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- 5H - Eric, SM1TDE will operate (mainly CW with some RTTY and SSB) as 5H3/SM1TDE from Tanzania on 4-18 April. A side trip to Zanzibar (AF-032) might take place during the second week. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX SM1TDE]
- 9N - 9N7PR is the call issued to Jim, W4PRO for his 10-13 April operation from Nepal [425DXN 672]. Jim is currently active as A52PRO from Bhutan. QSLs via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]
- C6 - Apparently the C6DX operation from the Cay Sal Banks (NA-219), which was expected to start on 25 March, has been cancelled. On 24 March the operators (W8GEX, K8LEE, K9AJ and W9IXX) were still in Bimini and, according to the information posted on their web site (<http://www.wb8xx.com/c6dx2004.htm>), it did not "look like they'll attempt the trip south to Cay Sal" because of strong winds and rough seas ("the captain didn't think they'd even be able to land once they got there").
- CU - Look for Arlindo, CT1EGW to operate mainly RTTY as CT1EGW/CU2 from Sao Miguel Island (EU-003), Azores on 7-11 April. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX CT1END]
- FK - Masayoshi, JF1UIO will operate as FK/JF1UIO from the Loyalty Islands (OC-033) in May. Look for activity 10-40 metres CW and SSB from Ouvéa (DIF0 FK-018) on 2-4 May and from Lifou (DIF0 FK-012) on 4-7 May. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]
- GM - Carlos, EA1CRK (<http://www.qsl.net/ea1crk/escocia/trip.htm>) will operate (on 20 and 40 metres "holiday style") as MM/EA1CRK from the islands of Skye (EU-008), Orkney (EU-009) and Shetland (EU-012) on 10-20 July. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [TNX EA1CRK]
- I - Alberto, IT9MRM will be on Favignana (EU-054, IIA TP-001) from 15 UTC on 31 March to 14 UTC on 1 April and plans to operate (mainly on 20 and 15 metres SSB) as IF9/IT9MRM from the lighthouse at Punta Sottile (WAIL SI-024, ARLHS ITA-145). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Logs will be available at <http://www.qsl.net/it9mrm/index.html> [TNX IT9MRM]
- I - Eight ARI Formia (ariformia@tiscali.it) members (IZ0EGC, IZ0EWG, IZ0FIU, IZ0GZW, IK0JFS, IK0NWG, IW0BTN and IW0DTK) plus guest operator Rick, N6CY will be active on several bands and modes as

- IQ0FM/p from Monte Orlando Lighthouse (WAIL LA-006, ARLHS ITA-105) on 3 April. QSL direct to IZ0EGC or to ARI Formia, P.O.Box 33, 04023 Formia - LT, Italy. [TNX IZ0EGC]
- JA - Look for Samy, JR8KJR to operate (on 15-80 metres SSB and SSTV) as JR8KJR/8 from Rishiri Island (AS-147, JIIA AS-147-007) on 26-31 March. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]
- LX - SP5HNC, SP5MBQ, SP5UAF, SQ5IRO, SP6T, SP7NJX and SP7VC will be active as LX/homecall from Luxembourg on 1-6 April. They plan to operate on 160-2 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and possibly also PSK31 and SSTV. QSL via home calls. They will participate in the SP DX Contest as LX5A (QSL via the LX bureau). [TNX SP5UAF]
- SP - Special event station HF1EU will be aired from 23 April through 31 May to celebrate the accession of Poland to the European Union. QSL via SP1NQF, direct or bureau. [TNX SP1NQF]
- V3 - Alan, WQ5W will operate as V31RR from Placencia, Belize on 22-29 April. He will be active on 160-6 metres CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK and WSJT, with an emphasis on the WARC bands (mostly on CW) and digital modes. Alan will have a dedicated radio listening constantly for openings on 6 metres; meteor scatter via WSJT will also be attempted and schedules can be set up prior to the expedition by e-mailing Alan at v31rr@hotmail.com. QSL via WQ5W (logs will be uploaded to LOTW). Further information and updates can be found at <http://www.qsl.net/v31rr> [TNX WQ5W]
- VK9_lh - Skip, JE2HCJ will operate as VK9LU from Lord Howe (OC-004) from 31 March to 9 April. Look for activity on 160-6 metres, mainly on CW and the low bands. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]
- T33 - The all-band all-mode T33C DXpedition to Banaba Island is expected to take place between 4 and 16 April. QSL via F5CWU (Flo Moudar, 25 Rue du Castel Salis, 37100 Tours, France). The web site for the operation is at <http://www.dx-pedition.de/banaba2004>
- YI - Kaspars, YI9ZF (YL1ZF) will participate in the CQ WPX SSB and DX contests HN0Z (SOAB 10 Power) from Baghdad, Iraq. QSL route TBA. [TNX SM1TDE]
- ZD8 - Ian, ZD8I (home call G8WVW) will be living on Ascension Island until the end of March 2006 and plans to operate on 80-6 metres SSB. QSL via G4LTI. Further information at <http://www.zd8i.net> [TNX OPDX Bulletin]
- ZL7 - Franz, ZL2III (DK1II) and Dom, DL5EBE will be active as ZL2III/7 and ZL7/DL5EBE from Chatham Island (OC-038) from 7 April (arrival) until the 14th (departure). They plan to be operate on all bands, mainly CW and SSB with some PSK31 and RTTY. They have also applied for a special call sign, which will be announced after it is granted. QSL via DL5EBE (Dominik Weiel, Johannes-Meyer-Str. 13, D-49808 Lingen, Germany). [TNX DL5EBE and ZL2III]
- ZS8 - Owing to an unfortunate case of cut and mispaste, the CW operating frequencies for the 7-30 April ZS8MI activity from Marion Island [425DXN 672] were wrong. The correct QRGs are 3505, 7010, 14020, 21025, 28060 kHz for CW, and 3750, 7080, 14195, 21295, 28495 kHz for SSB. Many thanks to Bob, W6KX for detecting the error.

CARIBBEAN TOUR ---> Koh/JA1ADT (JA7KAC), Taka/JA7AG0 and Aki/JA7ZP will attend the Caribbean Hamboree [425DXN 667] that will be held on 9-14 April in Martinique; they will operate as FM/homecall on 80-10 metres all modes. QSL

via home calls. Then they will visit Antigua (V2) on 15-20 April, and will operate on all bands and modes (callsigns not known so far, but QSL via homecalls). [TNX JA7KAC]

CQ WPX SSB CONTEST ---> The following stations have announced their participation in this year's event (27-28 March):

- 3B9 - The 3B9C team from Rodrigues will operate as an active participant in the Multi-Multi category, though they will continue to be active on other bands and modes during the contest weekend.
- 4L - Shota, 4L6AM as SOSB (20m) High Power. QSL via www.qrz.com
- 5T - The European Community ARC's team [425DXN 672] as 5T0EU from Mauritania. QSL via OR5EU.
- 9M2 - Keith, 9M2/GM4YXI and Rich, 9M2/G4ZFE as 9M2RPN (Multi-Two) from West Malaysia. QSL via G4ZFE.
- BV - BW3/JD1BKQ as SOSB (20m) LP from Taiwan. QSL via JR3PZW.
- CT - CT1EWE and CT2GVG as CT7Z from Portugal.
- CT3 - Madeira Team (namely CT3BD, CT3DL, CT3DZ, CT3EE, CT3EN, CT3IA, CT3IQ, CT3KU, CT3KU and CT3HK) as CQ9K (Multi-Two). QSL via CS3MAD.
- D4 - Al, 4L5A as D4B (SOAB HP) from Cape Verde. QSL via K1BV.
- DL - Karlfried/DL1EK, Stephan/DL7AOS and several other German operators as DA0WPX (Multi-Multi). QSL via DL1EK, preferably through the DARC bureau.
- EA8 - Juan, EA8CAC as AN8CAC (SOSB 80m) from the Canary islands. QSL via home call.
- FG - F6GWV and F6HMQ as T07T from Guadeloupe. QSL via F6HMQ.
- FM - Announced operations from Martinique include:
 - * Danny, T93M as FM/T93M (SOAB HP). QSL via DJ2MX.
 - * Gilbert, FM5FJ as SOSB (10m) Low Power. QSL via KU9C.
- GU - Rich, M5RIC as MU2Z (SOAB HP) from Guernsey. QSL via home call.
- HB9 - HB75A (the Swiss Amateur Radio Club's 75th anniversary special call) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via HB9A.
- HI - Hiro, JA6WFM/HI8 and others, probably as HI3CCP (Multi-Single), from the Dominican Republic.
- HK - Pedro, HK1HHX as 5K1X from Colombia. QSL via home call.
- I - IZ1CCE, I1RB, IK1MJG, IK1QLD, IZ1CQY, IK1ZNN, IZ1ESH and others as II1D. QSL via IZ1CCE.
- KP - Alfredo, WP3C as KP4AH (SOSB 10m LP) from Puerto Rico. QSL direct to KP4AH.
- LX - Announced operations from Luxembourg include:
 - * LX1AQ, LX1RQ, LX1ER and probably others as LX5A (Multi-Single). QSL via LX1RQ.
 - * Philippe, LX2AJ as LX7I (SOSB 80m). QSL via home call.
- P4 - Announced operations from Aruba include:
 - * John, KK9A as P40A (SOAB). QSL via WD9DZV.
 - * Andy, AE6Y as P40Y. QSL via home call.
- PJ2 - Martin, W1MD as PJ2T (SOSB) from Curacao. QSL via N9AG.
- PJ4 - Helmut, DF7ZS as PJ4P (SOAB) from Bonaire. QSL via home call.
- PY - Moreira, CT1AHU (PT7ZXU) as ZX7U (SOAB). QSL via CT1AHU, direct or bureau. Web page at <http://ct1end.netpower.pt/zx7u>
- SP - Announced operations from Poland include:
 - * Krzysztof, SP6DVP as 3Z6V (Low Power). QSL via home call.
 - * SP8AJC as 3Z8Z (SOAB). QSL via home call.
- T30 - Dave, K3LP as T30DC (SO Low Powe) from West Kiribati. QSL via K5KV.

T9 - VE6PR as VE6PR/T9 (SOAB) from Bosnia-Herzegovina. QSL direct to home call.
VP5 - W5A0, K5CM and N5KW as VP51V (Multi-Single) from North Caicos. QSL to P.O. Box 88, Morris, OK 74445-0088, USA.
YA - YA0J as a Multi Operator entry from Afghanistan. QSL via JG10WV.
ZK1 - Victor, ZK1GC on all bands from Rarotonga, South Cook Islands. QSL to Victor Rivera, P.O. Box 618, Rarotonga, Cook Islands, via New Zealand.
ZL - ZL2BSJ, ZL2III, ZL2AMI and ZL1CT as ZL6QH (Multi-Multi) from New Zealand. QSL via ZL2A0H.
ZP - Tom, ZP5AZL as ZP1C (SOAB). QSL via W3HNC.

Give a look to the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at <http://www.ng3k.com>

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3B9C ---> Operations from Rodrigues started on seven bands at 20 UTC on 19 March, and 12,000 QSOs were made during the first 24 hours. The DXpedition's website (<http://www.fsdxa.com/3b9c/>) is being updated daily and includes pictures, on-line logs, daily bulletins, etc. QSL direct to FSDXA, P.O. Box 73, Church Stretton, SY6 6WF, UK or through the RSGB bureau (a for bureau cards requests can be found on the website).

DXCC NEWS ---> 5X1X (11 November - 17 december 2003) from Uganda, XU7ACY from Cambodia (February 2004) and 5V7C (5-13 March 2004) from Togo have been approved for DXCC credit.

EU SPRINT CONTESTS ---> The two Spring events will be held on 20, 40 and 80 metres only from 15.00 UTC until 18.59 UTC on 10 April (Spring SSB, managed by G4BUO) and 17 April (Spring CW, managed by I2UIY). Full details (free software included) can be found at <http://www.qsl.net/eusprint>

GACW DX CONTEST ---> This year's event will be held on 17-18 April. Full rules can be found at <http://gacw.no-ip.org> [TNX LU6EF]

QSL 9V1G0 ---> Gustab, OK1DOT reports he is the new QSL manager for Bob, 9V1G0. Cards can be sent either direct (Petr Gustab, P.O.Box 52, Cesky Brod, 282 01 Czech Republic) or through the bureau.

QSL VIA IV3NVN ---> On 24 March Simone, IV3NVN replied to the last outstanding direct cards for J5UCW, J5UDX, ZY5X and ZW5T (there are still some 50 requests that arrived without return postage). If you do not receive your card(s), please contact Simone at either iv3nvn@50mhz.com or s.candotto@hamburg.de before sending second requests. [TNX IV3NVN]

QSL VIA PA3GIO ---> A form for requesting bureau cards is available on the

QSL Information page at either <http://www.pa3gio.nl/> and <http://www.qsl.net/pa3gio/>; please visit it also for details about direct QSLling. [TNX PA3GIO]

QUEBEC QSO PARTY ---> Radio Amateurs du Quebec Inc., the provincial organization of amateur radio operators, has announced the creation of the Quebec QSO Party, which is held every summer on the Saturday immediately preceding 24 June. This year's event will take place from 17 UTC on 19 June to 3 UTC on the 20th. Rules and other related information can be found at <http://www.raqi.ca/gqp>, or from Guy Lamoureux, VE2LGL (directeur.general@raqi.ca) and Luc Dore, VA2KSH (va2ksh@raqi.ca). [TNX VA2KSH]

SP DX CONTEST ---> Organized by the the Polish Amateur Radio Union (PZK, <http://www.pzk.org.pl>) and the SP DX Club, this year's event will be held (on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 metres SSB and CW, 12 categories including SWLs) from 15 UTC on 3 April through 15 UTC on the 4th. Full details, new rules included, can be found at <http://www.contest.spdxc.org.pl/> [TNX SP5XVY]

YLRC CONTEST ---> The YLRC (YL Radio Club) "Elettra Marconi" International Contest will be held from 13 UTC on 3 April through 13 UTC on the 4th. For further information please visit <http://www.arrl.it/ylrci/index.htm> or e-mail Adriana, IK5MEQ (adrianap@tin.it).

+ SILENT KEYS + We have been informed recently of the passing of Ivo, 9A5I and Luciano, I1NLU (licenced since 1974, he was a co-founder of ARI Rosta and the Turin North Western DX Club). [TNX 9A2WJ and I1HAG]

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*** NEWS FROM THE WEB ***
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IOTA BEARING CHART: This is a new resource available on Tim's, EI8IC web site (<http://www.qsl.net/ei8ic/iota/iota.php>). Enter your 6-digit Grid Locator code, and the webpage will generate a short path, long path and distance list from your QTH to each of the current IOTA reference numbers.

LOGS: On-line logs for the recent 5V7C operation from Togo are available at <http://5v7c.free.fr/searchlog.php>

R1FJ: Pictures and log search for the expedition to Franz Josef Land can be found at <http://www.hamradio.ru/r1fj/>

QSLs received direct or through managers: 1A0KM, 3V8BB, 4K6DI, 4L4AJ, 4S7EA, 4S7GGG, 4U1ITU, 4X4WN, 5N6NDP/9, 5U7JK, 5V7BR, 5VZBB, 5W0AH, 5X1X, 6D9X, 7W4HI, 8R1K, 8R1RPN, 9H1AL, 9H1ET, 9H4DX, 9J2KC, 9M2T0 (AS-015), 9M2T0/P (AS-073), 9M6BG, 9M6NA, 9V0A, 9Y4/DL7DF, 9Y4SF, A25/G3HCT, A41KJ, A45WD, A45XR, A71AW, AP2IA, AP2NK, BA4RF, C31LJ, C5P, C93FF, CE0Y/SP9PT, CE6TBN/8

(SA-032 and SA-091), C02CI, CU3GD, CU4/G3TXF, CY9A, DU9RG, EA8BH, EA9IE, EK3AA, EK6GC, EU6MM, EX8AA, FG5FR, FK8GX, FR/F6KDF/T, H40V, HC1AJQ, HC3RJ, HF70M, HI3NR, HI3TEJ, HI8RV, HP1AC, HR1FJC, HV0A, HV4NAC, J20DA, J28VS, J45T, J68AR, J68AS, J6DX, JW0HU, JY9QJ, KG4AS, KG4WW, KG4ZK, KP2A, MJ/K3PLV, N2TK/NP2, N6FF, N70U/HI9, OD5IU, OX3DB, OY1CT, PJ2/AE9B, PJ4/DL5NAM, PJ4/DL9NDS, PJ5NA, PJ7/W1CX, PY0FA, PZ5A, PZ5UE, RI9C, S9SS, SU9BN, SU9NC, SU9US, T30M, T32KV, T32MP, T32WW, T32ZA, T32ZM, T77C, TI2PZ, TI5/WJ7R, TM6X, TR8CA, TR8IG, TS7N (AF-073), TT8XZ, TU2IG, TY5ZR, V25CH, V26B, V31DK, V31GW, V31MD, V47KP, V73AZ, V73G0D, VK4WWI/P (OC-265), VP5/WA4PGM, VP5JM, VP8DBR, VQ9LA, VR2BG, W0GLG/HR3 (NA-160), W7LR, XE1UN, XE2KIR, XF1K (NA-166), XW1IC, YA8G, YB8NA/P (OC-213), YI/N3JUW, YI9ZF, YL800NS, Y02LDC, YW5M (SA-015), ZD7BG, ZD7VC, ZD8Z, ZK1CG.

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