-047) on 5-10 October. [TNX DL8AAM]

DL - DL1POX and DL9GKJ plan to operate from the islands of Kastenwerder and Weidenschwanz (new ones for the German Islands Award) on 21 September. [TNX DL8AAM]

DL - Martin, DL1ZU reports he will operate as DL1ZU/p from Fehmarn Island (EU-128) on 18-26 October. He plans to be QRV on 10-80 metres CW, RTTY and PSK.

F - This year the Clipperton DX Club (<http://cdxc.free.fr/>) celebrates its Silver Jubilee. Special call TM8CDX will be activated on all bands and modes from 8 to 21 September for the club's annual convention. QSL via F5CQ. [TNX La Gazette du DX]

F - Created back in 1978 by Pierre Michel (F9AF, silent key since 1985) and his daughter Christiane (F5SM), Ham-Expo has been a REF event (<http://www.ref-union.org>) since 1995. This year's edition will be held on 18-19 October in Auxerre, and to celebrate the 25th anniversary, as well as in memory of Pierre Michel, some 20 operators will air the special call TM9AF on all bands and modes from 12 through 26 October, CQ WW DX SSB Contest included. QSL via F5SM, either direct (Christiane Michel, 1 rue de l'Ocree, Les Pilles, F-89240 Parly, France) or through the bureau. [TNX F5NQL]



FK - Masa, JF1UIO will be active (on 10, 12, 15, 17 and 40 metres SSB and CW) as FK/JF1UIO from Lifou Island (OC-033) on 14-20 September. QSL via home call. [TNX JI6KVR]

FO - Here are some details of the forthcoming IOTA expedition to Maria (OC-???) and Hereheretue (OC-052) islands [425DXN 629]. Depending on weather and local conditions, Nando/IT9YRE, Claudio/I1SNW and Alfio/IT9EJW plan to operate from Maria Island (Austral Islands) between 30 September and 3 October; then they expect to be active from Hereheretue (French Polynesia) starting around 13 (local time) on 9 October for two days. From both the islands they will operate SSB (FO/IT9YRE and FO/I1SNW) and CW (FO/IT9EJW) for as many hours as possible, hopefully around the clock. Contributions will be gratefully accepted along with direct QSL requests. QSL via home calls. [TNX IT9YRE]

FR/E - Eight operators are expected to be active from Europa Island (AF-009) tentatively between 22 November and 4 December. They plan to have three stations on the air on all bands and modes and to participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest. However, dates are subject to change owing to the international situation, as all the operators are military personnel. QSL via F5OGL. Further information is expected in due course. [TNX LA Gazette du DX]

FS - Claudio, IZ0EOU reports he will operate as FS/IZ0EOU from St. Martin (NA-105) till 15 September. QSL via home call.

G - Weather permitting, Glyn/GW0ANA will be active from Steep Holm Island (EU-120) on 10 September, from 11 to 16 UTC. QSL via home call. [TNX GW0ANA]

G - The Lightship "Planet" berthed at Birkenhead, near Liverpool, will be using the ship's callsign VSXC3 on from 9 to 17 UTC on 13-14 September for the Merchant Navy on-air weekend. This will be a crossband operation on CW (4521, 8516, 12788, 16954 and 22407 kHz) and SSB (4360, 8774, 13116, 17344 and 22563 kHz); listening on 3525, 7025, 14020, 18075 and 21020 CW, 3755, 7085, 14270, 18145 and 21248 SSB. QSL via M0CMW or bureau. [TNX G4XRX]

G - MX0ROA and GB2LD will be active over the weekend of 13-14 September, commemorating the Battle of the Atlantic. Look for them on 018/035 kHz up, plus 10118, 18076 and 24093 kHz. QSL via the RSGB bureau. [TNX G3AWR]

G - Members of the Taunton & District Amateur Radio Club will be active as GB0SM from St Mary's Island, Isles

of Scilly (EU-011) on 20-27 September. Look for activity on 10-160 metres CW and SSB. QSL via bureau or direct to G0PSE (Tom Taylor, 19 Derwent Grove, Taunton, Somerset TA1 2NJ, England). [TNX G0PSE]

G - The Cray Valley Radio Society will be active as GB75BF from 11 UTC on 20 September to 11 UTC on the 21st to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the British Wireless for the Blind Fund. Activity will be on 10-80 metres CW and SSB (WARC bands excluded) as well as on 2 metres. QSL via G4DFI. [TNX BRS-32525]

HB - HE2GR is the special event call for the clubstation HB9GR, celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Swiss Cantons of St. Gallen and Graubunden. The station will be active on CW, SSB and digital modes until 30 December. QSL via HB9DOT. [TNX HB9AAQ]

HL - A group of operators from the Korea DX Club and the Seorak DX Club will operate (on 10-80 metres CW, SSB and RTTY) as DS0DX/2 from Cho Island (AS-168) on 2-5 October. QSL via HL1XP. [TNX HL1IWD]

HS - The Chumporn Amateur Radio Society (HS8AC) will demonstrate amateur radio operations during the 160th Langsuan traditional long boat racing on 11-12 October. Look for HS8AC/P on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres (80 and 160m are possible) CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK-31 and SSTV. QSL via E21EIC. [TNX E21EIC]

I - Dario, IK4MED will be active as IH9/IK4MED from Pantelleria (AF-018, IIA TP-001) on 14-26 September. He will operate mainly CW on 10-80 metres, plus SSB and CW via Oscar 40 (U/S mode). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX IK4MED]

I - Special station I12CH will be activated from Campione d'Italia (an Italian enclave in Swiss territory) on 13-14 September by operators from ARI Como (Italy) and TERA Radio Club (Switzerland). Look for activity on 2, 6, 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80 metres SSB, CW and PSK31. QSL via IK2AQZ. [TNX I2FUG]

I - Paolo, IK5ZTT reports he will be active as IG9/IK5ZTT from Lampedusa (AF-019, IIA AG-001) on 13-19 September. Look for him on or around 7070, 14270, and 21270 kHz.

I - Alberto, IT9MRM will be working on Lampedusa Island on 23-24 September and plans to operate (on 20 and 15 metres SSB) in his spare time as IG9/IT9MRM/p. QSL via home call. His web site is at <http://www.qsl.net/it9mrm/index.html> [TNX IT9MRM]

I - Look for IA5/IK2YSE (Max), IA5/IZ2ABP (Ezio) and IA5/IK2UKW (Claudio) to be active on 10-40 metres SSB and CW from Capraia Island (EU-028, IIA LI-020) on 26-28 September. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. [TNX IK2YSE]

I - Nuccio/I7YKN, Christine/I7OCD, Marco/IZ7CDE, Massimo/IK0RNR, Marisa/IK0ZSL and Gianfranco/IZ0BFK will be active as IG9L from the Pelagie Islands (AF-019) on 5-11 October. They plan to operate (on 40, 20, 15, 10 and 6 metres SSB and CW) from the islands of Lampedusa (IIA AG-001), Lampione (AG-002) and Conigli (AG-004), as well as from the lighthouse at Capo Grecale (WAIL SI-020, ARLHS ITA-025) on Lampedusa. QSL via IZ7CDE (Marco Fiore, Via Bach 16, 73010 Porto Cesareo - LE, Italy). [TNX I7YKN]

ISO - Geza, HA4XG will be active as IS0/HA4XG/p from Sardinia (EU-024) on 13-27 September. He plans to operate mainly CW in his early morning and late evening hours on 10-40 metres, with an emphasis on the WARC bands. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX HA0HW]

ISO - IS0MYN and others will participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as IS0A (Multi-Multi) from Sardinia. Further information at <http://www.cqis0.it/is0a> [TNX IS0MYN]

J2 - Rene, DL2JRM will be active (CW only with 5 watts) as J20RM from Djibouti until 14 September. When signing J20RM/p he operates from AF-053. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

J5 - Miguel, EA5IK will be working in Guinea Bissau for two weeks starting on 13 September. He plans to operate in his spare time (licence to be collected upon arrival) on 80-6 metres using wire antennas. [TNX EA5BY]

JA - Yama, JJ1JGI will be active (on 15-40 metres CW and SSB) as JJ1JGI/8 from Rishiri or Rebun Island (AS-147) on 7-10 September. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

JA - Look for JE7CWH/0 and JQ1SUO/0 to be active (on 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres CW and SSB) from Awa-shima (AS-117) on 13-14 September. QSL via bureau. [TNX JQ1SUO]

JA - Look for JN4RDX/4 to be active (on 20, 30 and 40 metres SSB and CW) from Yashiro Island (AS-117, JIIA AS-117-118) until 25 September. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]

JW - Jurgen, DJ3KR will be active (CW only, mainly on 12, 17 and 30 metres) as JW/DJ3KR from Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen (EU-026) on 8-15 September. [TNX The Daily DX]

JW - Just/LA9DL, Erling/LA6VM and Halvard/LA7XK will be active as JW5X from Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen (EU-026) during the Scandinavian Activity Contest. QSL via LA5X, direct or bureau. Before and after the contest (25-29 September) they will be QRV with their individual JW calls (namely JW9DL, JW6VM and JW7XK, QSL via home calls). [TNX LA7XK]

KHO - Kuro, JH0MGJ will operate /on 160-6 metres SSB and CW) as AL5A/NH0 from Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (OC-086) on 20-22 September. He might also be active as KG6SA on RTTY and SSTV. QSL via home call. [TNX JH0MGJ]

KL - Richard, AD5OZ will be active as KL7FBI from Shemya Island (NA-037) on 8-14 October. He plans to operate mostly CW on 20-80 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

LA - The Skandinavisk Radioklubb will take part in the IARU Region 1 Field Day (6-7 September) as LA3SRK/P from Stokkoya (EU-036). They will have five stations on 160-10 metres SSB, CW, PSK and RTTY. QSL via SM5SIC. [TNX SM5SIC]

LZ - Weather permitting, Hristo/LZ3FN and Todor/LZ2TEO will operate from two lighthouses (namely Pomorie, ARLHS BUL-018 and Tzarevo, BUL-031) on 6-7 September. QSL via operator's instructions. [TNX LZ3SM]

OH0 - Look for Tomi, OH6EI to participate in the both the Scandinavian Activity Contests (20-21 September CW and 27-28 September SSB) as OH0Z from the Aland Islands. QSL via OH5DX, web page at <http://www.gsl.net/oh0z> [TNX NG3K]

OH0 - Jukka, OH6LI will participate in the Scandinavian Activity Contest SSB (27-28 September) as OH0V on 15 metres. QSL via OH6LI. [TNX NG3K]

OH0 - Hadi, DJ2PJ will be active again as OH0JWH from his QTH on Eckeroe, Aland Islands (EU-002) on 5-13 October. This year he plans to concentrate on PSK31, RTTY and SSTV. CW and SSB are intended to play a secondary role, but Hadi will check 160, 80, and 40 metres regularly around and after local sunset. QSL via DJ2PJ, bureau or direct. E-mail requests for bureau cards are welcome at dj2pj@darco.de [TNX DJ2PJ]

OH0 - Marko, OH4JFN reports he will be active as OH0Z (<http://www.gsl.net/oh0z>) from the Aland Islands on 25-28 October, including a SOAB entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. QSL via OH5DX.

OZ - Look for Jakob, OZ7AEI/P to operate on 20 and 40 metres from the islands of Aro (EU-172, DIA JY-003, ARLHS DEN-072), Barso (EU-172, JY-002) and AIs (JY-001, ARLHS DEN-019) on 25 September. [TNX OZ7AEI]

P2 - The Daily DX reports that Kazuo, P29KM expects to be active (on 15, 30 and 40 metres with 100 watts a dipoles) from Kavieng, New Ireland (OC-008) on 26-29 September. QSL to Dr. Kazuo Miyamura, 1-50-12 Kaji, Hakodate 041-0852, Japan.

PA - Madeleine, PA3CUZ will be active from Texel Island (EU-038) on 2-9 October. QSL via home call. [TNX VA3RJ]

PJ - Velde, PA0VDV will be active as PJ6/PA0VDV from Saba Island (NA-145) from 28 September and 3 October. [TNX The Daily DX]

PJ2 - Geoff, W0CG will be active in his spare time as PJ2DX from Curacao (SA-006) on 6-18 September. He plans to participate in the All Asian DX SSB Contest (6-7 September) and the WAE DX SSB Contest (13-14 September). QSL via N9AG. [TNX VA3RJ]

PJ4 - Look for Chris PJ4/DL9NDS and Klaus PJ4/DL7NFK to be active (on 80-6 metres CW, SSB and RTTY) from Bonaire (SA-006) on 16-26 October. QSL via home calls. They plan to participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest with a special contest call. Further information will be available at <http://www.dxpedititions.dl9nds.de> [TNX DL9NDS]

PJ4 - PJ4T (QSL via DL9NDS) is the call DL5NAM, DL9NDS and DL7NFK [425DXN 645] will be using during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. Look for them to operate from Bonaire as PJ4/homecall on 16-26 October. QSL PJ4T and all PJ4/homecalls via DL9NDS. [TNX DL9NDS]

PY - Julio, PP2BT will be active (on 10-80 metres CW and SSB) as PY9BT from Chapada dos Guimaraes, Mato Grosso on 1-8 October. QSL direct to P.O. Box 105, 75500-970 Itumbiara - GO, Brazil or through the PY2 bureau. [TNX PP2BT]

PY0_spp - Joca, PS7JN has been active again as ZW0S from St. Peter and St. Paul Rocks (SA-014) for a few days. He expects to remain there through 17

September and to operate RTTY, PSK31, SSB and SSTV during his free time, typically between 17 and 2 UTC. His equipment includes a vertical antenna for 10-40 metres and dipoles for the WARC bands. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

SP - Peter, SP5PB will be active as SP5PB/4 from Wigry National Park, as well as from a rare Polish district for the SPPA award, from 8 September until the end of the month. Details are available at <http://www.gsl.net/sp5pb> [TNX SP5DDJ]

SP - Three special event stations will be active from Poland on 1-31 October to celebrate Pope John Paul II's Silver Jubilee: HF8JP (QSL via SP8QED, direct or bureau), SN25JP (QSL via SP4GFG, direct or bureau) and SR25JP (QSL via bureau to SP6KFA or direct via qrz.com). [TNX SP8QED, SP4GFG and SP6M]



SP - Special station HF6500 (www.hf6500.prv.pl) will be operated again from 1 October through 31 December to celebrate the 650th anniversary of the Polish city of Olsztyn. QSL via SQ4NR, bureau or direct (Grzegorz Gawel, ul. Herdera 16/14, 10-691 Olsztyn, Poland). [TNX SQ4NR]

SV - Look for Michael, SV8/DF3IS to be active on 40-10 metres SSB and CW from Thasos Island (EU-174) on 11-25 September. QSL via home call. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

SV - Look for special call SX8PLH to be aired from Passas Lighthouse (WLA LH-0130, ARLHS GRE-104) between 15 and 19 September. QSL via SV8DTD. [TNX VA3RJ]

SV5 - Look for SV5/ON4BB, SV5/ON5JE and SV5/ON5KH to be active on 10-20 metres from Kos Island, Dodecanese (EU-001) on 15-29 September. QSL via home calls. [TNX ON5JE]

SV5 - Look for Uli, DJ9XB to participate in the CQ/RJ WW DX RTTY Contest (27-28 September) as J45XB (SOSB 15m) from the Dodecanese. QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]

SV9 - A group of SV9s will be active as J49C from Skinakas Observatory in central Crete (1750m a.s.l.) during the IARU Region 1 Field Day SSB Contest (6-7 September). QSL via SV9ANK. [TNX SV9ANJ]

TI - Harry/AC8G, Ron/WA8LOW, W8ILC/Ron, Brian/KA7KUZ, Kecko/TI5KD, Tony/VE3RZ, Jorge/CX6VM, Ed/K1EP, Tom/ZP5AZL, Juan/ZP5MAL, Dale/N3BNA and Dave/WT8R, will be manning the TI5N contest station as a multi-multi entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest (25-26 October). QSL via W3HNC. For a day or two before and after the contest, the individual operators will be signing TI5/homecall as time permits. Expect a higher level of CW and other non SSB modes outside the contest. Attention will also be directed to 6 metres and the WARC bands using various modes. QSLs for the individual QSOs should go to the callbook address unless advised otherwise. Please do not mix the contest QSLs with ones for the individual contacts. [TNX WT8R]

UA - Vas/RU3SD and Serge/RU3ST plan to operate as RU3SD/1 and RU3ST/1 from six islands in the IOTA White Sea Coast Group (EU-147) between 6 and 14 September. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. They might also operate as UE3SFF/1 (QSL via RU3SD) from a natural reserve. [TNX UA3FDX]

UA - Yuri, UA0LMO and a group of operators from the Vladivostok ARC will be active as UA0LMO/P and RK0LWW/P Bryusa Lighthouse (ARLHS ASR-018, RLHA RLA-016) on 12-14 September. They plan to operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 10-40 metres. QSL via UA0LMO, direct or bureau. [TNX UA0LMO]

UA - UA0LQJ, RA0LGG, UA0LEM, RA0LHI, RA0LHJ, RA0LHK and RA0LFN will be active (on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres SSB, CW and SSTV) as RK0LXD/p from Rotary Lighthouse (RLA-011) in the Sea of Japan on 19-21 September. QSL via UA0LQJ. [TNX RA0LGG]

UA - RA6AU, RA6AX and UA6AGE will be active as UE6WAT and homecalls/6 from Tyulenyi Island (not IOTA, RRA RR18-01, RDA DA-30) until 27 September. [TNX UA6MF]

UR - Special event station EM225G will be active on 19-30 September to celebrate the 225th anniversary of the city of Kherson. QSL via UR3GM, bureau or direct (Igor Pulin, P.O. Box 23, Kherson 73022, Ukraine). E-mail requests for bureau cards are welcome at itel@ukrincom.net

UR - Vlad/UY0UY, Valery/UT1UW and Vlad/UT5UKY plan to operate as UT4UZA/P from a Dnieper island (not IOTA, DN-?? for the Ukrainian Islands Award) on 20-21 September. QSL via UX7UN. [TNX UT5UKY]

V2 - Doug/W3CF, Jay/WX0B, Sharon/N5CK, Irwin/KD3TB, Andy/KD3RF, Thomas/DL2BO and Zig/KM9M will activate the Royal Antigua Radio Club Station, V26DX, for the CQ WW DX SSB Contest (Multi-Two Low Power). A "Top Gun" plaque will be given to the first single operator station to

work them on 6 bands; "Top Gun" T-shirts will be awarded to the next nine fastest 6 band single operator QSOs. Operations will begin on 19 October until 1 November. Before and after the contest look for activity on 6 metres and the WARC bands. QSL V26DX via KU9C (direct or bureau); QSL individual calls via operator's instructions. [TNX KM9M]

V2 - Once again Team Antigua will activate V26B (visit <http://www.frc-contest.org> for a complete station description) in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as a Multi-Two entry. The operators will be Sam, WT3Q/V26B (QSL via home call), Ed, N2ED/V26EW (QSL via home call), Brian, N3OC/V26OC (QSL via home call), Mike, KA2AEV/V26R (QSL via home call), Bill, W2UDT/V26U (QSL via home call) and a few others who will announce their QSL routes when their V2 calls become finalized. They will make special attempts to be active on RTTY, PSK31, 160 metres, the WARC bands and 6 metres a few days before and after the contest, most likely starting on or about 22 October until about 2 November. [TNX KA2AEV]

V5 - Vlado/ZS6MG and Emil/ZS6EGB will be active (on most of the HF bands CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK) as V5/ZS6MG and V5/ZS6EGB (QSL via home calls) from Namibia on 23-27 October. They will operate from the QTH of Kosie, V51E and will participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest using his call (QSL via ZS6MG). [TNX ZS6MG]

V7 - Bruce, AC4G will operate again as V73CW from Kwajalein (OC-028), Marshall Islands on 8-13 September. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

VK - Trevor, VK7TS will operate as VK7TS/4 from Magnetic Island (OC-171) on 6-10 September. Look for him on 10, 15 and 20 metres SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX VK4CEJ]

VE - Yoshiro, N1VF will be active as VE2/N1VF from Orleans Island (NA-128) on 17-19 September and as VY2/N1VF from Prince Edward Island (NA-029) on 20-23 September. He plans to operate on 40-6 metres SSB and CW. QSL via bureau to home call or direct to Yoshiro Nishimura, Takemidai 4-2-6, Suita City, Osaka 565-0863, Japan. [TNX JI6KVR]

VE - Wayne, K9YNF will be active as K9YNF/VE9 from Deer Island (NA-014) from 29 September through 3 October. Look for him on +/- 14260, 18128, 24950, 28460 and 28560 kHz. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX K9YNF]

VK - Peter/VK3QI, Keith/VK3FT, Paul/VK3AJJ and Paul/VK3KXG plan to operate from the Baudin Rocks/Godfrey Islands (OC-228) on 25-29 September. Look for them on the usual IOTA frequencies SSB and CW, with an emphasis on 30 & 40 metres CW and 20, 17 & 15 metres SSB. Operating dates are much dependant on weather conditions, which can be very unpredictable at this time of the year. This will be a special event, commemorating the 200th anniversary of the death of Captain Nicolas Baudin, the French explorer who died in September 1803 on the island of Mauritius during his return to Europe from exploration of the Australian coastline. A special commemorative call sign has been applied for and the operators are particularly interested in having contacts with as many French stations as possible. QSL via VK3QI direct or through the VK3 QSL bureau. [TNX VK3QI]

VK - VI5BR is the call sign to be used during the 25-29 September operation from the Baudin Rocks/Godfrey Islands (OC-228) [425DXN 644]. QSL via VK3QI direct or through the VK3 QSL bureau. [TNX VK3QI]

VK - Johan, PA3EXX will operate as VK4WWI/9 from two IOTA new ones in early December. Look for him to be active from Cato Reef (Coral Sea Islands Territory South Group) on 2-4 December and from Marion Reef (Coral Sea Islands Territory North Group) on 6-8 December. QSL via PA3EXX (Johan Willemsen, Belmolendijk 12, 1693 DJ Wervershoof, The Netherlands). [TNX PA3EXX]

VK - From 28 September through 30 October Rich, PAORRS will be active as VK4SRW and VK4SRW/p while travelling from Cairns, Queensland to Sydney, NSW. He also plans to visit the following islands: Magnetic (OC-171) on 5-6 October, Hamilton (OC-160) on 8 October, Fraser (OC-142) on 11-13 October, Moreton (OC-137) on 15 or 16 October. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX PAORRS]

VK - The 25-29 September VI5BR operation from Baudin Rocks (OC-228) [425DXN 645] has been postponed for the time being. Two of the operators were unable to go and the weather has been very bad for the last week, making landing and exiting the rocks difficult. Peter, VK3QI says they hope to put the operation on later in the next 6 months, when the weather is much better and operators are better placed to be available.

VK - Mirek, VK6DXI (aka 7X0DX, 9V1XE and 9M8DX) reports he is currently active as VK6DXI/4 from a remote area in central Queensland until 27 October. He operates from grid locator QG48ih in his spare time, usually after 10 UTC, on HF and AO40. QSL via bureau to VK6DXI.

VK - The Lockyer Valley Radio Club (<http://www.lvrclub.org>) will be operating as VK4FRI from Fraser Island (OC-142) on 15-19 March 2004. They will be active on all HF bands using SSB, CW, RTTY, PSK and SSTV. QSL direct only to P.O. Box 101, Laidley, QLD 4341, Australia. [TNX VK4CEJ]

VP5 - Dave, AH6HY will be active (on 10-40 metres SSB) as VP5/AH6HY from Grand Turk Island (NA-003) from 26 September to 4 October. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. His home page is at <http://www.qsl.net/ah6hy/> [TNX AH6HY]

VP5 - WA2VYA, K2WB and N2VW will be active as VP5/homecall (QSL via home call) from Providenciales (NA-002), Turks & Caicos on 21-28 October, including a Multi-Multi entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as VP5T (QSL via N2VW). Before and after the contest they will concentrate on CW and the WARC bands. [TNX NG3K]

VP9 - Hurricane Fabian has forced Bert, PA3GIO to postpone his 18-28 September trip to Bermuda [425DXN 643]. The new dates are 8-18 November. Look for PA3GIO/VP9 on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres SSB. QSL via PA3GIO, preferably through the bureau (e-mail requests for bureau cards will be welcome at qsl@pa3gio.nl). The web page for the operation is at <http://www.pa3gio.nl/VP9> [TNX PA3GIO]

VP9 - Sasi, 9V1SM (VU3SNM) will be active as VU3SNM/VP9 from Bermuda (NA-005) on 18-27 October. This will be a business trip and most of the operations (on 20-6 metres PSK31 and SSB) will be confined to a few hours in his evening hours. QSL via W3HMK. [TNX 9V1SM]

W - Tony, WF1N and Lou, W1DIG will be active (on 0, 15, 20 and 40 metres SSB) from Appledore, Isles of Shoals (NA-217) starting around 18 UTC on 5 September until about 12 UTC on the 8th. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. E-mail requests for bureau cards are welcome at a.spino@snet.net (WF1N) and megawatt@snet.net (W1DIG). [TNX WF1N]

W - The Long Island Amateur Radio Simplex club will operate (on 40 and 20 metres SSB) as W2LIS from the USS Intrepid air craft carrier in New York Harbor on 6 September. [TNX W2RVL]

W - Larry, K2KGB will operate special event station K2K on 27 September (13-24 UTC) for the International SAR (Search & Rescue) Radio Day. QSL direct to K2KGB (Larry R. Cohen, 15 Canterbury Drive, Coram, NY 11727-2307, USA)

YB - Special call YE32OB will be aired (on 10, 15 and 20 metres SSB, CW and digital modes) from Batam Island (OC-075) on 10-12 October during the Ham Festival held by the local ORARI branch and to celebrate the 32th anniversary of "Otorita Batam" (<http://www.batam.go.id>). QSL direct via IZ8CCW. Those who work YE32OB on three bands or three modes are entitled to have a souvenir from Otorita Batam. Inquiries should be directed to Adhi Bimbo, YC3MM (yc3mm@mdxc.org). [TNX IZ8CCW]

YB - Adhi, YC3MM plans to operate as YC3MM/5 from Nongsa Island and lighthouse from around 11 UTC on 20 September possibly until around 23 UTC on the 21st, depending on local conditions. Also known as Putri, Pulau Nongsa is located very close to Batam (OC-075). [TNX IZ8CCW]

YI - Mike, YI/OM2DX will be using his new YI9X callsign during the CQ/RJ WW RTTY Contest. QSL via OM3JW. [TNX OM3JW]

YJ - Mike, KM9D and Jan, KF4TUG have arrived in Port Vila, Vanuatu and are waiting for their licences to be issued. Their operating plans include something "meaningful to IOTA collectors", namely the Torres Islands (OC-110). [TNX WB6RSE]

YJ - Mike, KM9D (YJ0AMY) and Jan, KF4TUG have arrived to Tegua Island (OC-110), Vanuatu. Apparently they are also considering a trip to Vanikoro (OC-163), Temotu Province (H40), which lies only about 100km north of their current position. [TNX WB6RSE]

ZK1_sc - Allen, K6USN will be active (on 10-40 metres SSB and CW) as ZK1USN from the South Cook Islands, namely Rarotonga (OC-013) on 18-21 September and then Aitutaki Island (OC-083) for nine days. QSL via K6USN. [TNX The Daily DX]

ZL - Sasi, 9V1SM (VU3SNM) reports he will also operate (on 20-6 metres PSK31 and SSB) as ZL/9V1SM/P from Christchurch (OC-134) and Auckland (OC-036), New Zealand between 27 September and 4 October. QSL via W3HMK.

CQ/RJ WW DX RTTY Contest ---> The following stations have announced their participation in this year's event (27-28 September):

ZONE 15 - Ben, OH3TY as OH0HEY (10 metres) and Carl, OH6XY as OH0XY (20 metres) from the Aland Islands. QSL via home calls.

ZONE 28 - Hajime Kato, JO1RUR as V8A from Brunei. QSL via JH7FQK.

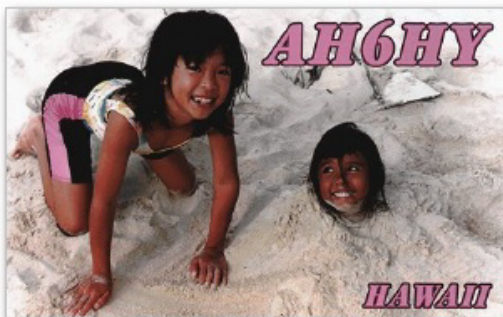
ZONE 28 - Stan, OK1JR/YB0AJR as YB0ZZ (SOAB) from Jakarta, Indonesia.

ZONE 31 - JH7IMX as K7WD/KH6 from Honolulu, Hawaii. QSL via home call.

ZONE 35 - Al, 4L5A and Nodir, EY8MM as D4B from Cape Verde. QSL via K1BV.

Do not forget to give a look to the list of announced operations maintained by Bill, NG3K at <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cqr2003.html>

PACIFIC TRIP ---> Willi, DJ7RJ will continue being active as 5W0MW from Samoa (OC-097) until 14 September. He will then go to Tokelau (ZK3) and be there from around 17 September until the 28th. Willi will be back to Samoa until about 9 October, when he will move to Vanuatu (YJ) from 10 to 19 October; his last stops will be again at Samoa and then American Samoa. QSL via DJ7RJ. [TNX The Daily DX]



PACIFIC TRIP ---> T88ZX (SSB and CW) & T88UG (RTTY and PSK31) and V63ZT (SSB and CW) & V63UG (RTTY and PSK31) from Yap, Micronesia are the callsigns Jim, W7UG and Tom, K7ZZ will be using during their trip to Palau (OC-009) and Yap (OC-012), Micronesia [425DXN 643]. QSLs direct to K7ZZ. Logs will be placed on Logbook Of the World (<http://www.arri.org/lotw/>). [TNX The Daily DX]



Maury IZ1CRR and Mauro I1JQJ attending the DX Convention in Bologna (tnx IN3FHE)

Good to know

ANTARCTICA NET ---> The LU4DXU Antarctica Net, which is held every Saturday at 19 UTC, has moved from 14300 kHz to 14290 kHz not to interfere with the US Emergency Net. [TNX DL5EBE]

DX HANDBOOK ---> Our webmaster Maurizio, IZ1CRR is looking for a copy of the DX Handbook written by Don Miller and published by CQ back in 1968. The book is not available from the publisher any longer; if you have a copy to sell, please contact Maurizio at i121171@425dxn.org

DXCC NEWS ---> The following stations from Bhutan have been approved for DXCC credit: A51AA, A51KC, A51PK, A51UD, A51WD and A51YL.

DXCC NEWS ---> The following operations from Iraq are approved for DXCC credit: YI3DX, YI/4L4FN, YI/9Y4RD, YI/SM0URK, YI/SM3VRO, YI/SM4UZM, YI/SM5VOH and YI/SM5WTI.

DXCC NEWS ---> YI1BGD has been approved for DXCC credit (this operation was on hold from 18 March 2003 and after). Those who had this rejected should contact DXCC at dxcc@arri.org to have their record updated.

EU SPRINT CONTESTS ---> The two Autumn events will be held on 20, 40 and 80 metres only from 15.00 UTC until 18.59 UTC on 4 October (Autumn SSB, managed by I2UIY) and 11 October (Autumn CW, managed by OK2FD). Full details can be found at <http://www.qsl.net/eusprint>

IBO/IZ8FDH ---> Bad weather caused Paolo, IZ8FDH to cancel his 13-18 September trip to the Tremiti Islands [425DXN 643], but he managed to go and operate from the island of Ponza (EU-045, IIA LT-001). QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

LOTW ---> The long-anticipated "Logbook of the World" - the QSL-cardless ARRL awards and contact credit system - is now up and running and open to all. Details can be found at <http://www.arri.org/lotw/>

MOST WANTED SURVEY ---> The DX Magazine's annual Most Wanted Survey is being conducted now through 15 October. The survey form is available at <http://www.dxpub.com> and the overall results will be posted on the web site in early 2004. [TNX N4AA]

NOT THE MANAGER ---> Wil, KB5IPQ is no longer a QSL manager for any station. He has neither logs nor cards for any of his former clients, which included CU3AV, J37LK, HL9JF, HH2/KB0QNS, N3SIY/HH2, HR2A, HR2KOS, HR2RDJ, N4GFO/KH2, KL7IYD, VY1JA, XE2UVB, YN4ZUJ, YN4/WK6O, YO2CDE (before 1999 only), YS1ZV. [TNX K1XN and The Golist]

PIRATE ---> Bob, N5BJ reports that apparently his call has been pirated again on CW. "I have not done CW since 1988", he says, "and any contact in that mode attributed to me after that date is not valid".

PIRATE ---> Tony, T77C reports that T77GL is a pirate station. Current legitimate callsigns from San Marino are listed at <http://www.arrsm.org>

PIRATES ---> Oleg, RA4NAJ reports that several cards for RZ4N (worked during the Russian DX Contest 2003) are arriving to the QSL Bureau, but apparently this was a pirate station. Jack, F6BUM reports that his call has been repeatedly pirated on 40 metres.

QSL AS-149 ---> Yuri, RA0FU and Vlad, UA0FZ visited Moneron Island (AS-149) on 20 August and operated on 20 and 40 metres. QSL direct to Yuri M. Burykh, P.O. Box 12, Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, 693023 Russia and Vladimir Kovalev, P.O.Box 43, Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, 693020 Russia [TNX UA0FZ].

QSL HV3SJ ---> All the logs for this call sign have been destroyed and any reported operation using this call is a pirate. [TNX The Golist]

QSL IIA ME-017 ---> The QSL routes (direct or bureau) for the August operations from Strombolicchio (EU-017, IIA ME-017) are as follows: ID9/IT9FCC via home call, ID9/IK8PGM via IK8PGM, ID9/IW9BBX via IK8PGM. Cards

for ID9/IT9FCC already sent to IK8PGM will be forwarded, there is no need to resubmit. [TNX IK8PGM]

QSL IU1L ---> Please note that Paolo, IK1NLZ is the QSL manager only for contacts made with IU1L back in 1996. This call has been reissued and was used by ARI Genova operators from La Lanterna (ARLHS ITA-177, WAIL LI-005) during this year's International Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend. QSL cards for 2003 go to ARI Genova direct (P.O. Box 1117, 16121 Genova GE, Italy) or via bureau (cards already sent to IK1NLZ will be forwarded). [TNX IK1NLZ and IZ1BZS]

QSL JR8XXQ/JD1 ---> Kimi, JR8XXQ logged 6480 QSOs on 80-10 metres while on Minami Torishima (OC-073) between early June and 18 August. Cards can be sent either via bureau or direct; in the latter case, please note Kimi's new address: Kimikazu Saito, 501-43, 1-4, Saiwai-cho, Nemuro-city, Hokkaido 087-0021, Japan. [TNX JA7SSB]

QSL KC4AAC (AN-012) ---> Larry, K1IED reports that all QSL cards for contacts made between 4 August and 3 October 2002 have been sent out. For the time being he has not any logs for QSOs prior or after those dates.

QSL MANAGER OFFERED ---> Graham, M5AAV is the RSGB SubManager for the M5 series of calls and offer his services as a QSL manager if anyone requires them. He can be reached at either m5aav@zetnet.co.uk or qsl@zetnet.co.uk. His web page is at <http://www.users.zetnet.co.uk/m5aav/index.htm>

QSL P29KM ---> Kazuo Miyamura, P29KM (also H44H and H40H) reports he will be leaving PNG in early October and his current address (P.O. Box 321, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea) will not be available any longer. Unless you are 100% sure that your direct QSLs can reach him no later than 30 September 2003, you should address them to Dr. Kazuo Miyamura, 1-50-12 Kaji, Hakodate 041-0852, Japan.

QSL TG0AA ---> Although ordered months ago, the cards for Dennis Motschenbacher's (K7BV) TG0AA operation in 2003 ARRL DX CW are still awaited from the printer and the Club de Radioaficionados de Guatemala is getting increasing numbers of inquiries for status of QSL requests. The TG9 club is moving ahead with printing the cards via another route so this matter can be cleared up. [TNX K7BV]

QSL VIA AC7DX ---> Ron Lago, AC7DX (P.O. Box 25426, Eugene, OR 97402, USA) reports he has found the following old logs: 3D2WM, 4B9CQ, C21BD, HL9KLT, HL9MM, JT1AN (1978-80), KC6HA, KC6VE (1995), KP4AM (1979-81), T30AC, T30W (1994), V31UN, VK0HM (Heard Island), VP8AWU (1994), VQ9CQ, VQ9SS, VR1AY (1979), VR1BD (1979), VR1PK (1979), VU2ACD, XB9Z (1992), XH9Z (1993), XW8FA and ZK2VE. These are all hand written logs, some of them are barely readable, others are not complete and not all blank cards have been found (but Ron will have the QSLs reprinted).

QSL VIA IK2DUW ---> Antonello reports he is now the QSL manager also for Alex, RA0CL (ex UA0CJQ).

QSL VIA PA2R ---> This is Rob Snieder's (formerly known as PA5ET and PA3ERC) new call sign. He is the QSL manager for 6Y5/PA3ERC, 6Y5/PA3EWP, 8P9JR (2000), 8P9JS (2000), 8P9JT (2000), 8P9JU (2000), 8Q7ET

(2000), 8Q7WP (2000), 9Y4/PA3BBP, 9Y4/PA3ERC, 9Y4/PA3EWP, FG/PA3BBP, FG/PA3ERC, FG/PA3EWP, FG/PA3FQA, FM/PA3BBP, FM/PA3ERC, FM/PA3EWP, FM/PA3FQA, FS/PA3EWP, FS/PA3GCV, FS/PA4EA, FS/PA4WM, FS/PA5ET, FS/PA7FM, HB0/PA3ERC, J3/PA3EWP, J3/PA5ET, J3/PA7FM, J38PA (2001), J6/PA3BBP, J6/PA3ERC, J6/PA3EWP, J75EA (2002), J75ET (2002), J75PA (2002), J75WP (2002), J75ZH (2002), J77C (1996), J79BP (1996), J79QA (1996), J79RC (1996), J79WP (1996), J8/PA3EWP, J8/PA5ET, J8/PA7FM, J8PA (2001), OY7ET (2003), OY7QA (2003), OY7TW (2003), OY7WB (2003), OY7WP (2003), OY8PA (2003), PJ7/PA3EWP, PJ7/PA3GCV, PJ7/PA4EA, PJ7/PA4WM, PJ7/PA5ET, PJ7/PA7FM, TO5C (1996), V26EA (2000), V26ET (2000), V26FM (2000), V26WP (2000), V47CV (1999), V47EA (1999), V47ET (1999), V47FM (1999), V47WM (1999), V47WP (1999), VP2ECV (1999), VP2EEA (1999), VP2EET (1999), VP2EFM (1999), VP2EWM (1999), VP2EWP (1999), VP2MCV (2002), VP2MEA (2002), VP2MET (2002), VP2MPA (2000), VP2MPA (2002), VP2MWM (2002), VP2MWP (2002), VP5/PA3BBP, VP5/PA3ERC, VP5/PA3EWP, VP5C (1995), ZF2RC/ZF9 (1998) and ZF2WP/ZF9 (1998).

QSL VIA PT7WA ---> Luke, PT7WA reports that he has taken over QSL chores from Tino, PT7AA. Luke is now able to confirm (direct or bureau) QSOs with the following stations (including some of Luke's own operations):

CALL	YEAR	QTH	IOTA
PT7AA/PR8	2000	Canarias Island	SA-072
PT7FX/PY6	1999	Itaparica Island	SA-023
PT7WA/PY0	2000	Fernando de Noronha	SA-003
PT7WA/PY6	1999	Tinhare Island	SA-080
PT7WA/PY7	1999	Itamaraca Island	SA-046
PY0FK	1995	Fernando de Noronha	SA-003
PY0SK	1991	St. Peter and St. Paul Rocks	SA-014
PY0SR	1991	St. Peter and St. Paul Rocks	SA-014
PY0TE	1984-85	Trindade (op. Antonio Luis)	SA-010
ZV7G	1999	Santo Aleixo Island	SA-046
ZW8AA	1992	Ilha Grande de Santa Isabel	SA-025
ZX8CW	1990	Sao Joao Island	SA-041
ZY0FA	1989	Fernando de Noronha	SA-003
ZY0FCA	1987	Fernando de Noronha	SA-003
ZY0FCM	1987	Fernando de Noronha	SA-003
ZY0FKL	1987	Fernando de Noronha	SA-003
ZY0FMC	1987	Fernando de Noronha	SA-003
ZY0FRT	1987	Fernando de Noronha	SA-003
ZY0RK	1991	Atol das Rocas	SA-038
ZY0RW	1991-92	Atol das Rocas	SA-038
ZY0SG	1997	St. Peter and St. Paul Rocks	SA-014
ZY0SK	1994-97	St. Peter and St. Paul Rocks	SA-014
ZY0SP	1994	St. Peter and St. Paul Rocks	SA-014
ZY0SS	1989	St. Peter and St. Paul Rocks	SA-014
ZY0SW	1989	St. Peter and St. Paul Rocks	SA-014
ZY0SY	1989	St. Peter and St. Paul Rocks	SA-014
ZY0TF	1988	Trindade	SA-010
ZY0TK	1988-90	Trindade	SA-010
ZY0TR	1988	Trindade	SA-010
ZY0TW	1990	Trindade	SA-010

Luke (pt7wa@matrix.com.br) will take care of all cards received and not processed, and will answer to any question as quick as possible (most of the logs are on paper).

QSL VIA WC4H ---> Please note that Carl, WC4H has taken over QSL chores from John, N0JT, who is no longer a QSL manager. Forty-seven logs and 120 lbs of blank cards have been sent to WC4H, who handles all submissions as of 4 September 2003. N0JT will forward all

received mail to WC4H until things settle down. Stations effected are: 3E1AA, 3E1CW, 3E1DX (including many of his contests), 3E500XVH, 3F2XVH, EL2RR, FS5PL, (including his many contests and IOTA trips) HH2/N3SIY, HI8FHD (on 14247 only), HJ0QGL, HK0OEP, HP1MM, HP1XVH, J3/KB0QNS, J3/N3SIY, LX1RQ (North America only), M0ADG, MQ0ADG, PT1TF (on 14247 only), TO9PL and XE1/W6EFR. [TNX N0JT]

QSL VY0/W2NTJ ---> Cezar, VE3LYC reports he has received VY0/W2NTJ's log for the period 7 July-24 August 2003. Jack logged 345 QSOs from Long Island (NA-173), 119 QSOs from Kugong in the Belcher Islands (NA-196) and a handful of contacts from near Nemaska, Quebec (VE2). Operations from NA-196 took place on 6-8 August and again on 16-17 August. QSL direct to VE3LYC.

VISALIA 2004 ---> You could win a free registration to the 2004 International DX Convention. All you have to do is design the winning logo for 2004. The logo contest is open to everyone, visit the convention web site (<http://www.scdxc.org/visalia> for details. [TNX N6DHZ]

WAE DX CONTEST ---> The 49th WAE DX Contest (SSB) is scheduled to take place on 13-14 September. Rules and last minute information are available at <http://www.waedc.de>

WAU ---> The Worked All Ukraine Award is sponsored by "RadioAmator" magazine and is available to both licenced amateurs and SWLs. For further information please contact the Award Manager, UT4UM (Anatoly Perevertaylo, P.O. Box 7, Kiev 91, 02091 Ukraine) at ut4um@hotmail.com or visit <http://www.qsl.net/ut4um/index.htm>

+ **SILENT KEY** + Xavier Paradell, EA3ALV reports the passing of Miquel Pluvinet, EA3DUJ, Executive Director of CQ Radio Amateur (the Spanish version of CQ Magazine) on 29 August.

+ **SILENT KEY** + Oscar, HK6DOS reports the sad news of the passing of Alvaro, K8HIX (Pablo's, HK8RQS father), who became a SK on 8 September.



IK4JPR, IK4RUX and IZ4CCO



Bergoggi island

IK4JPR

News from the WEB

3G2D: The web site for the 17-19 October operation from Damas Island (SA-086) [425DXN 641] is at <http://www.qsl.net/3g2d/> [TNX CE6TBN]

ANNOBON: The web page for the upcoming DXpedition to Annobon Island [425DXN 637] is at <http://personal.telefonica.terra.es/web/ea5yn/>

DX SPOTS: Rod Elliott, VE33UW (ex VE3IRF) has collected the DX spots from the OH2AQ Web Cluster since January 1997. The collection - from January 1997 up to August 2003 - is available at www.425dxn.org/dxspots/ as well the software (DXINFO v1.9) which will enable you to handle the files (instructions at the URL above).

LABRE-RJ: The new web site for Rio de Janeiro State federation of LABRE (Liga Brasileira de Radioamadores) is at <http://www.labre-rj.org> [TNX PY1XP]

LOGS: Jean-Michel, F6AJA and Yves, F6CYV have been the QSL managers for a number of stations for more than fifteen years. Seventy-five of these logs (240,000+ QSOs) are available on line at <http://LesNouvellesDX.free.fr> [TNX F6AJA]

LOGS: The logs of the recent XF1K operation (NA-162) are now available at <http://www.425dxn.org/dxped/na162/logs.html> ; if you have a question about them, please contact Ray, N6VR (jbenny@rain.org).

QSL DB: Boye Christensen, OZ7C has updated his QSL DBase (which now contains 342,658 unique records) for Packet Cluster. The package can be downloaded at <http://www.qsl.net/oz7c/qsl> [TNX OZ7C]

TOP LISTS: The latest Topband, Topmode and Toplist listings (September update) are now available at <http://www.425dxn.org/awards/toplist.html> - please send your scores, as well as any request for further information, to Erminio Pandocchi, I2EOW (i2eow@fastwebnet.it)



3G2D - Damas island

ZY5X Santana de Fora SA-088



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QSL INFO

QSLs received direct (1): 3A2MW, 3D2RK, 3DA0SV, 3G1A, 3G1P (SA-085), 3XD02/P (AF-051), 3XY6A, 4G6A (OC-125), 4H1LC (OC-244), 4W2DN, 5H3RK, 5N6NDP, 5T6M, 5T6M, 5U3T, 5U7JK, 5V7TD, 5Z4BL, 6W/F6AXX, 6W1RT, 7P8DA, 7P8IZ, 9A8RR/p, 9H3OA, 9L1BTB, A35TL, A61AJ, A61AO, A71AW, A92GM, C56R, CN2R, D44TA, D4B, DX4CN (OC-202), EH6DD, EP3UN, ET3BN, EU6MM, EU7SA, F6DWR (EU-048), FO/DL7FT, FO/G35WH/P, FO5PS, FP/K9OT, FP/KB9LIE, H40H, H44H, H7A, HK3JJH/2 (SA-082), HL1VAU/2 (AS-168), IE9/IZ8DBJ, IU3X, J3/DJ7RJ, J5UAT/P (AF-020), J5UCW (AF-093), J5UDX, J79K, J79RJ, JT1FDI, KC4AAA, KC4AAC, KF2HC/KP2, KG4DP, LQ7D, MU2A, OA4/DL9FAW/P (SA-052), OA4WW, P29CC, P29KM, PJ2/KD4D, PJ2Y, PJ6/DJ4SO, RU1A, RW1AI/ANT, ST0RY, SU9NC, T88DX, TF7X (EU-071), TG1AXF, TU2CI, TY3M, UK8IZ, UN9LW, V21PA, V31WD, V73BL, VK7TS/p (OC-233), VK9LS, VP6DIA, VP6DN, VP9BO, VQ9LA, VR2MY, W2/NP3D (NA-111), W2AZK/KP2, XT2ATI, XT2WP, XY4KQ (AS-167), YB8NA/p (OC-213), YE5A (OC-262), YI/AB8DY, YI/KV4EB, YI/NG5L, YI/ON4WW, YI/S53R, YI1US, YN4SU, YV1JBI/P (SA-090), Z32XX, ZA1B, ZB2FK, ZF1A, ZF2MW, ZP6CW.

QSLs received direct (2): 3D2DI, 3D2NC, 3D2RW, 3DA0SV, 3DA0TM, 3G1P, 3XD02/P, 4G6A (OC-125), 4S7NE, 4U1ITU, 4U1UN, 5H9IR, 5T5PBV, 5W0AH, 5W0VK, 5Z4BK, 6W1RT, 7P8IZ, 7P8MJ, 7P8TA, 8Q7WW, 9A0CI (EU-090), 9K2MU, 9M2TO, 9N7DX, 9Y4JW, A43GI (AS-119), A45WG, A61AJ, A61R, AH3D, AP2ARS, C53M, CY0MM, DP1POL, EL2AV, EL2T, EP3UN, EW1KP, H40V, H74C (NA-013), HC1CB, HV0A, J5UCW (AF-093), J5UDX, J79K, JT1FDI, JY9NX, KC4USV (AN-011), KG4CM, KG4LH, KH0P, KH8/DL2AH (OC-077), N4BQW/KH9, N6XIV/KH9, OA4WW, S21DM, ST0RY, SU9BN, T5X, TM5B (EU-148), TR8BAR, TU2XZ, TY5ZR, TZ6L, UA1ADQ/0,V2ADX, V31MD, V44KJ, V73GE, V73NS, VE2/G3ZAY/P (NA-077 and NA-176), VI3JPI (OC-251), VK7KHZ/P (OC-233), VK9XAB, VP2EN, VP2MDO, VP2MHX, VP6PAC, VP8LGT, VP9BO, VQ9LA, VR2UW, YE5A (OC-262), YE8A (OC-242), YI/OM2DX, YL5M, Z22JE, ZB2EO, ZC4VG, ZD7MY, ZK1KAT, ZK1TOO, ZK1TTT, ZK1ZOO, ZS7/ZS4AGA (WABA ZS-04), ZW0S.

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3Z0CW	SP1EG	EO12J	K2PF	T88RN	JG1VGX
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4D71X	NZ7X	EW8AM	DL8KAC	TM3QK	F5UJY
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8P6GY	KU9C	JW8AW	LA8AW	V73MJ	JF1NZW
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9G5XA	G3XAQ	KH2T	JL1EAN	VK8AN/6	VK4AAR

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9L1JT	K4ZIN	KH6ZM	I0MWI	VK9XAB	G3AB
9L1SS	pirate	LA3SRK/P	SM5SIC	VP5/K7BV	KU9C
9V1DX	VK4AAR	LR1F	LU5FD	VP5VAC	WA4JTK
9Y4/DL1MGB	DL1MGB	LS1N	EA7FTR	VP5VAC	WA4JTK
9Y4TBG	DL4MDO	LT0H	EA7FTR	VQ9JC	WB9IHH
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A92ZE	K4SXT	LU1NDC	EA7FTR	VU3DJQ	EA7FTR
BN0F	JL1ANP	LU1ZV	LU4DXU	XF1K	N6AWD
C91Z	ZS6WPX	LU4ZS	LU4DXU	XQ6ET	W8UVZ
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CS9C	CT3MD	LY500BH	LY2BH	XW1A	E21EIC
D88S	DS4CNB	LY500BN	LY2BN	YA0J	JG1OWW
DS22UG	HL0KHQ	LY500LK	LY2LK	YA1BV/P	JA1PBV
E20HHK/6	E21EIC	N6L	K0DEW	YA1D	JG1OWW
E21CJN	W3PP	N6N	WA9CCQ	YA1JA	JA1CQT
EA2CND/P	EA2BR	OA6CY	EA5KB	YB0A	W3HNK
EA8FC/P	EA2CNC	OD5UT	K3IRV	YB0ECT	K5ZE
EA9JS/EA4	EA7DA	OE4B/p	OE4JHW	YB1AQV	N2KFC
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XF1K IOTA Dxpedition to Islas Todos Santos (NA-162), Sep 2003

The Islands On The Air (IOTA) operating program has made going to remote islands the destination of choice for Dxers on all seven continents. Mexico has many IOTAs, but one hardly hears them on due to the lack of IOTA interest among Mexican amateurs, until recently. The limitation of licensing privileges for visiting hams as well as the logistical difficulties of obtaining landing permission and approval has kept the Mexican IOTAs rare and at the top of the North American needed list.

For every Dxpedition challenge, an individual usually emerges that finds a way to reward the Faithful with a QSL card. Take any "difficult" DXCC destination (North Korea, Clipperton Island, St Peter/Paul Rocks, Campbell Island, etc) and you will find that eventually they got so rare that dedicated individuals arose to find a way to get operating permission, assemble the operating team, and lead the expedition. For the recent NA162 trip (Baja California State Northwest Group), this individual was Hector, XE2K.

The Baja California State Northwest Group contains three, separate island archipelagos: Todos Santos, the Coronado Islands, and San Martin Island. Of these three, Hector chose Todos Santos Islands as our target based upon its accessibility and accommodations to support a our planned IOTA Dxpedition.

The Todos Santos islands are made of two islands (Isla Norte and Isla Sur) about 20 km (12 miles) west of Ensenada, which is about 80 miles south of the US-Mexico border.

Fishing is good along the shores of both islands, especially yellowtail, halibut, and sea bass. For hikers, Isla Sur (South Island) offers the most interesting terrain, with cliffs along the perimeter and a hilly interior. The highest elevation is approximately 200 meters. Isla Norte is mostly flat, with a radio tower and two lighthouses, one active, the other inactive. Both islands are nesting grounds for brown pelicans, cormorants, blue herons, ospreys, and various other sea bird species. Both islands are rocky, barren, treeless desert islands. South Island has more hills, with few level and clear locations to set up stations.

For this operation, Hector, XE2K, requested the call sign XF1K, same callsign as his previous NA167 operation (XF prefix is for Mexican islands). The team would be made up of six operators, three from Mexico and three from the United States. This would be a large enough team to physically set up antennas in the difficult island terrain, operate the multiple HF/VHF/Satellite stations and to work a large number US, JA, and EU stations.

The Mexican operators consisted of Hector, XE2K (Dxpedition leader), Emilio, XE2ZY, also K6EG, (SSB operator), and Roman, XE2ED (satellite and VHF operator). All three were skilled hams with previous experience on trips to Mexican IOTAs or up to the tops of Mexican Mountain peaks to activate rare grid squares.

The US operators consisted of Ray, N6VR (backup leader and CW operator), Dave, N6AN / XE1NTT (contest SSB/CW operator), and N6KZ (experienced California IOTA organizer and CW operator). Hector, Emilio and Ray had teamed up previously operating XF1K on NA167.



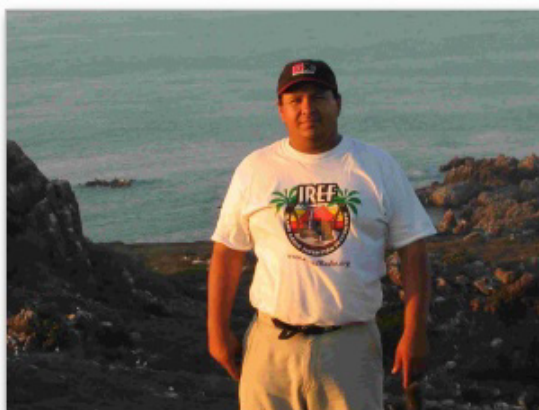
Carrying the equipment from the boat



View of antennas



XE2ED and operating tent



XE2K on hike

After an uneventful US-Mexico border crossing, the entire XF1K team met up for the first time in Tijuana, Mexico the evening of 3 September 03, at the home of Roman, XE2ED. We then drove to a local Mexican food restaurant and sampled the local cuisine (hot stuff). We made one final stop in Tijuana to purchase water, food and of course, beer. Fully loaded in three vehicles, we drove one hour in the darkness to the port city of Ensenada, Mexico, located about 80 miles south on the western coast of Baja California. As we drove down the coast we could see the Coronado Islands off in the distance, then later the rotating searchlight in the dark Pacific Ocean from the Isla Norte of Todos Santos. We arrived safely in Ensenada at about 9pm, negotiated rooms at the Hotel Bahia, near the port, had a few margaritas, and then went off to bed.



XF1K crew at dock

Early the next morning (5am), we drove the short distance to the quiet, dark Ensenada harbor to load our gear onto the good ship Juanitos, a 32-foot charter fishing boat. It sure is surprising how much gear (junk) six hams can pack. In fact, we had to negotiate a larger boat for us and the gear, doubling the cost of the transportation to and from the Island. With the rising sun just peaking over the eastern Mexican Mountains, we slowly sailed out of the harbor into gently rolling seas, on to the Todos Santos Islands.



N6AN (XE1NTT) & N6KZ with TH3

After a trip lasting about 1 hour we arrived at Isla Sur (Southern Island) at a commercial fish camp (ranch house). This would be our home and operating area for the next four days. Hector, XE2K had previously contacted the owner-operators of this camp, explaining our purpose and requested access to stay in their main camp. Permission was granted so we actually had beds to sleep in and a kitchen to use. Upon arrival we unloaded the Juanitos and moved our large amount of equipment, food and fresh water up the 75-foot ramp to the fish camp's main area. The WX was warm, about 30 degrees C, humidity about 90 percent, so we were totally soaked and exhausted after that.



N6AN (XE1NTT) & XE2ZY operating

We next had to carry about half the gear up another 150m dirt path at 50m height to set up the primary location in order to have a better path to JA and Oceania which were blocked at the ranch house location. We had a clear ocean path east for NA and EU! The second operating position was setup at the ranch house, with the GAP vertical just a few meters above the ocean with a clear shot from north, east to south. The first station was setup at 1900z, the second by 2000z. XF1K team was on the air!

The upper stations were established on a 50-meter high ridge above the ranch house in a large tent. This station had two HF stations, the satellite station, and the VHF (6 meter) station. Antennas were two, three-element yagis (HyGainTH-3 and Cushcraft A-3), mounted upon 30- and 25-foot vertical masts, respectively. The satellite antennas (AO-40) were mounted upon a short roof tower, ground mounted. A Cushcraft R-7 vertical mast-mounted on the edge of the sea cliff, 30m above the ocean. A 40-foot mast with inverted vee dipoles for 40 and 80 meters completed the upper station. Power was provided by four 12 VDC batteries charged with an 1800 watt portable generator.



N6VR & N6KZ talking at second station

A second, station was set up on the porch of the ranch house main building. The antenna was a Gap vertical put up on a 10-foot sea cliff overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Another set of batteries and generator provided operating power.

Despite the long drive, the sea voyage, and the difficult conditions encountered setting up the two operating locations (heat, sun, and limited access to drinking water) the equipment and antennas seemed to be working well. Stations were quickly worked in EU, JA, and, of course, all over the US and Canada. The remaining three days fell into a slow, hot routine of operating, eating, sleeping and enjoying the Pacific Ocean views. N6VR was even able to go fishing with the island crew and bring home enough fish for an evening meal.

Several of us spent time with our host developing good relations for a possible future return. With our radio and electrical expertise, we replaced the feedline and antenna for their marine radio, their link to the mainland. We also donated a large gel cell battery and worked on the solar panels and charging system. They being fishermen, did not have much understanding of clean and proper connections. When we finished, several storage batteries could be charged during a good sunny day. Other items that go a long way in developing good relations: beer, ice and food. We were able to leave a small amount upon our departure.

By Saturday evening, our last night on the island, we had over 5K QSOs and decided to begin taking down our stations to be ready for the 9 am arrival of our boat on Sunday morning. Everything came down just fine (we were blessed by a wet sea fog that morning) so we loaded the equipment and ourselves onto the Juanitos for the return voyage through the quiet sea back to Ensenada. Upon landing, we unloaded our gear from the boat into our cars for the final time. We rendezvoused at Hector's nearby relative's home to leave some of the equipment (hopefully for the next IOTA expedition). We then wished each other well and went our separate ways home to hot showers and much deserved rests.

The results of the XF1K operation were most satisfying considering the only fair band conditions. 10m and 12m never opened. 15m opened to Europe and Asia for only several hours a day. We had one very good European opening on 17m with over 100 Europeans on CW. 20m of course, was our best band to all areas of the world. 30m was a pleasant surprise with 700 contacts, many in Europe and Asia. 40m was our band to Asia, 65 percent of the QSOs were with Japan. 80m produced only 60 contacts in the US Sprint contest. The VHF/UHF operator had (31) 2 & 6m contacts, and (30) AO7, AO40 & SO50 contacts. The continent and mode breakdown is as follows:

Continent	QSOs	Percent	Mode	QSOs	Percent
US	3150	57%	CW	3231	59%
EU	931	17%	SSB	2238	41%
JA	756	14%	Total	5469	
Others	635	12%			

Radio equipment consisted of three ICOM 706 and one Kenwood 440S. Power output was usually about 80 watts. All HF stations had RX filters so we were able to operate both CW and SSB on most bands. There was no noise so we were able to hear all most any signal that called us. We must have been doing well, when one Mexican amateur in Ensenada commented to us, "I was able to hear only a few of the European stations that you worked on 15 and 20m!"

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Pelicans on rock



Weekend Sailors visit the island



Leaving the island



Returning to Port of Ensenada