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南部地區巡防局東沙海岸巡防指揮部敬贈(2003.10.15)
BQ9P team with Vice Commander Ju Jun Fu and his staff (tnx OE1WHC)

Soon on the air



FR/E – Europa island from the space



T33 – Banaba island



From 425 Forum: Have Just been informed that Phil VK1PJ / VK1DX has lots of QSL requests for Tom's operation at Macquarie Isl and also Davis Base Antarctica, But he has NO logs from TOM, and Tom is not contactable at the present ,having tried for Months!! So please those people who are waiting for a QSL card, we are trying to contact TOM to finish off the requests. 73 TEX VK1TX

NEWS

3B - Hans/PA0VHA (RTTY) and Jack/PA3BAG (SSB) will be active as 3B8/homecall from Mauritius Island (AF-049) on 3-9 and 15-24 November. From 10 to 14 November they will operate as 3B9/homecall from Rodrigues (AF-017). QSL via PA0VHA. See also <http://www.pi4cc.nl> [TNX PA0VHA]

3W - Eddy Visser, XV9DT has been authorized to operate as 3W22S until 31 December. This special event call celebrates the 22nd SEA (South East Asian) Games hosted by Vietnam. On line logs will be available at <http://www.qsl.net/3w22s/logs> [TNX 3W22S]

4S - Franz, DL9GFB and Joachim, DL9MS will be active (on 160-6 metres CW, SSB PSK31 and RTTY) as 4S7FBG (QSL via DL9GFB) and 4S7JWG (QSL via DL9MS) from Sri Lanka until 4 November, CQ WW DX SSB Contest included. Look for them to take part in the Worked All Germany Contest as 4S7WAG (QSL via DL9GFB). [TNX The Daily DX]

4U_UN - Bob, N4CD reports that Pedro, HK3JJH will be operating from the United Nations HQ (4U1UN) "for two days sometime between 8 and 16 October".

4U_UN - The Daily DX reports that Pedro, HK3JJH hopes to be able to operate from 4U1UN [425DXN 648] on 11 and 12 October.

4W - Yuu/JR2KDN, Yasu/JI1NJC and Shu/JH1SWD will operate as 4W2A (QSL via JR2KDN), 4W1SW (QSL via JI1NJC) and 4W4W (QSL via JI1NJC) from Timor Leste on 22-28 October. They will be active on 160-10 metres SSB, CW and RTTY. They will also be QRV on 6 metres (beacon on 50095 kHz) and via AO-40 satellite; Yuu, JR2KDN/4W2A hopes to participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. [TNX JA1ELY]



PA3BAG and PA0VHA

9Y4TBG. Bernd will be at Andy's QTH from 22 October through 2 November. [TNX NG3K]

BQ9 - The BQ9P operators expect to arrive on Pratas Island [425DXN 647] around noon (local time) on 7 October. They plan to set up the low band antenna and one yagi for 10, 15 and metres before sunset. QSL via KU9C. [TNX JI6KVR]

BQ9_p - A typhoon approaching the island caused the flight from Taiwan to Pratas to be first postponed for 24 hours and then cancelled. The team had to take a commercial flight and the BQ9P DXpedition, which was expected to start on 7 October, became QRV on 9 October after 13 UTC. QSL via KU9C. [TNX The Daily DX]

C5 - Mark, ON4WW is active (on all HF bands CW and SSB) as C5WW from The Gambia until 17 October. QSL via ON4WW (please note that cards will be sent via the bureau in November; direct cards will be handled, but are not encouraged). [TNX ON4WW]

C6 - Terry, W8JE will be active (on 10-80 metres SSB, CW and possibly RTTY) as W8JE/C6A from Abaco Island (NA-080), Bahamas on 20-27 October, CQ WW DX SSB

Contest included. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

CE - Marco, CE6TBN reports that the 3G2D operation from Damas Island (SA-086)[425DXN 641], originally scheduled to

take place on 17-19 October, has been postponed to 25-28 November.

CE0_ei - Jacek, SQ9BOP will operate SSB, RTTY and FSK as CE0Y/SQ9BOP from Easter Island (SA-001) on 19-27 October. QSL via SP6GVU (Andrzej Kaleta, P.O. Box 498, Wroclaw 2, Poland). [TNX SP6GVU]

CT - Look for CT1GFK/P, CT1GPQ/P and CT2IHP/P to be active on 40, 20 and 17 metres SSB and CW from Tavira Island (not IOTA, DIP AL-02) from 5 until 11 UTC on 12 October. QSL via home calls. [TNX CT1END]

CT3 - Ben, OZ5AAH/OZ5IPA will be active (CW and SSB) as CT3/OZ5IPA from Madeira (AF-014) from 21 October until 2 November, including an entry in the International Police Association Contest (1-2 November). QSL direct only to Preben Jakobsen, Gjetthusparken 25, DK-3300 Frederiksvaerk, Denmark. [TNX OZ5AAH]

CU - Ingo, DH5ST will be active as CU2/DH5ST/p from Sao Miguel Island (EU-003), Azores on 9-23 November. He will operate on 10-80 metres CW and SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX DH5ST]



4X - Look for Dov, 4Z4DX/m and Alex, 4Z5KJ/m to operate on 14265, 21265 and 7065 kHz from a few Holyland Award squares in the desert on 17-18 October. [TNX 4Z4DX]

5W - Willi, DJ7RJ/T20MW [425DXN 649] is now going to be active again as 5W0MW from Samoa (OC-097) on 21-27 October, then he will head home to Germany. QSL via DJ7RJ, direct or bureau. [TNX AA1M]

9G - Kees Heuvelman, PA0CJH will be active (on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres mainly SSB) as 9G5JH from Accra, Ghana on 4-18 November. QSL via home call. [TNX PA0CJH]

9H - DL5XAT and DL5OB will be active as 9H3SB and 9H3UD from Malta on 20-30 October, including a Multi-Two entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX NG3K]

9N - Tohru, JA0UMV and Koji, JI1LET will be active on 10-40 metres (requested call signs 9N7MV and 9N7ET) from Katmandu, Nepal on 20-29 October, CQ WW DX SSB Contest oncluded. Outside the contest they will

DL - Look for Detlev, DL1RTW/p to be active (on 20, 30 and 40 metres "holiday style") from Ruegen Island (EU-057) on 11-16 October. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX DL2VFR]

DL - Martin, DL1ZU will be active (on 80-10 metres mainly CW, RTTY and PSK) from Fehmarn Island (EU-128) on 19-26 October. QSL via bureau. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

EA6 - Laci/HA6NL, Zsolt/HA6PS, Tibor/HA6ZV and Sanyi/HA7JJS will be active as EA6/homecall/p from the Balearic Islands (EU-004) on 2-9 November. QSL via home calls. During the HA-QRP Contest they will be signing EA6/HA5RT/p (QSL via HA6NL) on +/- 3511 kHz with 10 watts. [TNX HA0HW]

ER - Special station ER8C will be active until 14 October to celebrate the City Day of Chisinau, capital of Moldova. QSL via ER1DA either direct (Valery Metaxa, P.O. Box 3000, Chisinau, MD - 2071, Moldova) or through the bureau. [TNX ER1DA]

F - Franck/F5JOT, Daniel/F5LQG, Claude/F6CKH and Jean-Paul/F6GNG will operate SSB and CW as homecall/p from Cezembre Island (EU-157, DIFM MA-008) on 3-5 October. QSL via home calls. [TNX F5JOT]

F - Six operators from the radio club of Nancy (F6KIM) will be active on all bands (except 50 and 432 MHz) as TM5CRO from Porquerolles Island (EU-070, DIFM ME-010) on 22-27 October. V/SHF skeds are welcome (f6kim@free.fr). QSL via F5RMY. Further information will be posted at <http://f6kim.free.fr/> [TNX F5RMY]

F - Look for Bruno, F5JYD/P to be active from a few islands in Normandy on 27-30 October. He plans to operate QRP from the islands of Mont St. Michel (not IOTA, DIFM MA-005), Rimains (not IOTA, MA-006) and Landes (not IOTA, MA-034). QSL via home call. [TNX F5JYD]

F - Laurent, F8BBL reports he will be active as TM7W on 16-30 November, CQ WW CW Contest included. QSL to F8BBL via bureau.

FK - Yoshi, JA7AQR will be active as FK/JA7AQR from Mare Island (OC-033, DIFO FK-013), New Caledonia until 6 October. Look for him on 40-10 metre SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, direct (Yoshihiro Tanaka, 1-10-6 Minamihara, Yamagata, 990-2413 Japan) or bureau. [TNX JA1ELY]

FR/E - Dany/F5CW, Eric/F5JJK, Phil/F5PHW, Christian/TR8SA, Stephane/F5KIN, Freddy/F5IRO, David/FOCRS and Daniel/F1IWH are the operators for the DXpedition to Europa Island [425DXN 647] which is now scheduled to take place from 24 November to 15 December. They plan to operate on 160-6 metres SSB, CW and RTTY with three stations (one for CW, one for SSB and one for digital modes and 6 metres). Requested calls are TO4E and TO4WW (the latter to be used during the CQ WW DX CW Contest). Suggested frequencies, as well as other information, are available at http://europa2003.free.fr/europa_2003-e.htm;

contributions will be gratefully accepted and can be sent to F5OGL (Didier Senmartin, P.O. Box 7, 53320 Loiron, France), who will also be the QSL manager for the operation.

G - Special event station GB2LSM will be active on 19 October from the

Long Shop Museum in Leiston, England. QSL via bureau. [TNX M3FEH]

G - MB2HFC will be the call sign for the RSGB HF and IOTA Convention to be held in Manchester from 31 October to 2 November. The station will be operational on 80-10 metres. QSL via G4BWP. All visitors are welcome and full details can be

found on www.rsqb.org.uk/hfc/ [TNX G3LAS]

G - G0NFL, G4VID, G0AQP and G4TTX will be active as GB4LI from the old lighthouse on Lundy Island (EU-120) until 20 October. [TNX NG3K]

GM - Andre, GM3VLB plans to operate CW and SSB as GM3VLB/p from Inchmarnock (EU-123) on 10-13 October. [TNX GM3VLB]

GM - Leo, W3LEO reports he will once again be active as MM0LEO from Portpatrick in southwest Scotland from 13 October to 15 November. He plans to participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. QSL via W3LEO.

GM - Jim, MM0BQI will be active as MM0BQI/P from the Summer Isles (EU-092) on 18-27 October. He will operate on 80-6 metres, with an emphasis on 80 metres around sunrise and sunset. Activity will include entries in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as either MM0BQI/P (80 metres) and MM0Q (all bands low power). QSL via MM0BQI, direct (Jim Martin, 3 Lismore Ave, Edinburgh, EH8 7DW Scotland) or bureau. [TNX MM0BQI]

GM - Look for Peter, GM3OFT/p to operate from the Isles of Fleet on 1-2 November. If conditions allow, Peter will be active from the Murray's Isles (EU-123), otherwise he will be on the more accessible island of Ardwal (EU-005). [TNX GM3VLB]

GU - Ron, G4DIY and Lee, G0DBE will be active 40-10 metres CW and SSB as GPOSTH from Guernsey (EU-114) until 13 October. All of the contacts will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards go to G4DIY. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

HBO - A large group of German operators will be active from Triesenberg, Liechtenstein on 19-31 October. Look for them to participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as HB0/HB9AON (QSL via DJ2YE). Further information at For more see: <http://dk8ey.dyndns.org/hb0> [TNX DK8EY]

HBO - Look for HB0/HA0HW/p (Laci), HB0/HA4DX/p (Tomi) and HB0/HA4XG/p (Geza) to operate from Masescha (1350m a.s.l.), Liechtenstein on 2-10 November. They will be active on 160-10 metres (with an emphasis on the low bands) CW, SSB and RTTY, using groundplanes and wire antennas. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX HA0HW]

HC - Andy, NP3D reports he will be active as HC4/NP3D (QSL via W3HNC) and HC4/NP3D/p (QTH to be announced, QSL via NP3D) from Ecuador on 19-28 October, CQ WW DX SSB Contest included. He will operate RTTY, CW and SSB on all HF bands, with an emphasis on RTTY and the WARC bands.

HC8 - Mike, G4IUF will be back to the Galapagos Islands (SA-004) from 15 December until 11 January. He will operate as G4IUF/HC8 on 10-160 metres SSB and CW, with a better LF antenna if he can get the traps. [TNX G4IUF]

HH - Manfred/DK1BT, Hans/DL7CM, Juergen/DL7UFN and Sid/DM2AYO will operate as 4V200YH (Four Victor Two Hundred Years of Haiti) from Haiti (NA-096) from 28 January until 15 February. They will have three stations active on 160-6 metres CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK and SSTV. QSL via DL7CM. The web page for the operation is at <http://www.qsl.net/dl7cm/haiti2.htm> [TNX DL7CM]

HK0_sa - The Florida DXpedition Group's team for the 20-28 October activity from San Andres Island (NA-033) [425DXN 623] includes K4QD, KR4DA, N1WON, N2WB, W1LR, W4WX and W9AAZ. They will operate as HK0/homecall (QSL HK0/N2WB via N200, others via home calls) on 160-6 metres CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and Hellschreiber. Look for 5J0X (QSL via N1WON, direct or bureau) during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as a Multi-Two entry. Logs will be available on LoTW. The web pages



5J0X - San Andres Island

for the operation are at <http://www.geocities.com/hk02003/> and <http://www.geocities.com/w4wx1/upcoming> [TNX W4WX]

HL - Han/DS2GOO, Chae/DS5BSX, Ryu/DS4NYE and others will be active from Soan Island (AS-085) on 1-4 November. They will operate as homecall/4 (QSL via home call) or D90HE/4 with 100w transceivers and various wire antennas. [TNX HL1VAU]

HP - Look for Mike, HP1/DL2OE (QSL via DL7CM) and Will, HP1/DJ7AA (QSL via home call) to be active on 160-6 metres CW, SSB and RTTY from Contadora Island (NA-072) until 29 October. [TNX NG3K]

HP - Special event station HP100RCP will be active on all bands and modes on 1-3 November to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Republic of Panama. QSL to Radio Club de Panama, P.O. Box 10745, Panama, Panama. [TNX HP1AC]

HR - Joe, VE3BW will be active as VE3BW/HR6 from Roatan Island (NA-057), Honduras from 19 October to 2 November, including an entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. Before the contest he will concentrate on 160-6 metres CW. QSL via home call. On 21 October he will be joined by Peter, VA3WET, who will operate as VA3WET/HR6. [TNX OPDX Bulletin and The Daily DX]

I - Special event station I18PAX will be activated by ARI Pompei on 7 October to celebrate the visit of Pope John Paul II. QSL via IZ8CLM, direct or bureau. [TNX IW8EOB]

I - Alfredo, IK7JWX will operate from Molfetta Lighthouse (WAIL PU-016, ARLHS ITA-224) on 12 October. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX IK7JWX]

I - I11D, the special call issued for the European Year of the Disabled [425DXN 610], will be aired (on 10-40 metres, all modes) on 16-19 October, from 7 to 17 UTC. QSL via IZ1CCE, direct or bureau. [TNX IZ1CCE]

I - Thirteen operators from Tikiriki Contest Club (namely I2IFT, I8QLS, IK2ANI, IK2CIO, IK2HKT, IK2RZP, IK7JWY, IK8ETA, IN3QGY, IT9BLB, IT9ZMX, JA3USA and OL5Y) will participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as IH9P (<http://www.ih9p.com>) from Pantelleria Island (African Italy, Zone 33, IOTA AF-018, IIA TP-01) in the Multi-Two category. Some CW and RTTY activity as homecall/IH9 will be possible before the contest, starting on 18 October. [TNX IT9BLB]

I - Alfredo, IK7JWX reports he will be signing IR7LH from various lighthouses during the weekends between November 2003 and April 2004. QSL via IK7JWX, bureau or direct.

ISO - A large group of German operators (namely DF1LON, DF4UM, DH4JQ, DK2CRN, DL1ECG, DL1EK, DL1ELY, DL3EW, DL7AOS, DL9LR and possibly two others) will participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as a multi-multi entry from Sardinia. Callsign and QSL route TBA. [TNX DL1EK]

KHO - Look for KH0/JA1DM (QSL via home call), KH0T (QSL via JA1SGU), KH0V (QSL via JJ1KZI) and NH0B (QSL via JI1JMK) to be active on 40-6 metres SSB, CW and RTTY from Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (OC-086) on 10-13 October. [TNX JA1SGU]

KHO - JE1JKL, JF1SQC, JH1EAQ, JP1NWZ and JA5OVU will be active as KH0AA from Saipan, Mariana Islands (OC-086) on 23-27 October, including a Multi-Two entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. QSL via JA5DQH, direct (Akito Nagi, P.O. Box 88, Tokushima, 770-8691 Japan) or bureau. [TNX JP1NWZ]

KH2 - Aki Fujimoto, JR1VAY reports he will be active as AH2J from Guam on 3-6 October. QSL via home call through the JARL bureau.

KH6 - Max, KH6ZM is QRV for Southern Europe daily on 80 metres CW around 5 UTC. QSL direct only via I0MWI (<http://www.qsl.net/i0mwi>) [TNX I0MWI]

KL - Look for Keith, KL7KG/p to be active on 20 metres SSB from Mitkof Island (NA-041) on 18-19 October. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX VA3RJ]

KP2 - K3NZ, W3FV and N2TK will be active as homecall/NP2 from St. Croix, Virgin Islands (NA-106) on 22-29 October. QSL via home calls. They will participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as WP2Z (Multi-Two, QSL via KU9C). [TNX The Daily DX]

LA - Rich, N0HJZ will be active from Norway before, during and after the CQ WW DX SSB Contest (25-26 October). The callsign will be LA/N0HJZ and it will be a SOAB Low Power entry. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX N0HJZ]

LU - GACW (<http://gacw.no-ip.org>) members Alberto/LU1DZ, Hector/LU6UO and Fernando/LW2DX will be active (on 160-6 metres CW with some SSB) as homecall/P from the rare San Juan Province of Argentina until 6 October. QSL via operator's instructions. [TNX LU6EF]

LU - Look for LU7EGY/D, LW5EOL/D and LU1DMA/E to operate from Mar Chiquita Lighthouse (ARLHS ARG-044) on 26-27 October. QSL direct to LU1DMA (Luis Fernandez, O. V. Andrade 1638, 1718 S.A. de Padua - Buenos Aires, Argentina). [TNX LU1DMA]

LZ - Christo, LZ3FN will be active as LZ3FN/p from several lighthouses in Burgas region (southern Bulgaria) on 10-12 October. Look for him on +/- 14252 SSB and +/- 14018 CW. [TNX LZ3SM]

OX - Look for OX3UB to participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest from Prins Christian Island (NA-151). QSL direct to OZ1GER. [TNX NG3K]

OA - Jack, F6BUM (<http://www.f6bum.fr.st>) will be active on CW, SSB and RTTY as OA4-7/F6BUM from Peru from 5 November until 5 December. On 17-21 November he will operate from the island of Suasi (not IOTA) in Lake Titicaca. QSL direct only to home call. [TNX F6BUM]

P2 - Andy, NU5O will be active as P29AM from Papua New Guinea on 17-27 October, CQ WW DX SSB Contest included. Outside the contest he plans to operate mostly CW between 9 and 14 UTC on +/- 14022, 10107, 7022 and 3522 kHz. [TNX The Daily DX]

PA - Martin, VE3MR will be active again as PA9MR from IOTA EU-146 on 7-25 October. QSL via VE3MR. [TNX The Daily DX]

PA - A group of operators from ON4IPA (the Belgian branch of the International Police Association) will be active on 10-80 metres CW, SSB and digital modes as PA/homecalls from EU-146 between 31 October and 2 November. They will participate in the IPA Contest as PA/ON4IPA (QSL via ON6ZV). [TNX ON6ZV]

PYO_f - Jose, CT1BOH reports he will be active as PT0F from PY0FF's station on Fernando de Noronha (SA-003) on 19-28 October, CQ WW DX SSB Contest included. QSL via W3HC.

PZ - K3BYV (PZ5DX) and N3CXM (PZ5JR) will be operating from Suriname from 20 October to 4 November, including an Multi-Single Low Power entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as PZ5JR from the QTH of PZ1AP. QSLs via K3BYV. [TNX NG3K]

SP - Other two special event stations will be active from Poland until 31 October to celebrate Pope John Paul II's Silver Jubilee. They are SO25JP (QSL via SP9W) and HF25JP (QSL via SP9PKZ). [TNX SP9W and SP9GKM]

SP - Special event station HF8KAF is active until 31 December to celebrate the 50th anniversary of radio club SP8KAF. On-line log is available at <http://www.republika.pl/ceo/log/log/search.htm>; QSL via SP8KAF. [TNX SQ8GHY]

T2 - After Samoa (5W0MW) and Tokelau (ZK3MW) Willi, DJ7RJ was expected to operate from Vanuatu [425DXN 644]. However, he is now reported to be on his way to Tuvalu, where he hopes to arrive around 10 October and stay until the 24th. QSL via home call. [TNX AA1M]

T2 - Willi, DJ7RJ will be active as T20MW from Tuvalu (OC-015) [425DXN 648] until 15 October. On 20-28 October he will operate as KH8/DJ7RJ from American

Samoa, then he will return home. QSL via DJ7RJ. [TNX The Daily DX]

T33 - Rob Snieder, PA2R (ex-PA5ET) will lead the international team of 21 operators to activate Banaba (OC-018) as T33C for two weeks during April 2004 [425DXN 629]. The expeditioners will travel by air to Fiji, and then to Tarawa (T30), from where they will be active during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. From Tarawa, the operators will go to Banaba by chartered vessel. Because of severe weight restrictions on flights to Tarawa, most of the equipment is being shipped ahead by container from Rotterdam. The expedition will be a major effort, featuring 24 hour a day operation. CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK, and SSTV will be used as appropriate on all bands 160 through 6 metres and AO-40. There will be seven separate stations, including a dedicated station for the digital modes and another for 6 metres, equipped with amplifiers and a variety of transmitting and receiving antennas. Logs will be transmitted daily to Australia for publication on the Internet. The T33C group is seeking volunteers to operate pilot stations in Asia, Oceania and South America. The expedition still needs contributions to cover costs. Contributions may be sent to F5CWU (Flo Moudar, 25 Rue du Castel Salis, 37100 Tours, France). For further information, please visit <http://www.expedition.de/banaba2004> [TNX K6SRZ, doctore@well.com]

TA - Berkin, TA3J is active (on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres SSB) as TA3J/4 from Antalya Bababurnu Lighthouse (ARLHS TUR-065). QSL via home call, direct (SASE + 1 new IRC, please no greenstamps) or bureau. Logs are available at <http://dx.qsl.net/cgi-bin/logform.cgi?ta3j-4-lh> [TNX TA3J]

TJ - Alfredo, IK7XGF will be active from Cameroon until around 28 October. He will operate on 10, 15 and 20 metres with a dipole and on 6 metres with a 5-element yagi. QSL to Alfredo Colapietra, P.O. Box 13, 71036 Lucera - FG, Italy. Further information is expected to be posted on <http://www.sixitalia.org/> [TNX IK0FTA]

UA - Victor, RN1NU and Dmitry, UA1NFA will be active as UE1NFF and homecall/p from Kivach natural reserve on 21-22 October. QSL via RN1NU, direct or bureau. [TNX RN1NU]

UK - Naoki, JE7RJZ will be visiting Tashkent, Uzbekistan on 24-29 October and hopes to be able to operate as UK/JE7RJZ during his spare time, CQ WW DX SSB Contest included. QSL via JE7IDA direct (Kunihiko Nanao, 2-5-4 Mitsuwari, Morioka, 020-0011 Japan) or bureau. [TNX JA1ELY]

UR - Club station UT7WZA will operate special event call EN750WKD from 23 October to 3 November to celebrate the 750th anniversary of prince Danylo Halytskyi's (the founder of the city of Lviv) coronation. QSL via UT7WZ either direct (Miroslav Lupiy, P.O.Box 94, Lviv 79000, Ukraine) or through the bureau. [TNX UR5WCW]

UR - Special station EM60QM will be active on 23 October to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the city of Melitopol during WW II. QSL via UX7QJ either direct (P.O. Box 30, Melitopol-11, 72311, Ukraine) or through the bureau. [TNX UR7QM]

V5 - Vlado/ZS6MG and Emil/ZS6EGB have been issued two special call signs - V55E (Vlado) and V55V (Emil) - for their 23-27 October activity from Namibia [425DXN 647]. They have decided to use V55V during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. [TNX ZS6MG]

V6 - Cal/WF5W and Paul/W5PF will be active as V63WC and V63PF respectively from Yap Island (OC-012), Micronesia on 22-29 November. They will run 100 watts into wire dipoles for 30 and 40 metres and a 2-element yagi for 20-6 metres. Operation will be CW and SSB; some limited activity in the CQ WW DX CW Contest may be possible. QSL via W5PF. [TNX W5PF]

V7 - Brian, K9QQ will be active as V73/K9QQ (QSL via home call) from Kwajalein Atoll (OC-028), Marshall Islands until 28 October. He will participate in the CQ WW

DX SSB Contest as V73AZ (QSL via K9JS). [TNX ARRL DX Bulletin]

VE - "Team Zone 2" (<http://www.qsl.net/teamzone2>) will operate on 6-160 metres from Northern Quebec on 21-27 October. Thirty operators will participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as VB2C (Multi-Multi). [TNX NG3K]

VE - VE3JM will operate as VO2WL from Zone 2 on 22-26 October, including a SOAB HP entry in the CW WW DX SSB Contest. QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]

VK9_xms - Charlie, W0YG will be active as VK9XG from Christmas Island (OC-002) from 26 October to 9 November. He plans to concentrate on RTTY, 160 and 80 metres. QSL direct only to W0YG. [TNX The Daily DX]

VP5 - K4ISV, K1LZ, K4CN, W5AO, K4UU, K4RO and WX3B will be active as VP5/homecall (QSL via home calls) from North Caicos (NA-002) on 20-28 October, including a Multi-Two entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as VP5B (QSL via N2AU). [TNX The Daily DX]

VP5 - The North Florida DX Association will activate Middle Caicos (NA-002) as VP5DX during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via NU4Y. The operators (K4UTE, N4KE, NU4Y, NF4L, N4EPD, WA4ET, and AB4UF) will start arriving on 16 October and everyone will leave by the 30th. Before and after the contest they will be active as homecall/VP5 (QSL via home calls). [TNX NG3K]

VP9 - Mark, AA1AC and Tom, W1TC will operate from Hamilton Parish, Bermuda (NA-005) on 17-20 October. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX AA1AC]

VP9 - N1HRA, WE1H, N3KCJ and K1JN will be active on 6-160 metres as homecall/VP9 from Bermuda (NA-005) on 23-28 October. They will take part in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest (callsign yet to be determined, QSL via K1JN).

W - Mark, KG8DP and the Rusty Zipper HF and DX Contest Club will operate as NA8KD from Grassy Key (NA-062) on 14-19 October. QSL direct only via KG8DP. [TNX The Daily DX]

W - Look for Tom, WA6WPG/p to be active (on 15 and 20 metres with 50 watts and battery/solar panel) from San Miguel Island (NA-144) on 18-19 October. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX VA3RJ]

XE - Rick, NE8Z will be active as XE2/NE8Z from Cabo San Lucas (not IOTA) on 21-27 October. He plans to concentrate on the WARC bands CW. QSL via home call (Rick Dorsch, P.O. Box 616, Hamburg, MI 48139, USA). [TNX NE8Z]

XU - Shirow, JF6DEA will be active as XU7ACD from Cambodia on 3-6 October. Look for him on 6 metres as well as on 40-10 metres. QSL direct to JH6QIL (Shin-Ichi Kusumoto, 1777-289 Nishi-Mochida, Aira-cho, Kagoshima, 899-5431 Japan). Further information at <http://www.ham-net.net/vu-dx/> [TNX JF6DEA]

XU & XW - Jaak, ES1FB plans to be active as XU7ACE from Shianoukville, Cambodia on 19-28 October, including an entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. Jaak also plans to go and operate as XU7ACV from Koh Poah (AS-133) on 21-23 October, while between 30 October and 4 November he will be active (requested call XW1FB) from Vientiane, Laos. QSLs via ES1FB. Logs will be posted at <http://www.hot.ee/xu7ace> [TNX NG3K]

YJ - Mike, KM9D (YJ0AMY) and Jan, KF4TUG (YJ0ATU) expect to be active on 10-160 metres CW and SSB from Tegua Island (OC-110) [425DXN 647], Vanuatu until around 12 October. QSL via OM2SA. [TNX The Daily DX]

ZK1_sc - Henrik, OZ6TL will be active as ZK1TLA from Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cook Islands between 11 October and 6 November. He plans to operate CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31 in his spare time. [TNX The Daily DX]

ZK1_sc - Dave/W6AQ and Don/K6IPV will be active as ZK1AQT and ZK1IPV from Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cook Islands on 21-28 October, including an entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as ZK1SSB. They plan to operate

on 10-160 metres mainly SSB, with some CW, RTTY and PSK-31. QSL via W6ORD. [TNX The Daily DX]

ZL - Chas, ZL3CED will be active as ZL6FF between 20 UTC on 10 October and 8 UTC on the 11th. During the Oceania DX Contest he will use his home call. He will operate CW only on 10, 15, 20, 30 and 40 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX ZL3CED]

ZL - Roy, W6UKX reports he will be QRV as ZL/W6UKX from 16 October to 6 November. He will operate 20 and 17m SSB and CW, and other bands as conditions permit. QSL via home call.

ZL - Chris, GM3WOJ will operate (on 40 and 20 metres CW and SSB) as ZL1CT/4 from Stewart Island (OC-203) on 11-15 January. For further information please visit <http://www.qsl.net/gm3woj/> [TNX GM3WOJ]

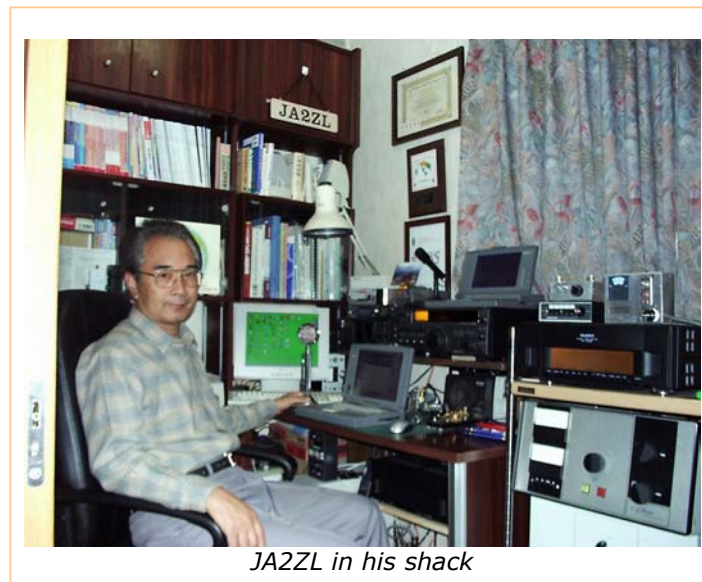
ZL8 - Jacky, ZL3CW (F2CW) will be active again as ZM8CW from Raoul Island in the Kermadecs (OC-039) on 10-18 October. This is not a DXpedition and Jacky will operate in his spare time. QSL via ZL1AMO. [TNX ZL1AMO]

ZP - Special event station ZP44CC will be active on 18-26 October to celebrate the 44th anniversary of Comando de Comunicaciones del Ejercito Paraguayo. Look for activity on 80-6 metres. QSL via ZP5AA. [TNX ZP5RPO]

AFRICA TOUR ---> Jose, ON4LAC will be active as 3B8/ON4LAC from Mauritius (AF-049) from 28 October through 23 November and again on 17-27 December. Between 26 November and 15 December he will operate as FR5/ON4LAC from Reunion (AF-016). He plans to be QRV on SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via home call. [TNX ON4LAC]

PACIFIC TOUR ---> Anci, JA2ZL (<http://www4.ocn.ne.jp/~ja2zl>) will be active as ZK2ZY from Niue (OC-040) on 18-24 October and as 5W0ZY from Samoa (OC-097) on 25-28 October, probably including an entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. He will operate on 12-80 metres (SSB, CW and RTTY from ZK2, SSB only from 5W), using 100 watts, dipoles and beams. QSL via JA2ZL either direct (Anci Yamada, 17-8-2 Takirocho, Tajima, 507-0813 Japan) or through the JARL bureau (until July 2004). [TNX JA1ELY]

VK9 TOUR ---> Some confusion seems to exist about the dates of the YLs' forthcoming DXpeditions [425DXN 631]. They will be on Christmas Island (OC-002) as VK9XYL on 13-27 October and on Cocos Keeling Islands (OC-003) as VK9CYL on 27 October-10 November. QSL to VK3DYL. (Gwen Tilson, 3 Gould Court, Mt. Waverley, Victoria 3149, Australia) Direct cards enclosing old style IRCs, insufficient postage or no SAE will be returned via the bureau. E-QSLs will not be accepted. [TNX VK3DYL, <http://www.qsl.net/vk3dy/>]



JA2ZL in his shack



CQ WW DX SSB CONTEST

The following stations have announced their participation in this year's event (25-26 October):

ZONE 02 - VE2CVI, VE2PGI and VE2GTZ as VE2CVI (<http://www.qsl.net/ve2cvj>).

ZONE 05 - Bill/N1HRA, Matt/WE1H, Foster/N3KCJ and Joe/K1JN as VP9I from Bermuda. QSL via K1JN.

ZONE 06 - XE1NK (EA1DLD), XE1UN and XE1NTT (N6AN) as 6D9X (Multi-Single) from Mexico.

ZONE 07 - WQ7R as HQ9R on all bands low power from Roatan Island (NA-057), Honduras. QSL via N6FF.

ZONE 07 - Announced operations from Costa Rica include:

- * K8LEE, WA8NJR, and W8GEX as TI5A. QSL via TI5AA.
- * TI2KAC, K4UN, W4BD, K4WPM, K4ZJ, N5VI and W4KTR as TI8M (Multi-Two). QSL via W4BD, direct or bureau.

ZONE 08 - Announced operations from Barbados include:

- * Tom, W2SC as 8P1A (SOAB High Power), QSL via NT1N.
- * Dean, 8P6SH as 8P2K (SOSB 15m or 40m), QSL via KU9C.

ZONE 08 - Eduardo/CO8LY, Juan/CO8TW and others as CO8LY (Multi-Two) from Cuba. QSL via EA7ADH.

ZONE 08 - Craig, AH8DX as FS/AH8DX (SOAB) from St. Martin.

ZONE 08 - Jim, N6TJ as KP2A (SOSB 20m) from the Virgin Islands. QSL via W3HNK.

ZONE 08 - Al, F5VHJ (NH7A) as TO5A (SOAB) from Martinique. QSL via F5VHJ.

ZONE 08 - KC5EA, N5HGB, N5AU, N5KO, N5TJ and K5MR as VP2E from Anguilla (Multi-Single). They will be trying for a new North American record score. QSL via N5AU.

ZONE 08 - WP3C as SOAB LP from Puerto Rico. QSL via W3HNK.

ZONE 09 - FY5FY, F1HAR, F5HRY, F5LND, F5MZN, F6FGZ and F6FVY as FY5KE (Multi-Single) from French Guiana. QSL to FY5KE, direct or bureau.

ZONE 09 - Announced operations from Aruba include:

- * KK9A as P40A (SOSB 20m), QSL via WD9DZV.
- * W2GD as P40W (SOAB High Power), QSL via N2MM.

ZONE 09 - N8BJQ, WC4E, N8BJQ, W1MD, K1AR and PJ2DX from the PJ2T station in Curacao as a Multi-Two entry. QSL via N9AG.

ZONE 10 - Dave, NN1N as HC8N (SOAB high Power) from the Galapagos Islands. QSL via W5UE.

ZONE 13 - A large group of eighteen operators from Argentina as LT1F (Multi-Multi). QSL via AC7DX.

ZONE 14 - Announced operations from Portugal include:

- * CT1EHX, CT1ERY, CT1GFK, CT1GPO and CT2IHP as CT7A (Multi-Single). QSL via CT1GFK.
- * Filipe, CT1ILT as CQ0T (SOAB). QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

ZONE 14 - Announced operations from Luxembourg include:

- * Philippe, LX2AJ as LX7I (SOSB 40m). QSL via home call.
- * Phil, LX1AQ as LX5A (SOSB HP 80m) and Robert, LX1RQ as LX9SW (SOSB HP 20m). QSLs via LX1RQ or through the LX bureau.

ZONE 14 - G0HSS, G1GEY, G3NKC, G4XUM and M0BEW as MD4K (Multi-Two) from the lighthouse at Point of Ayre on the Isle of Man. QSL via G3NKC.

ZONE 14 - M5RIC as MJ2Z (SOAB High Power) from Jersey. QSL via home call.

ZONE 15 - I6UNR, IZ8BRI, IZ8CCW, IZ8CGS, IZ8DEJ, IZ8DWL, IZ8EPY and IZ8EPX as IR8M (Multi-Single, <http://www.mdxc.org/ir8m>). QSL via IZ8BGY.

ZONE 15 - UA2FB and others as RW2F (Multi-Two) from Kaliningrad. QSL via DK4VW.

ZONE 15 - Pertti, OH2PM as ZA1A (SOAB) from Albania.

ZONE 16 - Valery/UT1ML and Vitaly/US5MTJ as UV7M on all bands from Ukraine. QSL via bureau to US5MTJ.

ZONE 17 - Nodir, EY8MM as SOSB (80 metres) from Tajikistan. QSL via K1BV.

ZONE 17 - UN9GC, UN7GM, UA9MA and others as UP5G (Multi-Two) from Kazakhstan. QSL via LZ1YE.

ZONE 18 - Andy, UA0ANW as RM0A (SOAB HP). QSL via UA0ANW, direct or bureau.

ZONE 20 - Marios, 5B4WN as C4W (SOAB High Power) from Cyprus. Logs are expected to be placed on Logbook Of the World (<http://www.arri.org/lotw/>).

ZONE 20 - I2WJ, IK8HCG and IK8UND as J49Z (Multi-Single HP) from Crete (EU-015). QSL via IK8UND.

ZONE 20 - Announced operations from Greece include:

- * George/K6SV, Xenofon/SV3BEF, Dimitris/SV3BEH and Vangelis/SV3BEG as J43GRC (low power) QSL via K6HRO.
- * SV8CS, SV2DCD, IK2QEI, IK4MTF, IK2SGC and IZ2AAJ as SY8A (Multi-Single) from the QTH of Spiros, SV8CS on Zante Island (EU-052).

ZONE 21 - Alex, YO9HP as A45WD (SOAB Low Power) from Oman. QSL via YO9HP.

ZONE 21 - A61AJ, N2AA and several operators from the Slovenia Contest Club as A61AJ (Multi-Multi) from the United Arab Emirates. QSL via K2UO (USA) and DJ2MX (others).

ZONE 24 - BW3/JD1BKQ (SOAB) from Taiwan. QSL via JR3PZW.

ZONE 25 - DS3GLW, DS4NVE, HL3VQ, HL3AHQ, HL3AMO and HL3SEO as D70LW (Multi operator class to be decided) from South Korea. QSL via HL3VQ.

ZONE 27 - Guam Contest Club members JI3ERV, JR7OMD, JP1JFG, JG3RPL, JH7QXJ, JR8VSE, JE8KKX as AH2R (Multi-Two) from Guam. QSL via JH7QXJ, direct or bureau.

ZONE 27 - PA0CYW/DU2 (SOAB) from the Philippines. QSL via home call.

ZONE 28 - YB0AI, YB0DPO, YF0ANA and YB0ECT as YB0ZDA (the ORARI Kebayoran's club station) in the Multi-Single category. QSL via YB0AI.

ZONE 29 - David, VK2CZ as VK9XD from Christmas Island.

ZONE 31 - Brian, K9QQ as V73AZ (SOAB High Power) from the Marshall Islands. QSL via K9JS.

ZONE 32 - VK4TI, VK2IR, VK3FY, VK3WA and possibly others as YJ0X (Multi-Single) from Vanuatu. QSL via VK4TI.

ZONE 33 - W7EJ as CN2R (SOAB) from Morocco. QSL via home call.

ZONE 33 - Walter, DJ6QT and others as CT9L (Multi-Two) from Madeira. QSL via DJ6QT.

ZONE 33 - Announced operations from the Canary Islands include:

- * Pekka/OH1RY as EA8AH (SOSB 40m), QSL via home call.
- * Martti/OH2BH as EA8BH (SOSB 80m), QSL via home call.
- * Ville/OH2MM as EA8EA (SOSB 15m), QSL via home call.

ZONE 33 - IT9GSF and possibly others as IG9A from Lampedusa (AF-019), African Italy.

ZONE 34 - SU9NC (Tom, N9NC) as Single Operator All Bands Low Power from Egypt. QSL via OM2SA.

ZONE 35 - Announced operations from Cape Verde include:

- * Al, 4L5A as D4B (SOAB HP). QSL via K1BV.
- * Fabio, I4UFH as D44TD (SOAB). QSL via CT1EKF.

ZONE 37 - Paul/K1XM (5H1X/3), Charlotte/KQ1F and others from the 5I3A club station in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania as a Multi-Multi entry.

ZONE 38 - Edwin, ZS5BBO as ZS5T (SOSB 20m). QSL via home call.

ZONE 40 - TF3AO and others as TF3W (Multi-Single) from Iceland. QSL via TF3GB.

Other announced operations, mentioned in past issues of 425 DX News, include:

DXCC CALL CATEGORY QSL VIA	DXCC CALL CATEGORY QSL VIA
ZONE 02 - Canada VB2C M/M	ZONE 15 - Aland Islands OH0Z SOAB OH5DX
ZONE 02 - Canada VO2WL SOAB HP VE3JM	ZONE 15 - Malta 9H3SB DL5XAT
ZONE 07 - Costa Rica TI5N M/M W3HNK	ZONE 15 - Malta 9H3UD DL5OB
ZONE 07 - Honduras VE3BW/HR6 VE3BW	ZONE 15 - Sardinia IS0A M/M
ZONE 07 - San Andres & Providencia 5J0X M/2 N1WON	ZONE 15 - Sardinia IS0/.... M/M
ZONE 08 - Antigua & Barbuda V26DX M/2 KU9C	ZONE 17 - Uzbekistan UK/JE7RJZ JE7IDA
ZONE 08 - Antigua & Barbuda V26B M/2 WT3Q	ZONE 22 - Nepal 9N7MV JA0UMV
ZONE 08 - Bahamas W8JE/C6A W8JE	ZONE 22 - Nepal 9N7ET JI1LET
ZONE 08 - Turks & Caicos VP5T M/M N2VW	ZONE 22 - Sri Lanka 4S7FBG DL9GFB
ZONE 08 - Turks & Caicos VP5B M/2 N2AU	ZONE 22 - Sri Lanka 4S7JWG DL9MS
ZONE 08 - Turks & Caicos VP5DX M/S NU4Y	ZONE 26 - Cambodia XU7ACE ES1FB
ZONE 08 - Virgin Islands WP2Z M/2 KU9C	ZONE 27 - Mariana Islands KH0AA M/2 JA5DQH
ZONE 09 - Bonaire PJ4T DL9NDS	ZONE 28 - Papua New Guinea P29AM
ZONE 09 - Suriname PZ5A M/2 W5UE	ZONE 28 - Timor Leste 4W2A JR2KDN
ZONE 09 - Suriname PZ5JR M/S K3BYV	ZONE 32 - Samoa 5W0ZY JA2ZL
ZONE 09 - Trinidad & Tobago 9Y4ZC SOAB HP DL6FBL	ZONE 32 - South Cook Islands ZK1SSB W6ORD
ZONE 11 - Fernando de Noronha PTOF W3HC	ZONE 32 - Vanuatu YJ0X M/S VK4TI
ZONE 14 - France TM9AF F5SM	ZONE 33 - Italy IH9P M/2
ZONE 14 - Liechtenstein HB0/HB9AON DJ2YE	ZONE 38 - Namibia V55V ZS6EGB
ZONE 14 - Norway LA/N0HJZ SOAB LP N0HJZ	ZONE 39 - Seychelles S79AX ON5AX
ZONE 14 - Scotland MM0Q SOAB LP MM0BQI	ZONE 40 - Greenland OX3UB OZ1GER
ZONE 14 - Scotland MM0LEO W3LEO	

Do not forget to give a look to the list of announced operations maintained by Bill, NG3K at <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cqs2003.html>



Good to know

3C0V ---> The 3C0V operation from Annobon went abruptly QRT around 10 local time on 4 October. According to Gaby, OD5NJ local authorities ordered the operators to stop transmissions and leave the island within 24 hours. On 6 October another report from Gaby indicated that DJ9ZB, EA5FO and EA5YN were allowed to leave Annobon, while Elmo/EA5BYP apparently was still detained on the island. [TNX OD5NJ and The Daily DX]

3C0V ---> All of the four operators (DJ9ZB, EA5YN, EA5FO and EA5BYP) of the ill-fated 3C0V DXpedition to Annobon are now back home safe and sound. Elmo, EA5BYP says they had proper individual licences, as well as written authorizations and permits for the group to import and operate amateur radio equipments on Annobon for two weeks (see www.tabarca.es.mn). However, on 4 October at 10 UTC the military authorities of the island demanded that the group should dismantle the stations and leave for Malabo within four hours on a Russian cargo plane. On 6 October DJ9ZB and EA5FO were allowed to leave the country; EA5BYP and EA5YN remained in Malabo until the 10th, when they were finally able to go back to Spain.

BQ9P ---> The Pratas Island DXpedition went QRT at 6 (local time) on 16 October, after some 27,000 QSOs. A photo gallery is now available at <http://www3.ocn.ne.jp/~iota/newpage64.htm> [TNX JI6KVR]

CD-ROM ---> Rony, PS7AB (www.ps7ab.com.br) is the author of "Amateur Radio Online", a collection of information (including QSL routes, DXpeditions, islands, special calls, awards and hundreds of pictures) about the history of amateur radio in Brazil. For further information on the 4th edition (July 2003) of the CD-Rom, please contact Rony at ps7ab@yahoo.com

CDXC ---> The new officers and directors of the Clipperton DX Club (<http://cdxc.free.fr/>) are Yannick/F6FYD (President), Joel/F5IPW (Vice-President), Jean-Louis/F9DK (Vice-President), Gerard/F2JD (Treasurer), Mauricette/F8BPN (Secretary). Other Board members, charged with various responsibilities, include F2VX, F4AJQ, F5CQ, F5CWU, F5IL, F5LMJ, F5OGL, F5XL, F6ANA, F6BFH, F6JOB, F8CIQ and G0LMX. [TNX F8BPN]

DXCC NEWS ---> Bill Moore, NC1L reports that the following operations are approved for DXCC credit:
Chesterfield Island TX0AT (October 2002)
Timor Leste 4W2DN
Afghanistan YA1D, YA0J, YA1RS
Iraq YI/KV4EB

INDEXA ---> The International DX Association (INDEXA) has announced its directors and officers for the 2003-2004 term: Judy Roush, AA7UC (President); Bill "Pick" Pickard, WA5PAE (Vice-President); Bill Jennings, W4UNP (Secretary-Treasurer); Franz Langner, DJ9ZB (Director); Ron Wright, ZL1AMO (Director); Richard Grant, W9RG (Director); Nellie Saltiel de Lazard, XE1CI (Director). INDEXA is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to supporting rare and semi-rare DX while promoting goodwill among amateur radio operators of the world. For more information, please visit <http://www.indexa.org> or contact Bill Jennings, W4UNP (P.O. Box 607, Rock Hill, SC 29731, USA). [TNX AA7UC]

MARIA ISLAND ---> IT9YRE, IT9EJW and I1SNW logged about 1800 QSOs in 36 hours during their recent and unfortunate operation from Maria Island (OC-264, new one for IOTA). Over the last couple of weeks 425 DX News has received a few inquiries from IOTA chasers who are willing to send a donation in order to compensate the operators for part of their losses (two transceivers and two antennas fell overboard and sank). Donations can be sent either along with the QSL cards (QSL via home calls) or to Gaetano, IT9GAI (Gaetano Giudice, Via dei Mille 94, 96017 Noto - SR, Italy), who has offered to help collecting contributions. Direct requests that are being received will be processed in time for the cards to reach the "deserving" before the IOTA annual update deadline. [TNX IT9GAI]

NCDXA ---> At the October meeting, the members of the National Capitol DX Association (<http://www.qsl.net/ncdxa/>) elected the following officers to serve in 2004: Dick Mayott, W2YE (President); Terry Hines, N2ZH (Vice President); Brian Bayus, N1KC (Treasurer); George Vincent, K3GV (Secretary). [TNX K3GV]

NOT THE MANAGER ---> Danny, LZ2UU is not and has never been the QSL manager for ZA1MM [425DXN 650]. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused Danny and our readers. [TNX LZ3SM]

OCEANIA DX CONTEST ---> The Phone Contest will take place from 8 UTC on 4 October through 8 UTC on the 5th; the CW Contest will be held on 11-12 October. The aim of the contest is to promote HF contacts with stations in the Oceania region (VK, ZL, Pacific Islands and other locations within the IARU "Worked All Continents" Oceania boundary). Full details are available at <http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com/>

PIRATE ---> Scott, K7ZO is the QSL manager for Joe, NK7U and has received around 40 cards for QSOs made with TA0/NK7U on 9 August 2002. "This operation was a pirate/slim", he says. There are also a few cards for TA9/NN7E via NK7U on 22 November 2002: "this operation may or may not be a pirate, but NK7U is not the QSL manager if it is a good one".

PIRATE ---> "I have been off the air for almost three years", Stephen Wilson (XE1UFO) says, "and just got back on about a month ago. I am receiving many QSL cards for the three years that I was off the air. My callsign is a permanent one (since 1989), and not temporary as some tourists who visit Mexico are issued. If you are in doubt, please E-mail first (xe1ufo@hotmail.com)". [TNX IT9MRM]

PY1OW ---> This is the new call sign of Antonio Da Silva, formerly known as PY1XP, from the island of Itacuruca (SA-029).

QSLs ---> Giovanni, IZ2DPX and Stefano, IK5PWQ report that the cards for their ZA3/IZ2DPX (May-June 2003) and IM0/IK5PWQ (July 2003, EU-165) operations have been printed and direct as well as bureau requests are being processed.

QSL 7Q7RS ---> The QSL manager for Sigfrido, 7Q7RS is IW9BBX. Cards can be sent either direct (Antonello

Scauso, P.O. Box 34, 98057 Milazzo - ME, Italy) or through the bureau. [TNX IK8PGM]

QSL 8Q7HX ---> Uwe, DJ9HX reports that direct cards for his August operation from the Maldives have been processed. Bureau cards can be requested by e-mail at dj9hx@darf.de

QSL 9M2TO ---> Tex, 9M2TO is having a problem with cards being sent direct to his Penang address. All of his QSOs are confirmed automatically via the JARL bureau; those who need a direct card should send their request to JA0DMV (Tex Izumo, 827 Nakanojyou UEDA, Nagano 386-0034, Japan). [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

QSL A61AJ ---> N4QB is no longer the QSL manager for Ali, A61AJ. The new QSL managers are K2UO (George R. Oliva Jr, 5 Windsor Drive, Eatontown, NJ 07724, USA) for North, Central, South America and the Caribbean and DJ2MX (Mario Lovric, Kampenwandstrasse 13, D-81671 Munich, Germany) for the rest of the world. [TNX K1XN and The Golist]

QSL MANAGER OFFERED ---> Peppe Gerace, IZ8EBI (current QSL manager for CO3VK, CO3CJ, CO3LF and CO3JN) is willing to offer his services to other stations. His web sites are at <http://www.qsl.net/iz8ebi> and <http://xoomer.virgilio.it/iz8ebi/>; he can be contacted at iz8ebi@email.it

QSL MANAGER OFFERED ---> Gale Zeiler, WB0YEA would like to become a QSL manager for a DX station. For further information, credentials included, please contact him at gzeiler@austin.rr.com

QSL PJ2P ---> The proper QSL route for the PJ2P (<http://www.pj2t.org>) operation from Curacao in the CQ/RJ WW RTTY Contest this past weekend is KQ3F. They operated in the M/S Low Power category. [TNX K8ND]

QSL TX0AT ---> Direct requests for the October 2002 operation from the Chesterfield Islands are being processed and mailed. If you do not receive your QSL within a reasonable mailing time, please contact iz7atn@vodafone.it before sending any duplicate card. [TNX IZ7ATN]

QSL TX4PG (MARQUESAS 2003) ---> Please note that the new QSL manager for bureau cards only is IK2DIA. Direct requests should still be sent to I2YSB.

QSL VIA JE7IDA ---> The correct address for JE7IDA, QSL manager for UK/JE7RJZ [425DXN 650], is: Kunihiko Nakano, 2-5-4 Mitsuwari, Morioka, 020-0011 Japan.

QSL VIA RA1QQ ---> Albert, RA1QHJ reports that the QSL cards for UE1RRC/1 and RA1QQ/1 (June 2003 IOTA operations) are being processed and mailed out by RA1QQ (Nick A. Smerdov, P.O. Box 24, Cherepovets 162611, Russia). Please refrain from sending second requests.

QSL VIA VE3TPZ ---> James Davidson, VE3TPZ is the QSL manager for VC2C (Canadian & International) and has taken on the additional duties for VB2R (2000) and VB2V (2001). He has started working on clearing out the backlog bureau cards that he has recently received. Those who are awaiting a QSL card you may e-mail James at ve3tpz@sympatico.ca and he will check the logbook and see if their request is in the current batch of cards. [TNX VE3TPZ]

QSL VIA YL2GN ---> Don, YL2GN has received the C5P and FG/YL2KL cards from the printer and the relevant logs from YL2KL. Direct cards will be processed first,

bureau cards will follow (requests for the latter are welcome at Ziedonis.Knope@lattelekom.lv). [TNX YL2GN]

QSL YC9MT ---> Antonio, IZ8CCW reports this is the new call for Sam, YC9MB, the only amateur radio operator living on Sumba Island (OC-151). QSL via IZ8CCW.

QSL YI1BGD/5 ---> "There has been a lot of confusion regarding Hasan, YI1BGD/5 and his operation out of Basrah since before 2002/2003", Cliff Underhill, GOMMI says. He has been unable to reply to any direct card received so far [425DXN 637], but on 30 September it was confirmed via Diya, YI1DZ that Hasan would like Cliff to be his QSL manager. Logs are expected to arrive "in the near future" and cards have still to be printed, so please be patient. Also please note that Cliff can accept direct cards only, at least "for the foreseeable future", as he has pulled out of the RSGB QSL Bureau.

QSL YI9X ---> Steve, OM3JW expects to receive the first "simple" cards from the printer around the end of the month. Photo QSLs will be ready no sooner than late December. Please be patient and do not send duplicates.

QSL ZW8M ---> Moreira, CT1AHU reports that the first batch of direct cards for the May 2003 ZW8M operation from Mexiana Island (SA-042) was mailed on 30 September. [TNX CT1END]

QSL VIA I2YSB ---> Silvano is the QSL manager for 5U7B, 5U7DW, 5U7JK, 5U7JW and 5U7RW. QSL direct only to Silvano Borsa, P.O. Box 45, 27036 Mortara - PV, Italy. On-line logs for 5U7B, 5U7DW, 5U7JW and 5U7RW are available at <http://digilander.libero.it/i2ysb> [TNX I2YSB]

QSL VIA S57DX ---> Dane, S57CQ has left Iraq, where he operated as YI/S57CQ (some 3100 QSOs) and YI9T (some 1500 QSOs); both calls are acceptable for DXCC credit. Dane is now in Guinea-Bissau (J5) until mid October. All QSL requests for his previous operations (YI9T, YI/S57CQ, 5B4/S57CQ, T9/S57CQ, 9A/S57CQ) go to S57DX (Slavko Celarc, Ob Igriscu 8, 1360 Vrhnika, Slovenia). [TNX S57DX]

SV2ASP/A ---> Monk Apollo is back on the air thanks to the help provided by George Varvitsiotis, K6SV. George has taken Monk Apollo a new transceiver and power supply to replace the broken gear [425DXN 635]; he also planned to install all the antennas that were previous donated in order to get SV2ASP/A back on the air "in a big way". [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

TJ OPERATION CANCELLED ---> Alfredo, IK7XGF has had to cancel his 16-28 October operation from Cameroon [425DXN 650], as "after the initial struggle for the license, other problems of family nature added on top and forced a quick return home". [TNX IK0FTA]

VK9XAB ---> Andy, G3AB made 10,800 QSOs as VK9XAB during his recent 7-day stay on Christmas Island. Direct QSLs are being mailed now. Two weeks were spent in Indonesia prior to the VK9 activity where Andy was pleased to meet up with many well-known YB DXers in Jakarta. Some photos will be appearing soon on <http://www.g3ab.net> [TNX G3AB]

VP5X ---> Fourteen-year-old Daniel Bradke, W2AU is the winner of the competition sponsored by the VP5X Contest Group [425DXN 640]. Daniel will receive an all expense paid trip (one full week) to join the VP5X team (<http://www.vp5x.com/>) for the CQ WW CW Contest.

W/VE ISLANDS QSO PARTY ---> This year event it will be held on 18-19 October. Full details can be found at <http://www.eng.mu.edu/usislands/usvetest.html> [TNX VA3RJ]

WRTC 2006 ---> The World Radiosport Team Championship Sanctioning Committee, the Liga de Amadores de Radio Emissao (LABRE) and the Araucaria DX Group (GADX) have announced that the fifth WRTC competition will be held in Florianopolis, capital of the Santa Catarina State, in July 2006.

YA1D ---> Sada, YA1D is on a leave in Japan and will be back to Kabul, Afghanistan after 30 October. He plans to install an HexBeam for the high bands and a vertical for the low bands, besides his existing wire dipoles. QSL via JG1OWV, whose current address is: Masahiro Wada, 391-C-1204, Shibacho, Kanazawa-ku, Yokohama 236-0012, Japan. [TNX JG1OWV]

YB9BU ---> This is Kadek, YC9BU, who has upgraded his licence and is now allowed to operate on 20 metres. [TNX IZ8CCW]

+ SILENT KEY + YASME pioneer Danny Weil (VP2VB) died on 3 October in San Antonio (Texas) at 85 years of age. Born in England, Danny left his homeland in 1954 in a boat he made by himself in order to travel the world alone. "In 1963, after 9 years, 3 boats and travels to the Atlantic, the Carribean and the Pacific Islands, Danny completed his around the world voyage. Needing a means of communication, he taught himself Morse Code, radio theory and obtained a British Amateur radio license. Sailing single handedly around the world was a trip he volunteered to undertake on behalf of radio 'hams'. His voyage was integral in setting up ham radio stations on remote islands and the expedition was monitored by over 100,000 amateur radio enthusiasts around the world. He is remembered by most 'hams' as 'the first DXpeditioner'". [TNX K0HB/KG6AQI]

+ SILENT KEY + Jack, VK2GJH reports the passing of Ian Anderson, T20AA on 3 October, of a heart attack. Ian was very active on HF and 6 metres, mostly CW. [TNX N4AA]

+ SILENT KEY + Enzo Tancredi, IK6BOB, one of the most active DXers in Italy, became a SK on 14 October. [TNX IK6DEN]



Danny Weil, mid 50's (courtesy <http://www.qsl.at>)



VP2VB/MM-Last standard QSL (courtesy <http://www.qsl.at>)



Mrs. Bharati Prasad, VU2 RBI

Lakshadweep Expedition

1987-NIAR conducted a major Dxpedition to Andaman & Nicobar Islands with a team of 30 members lead by Mrs. Bharati Prasad, VU2 RBI. She became number one among woman Hams and was Awarded World wide "DX"er and " Ambassador on the Air," by USA.

1983 - A team of three members led by Mrs. Bharathi Prasad, VU2 RBI operated expedition station at Lakshadweep Islands.

1989-2nd Laccadives Dxpedition was conducted by NIAR with a team of 5 members lead by Mr. S.Suri VU2 MY.

<http://www.niar.org/>

News from the WEB

4M9YY: The web page for the 7-12 October 4M9YY operation [425DXN 643] is at <http://www.4m9yy.com.ve> [TNX YY5JMM]

DIE: Full information on the Spanish Islands Award (DIE), including rules, island listings and results of the 2003 DIE Contest, can be found at <http://www.ea5ol.net/die/> [TNX EA5OL]

IOCA TOUR: Full information (including pictures, QSL routes, etc) about the Croatian islands tour of 9A/RZ3EC, 9A/UA3NAN and 9A6AA is now available at <http://www.qsl.net/rz3ec/9a> . QSL cards have been printed and are being sent out. [TNX RZ3EM]

LOGS: The QSOs from the 20-27 September GB0SM (EU-011) activity have been added to the main log, which is available at <http://www.qsl.net/gb0sm> [TNX GOPSE]

LOGS: On-line logs for AL5A/NH0 (Saipan) [425DXN 645] are available at <http://www6.plala.or.jp/jh0mgj/logs/index.html> [TNX JH0MGJ]

LOGS: On line logs, as well as pictures and other information, for the 2-5 October DS0DX/2 operation from Cho Island (AS-168) [425DXN 645] are now available at http://www.kdxc.net/2003_cho.html . QSL via HL1XP. [TNX HL1IWD]

LOGS: The 3C0V logs for CW, RTTY and PSK31 are available at <http://www.tabarca.es.mn> ; SSB contacts will follow. [TNX EA5BYP]

PZ5A: Complete information on the 20-28 October Magnolia DX Association's activity from Suriname (PZ5CQ, PZ5FF, PZ5UE and PZ5A) [425DXN 637] can be found at http://www.mdx.org/pz_2003.html

QSL GALLERIES: A collection of 1700+ QSL cards is available on Les Nouvelle DX's web site. Six different galleries include cards for each of the 58 deleted DXCC entities, obsolete prefixes, Antarctic bases & TAAF (Terres Australes and Antarctiques Francaises), pre-1945 countries and French Departments. Several cards are still needed and your participation is welcome - please visit <http://LesNouvellesDX.free.fr> and send send your comments to LesNouvellesDX@free.fr [TNX F6AJA]

QSL ROUTES: QSL routes for stations active during the latest CQ/RJ WW RTTY Contest are listed at <http://www.contesting.info> [TNX DL/VE3ZIK]

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

XZ7A: The web page for the current operation from Myanmar is at <http://www.qsl.net/dl7df/xz7a>



DS0DX/2 Cho Island (AS-168)



QSL INFO

QSLs received direct (1): 3A2MD, 3B8CF, 3G1P (SA-085), 4U1UN, 5R8GT, 5X2A, 6Y6/KOCOP, 7P8DA, 7P8IZ, 7P8MJ, 7Q7LA, 9K2MU, A61R, AP5HQ, BV5GQ, CN8YR, CO8JY, CT1AHU/P (EU-040), E4/DF3EC, ES1AJ, FM5WD, FP/K8DD, H40V, HI8ROX, HP3XUG, JR8XXQ/JD1, JT1FDI, KD6WW/VY0, KH2/G3SXW, L65W (SA-065), NP3A, OA4WW, OJ0LA, P29KM, P3A, PJ2/WI9WI, PJ2MI, PJ7/K7ZUM, PW6AI (SA-019), PY0FF, RW2F, SU9NC, T31MY, TG9NX, TU2XZ, TX0AT, TY5ZR, TZ6L, V21CW, V25XX, V26B, V26XX, V44KCB, V47DD, V47WW, V63SXW, V63TXF, V73GE, VE2/M0BLF/P, VP2MPA, VP5/K5GM, VP6MW, VQ9LA, VR2BG, W1/M0BLF/P (NA-217), W6BK/KL7 (NA-039), XT2ATI, YB8NA/P (OC-213), YE8A, ZD7BG, ZW0S, ZW8M (SA-042).

QSLs received direct (2): 3A2MD, 3B9ZL, 3G1P (SA-085), 4L5T, 4S7NE, 4W3DX, 5R8EY, 5T5KG, 5V7BR, 5W0DA, 5X2A, 7Q7CE, 7X0AD, 8A3M (OC-250), 9J2BO, 9Y4/IV3IYN, A35XX (OC-064), AP2ARS, AP2HA, BN0F, CS4B (EU-040), CY0MM (NA-063), E4/DF3EC, EP3SMH, FH/G4IRN, FO0TOH, J72JOT, JR8XXQ/JD1, JT1BV, KB5GL/5 (NA-089), KD6WW/VY0 (NA-131), MJ0AWR, R1ANC, S05X, S79MX, S9SS (AF-023), T5X, TI2NA, TR8BAR, TR8JPF, TX0AT, UA0ACG, UA0FZ, UN7AM, V63SC (OC-010), V63SC (OC-010), V63TXF, V63TXF/p (OC-078), VK9XAB, VK9YL, VQ9LA, W5BOS/AL5 (NA-121), XV9DT, YC9MB (OC-151), YE5A (OC-262), YI/KV4EB, YI/OM2DX, YJ8MN (OC-035), Z37M, ZC4RR, ZD9VC, ZF2TR, ZW0S, ZW8M (SA-042).

CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
3C0V	DJ9ZB	ED7SAC	EA7DA	R0PA	DL5EBE
3C0V	DJ9ZB	EG1CPD	EA1URO	R10RRC	RV3ACA
3D2LL	JA2LLK	EM225G	UR3GM	R10RRC	RV3ACA
3D2VB	UA4WHX	EM5U	UT2UB	RK0LXD/p	UA0LQJ
3D2VB/R	UA4WHX	EM5U	UT2UB	RK3DZJ/3	RA3DEJ
4D71HBC	DU1HBC	EO6F	UXOFF	S21YY	JM1HXU
4K0GNY	GM0GNY	ER8C	ER1DA	S79NS	DL2RNS
4L1MA	ON4RU	EW6AC	DL8KAC	S92LZ	CT1EFV
4O8AA	UA3DX	EX2M	W3HNK	S9SS	N4JR
4S7PBG	JH3PBL	EX8MLE	IK2QPR	S9SS	N4JR
4V200H	HH2JR	FK/AC4LN	UA4WHX	SN25JP	SP4GFG
4Z8EE	OK1EE	FM5BH	W3HNK	SO1VAF	DL7VAF
5B4/RK9CWA	UA9CGA	FO/DF6IC	DF6IC	SO25JP	SP9W
5B4AHJ	G3PMR	FO/DL1IAN	DL1IAN	SR25JP	SP6KFA
5N0NHD	JH8BKL	FO/DL3GA	DL3GA	SU9NC	OM2SA
5N43EAM	IK2IQD	FO/I1SNW	I1SNW	SV0JD/SV8	DL6NBA
5N43NDP	IK5JAN	FO/IT9EJW	IT9EJW	SX8X	SV8ENI
5R8FU	SM5DJZ	FO/IT9YRE	IT9YRE	T20MW	DJ7RJ
5R8HA	G3SWH	FW/AC4LN	UA4WHX	T88BA	G4OHX
5U7B	I2YSB	GB0SAM	M0RAW	T88UG	K7ZZ
5U7DW	I2YSB	GB4LI	G4TTX	T88ZX	K7ZZ
5U7JB	ON5NT	GB75BF	G4DFI	T88ZX	K7ZZ
5U7JK	I2YSB	GPOSTH	G4DIY	T99RM	DL2JRM
5U7JW	I2YSB	HC8N	W5UE	TA0KA	DJ6QT
5U7RW	I2YSB	HE2GR	HB9DOT	TA0KA	DJ6QT
5X2PV	PA3CBH	HF25JP	SP9PKZ	TA2ZF	UT2UB
7Q7HB	G0IAS	HF25JP	SP9PKZ	TA2ZF	UT2UB
7Q7PF	LA9PF	HF6500	SQ4NR	TA4ZT	DK1AR
7Q7RS	IW9BBX	HF8JP	SP8QED	TG9NX	N4FKZ
8P9AM	UT2UB	HF8JP	SP8QED	TM9AF	F5SM
8P9AM	UT2UB	HF8KAF	SP8KAF	TM9NL	F5AXP
8P9SH	KU9C	HJ3ISB	EA5KB	TR8CA	F6CBC
8S5A	SM5AJV	HK6KKK	EA5KB	TX4PG	I2YSB (f)
8S5X	SM5HJZ	HQ9R	N6FF	TX4PG	IK2DIA (g)
8S6UEA	DL1CC	HR1FJC	EA7FTR	UE3SFF/P	RU3SD
8S7A	W3HNK	HR2JGG	EA7FTR	UE3YGA/P	RV3YR
9G100	PA3ERA	HS0ZEA	OE2REL	UE6FBR	RN6FJ
9H3GQT	YL2GQT	HS0ZEO	OE1GZA	UT0U	UT2UB
9H3JH	OH2BR	HS8AC/P	E21EIC	UT0U	UT2UB
9H3KKL	YL2KL	IG9L	IZ7CDE	UT4UZA/P	UX7UN
9H3M	YL2KL	II1D	IZ1CCE	UT5UDX	UT2UB
9H3MH	OH2BAD	II1D	IZ1CCE	UT5UDX	UT2UB
9H3MMD	YL2MD	II8PAX	IZ8CLM	V31LZ	LZ3RZ
9H3YM	PE1OFJ	IO1DCI	IK1GPG	V31XW	G7UXW
9H3ZR	PB9ZR	J42A	SV2AEL	V51KC	WD4AWD
9J2BO	G3TEV	J45XB	DJ9XB	V63SC	JM1LBO
9J2KC	JL1NKC	JT3AA	pirate	V63UG	K7ZZ
9L1DX	EA4CEN	JW5X	LA5X	V63ZT	K7ZZ
9N1HA	N5VL	JW6VM	LA6VM	V73MJ	JF1NZW
9N7DZ	UA4AX	JW7XK	LA7XK	V85RH	JH7FQK
9Y4ZC	DL4MDO	JW9DL	LA9DL	V8A	JH7FQK
A41KJ	N5FTR	JY4NE	K3IRV	VI3BVS	VK3WI

CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
A52SM	SM7EHU	JY9QJ	DL5MBY	VK0EE	pirate
A61AJ	DJ2MX (a)	K1J	K1DG	VK4SRW	PA0RRS
A61AJ	K2UO (b)	K2K	K2KGB	VK4SRW	PA0RRS
A61AR	UA6MF	K4R	KG4KWW	VK9CD	DJ5IW
A61AR	UA6MF	K6A	WM6A	VK9XW	DL2RMC
AH2J	JR1VAY	K7WD/KH6	JH7IMX	VK9XYL	VK3DYL
AL5A/NH0	JH0MGJ	KH0AC	K7ZA	VP5/AH6HY	AH6HY
BA7NQ	W2AY	KHOT	JA1SGU	VP8DGA	GOWJN
BQ9P	KU9C	KH0V	JJ1KZI	VP9BO	W4ZGR
C5WW	ON4WW	KH6ZM	I0MWI	VU4BH	pirate
C91Z	ZS6WPX	KH7X	K2PF	XQ3SIX	NI6V
CL6BIA	N3ZOM	KL7FAA	AC7DX	XU7ACD	JH6QIL
CN2R	W7EJ	KP2D	KU9C	XU7ACG	7N4QHA
CN2R	W7EJ	KP4SQ	KD8IW	XZ7A	DL7DF
CN8KD	EA5XX	LN1B	LA1B	XZ7A	DL7DF
CN8YZ	EA7FTR	LN2T	LA2T	YA3R	K3KN
CO0I	bureau	LU1DZ/P	EA3RE	YC0KTS	LZ1YE
CO3CJ	IZ8EBI	LU1ECZ	EA5KB	YC9MT	IZ8CCW
CO6TB	N3ZOM	LU3OE	EA5KB	YE32OB	IZ8CCW
CO6XN	N3ZOM	LU5FII	WD9EWK	YI1BGD/5	GOMMI
CO8CY	EA5KB	LZ100JVA	LZ1PJ	YI1UNH	WA3HUP
CP8XA	DL3NAZ	M0SDX	UT2UB	YI9L	K1QS
CT3AS	DJ8FW	M0SDX	UT2UB	YI9X	OM3JW
CU2L	DL4FP	N1B	W1QWT	YJ0AMY	OM2SA
CU3DJ/P	KZ5RO	N1S	W1QWT	YJ0ATU	OM2SA
CX3HF	EA5XX	N1VK/VE2	JL3SIK	YM2ZF	UT2UB
D44TT	K1BV	NH0B	JI1JMK	YM2ZF	UT2UB
D4B	K1BV	NP2SH	N3ZNI	YO2LEA	K3PD
D703BN	DS3EXX	OH0B	OH2BH	Z28JL	G3UUUV
D88S	DS4CNB	OH0JWH	DJ2PJ	ZA1E	I2MQP
DA0HC	DL6KAC (c)	OH0PM	OH2PM	ZA1MM	LZ2UU
DL0AS	DL5KUA	OH0V	OH6LI	ZK1TLA	OZ6TL
DL2GG/YV5	DL3AMA	OH0WK	OH3WK	ZK2BH	DL2NBH
DN2EI	DL6KAC (d)	OH0XY	OH6XY	ZK2BR	DL6NBR
DS0DX/2	HL1XP	OK8BWW	CT1BWW	ZK2GB	DH3NB
DU3NXE	W3HNK	OY3QN	OZ1ACB	ZL/9V1SM/P	W3HNK
DU9/N0NM	W4DR	OZ0AIS	DL6KAC (e)	ZL6FF	ZL3CED
EA3URL/P	EA3CYE	P3A	W3HNK	ZM8CW	ZL1AMO
ED2LUZ	EA2CV	PJ2MI	W2CQ	ZV5OKT	PP5ZP
ED2TER	EA2BIB	PJ4/DL5NAM	DL9NDS	ZV5OKT	PP5ZP
ED2ZFP	EA2ICA	PJ4/DL7NFK	DL9NDS	ZY2A	PT2AA
ED3TCA	EA3DQU	PJ4/DL9NDS	DL9NDS	ZY2A	PT2AA
ED3TCT	EA3EVR	PS7/ZY2A	PT2AA	ZY5BI	PP5ZP
ED5MHE	EA5ZD	PS7/ZY2A	PT2AA	ZY5JP	ZY5ZHP
ED6MAT	EA6ACF	PY9BT	PP2BT	ZY5JP	PY5ZHP

(a) Rest of the world (b) North, Central, South America, the Caribbean (c) ILLW 2002 and 2003 only
(d) WAG Contest 2001 only (e) August 2003 only (f) Direct (g) Bureau



Ten students at a Houston Texas high school had a chance to talk to Astronaut Ed Lu aboard the ISS this week.



The Kagawa, Japan school contact on September 20 was extremely successful. 13 students asked 15 questions to Ed Lu on ISS. This was the first contact in Yamaguchi Pref

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CALENDAR

PERIOD	CALL	REF
till 31/12	JM6DZB/JD1: Iwo Jima (AS-030), Ogasawara	609
till 27/10	MM0BQI/P and MM0Q: Summer Isles (EU-092)	650
till 27/10	P29AM: Papua New Guinea * by NU50	649
till 25/10	PA9MR: EU-146 * by VE3MR	648
till 26/10	PJ4/DL5NAM, PJ4/DL9NDS, PJ4/DL7NFK, PJ4T: Bonaire (SA-006)	647
till 28/10	PT0F: Fernando de Noronha * by CT1BOH	650
till 28/10	PZ5CQ, PZ5FF, PZ5UE and PZ5A: Suriname	637
till 04/11	PZ5DX and PZ5JR: Suriname * by K3BYV and N3CXM	650
till 2004	R1ANZ: "Mirny" Base (WABA UA-07)	608
till 31/10	SN25JP: special event station (Poland)	647
till 31/10	SO25JP: special event station (Poland)	648
till 31/10	SR25JP: special event station (Poland)	647
till 27/10	TM5CRO: Porquerolles Island (EU-070)	649
till 26/10	TM9AF: special call (France)	647
till 31/12	UE0JWA: special station (Zone 19)	637
till 02/11	V26B, V26EW, V26OC, V26R, V26U: Antigua (NA-100) * by Ws	647
till 31/12	VI8NT: special event station	634
till 06/11	ZK1TLA: Rarotonga (OC-013), So. Cooks * by OZ6TL	648
till 06/11	ZL/W6UKX: New Zealand	649
till 26/10	ZP4CC: special event station (Paraguay)	650
26/10-09/11	VK9XG: Christmas Island (OC-002) * by W0YG	649
27/10-30/10	F5JYD/P: French islands	651
27/10-10/11	VK9CYL: Cocos Keeling (OC-003) * YL operators	648
28/10-23/11	3B8/ON4LAC: Mauritius (AF-049)	649
30/10-04/11	XW1FB: Laos * by ES1FB	649
31/10-02/11	MB2HFC: special event station (England)	649
31/10-02/11	PA/ON4IPA: EU-146	651
31/10-02/11	RSGB International HF and IOTA Convention	637
October-November	MM0LEO: Scotland * by W3LEO	649
01/11-04/11	D90HE/4, DS2GOO/4, DS5BSX/4, DS4NYE/4: AS-085	651
01/11-02/11	GM3OFT/p: Murray's Isles (EU-123)	651
01/11-03/11	HP100RCP: special event station (Panama)	651
01/11	IPA Contest, CW	***
01/11-02/11	Ukrainian DX Contest	***
02/11-09/11	EA6/HA5RT, HA6NL, HA6PS, HA6ZV, HA7JJS/p: Balearic Is.	651
02/11-10/11	HB0/HA0HW, HA4DX, HA4XG/p: Liechtenstein	651
02/11	DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest	***
02/11	High Speed Club CW Contest	***
02/11	IPA Contest, SSB	***
03/11-09/11	3B8/PA0VHA and 3B8/PA3BAG: Mauritius Island (AF-049)	649
04/11-18/11	9G5JH: Ghana * by PA0CJH	649
05/11-05/12	OA4-7/F6BUM: Peru	651
06/11-15/11	3B8/ON5AX: Mauritius (AF-049)	641
08/11-18/11	PA3GIO/VP9: Bermuda (NA-005)	646
08/11-09/11	Japan Int. DX Contest, Phone	***
08/11-09/11	OK/OM DX Contest, CW	***
08/11-09/11	WAE DX Contest, RTTY	***
09/11-23/11	CU2/DH5ST/p: Sao Miguel (EU-003), Azores	649
10/11-14/11	3B9/PA0VHA and 3B9/PA3BAG: Rodrigues Island (AF-017)	649
15/11-24/11	3B8/PA0VHA and 3B8/PA3BAG: Mauritius Island (AF-049)	649
15/11-16/11	LZ DX Contest (CW & SSB)	***
15/11-16/11	RSGB 1.8 MHz Contest, CW	***
16/11-30/11	TM7W: special call (France) * by F8BBL	651
19/11-01/12	TS7N: Kerkennah Islands (AF-073)	641
21/11-21/12	VK2IAY/4 (OC-160, OC-171, OC-137) * by G0UIH	619
22/11-29/11	V63WC and V63PF: Yap (OC-012) * by WF5W and W5PF	651
24/11-15/12	TO4E and TO4WW: Europa Island (AF-009)	651
25/11-28/11	3G2D: Damas Island (SA-086) * by CE5	649
26/11-15/12	FR5/ON4LAC: Reunion (AF-016)	649
26/11-30/11	V26K: Antigua & Barbuda (NA-100) * by AA3B	643
29/11-30/11	CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	***
November-April	IR7LH: Italian lighthouses * by IK7JWX	651
02/12-04/12	VK4WWI/9: Cato Reef (OC-???)	645
05/12-07/12	ARRL 160 Meter Contest	***
06/12-08/12	VK4WWI/9: Marion Reef (OC-???)	645
06/12-07/12	TARA RTTY Sprint	***
13/12-14/12	ARRL 10 Meter Contest	***
13/12-14/12	Italian Contest (40 & 80 Meter)	***
15/12-11/01	G4IUF/HC8: Galapagos Islands (SA-004)	649
17/12-27/12	3B8/ON4LAC: Mauritius (AF-049)	649

BQ9P Pratas

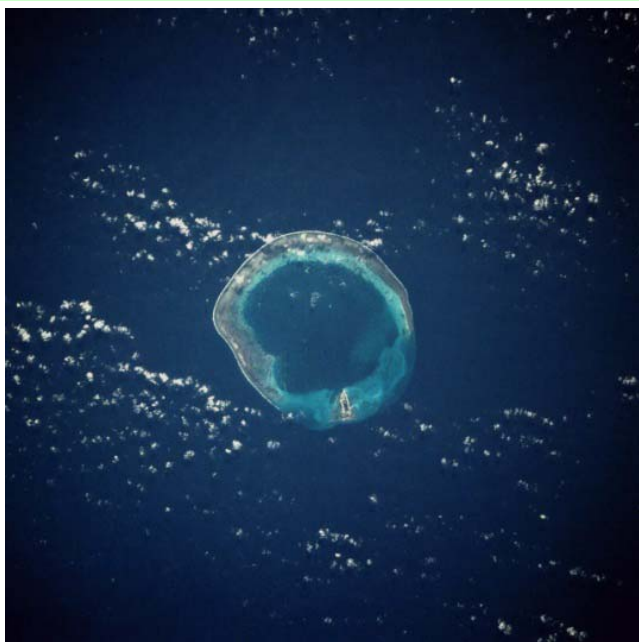
Pratas (Dong sha) is the northernmost coral reef in the South China Sea, and Taiwan's bullwark outpost appr. 250 miles south of the main island. A garrison of 150 and heavily fortified against any enemy attack, it is not necessarily what you might call a tourist spot. (But note that Taiwan itself holds a lot of most beautiful resorts and places, and if ever you go there you should not miss visiting some of them). To go there, even as a Taiwan citizen, is a rare treat. To stay overnight, to be allowed as a foreigner, to set up a radio station is something close to a miracle - come true thanks to the CTARL's wonderful lobbying during the nine years since Martti Laine OH2BH "conquered" Pratas for amateur radio, operating during a short stopover whilst the Hercules C-130 was re-fueled. What a remarkable difference did we experience on our BQ9P DXpedition, 9-16 October, 2003. Delayed by two days due to a typhoon hunting the area, we were warmly welcomed by Commander Chen Fu and "handed over" to Vice Commander Ju Jun Fu who, together with his officers and troop members, went out his way to make our stay most comfortable. Chinese hospitality is unsurpassed, so we set up our antennas on the beach (a V160, a V80, and a Butternut) and on the rooftop of our living quarters (Beams for the upper bands, WARC, and 6m), installed the five operating desks in two shacks, and started working. Conditions varied strongly, we had a great start, were set back by a magnetic storm and some local interference, but in the end put appr. 27.000 contacts into the log. Falk DK7YY and Dietmar DL3DXX concentrated on the low bands - first such effort from Pratas - and helped many a ham to a new one. Bob N2OO and Lester ZL4PO were the CW guys, Yuki JI6KVR initiated SSTV, Robert BV3FG did so with RTTY, Bill BV3BW stood in with Sideband whenever needed, and yours truly (Wolf OE1WHC) fought mostly against the "European Wall", relaxing whenever the never-ending JA pile-up had to be worked.



No dress code required in the shack. Displaying our back side whilst talking to you face to face on the bands © OE1WHC



Trying to get up the V160 on the beach © OE1WHC



A satellite view shows the beautiful coral reef. Everything submerged - except for the one tiny island

As a matter of fact we did not just really run shifts strictly to a rule but simply used every band opening at its best. Special praise goes to Paul BV4FH who had not only prepared for the DXpedition (a half year's tiresome effort), he also presided as chief organizer and always had everything perfectly under control in a most casual manner. I happened to be the first foreign journalist on the island and collected lots of footage for both radio broadcasts, magazine contributions, a web site, and a power point show. Yuki is providing a Video - so BQ9P will be the best-documented operation ever from Pratas/Dong sha.

QSL (direct only!) via KU9C.

73 de Wolf Harrant

OE1WHC/BW2

OE1WHC/BQ9P

Banaba (T33) Dxpedition 2004

For immediate release

Well known dxpeditioner Rob Snieder, PA2R (ex-PA5ET), will lead an international team of 21 operators to activate Banaba (T33) for two weeks during April 2004. Banaba (formerly Ocean Island) currently ranks 26 on the European most-wanted list. The small, sparsely populated island is accessible only by sea.

The Banaba operation has been issued callsign T33C. The expedition will be a major effort, featuring 24 hour a day operation. CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK, and SSTV will be used as appropriate on all bands 160 through 6 meters and AO-40 . There will be seven separate HF stations featuring Elecraft K2/100 transceivers and ACOM1000 amplifiers, including a dedicated station for the digital modes

and another for 6meters. Operations on 20 meters and above will use StepIR yagis, while low band stations will use a variety of transmitting and receiving antennas, including loops and beverages. Logs will be transmitted daily to Australia and published daily on the World Wide Web.

If propagation is favorable, T33C should be easy to hear.

Members of the group will also activate Tarawa (T30) during WPX SSB. There may also be limited operation from Nauru, Fiji, and other island nations after the Banaba expedition.

The history of Banaba during the past century has not been a happy one. Phosphate mining has destroyed most of the arable land on the island. During WWII, the Japanese military occupied the island and enslaved much of the population. Following WWII, many Banabans were relocated to Rabi Island in Fiji. Banaba is governed by the nation of Kiribati and by a Council of Elders that resides on Rabi.

The expeditioners plan to bring school supplies for the islanders and to hold a medical clinic. The expedition includes a physician, nurse, and pharmacist, all of whom are also hams.

The expeditioners will travel by air to Fiji, and then to Tarawa, Kiribati. From Tarawa, the expedition will go to Banaba by chartered vessel. Because of severe weight restrictions on flights to Tarawa, most of the equipment is being shipped ahead by container from Rotterdam. Shipping expenses alone are estimated at \$9000.

The T33C group is seeking volunteers to operate pilot stations in Asia, Oceania, and South America.

All of the group members have committed substantial amounts of money toward making the expedition a success and several radio clubs and DX foundations have contributed money, but the expedition still needs contributions to cover costs. Contributions may be sent to:

Flo Moudar, F5CWU, 25 Rue du Castel Salis, 37100 Tours, FRANCE

IBAN: FR 76 1370 5000 0104 0070 3301 890

BANK Identification Code(BIC): CEPAFRPP370 (also named SWIFT CODE)

BANK ADDRESS:

Caisse d'epargne Centre Val de Loire, Agence Europe, 19 Avenue de l'Europe, 37100 TOURS, FRANCE

More information, updates, and profiles of the expedition team can be found at the Banaba Dxpedition Web site <http://www.dx-pedition.de/banaba2004>.

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In 1990, WA4JTK became disenchanted with a DX Net on which he had been one of the Net Controls and decided to leave them. He migrated to 14.247MHZ and joined a group of Ham friends called The El Grupos. With the El Grupos as a base, he started calling for DX Stations to join them and as more and more DX Stations joined, the 247 DX Group was born. If you are reading this you are aware it has grown greatly in prominence and size since then.

The logo for the 247 DX Group, featuring the text "247 DX Group" in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. The text is centered within a rectangular frame that has a light, textured background.

It was started as an informal Net dedicated to providing as many DX contacts as possible in a given time. Over time a few simple rules evolved as the need for them arose. The purpose of these rules is to ensure the opportunity for the greatest numbers of Stateside stations to try to make a DX contact in the limited time we have. It was rapidly discovered that if all the participants would abide by these rules, it was possible to have contacts made in a rapid-fire manner.

In 1993, NØJT, then KFØUI, joined the Net as a Control working along with WA4JTK and has been with the 247 DX Group ever since. Between the two of them, they started providing QSL Routes for DX Stations and have developed rather extensive databases. Without being asked, NØJT kept some unofficial records and when asked to author this History was surprised to find there had been eighteen Net Control Operators, located in Arizona, California, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maine, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Colorado, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Idaho, Texas, Montana, Tennessee, and a few DX Entities, that have since left the Net. Some left for personal reasons, some because they lost interest, some because of the pressure, and some simply because it took too much of their time.

Working together NØJT and WA4JTK put together a procedure that would fully utilize the time on the Net and make possible many more contacts than the usual "chatty" contacts. They set the basic goal of The 247 DX Group as trying to conduct a contact much the same as any DX contact would be made. Simply stated, they requested that a Stateside Operator, as he would when working on his own, using standard phonetics, simply call the DX Station, give his Callsign and a signal report and then repeat the signal report he received so the Control, if it was correct, could proceed to the next caller. That is it: simply in and out. To control the number of attempts to complete a contact NØJT and WA4JTK instituted their now famous "three strikes and you are out" rule. If a good contact is not made with three attempts the Net Control will notify both parties the signals cannot be copied and proceed to the next caller. A Net Control on 14.247 will never give the Stateside Callsign to the DX Station, nor will he repeat the report received to the Stateside Station. If the contact information cannot be copied, the Control will notify the DX Station and continue on to the next caller. This procedure has worked very well for the past few years and we notice that when it is not followed, the number of contacts completed in a single session seems to fall drastically.

In November 2002, K7PT and NØJT joined forces and created the 14.247 DX GROUP Web Page as a DX tool set to all operators and sincerely hope you enjoy it.

<http://www.247dx.net>

UBA – SWARL 365 Days Contest 2004

The Royal Society of Belgian Radio Amateurs (UBA) and Short Wave Amateur Radio Listening (SWARL) invite every licensed radio amateur and short wave listener to participate in this contest. The aim of this contest is to work or hear as many DXCC countries as possible, on the various bands as stipulated in the rules, during a period of one year starting on January 1st at 00:00 hrs. UTC, and this without obligation of confirmation by a QSL-card.

1 Duration

The contest begins on January 1st 2004 at 00:00 UTC, and ends on the December 31st 2004 at 24:00 UTC.

2 Participants

All licensed radio amateurs, and short wave listeners, even without a short wave listener's number, are welcome.

3 Categories

There is only one category:

Category 1 = MIXED-mode, meaning SSB, CW, RTTY and all the new digital modes like PSK, Throb, MT63, HELL, Pactor, MFSK etc...

4 Bands

Logging takes place on all HF bands, i.e. 160, 80, 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meter bands. Respect the IARU band planning recommendations. This means e.g. that SSB QSO's may not be logged on 10 MHz.

5 Logs

Logs should be established in alphabetical order according to the normal country prefix. The logs should comprise the following information: 1- DXCC-country (*), 2- Callsign of the station heard, 3- Frequency (in MHz), 4- Mode, 5- Date, 6- Time (in UTC), 7- RS(T) (QTH SWL or Licensed Ham), 8- Callsign of the QSOs partner (for licensed Hams, his own callsign). Do not forget to put your Callsign or SWL number, your name, address, and club section in the heading of your logbook.

(*) The normal prefix of the countries concerned should be entered in the DXCC column.

6 Summary sheet

All logs (final and intermediate, see par. 10) shall be accompanied by a summary sheet. These summary sheets shall include the following information: your callsign or SWL number, the category of participation, your surname and given name, your address and E-Mail, the number of DXCC countries per band, possible remarks and observations, a station description, and the following signed declaration: "I hereby declare that I operated my station in accordance with the contest rules. I accept the decision of the contest committee."

7 Scores

Each DXCC country counts only once per band and counts for one (01) point.

8 Multipliers

This year no multipliers (maybe in the future).

9 Winner

The winner is the participant with the highest number of logged DXCC lands on all bands together.

10 Submission of log and summary sheet

Provisional (intermediate) summary sheets MUST be submitted three times per year, these sheets must contain the information outlined in par. 6 above. These must reach the contest manager by the end of the month following the closing date.

Closing date 1st period = March 31st

Closing date 2nd period = June 30th

Closing date 3rd period = September 30th

The final log and final summary sheet must reach the contest manager by the end of the month following the final closing date. The date of the E-mail is the only proof. Logs that are sent after the deadline will not be considered for the competition.

11 Results

Both the interim results and the final results will be published in CQ-QSO, on the UBA web page (<http://www.UBA.be>), in the ONL/SWL section and on the SWARL reflector SWARL (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SWARL/>), and on my homepage (<http://users.skynet.be/ONL4299/Contest/1Contestinfo.htm>). All participants having fulfilled the requirements of par. 10 will automatically receive the final results.

12 Address

Logs and summary sheets should be sent to the contest manager only via E-mail (onl4299@skynet.be).

13 Awards and plaques

The participants placed first and second in both the HAM and SWL categories, will receive a plaque sponsored by the UBA (The Royal Society of Belgian Radio Amateurs). The first ten will receive a e-certificate sponsored by SWARL (Short Wave Amateur Radio Listening).

14 Penalties and disqualification

Penalties are applicable for incomplete or inaccurate contacts. Such QSO's will score zero points but there will be no additional penalty. Each unidentified duplicate DXCC country is deleted and penalised by deduction of 5 points.

Disqualification is foreseen for logs which manifestly break the rules.

Good hunting !

Patrick - ONL4299,

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