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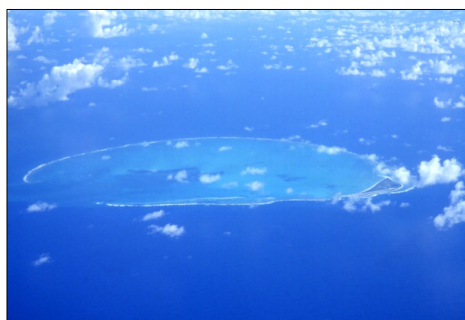
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DX INFORMATION

3D2 - Brian, N6IZ will operate as 3D2IZ from Namotu Island (OC-121), Fiji from 26 March until 2 April. He plans to be QRV on +/- 1828, 3508, 7008, 10110, 14025, 21025 and 28008 kHz CW, plus 7087, 14245, 21245 and 28345 SSB during the WPX Contest. The trip is focused on surfing and activity will center around the times posted on <http://n6iz.com>. QSL via N6IZ.

4U1UN - On their way to Dayton, Mustapha/DL1BDF, Karl-Heinz/DL1BAH, Manfred/DK1BT and Stefan/DG2BDB will stop in New York City. They plan to operate from the 4U1UN ARC at the United Nations sometime between 12 to 15 May. QSL via HB9BOU. [TNX F5NQL]

4U1UN - Seppo, OH1VR and John, W2ID were active unexpectedly from the UN Headquarters for about 90 minutes in the UTC night between 1 and 2 March. They expect to be active again on 7 or 8 March starting around 15-16 UTC. QSL via HB9BOU. [TNX The Daily DX]



SANDJA ISLANDS (AF-NEW)

Ivan, OM3CGN and other operators from Algeria plan to be active from Sandja Island (AF-NEW) on 1-5 May. [TNX DE0MST]

8Q - UN9LW, UA9CLB, UN4L, UA9CDV and UA9CDC will operate as 8Q7DV from the Maldives (AS-013) on 17-29 March, mainly during the Russian DX and CQ WPX SSB contests. [TNX The Daily DX]

8R - Olli, EA4BQ/OH0XX will be active as 8R1RPN from Guyana until 29 March, including an entry in the CQ WPX SSB Contest as 8R1K. QSL to Olli Rissanen, Calle Ciguela 331, 28729 Venturada, Madrid, Spain. [TNX EA4BQ]

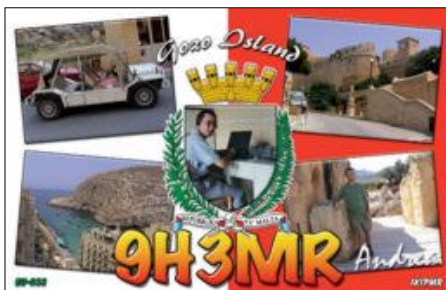
9A - Special call 9A0IARU will be aired on 15-17 April from Murter Island (EU-170) in connection with the Central European IARU Region 1 meeting. QSL via 9A6AA. [TNX 9A6AA]

9H - John, G4IRN will operate (mainly CW on 10-80 metres) as 9H3RN from Malta (EU-023) on 10-14 March. QSL Via home call. [TNX NG3K]

9H - Andrea, IK1PMR and Claudia, K2LEO will be active as 9H3MR and 9H3LEO

respectively from Gozo Island (EU-023) on 17-31 March. They

plan to operate on 80-10 metres mainly CW (9H3MR) and RTTY (9H3LEO), with 100w, 80/40/30m vertical and wires. QSL both callsigns via IK1PMR. Skeds are welcome. Their web site is at <http://www.ik1pmr.com/dx-peditions/9h3mr/> [TNX IK1PMR]



A2 - Hans, DL7CM and Sid, DM2AYO will operate as either A25/homecall from Botswana on 6-20 April. They plan to be active with two stations on 160-6 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK, QSL via home calls. Logs will be available on www.QSL.net/dl7cm/A2.htm [TNX DL7CM]

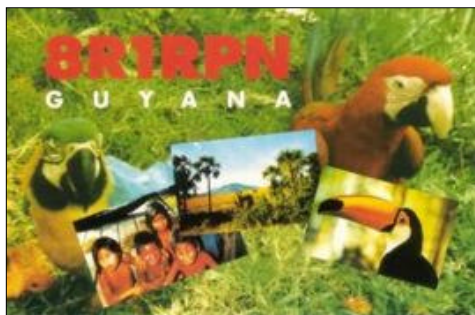
BV - A group of operators from Taipei will be active as BPOA from Peng Hu Island (AS-103) on 24-28 March, CQ WPX SSB Contest included. QSL via BV2KI, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

C6 - G4WFO will be active as C6AWF from Abaco (NA-080), Bahamas on 15-29 April. He will operate on 80-10 metres mostly CW and RTTY, with some SSB. QSL via G3SWH. Logs will be available at www.g4wfo.btinternet.co.uk. [TNX G4WFO]

CE - Marco, CE6TBN has had to reschedule his CE6TBN/7 activity from Ascension Island (SA-043) [425DXN 723], which is now expected to take place on 20-22 March. He will operate on 40, 20, 17 and 15 meters SSB and CW. QSL via home call (P.O.Box 1234, Temuco, Chile). [TNX CE6TBN]

CE_ssh - Yuri, CA8WCI/9 (<http://www.qsl.net/ca8wci>) reports he will operate from 21 to 23 UTC until 21 March to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Chilean Air Force. He is currently stationed at the Antarctic base "Presidente Eduardo Frei Montalva" (CE-03 for the Antarctica Award) on King George Island, South Shetlands (AN-010). Contacts made during the celebration (14-21 March) will be confirmed with a special QSL card. QSL via CA8WCI (Yuri De La Barra Echeverria, c/o Radio Club Punta Arenas, P.O. Box 2000, Punta Arenas, Chile). [TNX IZ8CGS]

CE_ssh - Dominik, DL5EBE reports that on 8 March Oleg/UA1PBA and Slava/UA1PAI made only 20 QSOs as CE9/R1ANF [425DXN 722] from the Chilean "Refuge" (CE-12 for the Antarctica Award) on Ardley Island, South Shetlands. They had to leave the island because of a snow storm and return to Bellingshausen Base, but they hope to get back to Ardley when the weather improves. QSL via RK1PWA.



CO - Jose, CO3VK has had to postpone his trip to La Juventud (NA-056) [425DXN 721]. Look for him to operate on 20 and 40 metres SSB as CO3VK/4 in his spare time on 24-28 March. QSL via IZ8EBI. Jose might be joined by other 2-3 operators, who will be signing homecall/4. [TNX IZ8EBI]

CP - Rene, DF9GR will be active as CP6/DF9GR from southern Bolivia on 1-15 April. He plans to operate on 80-10 metres mainly CW, RTTY and PSK. QSL via DF9GR. [TNX DXNL]

DL - Seven German operators (namely DL1APR, DL1APW, DL1NUF, DL5AOJ, DL7NFK, DL9NDS and DM3BJ) will be active from Ummanz Island (EU-057, O-06 for the German Islands Award) on 2-8 May. They will operate on all bands CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via home calls. [TNX DL5AOJ]

DL - Look for DL2VFR/p and DA0GLH/p to be aired (CW QRP) from the lighthouses at Eckernfoerde on 24-28 March. Information on the German Lighthouses Award can be found at www.lighthouse-award.de QSL via bureau. [TNX DL2VFR]

DL - DL5CW/p will operate from Usedom Island (EU-129, O-13 for the German Islands Award) from 29 March to 1 April. [TNX DL2VFR]

DL - Look for DFOCB to be active from Helgoland Island (EU-127, N-14 for the German Islands Award) on 15-17 April. [TNX DL2VFR]

DU - Jose, DU1BP will operate as DX1PHG on 15-31 March for the third anniversary of the International Pharmacists Ham Group [425DXN 719]. He will be active on 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 and 6 metres SSB. [TNX IK2UVR]

DU_spr - The DX0K operators (Gil/4F2KWT, Ed/4F1OZ and Eddie/DU1EV) were not able to get a ride to Pagasa, Spratly Islands, on 20 March. Their next chance is on the 30th, but Ed has had to leave the team. These are military transports and the team is given a ride only on a space available basis. Look for DX0K to operate on 160-6 metres; Eddie reports that "our special project this time though is six meters EME using digital mode WJST". QSL via 4F2KWT (Gilbert Lappay, P.O. Box 89, 2500 San Fernando City, La Union, Philippines). The web page for DX0K is at <http://www.geocities.com/dx0kcalayaan/> [TNX DU1EV and 4F2KWT]

EA - A group of operators from the Union de Radioaficionados Vigo Val Minor will be active as ED1VIG from the lighthouse at Cabo Silleiro on 19-20 March. QSL via bureau. [TNX EA1RX]



EA8 - The Canary Islands DX Society will be active as EF8CID (on 15 metres only) on 27-30 May to celebrate the Canary Islands Day. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via bureau. Direct cards via EC8AUA. [TNX EC8AUA]

EY - Thanks to the support given by EY8MM, EY8CQ and other local operators, UA4CC, UA4LU and RX3APM will participate in the Russian DX Contest (19-20 March) as EY0R (QSL via UA4CC; logs will be uploaded to LoTW) from Tajikistan. Before and after the contest (17-21 March) they will operate on all bands as EY8/UA4CC, EY8/UA4LU and EY8/RX3APM (QSL via home calls) [TNX UA4CC]

F - Special call TM6OVN will be aired by the F6KPM ARS on 12-26 March to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the North Vosges area of France. QSL via F6KPM. [TNX F5NQL]

F - Jose/ON4CJ, Kenny/ON4DPX and Marc/ON5FP will be active from Brehat Island (EU-074) from 29 July to 5 August, IOTA Contest included. Callsign TBA, but it is likely to be TMOEME. QSL via ON4ADN, direct or bureau. [TNX ON5FP]



FG - Jean-Louis, F5NHJ reports he will operate (on 10-40 metres CW and SSB) as FG/F5NHJ/P from Guadeloupe (NA-102) from 25 March to 2 April. [TNX IK4WMH]

FG - Look for FG/F6HMQ and FG/F6GWV to operate from Guadeloupe (NA-102) from 23 March to 2 April. They will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as TO1T. QSL via F6HMQ. [TNX F6HMQ]

FR - Jean-Marc, F5SGI will be active as FR/F5SGI from La Reunion (AF-016, DIFO FR-001) on 23-31 October. He will operate mostly CW with 100 watts and dipoles. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX F5SGI]

FP - Paul, K9OT and Peg, KB9LIE will be active as FP/homecalls from Miquelon Island (NA-032) from 29 July through 7 August, with 100 watts and wire vertical antennas, plus a beam for 6 metres. Main bands will be 80, 40, and 30 metres CW and 40, 20, and 17 metres SSB, with activity on 160 and the higher bands if they appear to be open. They will be active in the IOTA contest as single operators and as FP/K9OT in the CW NA

QSO Party. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. Their web page is at <http://www.mhct.net/~k9ot> [TNX K9OT]



GLORIOSO ISLANDS

Dany, F5CW reports that the expedition to the Glorioso Islands [425DXN 720] is confirmed, but the Navy ship that the team expected to use is not available any more. They will have to use a private ship for the entire journey and they are looking for support to help with the unexpected expenses. Please contact Didier Senmartin, F5OGL (P.O. Box 7, F-53320 Loiron, France; f5ogl@club-internet.fr). Donations from North America will be handled by Floyd, N5FG, who will also be the North American pilot station. The web site for the DXpedition is at <http://glorieuses2005.free.fr/index-fr.htm>

FT*W - Jean-Paul, FT5WJ (F5BU) is on 14278 kHz every day from 16.15 to 18.30 UTC (and sometimes also from 14 to 15.15 UTC). He can hear many stations calling him, most of them with good signals, but they cannot copy him. He asks that only those who can hear him enough for a QSO to be completed call him. Jean-Paul says he cannot spend ten minutes for a QSO! HE expect to go QRT from Possession Island, Crozet Islands on 22 or 23 March. [TNX F5NQL]

KERGUELEN ISLANDS

The Microlite Penguins DXpedition 12-operator team (namely AG9A, HB9ASZ, G1ONWG, MODXR, N6MZ, N0TT, SP5XVY, VE3EJ, VK6DXI, W3WL, W7EW and 9V1YC) became active as FT5XO from Port Jeanne D'Arc, Kerguelen on 20 March and will remain operational through 1 April. In order to maximize band openings they have the ability to run up to 7 stations at once. Operations will take place on 160-6 metres CW, SSB and RTTY. There will also be operation on PSK-31 and EME. There will be no websites, pilots, or on-line logs: "we feel that a DX QSO made by the hard work of knowing propagation, listening, skillful calling and paying attention to the DX station's pattern is more meaningful and fun", they say. "We have purposefully advanced minimal publicity about our DXpedition in the spirit of putting the operator instead of the technology back into the forefront of the DX chase". This DXpedition is funded by the twelve team members and an exclusive grant from the Northern California DX Foundation, there are no other organizational or commercial sponsors. QSL via VE3XN. [TNX K5TR]

FY - Members of the FY5KAC ARS will be active from Fort Ceperou in the Cayenne area on 26-28 March. They plan to operate SSB, CW and may be PSK on the HF bands. QSL via the REF Bureau or direct to Association Radio

Club Guyane, P.O. Box 9271, 97392 Cayenne cedex, French Guiana, France. [TNX F5NQL]

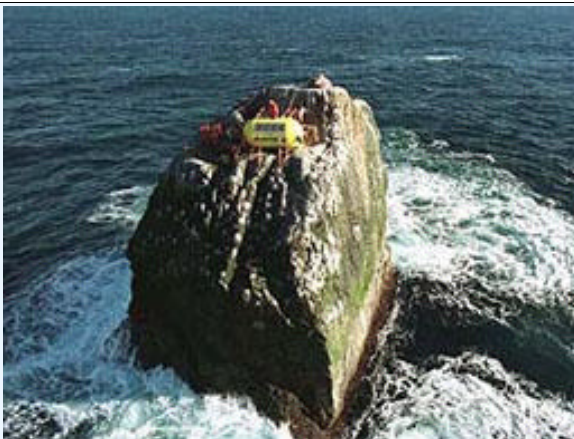
G - Several operators from the Havering & District Amateur Radio Club (G4HRC) will be taking part in the National Mills on-the-air weekend (7-8 May) and operate SSB and CW from four different Essex mills as GB2UW, GB0MW, GB2ARW and GB5SW. The Havering & District ARC (<http://www.haveringradioclub.co.uk/>) sponsors the Essex Windmill Award for working the windmills run by the club. [TNX G3VOF]

GJ - Frank/DL1WA, Jun/JH4RHF (OE1ZKC) and others will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as GJ2A (M/S) from Jersey. Before and after the contest look for activity by MJ/homecall(s) and MJORHF (QSL via OE1ZKC). [TNX OE1ZKC]

GM - Four members of the Vital Sparks Group (MMOVSG) will be active as MMOVSG/p on all bands and modes from the Island of Arran (EU-123) on 10-13 March. QSL via bureau to MMOVSG or direct to GM7WED (Ross Feilen, 131 Croftend Avenue, Glasgow, Scotland). [TNX MMODFV]

GM - Jim, MM0BQI, will be active (on 80-10 metres CW, SSB, and RTTY) as MM0BQI/p from Tanera Mor, Summer Isles (EU-092) on 2-9 April. A second operation will take place on 29-31 July for the IOTA Contest, when Jim will operate as MM0Q on 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80 metres SSB and CW. QSLs via home call (Jim Martin, 3 Lismore Avenue, Edinburgh, EH8 7DW, Scotland). [TNX VA3RJ]

GM - Andre, GM3VLB reports he will operate from the Isle of May (EU-123) between 2 and 9 April. QSL direct only via home call.



ROCKALL ISLAND

Nine people, including two amateur radio operators, will participate in the "Rockall Ho! 2005" expedition [425DXN 719] to Rockall Island, the last unnumbered IOTA group in Europe. The adventure will run from 11 to 24 June: they expect to arrive in the area of Rockall around the 14th and to remain there until the 21st. Dave Wood, MM0ALM and Seamus "Jim" Cameron, MM0CWJ will rely on a member of the SAS to get them onto the rock from an inflatable. They hope to put up a small tent on a tiny ledge a few meters square and to operate primarily SSB as MS0IRC/p. QSL via GOHXN. Jim also hopes to operate 50MHz, including during the sea voyage, signing MM0CWJ/MM. Details on "Rockall Ho! 2005" can be found at <http://www.therockalltimes.co.uk/rockall-ho/> (do not disregard the charity appeal). [TNX GM3VLB]

GU - Ric, M5RIC will operate on 10-160 metres SSB as MU5RIC/p from Guernsey (EU-114) on 24-28 March. He will participate in the CQ WW WPX Contest as MU2Z. [TNX NG3K]

HBO - Gherardo/IZ1DSH, Giovanni/IK1WEG and Riccardo/IZ1GDB will be active as HBO/homecall from Liechtenstien on 22-25 April. They plan to operate on 10-80 metres CW and SSB. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX IZ1DSH]

HI - Antonio, IW2OAZ reports that he will operate (on 20 metres CW plus SSB on VHF e UHF) from Santo Domingo and Bayahibe (HI8), Dominican Republic from 3 April to 5 May. QSL direct to IK2DUW or via bureau.

I - Nicola, IZ3EBA and Enrico, IZ3EAY will be active as homecall/p from Lido Island (EU-131, IIA VE-032, MIA MI-052) on 9 April. QSL via home calls. [TNX IZ8CCW]

I - IQ8MD is new call for the Mediterraneo DX Club (formerly known as IR8M). QSL via IZ8BGY. [TNX IZ8CCW]

I - Walter, IN3XUG will operate (mainly on 20 and 40 metres SSB) as IC8/IN3XUG from Ischia Island (EU-031, IIA NA-001) from 19 March to 2 April. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX IN3XUG]

I - Special calls I10SRM (QSL via IZ0BTV), I11SRM (QSL via IZ1EGT), I17SRM (QSL via IZ7AUH), I18SRM (QSL via IZ8EDJ) and IO8SRM (QSL via IK8WEJ) will be aired on 26-27 March, 2-3 April, 9-10 April, 16-17 April and 23-24 April for the Strange Radio team Meeting [425DXN 716].

I - Mediterraneo DX Club members IK8BIZ (Roberto), IZ8DEP (Alfredo) and IK8RRY (Luciano) will operate on 80-6 metres CW, RTTY, PSK and SSB as IB0CW (www.mdxc.org/ib0cw) from Ventotene island (EU-045, IIA LT-011, MIA MI-118) on 2-4 April. QSL via IK8RRY, direct (Luciano Luongo Via Degli Innamorati 143, 80014 Giugliano - NA, Italy) or bureau. [TNX IK8BIZ]

I - Stefano Badessi, IOWTD reports that "in conjunction with ENEIDE, an ESA mission co-sponsored by the Italian Ministry of Defence and the Lazio Region will carry ESA astronaut Roberto Vittori for 10 days on the ISS". To celebrate this event, the special call I10ESA will be aired from the club station located at the European Space Agency (<http://www.esa.int>) premises in Frascati, Rome between 15 April and 15 May. QSL via IZ0FEJ, direct (European Space Agency - ESRIN Club Station, Via Galileo Galilei s.n.c., 00044 Frascati - RM, Italy) or bureau.

I - ARI Brescia (www.aribrescia.it) will operate as IQ2CF during the 24th annual fair at Montichiari on 12-13 March. QSL via bureau.

I - IK8TLX, IK8URG, IK8XIR, IZ8FCX, IZ8FEN, IZ8GCD, IW8BZ, IW8CFG, IW8DGS and IW8DQY will operate as homecall/p from the historical Castel dell'Ovo on Megaride Island (not IOTA, IIA NA-022) on 2 April (8-17.30 UTC) and 3 April (7-14 UTC). They plan to be active on 15, 20, 40 metres SSB and CW (digital modes and 80 metres if possible), plus 2 and 6 metres SSB. QSL via bureau to home calls. Direct cards should be sent to IW8DQY (Paolo Di Salvo, P.O. Box 1054, 80128 Napoli - NA, Italy). A special wooden plaque will be available upon request. For further information please visit <http://www.rblob.com/hamradio/ovo/ovo.htm> [TNX IW8DQY]

I - The Torino Paralympic Radio Sport Team will operate special station I11TPG (www.i11tpg.it) on 9-19 March. On the 9th the official amateur radio station for the IX Paralympic Winter Games (<http://www.paralympicgames.torino2006.org>) will be operated in the presence of Phil Craven, President of the International Paralympic Committee. The Paralympic event will be held on 10-19 March 2006. QSL via IZ1CCE, direct or bureau. [TNX IZ1CCE]

J6 - Bill, WB5ZAM will operate mainly CW as J6/WB5ZAM from St. Lucia (NA-108) from 20 March through 3 April. QSL via home call. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

J7 - Bob/WB2NVR, Mike/WA2VQW, Bob/N2DVO and Adam/N2DHH will operate as J75RZ from Dominica (NA-101) on 23-29 March, CQ WPX SSB Contest included. QSL via W2RZS (direct or bureau). Logs will be uploaded to LOTW. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

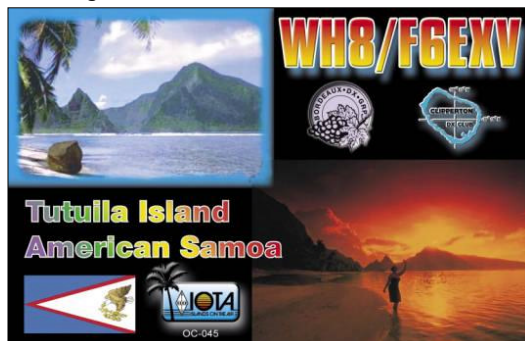
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Kathryn/K6DZL and two more operators to be selected will be active as K7C from Kure Atoll (OC-020) from 24 September to 8 October. They will be QRV with four stations on all bands and modes. The QSL manager will be Tom Harrell, N4XP; cards will have to be sent to K4TSJ (club call), P.O. Box 1, Watkinsville, GA 30677, USA. In addition to the radio operations, the group is developing an innovative real-time interactive web-satellite-based system called "DXA." This system will enable DXers to see and interact with activities of the operation as they happen, using any web browser. The team welcomes comments and suggestions, pilots, programmers, and contributions. For more information, please e-mail info@cordell.org (use "Kure7Cordell" in the Subject line) and visit http://www.cordell.org/htdocs/KURE/index.html [TNX KK6EK]	

KH8 - Cyclone Percy hit Swains Island and the KH8SI team has had to wait for the seas to calm down. They left Pago Pago around 23 UTC on 3 March; the new dates for the operation are 4-8 March. Keep an eye on www.swains-island.org



KH8 - On his way back from Swains Island (KH8SI) Paul, F6EXV will stop for a few days at Larry's (AH8LG) QTH on Tutuila (OC-045) and will operate as WH8/F6EXV until 19 March. QSL via home call, direct (Paul Granger, 51 Rue Marcel Sembat, 33130 Begles, France) or bureau. On-line logs at <http://www.f5kbw.org/pagesperso/f6exv> [TNX F6EXV]

LA - From 17 May to 7 June amateur radio operators from Norway will be allowed to replace their LA and LB prefixes with LI and LJ respectively, in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the end of the union between Norway and Sweden (7 June 1905). Rules for the relevant award ("Norge 1905") will be available on the



NRRL's web site (www.nrri.no, go to the English pages). [TNX QRZ-DX]

LU - Tito, LU7EE will celebrate his 60th birthday on 25 April by a 60-hour activity as L73E. He will start at 00 UTC on 23 April until 12 UTC on the 25th. Look for him on 1815, 3515, 7015, 10110.5, 14015, 18085, 21015, 24915 and 28015 kHz CW, with some SSB on 3550, 7050, 14150 and 28910 kHz. QSL to GACW, P.O. Box 9, Wilde, B1875ZAA, Argentina. [TNX LU6EF]

OHO - Andrius, LY2TA will be active as OHO/LY2TA (QSL via home call) from the Aland Islands (EU-002) on 25-28 March. He will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as OHOZ (SOAB, QSL via OH5DX). [TNX LY2TA]

OX - OH4JGE, OH4HJI will operate (mostly CW on +/- 3507, 7003, 10104, 14007, 21007, 24897, and 28020 kHz) as OX/home call from Greenland on 23-30 March. Retu, has received his own OX call, and will operate as OX3RZ will participate in the CQ WPX SSB Contest as a single band entry. QSL via H.C. Retu - as well as OH4JGE and OH4HJI - will be in Greenland on 23-30 March [TNX OH4MDY]

OZ - Look for OZ/DJ4MG and OZ/DL1TM to be active from Vendsyssel-Thy (EU-171) from 27 March to 14 April. They plan to operate on 160, 80, 40, 20 and 15 metres SSB and on 40 & 20 metres PSK31. QSL via bureau to home calls. [TNX DL2VFR]

OZ - Michael, DK5NA will be active as OZ/DK5NA from Romo Island (EU-125, DIA NS-001) on 11-18 March. QSL via DK5NA, direct or bureau. [TNX VA4RJ]

OZ - Special event station OZ5HCA will be activated for the last time from Odense, Fyn Island (EU-172) on 1-30 April to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Hans Christian Andersen. QSL via OZ3FYN. A special Hans Christian Andersen award is available for working OZ5HCA on three different bands; details can be found at <http://www.oz3fyn.dk/diplom-hcaGB.html> [TNX OZ1LOH]

OZ - OZ2TF, OZ7KDJ and OZ9V will be active (on 10-80 metres CW and SSB) as OZ8MW/P from Anholt Island (EU-088, NK-001 for the Danish Islands Award) from 28 July to 4 August, IOTA Contest included. QSL direct or via the bureau. [TNX OZ9V]

PA - Look for PA/LX9EG/M to be active from Ameland Island (EU-038, WLOTA L-1059) on 27 March and from Texel Island (EU-038, WLOTA L-0043) on the 28th. Information on the World Lighthouse On The Air (WLOTA) programme can be found at <http://www.wlota.com> QSL via LX1NO. [TNX LX1NO]

PJ - OM1KW, OM4KW, OM6NM and OM1ATT will operate as PJ4Y from Bonaire (SA-006), Netherlands Antilles on 22-31 March, CQ WPX SSB Contest included. QSL via OM1KW. [TNX The Daily DX]

PY - Look for ZW6FSM to be aired on 20, 40 and 80 metres from Fort Sao Marcos (DFB BA-05) on 17-18 April (CW) and 20-21 April (SSB). QSL via PY6KW, direct or bureau. [TNX PS7AB]

SO - Tono, EA9CP and Fernando, EA1BT will operate in their spare time as SO9A from Western Sahara on 19-26 March. QSL via EA1BT. [TNX EA5KY]

SP - Wolf, DL1JGO will be active as SO1WQ from Wolin Island (EU-132) on 6-20 March. He plans to be active from the lighthouse Swinoujscie (Swinemuende) (ARLHS POL-015) on 11-13 March. QSL via home call. [TNX VA3RJ]

SP - Look for SO9PT (HA5PT) and SO9XC (HA5X) to operate from the High Tatra in Poland on 23-30 March. They will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest using the club call sign SO9HA. QSL via HA5X. [TNX HA5X]

ST - Fernando, EA4BB (ex D2BB, 9Q5BB and TU5JL) went definitely QRT from Angola in June 2004. His next assignment was in Haiti (no activity on the amateur radio bands) and now he has been in Sudan for a few weeks. Fernando should remain there for at least one year; he has got a licence (ST2BF), but he has not been active so far. QSL via W3HNK. [TNX ST2BF]

SV - Aegean DX Group members Lefteris/SV0JW, Alexandros/SV8CYR and Vassilis/SV8CYV will be active as J48A from Cape Papas Lighthouse (ARLHS GRE-103) on Ikaria Island (EU-049) on 24-28 March. [TNX SV8CYV]

SV - Spiros, SV1DPP will operate as J41PHG on 15-31 March for the 3rd anniversary of the International Pharmacists Ham Group [425DXN 719]. [TNX IK2UVR]

TL - Claudio, IV3OWC says he has had to cancel his trip to Central Africa [425DXN 720] owing to family reasons.

TT - Michael, TT8M and Pierre, TT8AMO have been in Chad since 1 March and will remain there until around early May with the callsign TT8M. They did operate on 160 metres, but they have had to take the antenna down because of limited space. Pictures and on-line logs for either TT8M and TT8AMO can be found at <http://www.pa7fm.nl/>; QSL for both via PA7FM (please note that 1 USD no longer covers postage to extra-European destinations; direct requests without sufficient return postage will be answered via the bureau). [TNX PA7FM]



Pierre, TT8AMO

UR - Nick, UU4JO reports will operate as UU4JO/P from Ilinskij Lighthouse from 1 April to 5 May. On 5-15 May and from 27 August to 4 September he will be signing EO60JF/P. QSL via UU4JO.

UR_ant - Pavel, UX2HO (EM1HO) expects to leave Akademik Vernadsky Base (UR-01) for the Antarctica Award on Galindez Island (AN-006), Antarctica by the end of March. QSL via I2PJA. [TNX I2PJA]

V8 - Kanzi Takemasa, JA4ENL will be active as V85NL from Brunei on 15-19 March. He plans to operate mostly on 160, 80, 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 metres CW. [TNX K1XN and The Golist]

VE - Andrew VE8AE is active as VE8AE/VY0 from the Belcher Islands (NA-196) until 12 March. Activity will be mostly on 20 metres, with 100 watts to a dipole antenna. QSL via home call. [TNX VA3RJ]

VE - Nenad, VE3EXY reports he will be active as VE2/VE3EXY/P from Orleans Island (NA-128) on 12-13 and 19-20 March. He will operate on 20, 30 and 40 metres CW (typically 10 or 25 kHz off the band edge) and SSB (14260 kHz). QSL via home call.

VE - Steve, VE2TKH will operate as VO2ZT from Labrador City (Zone 2) on 25-30 March. Further information, QSLing policy included, can be found at <http://www.qsl.net/ve2tkh/2005.htm> [TNX VE2TKH]

VK - Bill, VK4FW has been informed that Little Solitary Island does not seem to qualify for IOTA. The 16-21

March activity from OC-194 [425DXN 722] has been postponed until he can get permissions necessary to go onto one of the other qualifying islands. At all events, he might go and operate from another IOTA group (possibly OC-137 or OC-142) in that time frame, if he can arrange transportation. [TNX VK4FW]

ST. PETER ISLAND (OC-220)
 V15PN is the special call to be used during the 7-12 April operation from St Peter Island, Nuyts Archipelago (OC-220) [425DXN 720]. QSL via VK3QI. [TNX VK3QI]

VP9 - W1HPH, WE1H, KO1H and N1HRA will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as VP9I from Bermuda (NA-005). QSL via N1HRA (for this contest only). On 24-25 March they will be active as homecall/VP9. [TNX NG3K]

W - The Anaheim Police ARC (W6APD) will operate (on 7250, 14253, 18150, 21350, 24950 and 28450 kHz) as K6O on 1-15 April (from 18 UTC to 2 UTC each day) to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Okinawa in WWII. QSL via KM6HB (P.O. Box 27271, Santa Ana, CA 92799, USA). [TNX KM6HB]

W - Rotary International is a worldwide organization of business and professional persons. They are united to provide humanitarian service and encourage high ethical standards in all vocations which helps build goodwill and peace in the world. To celebrate a century of service, Rotary and thousands of Rotarians from 166 countries will assemble in Chicago, Illinois in June. To commemorate the event, Rotarians of Amateur Radio (ROAR) will operate special event station W9R on 18-22 June. QSL to ROAR-W9R, P. O. Box 797832, Dallas, TX 75379-7832, USA. Additional information on times and frequencies can be found at <http://www.ifroar.org/> [TNX W8AUV]



W - Bill, K9RR will operate as K9RR/4 from St. Simons Island (NA-058) on 9-27 March. He will have antennas for 15, 17 and 20 metres and will be looking for Japanese stations around 22 to 23 UTC. [TNX www.islandchaser.com]

W - In conjunction with the KP1-5 Project, W5NWR/T will operate from the Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge located in Johnston County, Oklahoma on 12-13 March. This operation is the first for the W5-National Wildlife Refuge ARC. Others will follow and are intended to raise awareness of the benefits of national wildlife refuges and the KP1-5 Project (www.kp1-5.com). This operation will coincide with the Oklahoma QSO Party. W5NWR/T will not be in the contest but will be glad to provide Johnston County for those who are. QSL via NA5U. [TNX NA5U]

SACRIFICIOS ISLAND (NA-224)
 Enrique/XE1IH, Javier/XE1KOF, Mucio/XE1VC, Juan Jose/XE1XNH, Erika/XE1XOX, David/XE1XTK, Jose Luis/XE1YJL, Alfonso/XE1ZAO and Javier/XE1ZJR will operate on all bands and modes as XF2ZEX from Sacrificios Island (NA-224) from 29 March to 3 April. They plan to be QRV on 160-2 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via IT9EJW, direct (Alfio Bonanno, P.O. Box 18, 95028 Valverde - CT, Italy) or bureau [TNX IT9EJW]

XW - Eugene, RU3DX is expected to operate as XW8KPL/RU3DX from Vientiane, Laos until 8 March. QSL via home call (Eugene Pletnyov, P. O. Box 33, 109240 Moscow, Russia). [TNX XW3DT]

YB - Sanyi, HA7VK (ex YB0AVK) and Gyuszi, HA2VR (ex YB0AVR) will be active as YB0/homecalls from Jakarta on 20-29 March and between 23 March and 5 April respectively. QSL YB0/HA7VK via HA0HW, QSL YB0/HA2VR via home call.

YB - The YE3K team [425DXN 719, <http://www.mdxc.org/ye3k/>] have received their licence and will operate from Kangean Island (OC-217) until 28 March, CQ WPX SSB Contest included. QSL via YB9BU (Asia) or IZ8CCW (rest of the world). [TNX IZ8CCW]

YL - YL380FW and YL380XF are the calls that Sergei, YL3FW and YL1XF club station operators are using until 27 March to celebrate the 380th anniversary of the city of Liepaja. QSL via YL3FW (Sergei V.Gorchinsky, P.O. Box 120, Liepaja LV-3405, Latvia). [TNX YL3FW]

XX9 - Hiro, JA0SC will operate (on 20, 15 and 10 metres SSTV and RTTY) from Macau on 7-11 April. He will collect his licence upon arrival. QSL direct to home call. [TNX JA0SC]

ZB2 - Ronald, PA3EWP and Tom, GM4FDM will operate as ZB2/PA3EWP and ZB2/GM4FDM from Gibraltar on 21-



Kangean Island

CARIBBEAN TOUR I Karl, N1DL is visiting a number of Caribbean islands in March. He will be operating CW, SSB, PSK and RTTY as N1DL/HI7 (NA-096), V25DL (NA-100), V44/N1DL (NA-104), VP2V/N1DL (NA-106), J79DL (NA-101) and FJ/N1DL (NA-146), as well as from St. Lucia (J6, NA-108). QSL via home call, direct (Karl Geng, 695 Embassy Ct, Marco Island, FL 34145, USA) or bureau. [TNX N1DL]

28 March, CQ WPX SSB Contest included. They plan to be active on 10-80 metres (and possibly 160m) CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home calls. [TNX PA3EWP]

ZD8 - Jim, N6TJ will be active again as ZD8Z from Ascension Island (AF-003) starting on 22 March for ten days, CQ WPX SSB Contest included. QSL via VE3HO. [TNX The Daily DX]

ZF - Paul, K4UJ will be active as ZF2UJ from Grand Cayman (NA-016) on 1-9 April. Activity will be primarily on 80 and 40 metres CW, 20, 17, 12 and 10 metres CW and SSB. QSL via home call. [TNX K4UJ]

ZS - Dennis, ZS4BS (SARL HF Manager) reports that "with the change to the South African Radio Regulations in February

2005 all the restricted licences now have access to the HF bands". Expect to hear ZR call signs during the WPX Contest this weekend. [TNX F5NQL]

ZS - In celebration of the 100 years of Rotary, the Rotary Club of Midrand (Johannesburg) will be active as ZS100RI from 12 March through February 2006. QSL via ZS6CKB. [TNX ARRL DX Bulletin]

CQ WPX SSB CONTEST

The following stations have announced their participation in this year's event (26-27 March):

3V YT1AD, S56A, 4N1EA, 4N1NM and others as TS8A (Multi-Single) from Tunisia. QSL via YT1AD.
6Y Kyle, WA4PGM as 6Y6Y from Jamaica. QSL direct to home call.
8Q UN9LW, UA9CLB, UN4L, UA9CDV and UA9CDC as 8Q7DV from the Maldives.
CN Jim, W7EJ as CN2R (SOAB HP) from Morocco. QSL via W7EJ.
CN DL7BC as CN2BC (SOAB) from Morocco. QSL via bureau to DL7BC.
CT Filipe, CT11LT as CT7B. QSL direct to home call.
D4 4L5A as D4B from Cabo Verde. QSL via K1BV.
EA9 Juan, EA9IE as AN9IE (SOAB) from Ceuta. QSL via home call.
F Alan/F5VJK, Franck/F8ADY, Michael/G7TWC and Bob/G6PWS as TM8D (from French Departement 87, Haute-Vienne). QSL via F8ADY.
FG F6HMQ and F6GWV as TO1T from Guadeloupe. QSL via F6HMQ
GJ Frank/DL1WA, Jun/JH4RHF (OE1ZKC) and others as GJ2A from Jersey.
GM Leo, W3LEO as MM0LEO from Scotland. QSL via home call.
GU Rich, M5RIC as MU2Z (SOAB HP) from Guernsey.
I IK8HCG, IZ8DFO, IZ8FBU and IZ8GCB as IG9R (Multi-Single) from Lampedusa Island. QSL via IK8HCG.
J7 WB2NVR, WA2VQW, N2DVQ and N2DHH as J75RZ from Dominica. QSL via W2RZS.
JT The JTDXA Contest Team as JU1DX (Multi-Single). QSL via JT1BV.
OH0 Andy, LY2TA as OH0Z (SOAB) from the Aland Islands. QSL via OH5DX.
OX Retu, OH4MDY as OX3RZ from Greenland (single band to be decided). QSL via home call.
P4 KK9A as P40A (SOAB) from Aruba. QSL via WD9DZV.
PJ OM1KW, OM4KW, OM6NM and OM1ATT as PJ4Y (Multi-Single) from Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles. QSL via OM1KW.
PJ Helmut, DF7ZS and Wolfgang, DK9VZ as PJ2T (Multi-Single) from Signal Point, Curacao. QSL via N9AG.
SM John, SM7CRW as SF50A [425DXN 712] from Oland Island, Sweden. QSL via W3HMK.
SP HA5PT and HA5X as SO9HA from Poland. QSL via HA5X.
V2 Jurgis, LY2CY from the V26B contest station on Antigua, possibly as V250 (SOAB). QSL via LY2TA.
VP9 W1HPH, WE1H, KO1H and N1HRA as VP9I (Multi-Two) from bermuda. QSL via N1HRA.
YI Korey, YI9VCQ as a SOAB LP entry from Al Taji, Iraq. QSL via N3ST.
ZB Ronald, PA3EWP and Tom, GM4FDM from Gibraltar (ZB2). QSL via home calls.
ZD8 Jim, N6TJ as ZD8Z from Ascension Island (AF-003). QSL via VE3HO.
ZK2 Murray, VE7HA as ZK2HA from Niue (OC-040).
ZL VK7GN, ZL1AZE and ZL1CT as ZL1V (Multi-Multi). QSL via N3SL.
ZP ZP5AZL as ZP0R from Paraguay. QSL via W3HMK.

Do not forget to give a look to the
Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at
<http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/wpxs2005.html>

GOOD TO KNOW

425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE I The latest issue (February 2005) is now available in either .pdf and .doc formats at <http://www.425dxn.org/monthly/>. Articles and pictures should be sent to Nicola Baldresca, IZ3EBA (iz3eba@libero.it).

3Y2SNA I QRZ-DX reports that Vidar, LA2SNA was QRV twice as 3Y2SNA from the Norwegian "Troll" Base in Queen Maud's Land [425DXN 719]. "On his first attempt he reported nothing heard at all on the 20 and 17 m bands (using pre-made dipole antennas), ascribing this to southern lights and polar cap absorption. His second attempt was Sunday 20 February. Now he used a long wire antenna with an antenna tuner, but got unfortunately no match to his 100 W transmitter, and therefore got no QSOs". Vidar hopes to be back to the base again in a year, and to be able to bring better equipment.

ANTARCTICA AWARD I The Award Manager (Gianni Marruccella, IZ8CGS) reports that all of the certificate requests received as of 28 February 2005 have been processed and mailed along with the complimentary map of Antarctica published by the Australian Antarctic Division [425DXN 700]. Up-to-date score tables are available at www.mdx.org/antarctica/award.asp.



BEACONS I The new I8EMG/B beacons are running from Cozzo Cervello (JM89bj, Cosenza), at 1400m a.s.l. and operate on the following frequencies: 28185, 50056 (to be activated), 144482, 432442, 1296900, 2320900, 5760900 (under construction), 10368900, 24048900. Reception reports can be sent to Franco Guglielmelli, I8EMG (francescoguglielmelli@virgilio.it). Further information is available at www.mdx.org/i8emg-b [TNX I8EMG]

CLIPPERTON I Vincent, F5MJV (FO5RN) is currently aboard the French Navy ship "Prairial", which stopped at Clipperton Island for a few hours on 24 March. Vincent operated as FO0/F8UFT on 14045 CW, using batteries and a dipole. QSL via F5NQL, direct or bureau. Direct requests should sufficient return postage (1 IRC preferred, otherwise USD 1 for Europe and Africa and USD 2 for elsewhere). [TNX F5NQL]



CQ DX FIELD AWARD I CQ Amateur Radio magazine announces the introduction of a new operating award, the "CQ DX Field Award," recognizing achievements in contacting at least 50 of the world's 324 10x20-degree "grid fields." The new award is based on the Maidenhead Grid Locator system, in which the world is divided into 324 10x20 degree "fields" and each field is broken up into 100 1x2 degree "grid squares" or "locators." Contacts made on or after January 1, 1980 (the year in which the grid system was adopted for amateur radio use) will count toward the new award. Complete details and rules will be posted on the magazine's website (<http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com>). Billy Williams, N4UF (CQ DX Awards Manager) has compiled a cross-reference guide for converting countries to fields; it is available at <http://home.earthlink.net/~bfwillia/gridfieldsx.html>.



DIA I Finn Emsby, OZ4EL reports that the Danish Island Award will go on, as it has been taken over by the Danish DX Group. The new Award Manager is OZ1ACB (Allis Andersen, Kagsaavej 34, DK 2730 Herlev, Denmark). For complete details please visit <http://www.ddxg.dk/award/island.htm> or contactt Finn (oz4el@oz4el.dk).

DX CONVENTION I The 56th Annual International DX Convention will be held on 15-17 April at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center in Visalia, California. Complete details, including a registration form, are available at <http://www.ncdxc.org/Ncdxc/Convention>

DXCC HONOR ROLL I The deadline to be shown in the next DXCC Honor Roll list is 31 March 2005. Submissions must be postmarked 31 March 2005 for your submission to count for this listing. The DXCC Honor Roll list will appear in August 2005 QST. There are 335 entities on the DXCC list and you must be within the numerical top 10 DXCC entities to qualify. The current minimum requirement for Honor Roll is 326 current entities. [TNX NC1L]

DXCC NEWS I The following operations have been approved for DXCC credit:
600CW (Somalia), 3-17 February 2005
A52CDX (Bhutan), 24 October - 13 November 2004
T6KB LRM (Afghanistan), current operation
TT8M (Chad), current operation effective 9 March 2005
Y19GT (Iraq), 7 May 2004 - 8 February 2005
Y19KT (Iraq), 7 May 2004 - 8 February 2005

FT5WJ I Jean-Paul, F5BU/FT5WJ reports that owing to a last minute change in the timetable, he had to leave Crozet on 23 March instead of the 25th as previously scheduled. The last QSOs were logged on 21 March. Jean-Paul made 2114 QSOs with 1913 different stations in his spare time during his stay on the island. [TNX F5NQL]

GOLIST NEWS RELEASE I The Golist has announced a new program for DX and Contest Clubs. This new program provides the members of the Club access to the full Golist Web database and other incentives that the Club may use as features for their members. Club officers are encouraged to contact K1XN, John (golist@golist.net) for additional information about the Club/Golist Partnership Program. [TNX K1XN]

HOLYLAND DX CONTEST I The Israel Amateur Radio Club (IARC) invites all amateur radio operators and SWLs to participate in the annual Holyland DX Contest, which will take place on 16 April (from 00.00 UTC until 23.59 UTC). Details can be found on the IARC web site (www.iarc.org). [TNX 4Z4KX]

KENYA I The Kenyan licensing authority CCK has granted Kenyan amateurs the use of either 160 and 30 metres (810-1850 kHz and 10100-10150 kHz respectively), and Alex, 5Z4DZ (PA3DZN) has been already worked on 30m. QSL via PA1AW, direct (Alex van Hengel, Bovenkruier 18, 2995CA Heerjansdam, The Netherlands) or bureau. On-line log can be found at www.pa1aw.nl/5z4dz [TNX PA1AW and GOOIL]

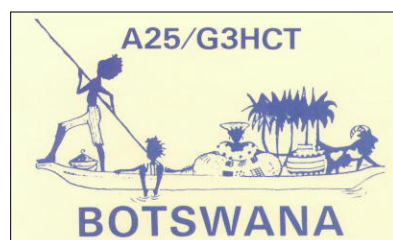
KH8SI I The KH8SI expedition to Swains Island (OC-200) went QRT at 00.10 UTC on 9 March, after 9460 QSOs in less than three days. "Because of the oppressive heat and humidity, and poor band conditions, and the storm reduced length of the operation", they say, "we concentrated on maximum number of QSOs on the bands that were open, vice trying to give every band/mode to a few. The bands were simply dead during several hours each day, and 10, 12 and 160 were non productive. We primarily worked from 80/75 to 15 meters SSB and CW (with a few other mode QSOs attempted). We recognized the great demand in Europe for IOTA OC200 and attempted to catch every opening to Europe. Following the sun, as usual, we had long runs of North and South America, brief openings to Europe, long runs of the Pacific area, and long runs of JA and Asia". An important aspect of KH8SI was the help they gave to the people living on Swains, as the island had been hit by Typhoon Percy. "The need for food, water and assistance was real. In addition to our radio equipment, food, tents, generators and gasoline; we carried food, water, generators and gasoline for the people living on Swains Island We had meetings with the families of those living on Swains, the Government in Am Samoa, and nearly all of the Pago Pago evening TV news was devoted to coverage of the KH8SI trip. The rescue meant as much to the Government and People of American Samoa as the Tsunami effort did to the people around the Indian Ocean. And once again Amateur Radio was the first communication from the disaster area to the outside world". The "Swains Island DXpedition Story" can be found at <http://www.swains-island.org/swains-story.htm>

OPERATORS NEEDED I The Oceania Amateur Radio DX Group is planning an expedition to Nauru (C2) before Christmas. "We will predominately be CW and RTTY with some SSB", Bill Horner (VK4FW) says, and more CW operators are being sought for. If interested in taking part, please contact Bill (vk4fw@westnet.com.au).

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DX CONVENTION I The 50th annual Pacific Northwest DX Convention will be held on 5-7 August at the Monarch Hotel in Portland (Oregon). Full information can be found at <http://www.wvdx.org/convention.php>

QSL 9QOAR I The QSL route "via SM5BFJ" [425DXN 720] is for contacts made with Gus, SM5DIC. He is in the Democratic Republic of Congo until the end of the year and expects to be licenced to operate as 9Q1D (QSL via SM5BFJ).

QSL 9Y4W I Please note that Carol, N2MM is not the QSL manager for the recent 9Y4W operation. The correct QSL routes are via YL2GM (for contacts made during the 2005 CQ/RJ WW WPX RTTY Contest) or via YL2KL (for contacts made during the 2005 ARRL DX CW Contest). Log search is available at <http://www.lral.lv/9y4w>



QSL A25/G3HCT I Cards should be sent to VK40Q (ex G3HCT), either direct (John Bazley, P. O. Box 7665, Toowoomba M.C., Queensland 4352, Australia) or

through the bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

QSL AY1ZA I Following an agreement with Horacio, LU4DXU, a large batch of outstanding AY1ZA direct cards for European stations has been sent to and received by the Mediterraneo DX Club. These cards are being posted right now and should reach their destinations in a few days' time. Horacio operated as AY1ZA from the "Orcadas del Sur" base (LU-14 for the Antarctica Award) on Laurie Island, South Orkneys in January-February 2004, and the QSL cards have been donated by the MDXC. [TNX LU4DXU & IZ8CCW]

QSL FP/VE7SV I Paul, VE7AVV reports that their QSL card processing is back on track and cards are being mailed right now.



The FP/VE7SV team

QSL I12R I Please note that Paolo, IK2QPR can confirm contacts made with I12R during contests in 1994-1997 (the operator was Paolo himself). This call now belongs to ARI Saronno, and the current QSL route is via I2RFJ (Ivano Rigoli, Via Spluga 3, 21050 Gorla Maggiore - VA, Italy).

QSL I14ANT I The QSL manager for this call, aired from Italy during the Antarctic Activity Week, is IK4QIB (direct or bureau). He says it will take some time before the cards are printed.

QSL IU1MDC I Cards should not be sent to IK1NLZ. The correct route for IU1MDC - as well as for the other stations that participated in the MDXC Members Trophy (4-6 February) - is via IT9DAA. IU1MDC cards already sent to IK1NLZ will be forwarded to IT9DAA; there is no need to resubmit.

QSL JT1FCZ I Cards should be sent direct only to the operator, I1ZB: Antonio Zerbini, Via De Amicis 5/2, 17027 Pietra Ligure - SV, Italy.

QSL LW7EGO I Claudio, VE2DWA (LU7DW) reports that Alvaro, LW7EGO became a SK a few days ago. All of his logs "are lost for ever", he says, except for the QSOs made during four contests (namely ARRL 10 Meter 1997, ARRL DX SSB 1997, CQ WW SSB 1997 and IARU 2000), which Claudio himself is able to confirm. Requests should be sent to VE2DWA (Claudio Fernandez, 200 rue North, Apart 14, Gatineau, QC J9H 6Y9, Canada).

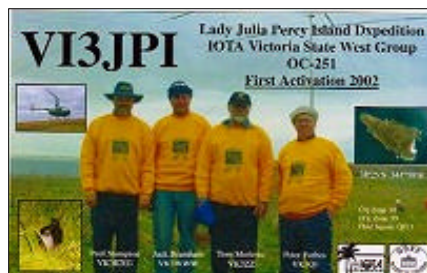
QSL MANAGER OFFERED I Tina Spano', IZ8DPN is willing to offer her services to stations in need. She can be contacted at iz8dpn@virgilio.it

QSL OC-194 I "Despite the fact I have been to North Solitary before, I am having a hard time convincing the

government departments to allow me to go back", Bill, VK4FW, says. Bill still has the log for his VK4CRR/2 operation from North Solitary Island (from 31 March to 3 April 1994); cards should be sent direct only to Bill Horner, P.O. Box 612, Childers, 4660, Australia.

QSL ST2YJ I Hugo, LA5YJ is back in Norway, after logging about 4900 QSOs as ST2YJ. The QSL manager for this operation only is LA4YW. Cards for XU7ACW, 9N7YJ and M10YJR should go to Hugo himself. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

QSL V85SS I There is not any QSL manager any longer. Cards should be sent direct to Lt Col (Ret.) Ambran H. M. Noor Aston, SMB, psc, P.O. Box 138, MPC, Bandar Seri Begawan, BB3577, Brunei [TNX K1XN and The Golist]



QSL VI5BR & VI3JPI I Peter, VK3QI reports that all VI5BR (OC-228) and VI3JPI (OC-251) direct cards have been answered, including about 30 outstanding requests for VI3JPI they were able to get hold of only now. A batch via the bureau system will be mailed in about 3 weeks. Peter also says that they have received quite a



few returns from the Australian Post Office, stating that the SAE could not be delivered "due to inappropriate addressing".

QSL VK4CY I Jon, VK4CY is currently re-erecting station & antennas at Moorina (OC-001), after being active from Lamb Island (OC-137) from December 1987 until December 2002. He has still some 3000 QSL cards for this island; if you need one, please send your request to Jon Walton, P.O. Box 1023, Burpengary DC, Queensland 4505, Australia. [TNX VK4CY]

QSL VU4NRO & VU4RBI I The cards were to be released in New Delhi on 3 March, during a ceremony attended by Dayanidhi Maran, VU2DMK, Minister of Communication & IT. Direct requests will be mailed before 8 March from Hyderabad, and should reach their destinations in 10-15 days. A list of QSL cards received will be published on the NIAR's web site (<http://www.niar.org>). Queries should be sent to niarvu4@gmail.com; the address for QSL cards is National Institute of Amateur Radio, Rajbhavan Road, Somajiguda, Hyderabad 500082, India.

QSL XW2A I Hiroo Yonezuka (XW0X, XW2A, XU7AAA, etc) moved from Laos to Bangkok on 1 February. His new address is: Hiroo Yonezuka, Baitong Mansion, Room 811, 354/2 Rama 9 Rd, Bangkapi Huaykwang, Bangkok 10310, Thailand.

QSL VIA M5AAV I Graham Ridgeway, M5AAV reports that with immediate effect he is the QSL manager for

9H3IC, M2Z, M5RIC, MD5RIC, MJ2Z, MJ5RIC, MU2Z, MU5RIC, MW2Z and MW5RIC.

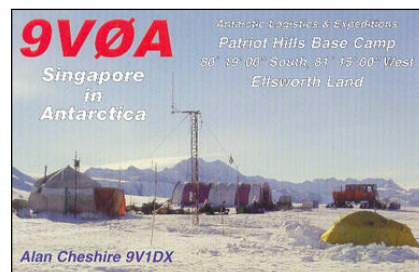
QSL VIA N9NU I Tim, N9NU is the QSL manager (direct and bureau) for KH6XT, A92GQ, 9K2AI, 9K9A, YB0GJS and UA9CKN, but for the last five months he has been unable to contact anyone to get logs. Apparently he has no valid email addresses for any of those stations now. If you have any information, please contact Tim at n9nu@n9nu.net [TNX N9NU]

QSL VIA PAORRS I Richard is back home after his trip to 9M6 (cards already available), 9M8 and 9M2 (cards expected to be available in 2-3 weeks). The correct address for direct QSLing is: Richard Smeets, Schoorveken 100, 5121 NM Rijen, The Netherlands

QSL VIA RX3RC I Roman, RX3RC reports he is the new QSL manager for UA0ANW, RM0A, UA0AZA and RK0AYB. Cards can be sent either direct (Roman A. Novikov, P.O.Box 21, 392000 Tambov, Russia) or through the bureau.

QSL VIA SM1TDE I Eric is the QSL manager (direct and bureau) for YI9ZF and HN0Z, as well as for his own operations from Lebanon (SM1TDE/4U in 1993-94), Iceland (TF/SM1TDE in 2002), Svalbard (JW/SM1TDE in 2003), Tanzania (5H3/SM1TDE in 2004) and Peru (SM1TDE/OA4 in 2005). He has recently moved to a new home (always on Gotland Island), and his new address is: Eric Wennstrom, Tofta Licksarve 1:24, SE-62198 Visby, Sweden. [TNX SM1TDE]

QSL VIA VK4AAR I Effective 1 April, the new address for Alan, VK4AAR will be: Alan Roorcroft, 376 Old Toowoomba Road, Placid Hills 4343,



Australia. Alan is the QSL Manager for the following stations: 9V0A, 9V1DX, C21RH, KH2VM, P29RH, V63PD, V10ANARE, VK0MM (Macquarie), VK6AN (OC-266), VK6BM (OC-234), VK6BSI (OC-243), VK6LI (OC-071), VK8AN/6 (OC-154), VK8AN/8 (OC-229), VK8AV/3 (OC-136), VK8DP, VK8MI (OC-173), VU3RSB and VP2V/W3HQ.

QSL VIA W3HNC I Effective immediately, W3HNC is the QSL manager for UA0AV and 9V1NC. [TNX K1XN and The Golist]

QSL VIA W9OL I Bill, W9OL is the QSL manager for YO3APJ and still has logs and cards for the following operations:

9X5AA	15 Nov 1987 - 19 Dec 1989
A4XYS	13 Sep 1983 - 30 Mar 1984
KB4ATV/4S7	04 Apr 1984 - 08 Apr 1984
KX6PO	10 Jun 1983 - 14 Dec 1983
TYA11	19 Jun 1981 - 21 Jun 1981
W4LZZ/V21	02 Nov 1988 - 24 Dec 1988
V29A	25 Dec 1988 - 29 May 1981
YB1AQC	16 Feb 1988 - 11 Oct 1988
ZD8XX	05 Aug 1989 - 10 Jun 1991

All logs have been uploaded to LoTW. If you do not find your QSO(s), please e-mail Bill (w9ol@billnjudy.com): the logs were handwritten, an error in deciphering may have occurred and he can recheck the paper log. [TNX W9OL]

QSL VIA ZS6WPX I Andre has a new address in the US. Cards for 3DAOWPX, 5H9AW, 7P8ZZ, C91Z, SU/ZS6WPX and ZS6WPX should be sent direct to Andre van Wyk, 2 Trident Dr, Arden, NC 28704, USA. [TNX K1XN and The Golist]

RUSSIAN DX CONTEST I The 12th edition will be held on 19-20 March (from 12 UTC to 12 UTC). Full information can be found at <http://www.rdxo.org>

SH/425 STATISTICS I Leonardo Lastrucci, IZ5FSA has developed a software which allows to query the 425 DX News Archive maintained on www.ariscandicci.it from the PacketCluster [425DXN 697]. The command is SH/425 <text>, where <text> should be replaced with a callsign, a reference number, etc. The SH/425 DxSpiderCluster Command statistics are now available on the web site above. The software has been included in the DX Spider Cluster version 1.51 (build 58.3) by Dirk Koopman, G1TLH. For further information, please contact IZ5FSA (webmaster@ariscandicci.it).

TO7C I The TO7C operation from Ile Royale, French Guyana started around 19.15 UTC on 7 March. As of 10 UTC on the 17th, a few hours before going QRT, about

24,500 QSOs had been logged. On-line logs will be posted on the web site (<http://to7c.free.fr/homeuk.html>) once the operators are back to France, as there was no internet capability on the island.

VU2RBI HONOURED

Bharathi Prasad, VU2RBI is the winner of the Special Achievement Award this year at the Dayton HamVention for her Andaman disaster communication work and the VU4 DXpedition, as well as a lifetime of teaching ham radio to school children. [TNX K4VUD]

+ SILENT KEYS +

Mac, W3HC reports that Park, BA1CO became a silent key on 9 March. Mac was his QSL manager.

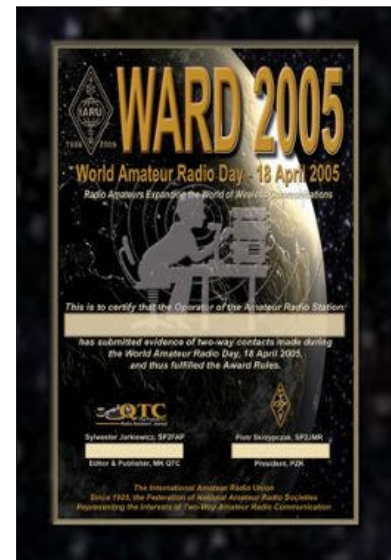
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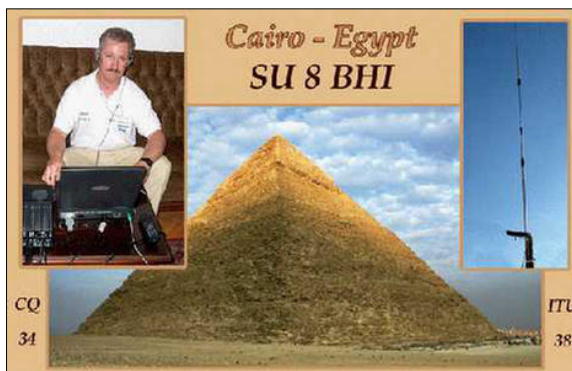
on or before 31 May 2005. The price of the WARD 2005 Award is USD 5 or EUR 5. Full-colour Award, size: 210 x 297 mm. The WARD 2005 Award is also available to SWL's for the same numbers of reports. (qtc@post.pl)



NEWS FROM THE WEB

LOGS

- On-line logs for SU8BHI are available on HA3JB's web page at <http://www.qsl.net/ha3jb>; the QSL cards can be seen at www.qrz.com. QSL direct only to HA3JB (Gab says that 1 USD does not cover airmail postage any longer).
- On-line log for SM1TDE/OA4 (1797 CW QSOs) is now available at www.qsl.net; cards will be ready within the end of March. [TNX SM1TDE]
- On-line logs for VU4NRO and VU4RBI are now available at <http://www.niar.org/vu4/qsl> (please note that the response depends not only on if you are in their log or not, but also on if you have sent a QSL card that has been received by NIAR; questions should be sent to niarvu4@gmail.com).
- Juan, EA9IE reports he has updated his on-line log, which now contains 225,307 QSOs from 30 July 1979 through 28 February 2005. It can be found at <http://dx.qsl.net/cgi-bin/logform.cgi?ea9ie>
- On-line logs for V5/SP6IXF and V5/SP7VC are now available at <http://www.sp5zcc.waw.pl/dxpeditions/v5/> [TNX SP5UAF]
- The KH8SI (Swains Island) log is now available at <http://www.swains-island.org/>
- On-line logs for TO7C (25,247 QSOs: 12392/CW, 9442/SSB, 2247/RTTY, 1033/PSK31, 81/PSK63, 42/SSSTV, 10/FM) are now available at <http://to7c.free.fr/> [TNX F5NQL]



NA-093: The QSL card for the January 2005 operation from Cayo Jutia can be seen at <http://www.mdxc.org/qsl5.asp> [TNX IZ8EBI]

QSL DBASE: Boye Christensen, OZ7C has updated his QSL DBase (which now contains 368,520 unique records) for Packet Cluster. The package can be downloaded at <http://www.ddxg.dk/oz7c> A web based search machine can be found at www.ddxg.dk/oz7c [TNX OZ7C, oz7c@qsl.net]



YB7M: The web page for the 9-14 March YB7M operation from Marabatua Island (OC-???) [425DXN 718] is at <http://www.mdxc.org/yb7m/>



Marabatua Island



ANDAMAN 2004 ~ "WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE SEA?"

by Sarath Babu Rayaprolu, VU3RSB



"I came here - the Andaman and Nicobar Islands - on 2nd December 2004 for an expedition related to HAM Radio, and what I experienced was unexpected. The events turned out in such a way that I now believe that I have been sent here in a pre-planned way by the Almighty"

Sarath - VU3RSB

It was 26th December 2004, the day after Christmas, and my Dxpedition operating was progressing right through the previous night. The time was around half past six in the morning. I was in contact with JA1PVX on PSK31 until 6.15 and, after few seconds, the table, bed and everything in the room began moving very heavily. I was under the impression that the students in the dormitory were kidding me and I looked around. There was nobody. I took a deep breath and the shaking increased; this time it was with so much more intensity that I was unable to hold the keyboard or the laptop.



Suddenly, I was afraid and the thought "earthquake" flashed in my mind. Without a

second thought, I shouted out loud "Earthquake!" All the students of the Polytechnic, who enjoyed the Christmas holiday till late last night, were in deep sleep. There were around one hundred students. I got them up, and started running downstairs taking two and three steps at a time, thinking about the consequences, the aftermath and what to do now. I was worried about the radio equipment and concerned about my duty to set up communications for relief.

When I landed on the ground floor, I found it was getting difficult for me to stand on my own two feet. I was unable to keep myself standing; the earth below my feet was like a wave. I was sure and certain that it is going to be a big calamity; the intensity and the shaking had not stopped even after few minutes and it was increasing.

Suddenly I started worried about Bharathi, VU2RBI and the other team members. While thinking about them, I looked at the building and it was shaking like a large coconut tree. The scene of the shaking building sent shivers into my body and I started getting a kind of vomiting sensation. I clutched my head with both hands, closed my eyes and waited for a few seconds. The intensity is getting reduced.

And then I saw Jose Jacob, VU2JOS and Ramu, VU2DVO, who were monitoring in a house nearby, come running towards the building. Shouting at them they looked my way and we met each other. I enquired about Bharathi. At 6.55 am, I contacted her on VHF and her voice on the handheld has assured me of her safety. She was already in touch with several HAM stations around the world. The news of earthquake was being sent through HAM Radio within seconds. I tried to get Mohan, VU2MYH and Mr. Prashant, SWL, who were operating at another corner of the Island but I was unable to contact them.

Luckily my cellphone had dialtone after few seconds. Immediately I called my hometown - Guntur in Andhra Pradesh, on mainland India and connected with my brother. They were not aware of the earthquake.

It was about 7.15 am when I sensed a few more tremors below my feet. People around me started coming out of their houses in groups and started staying outside.



An hour afterwards there was news that the level of the sea was increasing around Port Blair. Water was flooding the Island, and we could see one paddy field area was engulfed with seawater... two kilometers inland! The local station of All India Radio, AIR, was announcing that the danger was over and there was nothing more to worry about. The news was received on our walkie-talkie, which could pick up the local TV channel also.

AIR also announced that a high level meeting would be held around 8.00 am at Secretariat building under the chairmanship of the Lt. Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

At this point the power suddenly went out and we understood that seawater surrounded the Government Circuit House, the generator plant. The local government advised the people not to venture into that area.

I then thought that we needed to get into the act in a different way. This was clearly a catastrophe but the intensity was not known at that time. So we decided to go and meet the officials informing them about our availability to assist.

At 8.30 am when we are on the way to the Secretariat, we saw that the increased sea level had indeed changed the entire physical picture of the area. There were two Jetties which were getting damaged by powerful waves, and people vacated their hotels, houses, roadways, etc. I thought that I should take one or two snapshots and did.

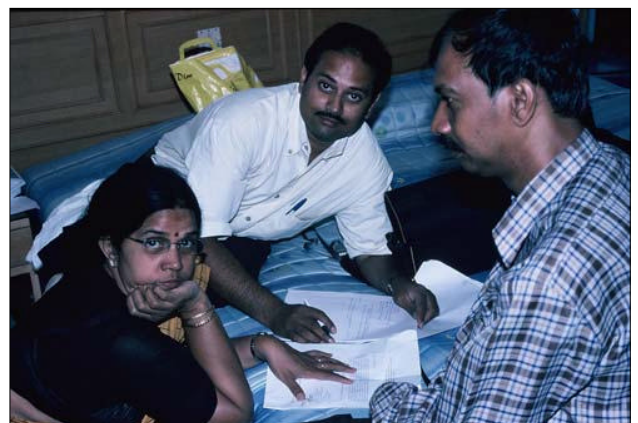
At this time nobody was aware this kind of sea wave is called Tsunami. Everybody was of the opinion that it was simply a quake.

At 9.00 am, we located Mohan and he informed us that they visited the Science Center. They returned to Circuit House and were ready to go to Secretariat. We took a motorcycle and visited the Government Secretariat and informed the officials there about our availability for any emergency operations. There they informed us that the earthquake was a 8.50 on the Richter Scale and that its epicenter was near Sumatra. Also we

learned that all flights were running and telephone lines were working. They were sure the worst was over, but would contact us if needed.



While Mr. Mohan and I were travelling to Science Center, he told me about the incidents at the seashore and how the waves were damaging both the beach and the vehicles parked there. I suggested that we go there and take some photographs. When we reached the seaside, it was unusually calm and everything was so silent. I started taking photographs when suddenly the seawater started increasing with tremendous speed. Mohan begged me to stop shooting and said we should run for our lives. As I was taking photos of rising waves and the sea, we climbed aboard the motorcycle and Mohan started the engine. While seated on the moving bike, I turned towards the sea and started shooting more pictures. At that moment, one huge wave about 20 meters high came towards us... and we just narrowly escaped from its clutches. Later I took video of the waves and the sea once we reached a safe distance.



We met Bharathi and others at the Hotel Sinclair and discussed the situation. By that time she was getting messages to be conveyed to mainland India and Islands. We took our equipment and turned our antennas, which were pointed to USA, towards India. The information we were getting from Radio and TV was slowly getting dramatic as well as depressing. Our HF/VHF nets were giving information about the unprecedented damage of

the Sri Lanka, Chennai, Cuddalore, Nagapattinam and Ongole in Andhra Pradesh, etc.

At that time the team made the decision to terminate the HAM expedition and convert to emergency relief communications.



I went to All India Radio and Doordarshan TV along with Jose and handed-over a letter confirming our availability for any situation at around 1.30 and started handling the traffic on HF. While we were taking lunch there was another big tremor, a 7 on the Richter scale. Immediately, we brought out the mobile antenna and erected the emergency station on the lawn of the hotel and we were assisted by Mohan and Mr. Prashant.

Once the antenna was ready and setup was working, we contacted Mrs. Nirmala, VU2MYN from National Institute of Amateur Radio Head Quarters, Hyderabad. There were calls from stations from Kerala, Kolkota and other foreign stations from Thailand, Australia, South Africa, etc.



It was an unforgettable day for everyone. No power, no water... it was horrible. The continuous tremors and fear of rising sea levels was giving us sleepless moments. At around 1.00 am I got an inquiry from Kerala that a Middle East Radio station was inquiring about the casualties in Andaman. They asked for our confirmation of 1000 casualties. We got it clarified from the Government press and informed them that it was not true. Keeping in contact with mainland India became an around-the-clock operation.



The next day, we erected a better antenna and also contacted the Deputy Commissioner of the Andamans. Meanwhile, there was an inquiry from the Mumbai press about the number of casualties of Army personnel. By that time, Mohan and Mr. Prashant set up a station at the Deputy Commissioner's office. There were more tremors and many people were running and shouting causing disturbances.

We heard the news that Mrs. Sonia Gandhi, VU2SON made visits to Car Nicobar along with senior Ministers and swift decisions followed. There was information that Mohan and Ramu were to setup communications on the Car Nicobar Islands at the request of the Government tomorrow morning. The next day, after some difficulty due to the communication gap, both left for Car Nicobar on board an Air Force plane. There was lot to be done for immediate rescue & relief let alone rehabilitation.

By 3 pm we contacted Mohan and Ramu on forty meters. We understood that the situation was very pathetic... there were no roads, no modes of transportation remaining. So they started sending the messages to everyone concerned. Relief material, food and water, medical assistance, reconstruction equipment... everything had to be noted and conveyed to the concerned departments at the Andaman & Nicobar governmental headquarters as well as to the mainland.



During the afternoon of 30th December, knowing that a great many people wanted to return to the mainland, we went to the Port Office to find out about traveling by ship to the mainland and to book the tickets for the VU4 Team members. But by that time there was a big rumor that the sea level was raising again and another Tsunami was in the offing. Every one was in a panic; everything was topsy-turvy... people running, children crying and vehicles being driven without any aim and destination. Ironically, those rumors had caused a real emergency once again.



Seeing all this, my colleague Mr. Prashant totally lost his control and self confidence and was determined to return to the mainland. It was another major job to put him on the flight and keep him in control.

On 31st December, the Dy. Commissioner informed us of the need for another station in Hut Bay. Jose was sent by sea to set it up. It took the Indian Naval ship two days to reach the destination and find a safe landing site and, until

we received his 59+ signals, it was a nightmare for every one concerned. In fact, the actual time of travel was about only 8 hours; the trip took 48 hours due to bad weather and berthing problems because the port there was severely damaged. Jose traveled on the first ship after Tsunami which was carrying survival rations for the people stranded there. He passed hundreds of welfare and official messages daily... other communications systems were not working.

Also on the 31st, we had another meeting again with officials who said they did not have communications with other islands and needed more operators. By that time NIAR HQ was ready with men and material. The GIAR Team, made up of Govt. officials and sponsored by the Gujarat State government, was ready.

An exhausted Bharathi left Port Blair for Chennai early morning on January 1st as was scheduled earlier. By that time the relief NIAR team came from Hyderabad and, along with local hams from Chennai, met her in Chennai Airport. She left after few hours for her home in Delhi while the NIAR Team made their arrangements to fly on to Port Blair.



I had a meeting with those in charge of communications for the Islands, i.e. Principal of the Polytechnic, the Relief Commissioner, etc. Around 15 more Ham members were coming and we made proper plans for their operations.

Ram, VU2LIC operated from Dy. Commissioners Office, Port Blair while Mr. Sushil, VU2LFA was the communicator at the Andaman Public Works District Office. Satya VU2DSV and Chitanya, VU3MCK were airlifted to Car Nicobar by the Air Force and where they operated from the Dy. Commissioner's Office.



Meanwhile, Mohan and Ramu moved to the badly damaged Muse Jetty in Car Nicobar. It was the only place to receive relief material by sea. They could see one ship anchored and awaiting for permission to berth. The master of ship approached them in a small boat and looking for the Port communication team and the missing jetty staff. There was no one else except our team. They wanted to get approvals from Port Blair and they had no means of communication. Mohan relayed this information to me and told me to contact Chairman Dilleshwar Rao of the Port Blair Port Trust who knew us. The Chairman immediately gave instructions to anchor in the jetty.



There was a lot of media coverage of our activities. Our people also met many officials. On January 8th, the Honorable Prime Minister Man Mohan Singh visited tsunami-affected areas around Port Blair. The VU4 team members received special permission to meet him. The PM praised the HAM fraternity for their services and also encouraged us to keep up the good work. He informed us that he will promote our hobby which he believed necessary for disaster communications.

Although another ham team came from Bangalore to Port Blair, sponsored by Action Aid, their services could not be utilized because most of the

key sites were already staffed and, in some areas, nonham communications were partially restored. They returned to the mainland immediately.

The GIAR team operated for a short time from Campbell Bay and Teresa Island. They passed messages about relief material etc. and were in touch with me.

In the early morning of 10th January, Jose returned from Hut Bay. That day water level increased due to high tide season. Ram, Jose and Sushil left for Chennai with an Air Force Cargo plane. After the arrival of our four Car Nicobar team members, we left for Chennai by a commercial flight, sending all our equipment, antennas etc. by courier.

At Chennai, the local hams Sheik, VU2SDU, Deepan, VU2DPN and Das, VU2DH honored us at the airport and we returned to Hyderabad by bus.

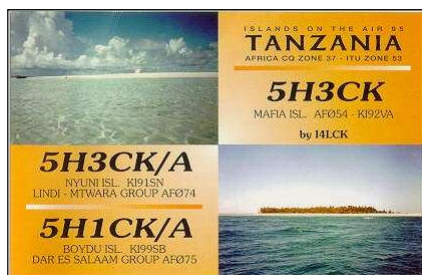


After reaching NIAR Headquarters, we briefed the Chairman, Suri, VU2MY about our activities. Suri also hosted lunch for us at the Country Club. That marked beginning of the VU4 Team's long awaited Rest & Recuperation after more than a month of intense hamming that started with the successful Dxpedition making tens of thousands of contacts and ended with passing thousands of emergency messages after the Tsunami.

THE WAY WE WERE

A Selection of Information Published by 425DXN in March 1995

5H - Following what published in nos.187 and 189, Franco (I4LCK) informs that operations from Tanzanian Islands, scheduled from 21 March to 2 April, will begin from Nyuni Isl. (NO REF, Lindi/Mtwara Region Group) using 5H3CK/A call, for two days. From 25 to 29 March Franco will be active from Mafia Island (AF-054) as 5H3CK (QRV all bands, mainly on WARC, CW and SSB). He is planning also an activity from Boydu Island (NO REF, Dar Es Salaam/Pwani Region Group) as 5H1CK/A. Nyuni and Boydu are uninhabited and operations will be difficult: Franco asks "islands hunters" to make just one QSO, any band and/or mode. QSL to Franco Armenghi, I4LCK, Via Jussi 9, 40068 San Lazzaro di Savena-BO, Italy.



5T - Sal, IT9AZS reports that he will be in Mauritania from 1 to 20 April together with Pupetta (IT9PHY), Nanda (I2RLX) and Toti (IT9JNT). Operations all bands, WARC included, SSB and CW, from Nouakchott. The call will be 5T0AS. It is also expected an activity from Tidra Island (AF-050, call 5T0AS/p). Sal's team hopes to activate the Nouckchott Province Group (AF-???) as well. QSL to: IT9AZS, Salvatore Alescio, Corso G. La Masa 65, 90019 Trabia (PA).



9Q - Peter, 9Q5TT (ON6TT) helped by Alex 9X5EE (PA3DZN) will join the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest, during this weekend. A special call has been requested or the 9Q5TT call will be used. QSL via ON5NT.

BV - Following what published in number 200, Yuki (J16KVR) reports that from 31 March to 2 April, during his QSY in Taiwan, he will join the operations from Pescadores Isl. (AS-103) as BV9A/J16KVR call. QSL via EA5KB.

CU9 - CU7AA and CU7BC will be QRV from Corvo Island (EU-089), Azores Is, from 13 to 16 April. Calls will be CU9/homecalls and operations are planned on 10 to 80 meters bands (WARC included). Corvo Island is also valid for the Portuguese Islands Award, reference AZ-009. QSL via CU7YC.



EA - Until 19 March the special stations AM7EJ and AM0EJ will be active for the wedding of Elena de Borbon y Borbon, King Juan Carlos's daughter (EAOJC), with Jaime de Marichalar.

F- TP8CE station of CERAC (Council of Europe Radio Amateur Club) will be QRV during the weekend, joining the CQWW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via F6FQK.

FK - The situation about Bernhard's activity (DL2GAC) is changing every day, depending on availability of transportations and relative costs, and local facilities. Bernhard, currently active from the Belep Is (OC-079) as FK/DL2GAC, has confirmed that he will not activate Huon Isl. (OC-058), which is a desert site without any kind of support. Bernhard will be in Belep until 16 March and then he will go back to Honiara (Solomon Is). Next stop Papua, New Guinea from 22 or 29 March.

FM - During all main 1995 contests, Michel, FM5CD, will use the TO2DX call. QSL via F5VU

FR/E- FR5HG has announced that he will be active from Europa Island (AF-009) for about 45 days from 8 March. Activities on 10 to 40 mtrs bands in CW, SSB, RTTY and SSTV modes.

JW - From 8 to 12 April Unni (LA6RHA), Turid (LA9THA) and Inger (LA8KT), three Norwegian YLs, will be active from Spitzbergen Isl., Svalbard (EU-026) as JW6RHA, JW9THA and JW8KT. They will move on the ices with motoskies with a portable HF equipment running about 25 watts with batteries and a dipole antenna. Frequencies on SSB will be 14247 and 21247 KHz; CW operations are also expected. Their equipment has no split facilities and the batteries have limited duration, so please make short QSO only to exchange the reports. QSL to their home-calls.

KC6 - Tosy, JA6VZB is active from Belau as KC6VW until 17 March. All bands operations from 10 to 160 mtrs (WARC included) on CW, SSB and RTTY modes. QSL via JA6BSM.

KHO - Following info in no.199, Frank, OH2LVG, hopes to be QRV from Saipan, Mariana Isl, as AHOW from 23 to 30 March, with CW/SSB activities on low bands and WARC. Look also for RS-12

satellite. QSL via KE7LZ.

P2 - Bernhard, DL2GAC, wants to activate at least one new IOTA group, the Woodlark group (OC-??). Dates are not known as yet and they depend on the departure from Solomon Is (the 22nd or the 29th of March): in the former case, activity will be from 23 to 30 March, in the latter from 30 March to 6 April.

PYOF- From 21 to 30 March Peter, PY5CC, will be active again from Fernando de Noronha Isl. as PYOFM joining the CQ WW WPX Contest as single



operator on 20 mtrs. Peter will be QRV before and after the contest on all band (6mtrs, 2 mtrs, EME and Oscar-13 also).

S7 - To complete what published in no.200, Kurt (HB9MX) is QRV as S79MX until 28 March, working with a dipole for 80 and 160 mtrs placed at 30 mtrs above the ground. On 160 mtrs band Kurt is working with 80 watts on frequencies from 1824 to 1830 KHz from 2100 to 2300 UTC. Unfortunately the 80 mtrs band is not yet assigned to amateur service in Seychelles.

TN - A new station from Congo: is Hazel (YL)

TN7OT, listened on 14220 KHz at about 1945Z. UA0 - Serge, UAOKL, is currently QRV from Ayon Isl



(AS-038). The duration is unknown. He was heard with a good signal the 15th of March on 20 mtrs at 0900Z. QSL via G4AYO.

V63 - Tosy, JA6VZB, will be QRV from Micronesia as V63BM from 17 to 20 March. Operations will be on all bands 10 to 160 mtrs, CW/SSB/RTTY modes. QSL via JA6BSM.

VE8 - The Inuvik Amateur Radio Club is organising a new DXpedition to Hendrickson Island (NA-192), already activated last year. Operations are planned to start at 0000Z of Saturday 1 April until the after-noon of Sunday the 2nd. A vertical for 20 mtr band will be used and long-wire for 40 and 80 mtrs. Two stations will be on the air simultaneously, one mainly on 14260 KHz. CW and RTTY operations are also planned. Power of both transceivers will be 100 watts only, so keep your ears opened. They hope in good weather.

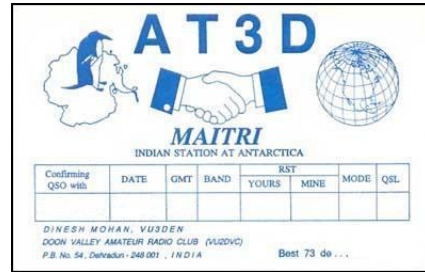


VK6- From 12 to 16 May Malcom, VK6LC, will be active from Faure Island (NO-REF), in the Western Australia State (S.W. Coast) North Group

(OC-???) . Mal will use the VK6ISL call on 21, 14 and 7 MHz. On 20 mtr band Mal will have a 5 element monobander; dipoles on 15 and 40 mtrs. If 20 mtrs band conditions is poor, VK6ISL will be QRV for Europe on

7084 KHz from 1800Z to 2300Z. QSL via I1HYW (Europe), K1IYD (N.America) and VK6LC (Oceania).

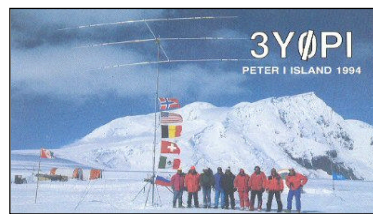
VU_ant- Dinesh, AT3D, is coming back in India, after his trip to Antarctica. He will be QRV with his usual call VU3DEN.



XT - Jim/XT2JB will be active until 19 March on CW and SSB, WARC bands included. QSL via W3HCW.

YB - Following what published in #200, Bob Blumberg, AA4U/YB0ASI reports that the special call 8A4EI has been issued to the planned DXpedition to Enggano Isl. (OC-???) from 24 to 26 March. This will be a good prefix for the CQWW WPX SSB Contest. For most of the 35 operators this will their first pile-up and contest experience. The main station will operate with a 4 element beam (and 3 Kw) on a 12 mtrs tower and a dipole for 40/80 mtrs. Planned activities on CW/RTTY and OSCAR-13.

DXER/DXPEDITION OF THE YEAR I The "OPDX/NODXA DX Survey" 1994 edition has voted Rudi, DK7PE as "DXer of the Year 1994" for his Congo expedition (TN0CW). "DXpedition of the Year 1994" is Peter 1 Island operation (3Y0PI). Honourable mention also for the 1A0KM (I1JQJ, I2UIY, I2VXJ, I8NHJ, I0CUT, I0ER, I0JBL, IK0FVC) and YK0A groups.



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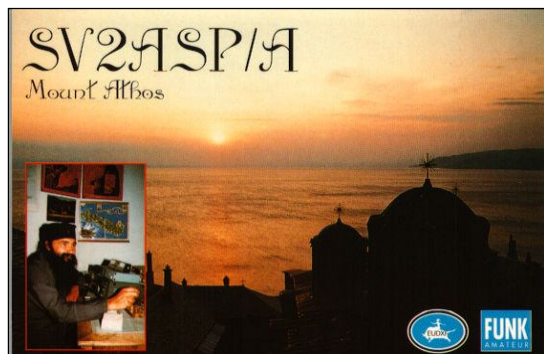
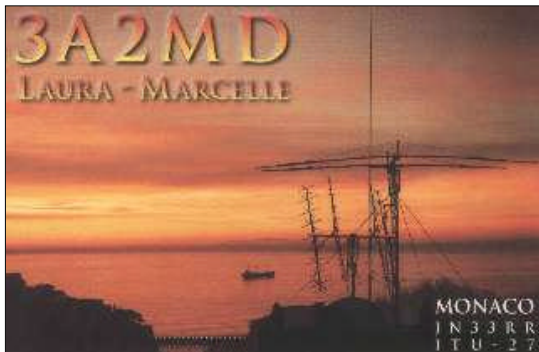
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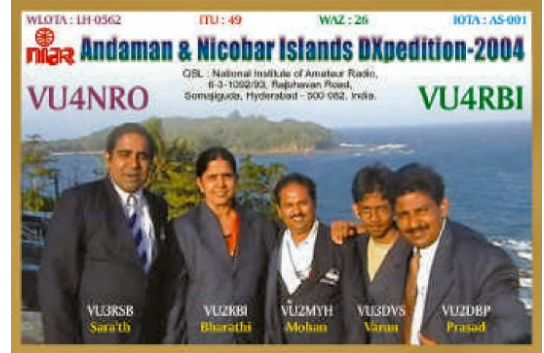
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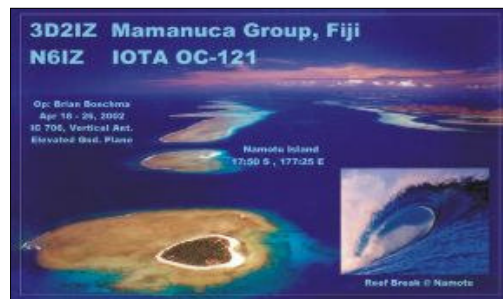
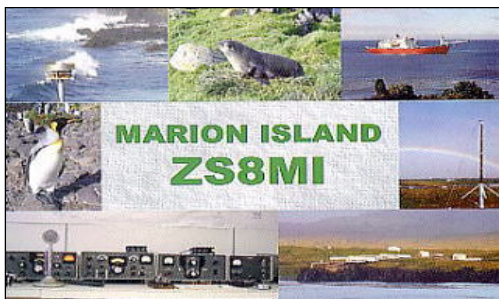
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