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- 3C0 - The multi-national DXpedition to Annobon (Pagalu) Island scheduled for the first week of March [425DXN 353] has been postponed. "On 20 January an attempted armed coup against the government of Equatorial Guinea was put down", The Daily DX reports. "However this has unfortunately prevented the scheduled 5 March trip to the island of Annobon. As soon as things calm down the group will reschedule this much needed DXpedition. All of the equipment and operators are ready to go as soon as things cool off".
- 3D2 - The fifth and last stop of the OK DX Foundation's Pacific trip [425DXN 349] will now take place from Viti Levu (OC-016), Fiji Islands between 24 March and 1 April. Operators OK1TN, OK1KT and OK1VD will be active as 3D2KT and 3D2TN on 6-160 metres. A side trip to either Rotuma or some other Fijian IOTA group depends on transportation. QSL via OKDX Foundation, P.O. Box 73 Bradlec, 293 06 Mlada Boleslav, Czech Republic. <TNX The Daily DX>
- 3X - Steve, G0AEV will *not* operate during his staying in Guinea [425DXN 353] as it will take over a month to get his licence. He might return to Guinea later this year. <TNX The Daily DX>
- 4S7 - Mario, HB9BRM will be active as 4S7BRG from Sri Lanka (AS-003) from 3 March for about three months. QSL via HB9BRM.
- 5W - The fourth stop of the OK DX Foundation's Pacific trip [425DXN 349] is confirmed to take place from Western Samoa (OC-097) between 14 and 23 March. Operators OK1TN, OK1KT and OK1VD will be active as 5W0SZ & 5W0VV on 6-160 metres. One or two operators might take a side trip to American Samoa during their staying on Western Samoa (if they do, they will be active as KH8/KF4MIW and KH8/WP2AIH). QSL via OKDX Foundation, P.O. Box 73 Bradlec, 293 06 Mlada Boleslav, Czech Republic. <TNX The Daily DX>
- 8P - LA7AT will be active (mostly on 20 and 40 metres, CW and SSB) from Barbados (NA-021) between 23 February and 2 March (call to be announced). QSL via home call. <TNX Dx News Sheet>

- 8P - Bob, G3PJT will be active as 8P9IF from Barbados (NA-021) between 13 and 16 March. He will participate in the RSGB Commonwealth CW Contest (14-15 March). QSL via G3PJT. <TNX The Daily DX>
- 8Q - Lorenzo, IK5MDF will be active as 8Q7DF from Alimatha Island, Maldives (AS-013) between 2 and 8 May. Look for him on 3.780, 7.080, 14.180, 21.280 and 28.480 MHz. QSL via IK5MDF (Lorenzo Tabaracci, P.O. Box 142, 54033 Carrara - MS, Italy). <TNX IK5MDF>
- 9J - Aki, JA0JHA will be active (mstly on SSB) as 9J2AM from Zambia until 31 December. QSL via JA0JHA. <TNX DX News Sheet>
- 9M_spr - 9M0C will remain fully operational from Spratly until around 06.00 UTC on 23 February. They will not operate in the ARRL CW Contest, but concentrate on SSB and on 2, 17 and 30 metres. The operators will leave the island at 2 UTC on 24 February. <TNX The Daily DX>
- 9Q - Pat, 5N0T and Nicole, 5N0YL should be in the Democratic Republic of Congo [425DXN 349] on 21 March. They expect to get thir 9Q licences within late April. <THN The Daily DX>
- A3 - The third stop of the OK DX Foundation's Pacific trip [425DXN 349] will now take place from Tongatapu (OC-049) between 5 and 14 March. Operators OK1TN, OK1KT and OK1VD will be active as A35KT and A35TN on 6-160 metres. QSL via OKDX Foundation, P.O. Box 73 Bradlec, 293 06 Mlada Boleslav, Czech Republic. <TNX The Daily DX>
- A7 - Dave, KC9IM is currently active as J52IM, but he expects to leave Guinea Bissau soon and to take up a new assignment in Doha, Qatar. QSL via KB9XN. >TNX DX News Sheet>

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- C6 - Joe, W8GEX (ex WB8GEX) and John, WZ8D will be active from Bahamas respectively as C6AJR and C6AIE between 25 February and 4 March. They will participate in the CW WW DX 160 Meter SSB Contest as C6AIE. QSL C6AJR via W8GEX (Joe Pater, 1894 Old Oxford Rd., Hamilton, Ohio 45013, USA). QSL C6AIE via WZ8D (John Walker, 1930 Meredith Dr., Loveland, Ohio 45140-7216, USA). <TNX WZ8D>
- CO - The VE/CO joint operation from Santiago de Cuba (27 February-8 March) [425DXN 353] will be take place with the call T48RAC. QSL via VE3ESE. <TNX OPDX Bulletin>
- DL - Tom, DL8AAM has been forced to cancell his trip to Hamburger Hallig (GIA N-036) [425DXN 351]. <TNX DL8AAM>
- EA - Antonio, EA1BEY will be active as ED1BEY from Tapia Island (DIE N-069, FEA D-1658) on 21 and 22 February. QSL via home call. <TNX EA5OL>
- EA6 - If you need Balearic Is (EU-004) on 12 and 17 metres, you may want to look for Vincent, EA6AEI on 24.970 and 18.150 MHz every day around 16-17 UTC. <TNX EA6AEI>
- EM_ant - EM1HO will be active from Galindez Island (AN-006), Antarctica until late March. He is active on 160 metres daily (look for him around 1.829 MHz) and will participate in the ARRL DX CW, ARRL DX SSB and CQ WW WPX SSB Contests. He has already logged about 40,000 QSOs (CW,

- SSB and RTTY). QSL via I2PJA. <TNX I2PJA>
- FK - Eric (FK8GM), Franck (FK8HC) and Alain (FK8FI) will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (28-29 March) as TXK8DX (TX is the special prefix for French overseas territories and K for New Caledonia). QSL via WB2RAJ. <TNX F6AJA>
- FS - Eddie, EA3NY will be active from St. Martin (NA-105) between 4 and 9 March. He will participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest as FS5PL. He plans to be QRV for Europe on 40 and 80 metres SSB during his nights and some RTTY is also possible. <TNX OPDX Bulletin>
- FT5Z - Mehdi, F5PFP has been granted permission to land and operate from Amsterdam (AF-002) in December. Mehdi expects to spend one month on the island: "this operation will be a DXpedition", he states, "and I'll have nothing else to do except radio". More information is expected in the next few weeks (in the meantime, you can visit the web site at <http://perso.easynet.fr/~f5nod/ft5z.html>). <TNX F5PFP>
- GU - Bill, G4YWY, is now expected to be active from 14 to 18 March as GU4YWY/M [425DXN 353] from Guernsey (EU-114). QSL via home call. <TNX DX News Sheet>
- HB9 - Fabio, HB9FAP will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest as HB5H (Single Operator, 40 metres). <TNX HB9FAP>
- HK0 - Silvano, KB5GL will be active (SSB only) as KB5GL/HK0 from Providencia Island (NA-049) between 26 February and 2 March. Look for him on 3.792, 3.797, 14.260, 14.180, 18.125, 21.260, 21.280, 21.310, 24.940, 28.460 MHz. QSL via AC7DX (Ron Lago, P.O. Box 25426, Eugene, Oregon 97402, USA). <TNX KB5GL>
- HL - Club station HL0K will be active (on 40 and 20 metres, CW and SSB) from Tokchok Is (AS-090) between 13 UTC on 24 February to 3 UTC on 27 February. QSL via HL0K either direct (200-1 Hwajun-dong, Dukyang-gu, Koyang-city, Kyonggi-do 411-791, Korea) or through the bureau. <TNX HL0K>
- HP - HP1CKK will be active as 3E9CKK from Isla Canas (it does not count for IOTA) between 21 and 23 February. <TNX HP2CWB>
- HR - Bruce, W4OVU and Julio, WD4JNS will be HR6/ from Roatan Island (NA-057) between 3 and 10 March. They will be active on 80-6 metres on CW, RTTY, SSB and RS12. They will participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest as HR6/W4OVU. QSL via home calls. <TNX WD4JNS>
- JA - The special event station 8J0WPG (Winter Paralympic Games) will be active from Nagano between 23 February and 31 March. QSL via bureau. For further information please visit <http://www.clio.or.jp/~obayashi/8j0wpg/> <TNX JA0DWY>
- JW - Carlos, LA9PJA will be active (mostly on RTTY and SSTV) as JW9PJA from Longyearbyen, Svalbard (EU-026) between 15 UTC on 25 February and 6 UTC on 28 February. QSL via LA9PJA. <TNX DX News Sheet & The Daily DX>
- KH1 - The SSIDXG/MKDXF joint operation from KH1 [425DXN 351] will take place from Howland Island (OC-089). It is confirmed operations are due to start on or about 5 March for six days: "the trip will be in conjunction with the US Fish and Wildlife Service", N4BQW reports, "and we will be at the mercy of their work schedule and they state they have six days work there". All-band operations will take place as K4AU/WH1 on SSB (QSL via K4AU) and WA4FFW/NH1 on CW (QSL via WA4FFW). <TNX WA4JQS>
- KH3 - Al, KK5ZX is expected to be active from the club station on Johnston

Atoll (OC-023) from around 10 March until 10 April. He will operate in his spare time. He plans to install an antenna for 160 metres and hopes to be able to participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via K3SX (ex K3SME). <TNX The Daily DX>

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- KH5 - The SSIDXG/MKDXF joint operation from Palmyra (OC-085) [425DXN 351] started on 5 February with Mark, KA4IST signing KA4IST/KH5. It is confirmed he will be joined first by N4BQW (on 20 February) and then (25 February) by N4DAZ, K4AU, NH6UY and WA4FFW. They will be active 24 hours a day until 26 February. On 27 February they expect to depart for either Baker/Howland (KH1) or Kingman Reef (KH5). QSL KA4IST/KH5 via AC7DX. <TNX WA4JQS>
- KH5K - Kingman Reef was announced to be activated between 27 February and 1 March [425DXN 353]: "we have permission to operate from Kingman", N4BQW reports, "but we are at the mercy of the US Fish and Wildlife Service and negotiations are continuing for this leg". It may even be that Chuck (N4BQW) and Mark (KA4IST) put Kingman on before the others arrive on the 25th, but on 18 February, during an RTTY QSO with WA6KBL, KA4IST/KH5 stated they are probably NOT going to make it to Kingman (and if they do go, it will be for 24 hours maximum). <TNX WA4JQS & WA6KBL>
- KH9 - The Dateline DX Association's DXpedition to Wake Island (26 February-11 March) [425DXN 353] will be active as K8XP/KH9, N6MZ/KH9, N2OO/KH9 and N2WB/KH9. QSL via WA4YBV (Robert Pond, 9 River Cove, Portsmouth, VA 23703, USA). Information about this operation, as well as about other DDXA activities in the past, can be found at www.goldtel.net/ddxa (the site is still under construction). <TNX K8XP>
- LU - Claudio, LU7DW will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest from his island QTH on Martin Garcia (SA-055). <TNX AD1C>
- LU_ant - Roman, LU/UX1KA is active from the old Argentine base called Refugio Naval Groussac on Peterman Island (65.11S-64.10W). QSL via DL5EBE. <TNX WD8MGQ>
- LU_ssh - Hector, LU6UO and Ernie, LU4AXV, who are currently signing LU1ZC from the South Shetlands (AN-010), are now expected to leave Deception Island on 8 March [425DXN 353]. In the meanwhile they will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest. QSL via LU6EF (Raul M. Diaz, GACW, Box 9, 1875 Wilde, Buenos Aires, Argentina). <TNX LU1DZ>
- NP3 - Eddie, EA3NY will be active from Puerto Rico (NA-099) between 28 February and 3 March. He plans to be QRV for Europe on 40 and 80 metres SSB during his nights. <TNX OPDX Bulletin>
- PJ9 - Tom, K2TW and Noah, K2NG will participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest as PJ9G (Multi Single) from Bonaire (SA-006). <TNX DX News Sheet>
- PY0F - Andre, PY0FF and Bill, W9VA/PY0ZFO should participate in the ARRL CW DX Contest from Fernando de Noronha (SA-003). PY0FF (QSL via W9VA) is likely to operate on 15 metres single band, while PY0ZFO (QSL via

- W9VA) would do 20 metres. <TNX The Daily DX>
- T8 - KJ9I, NF9V and NZ9Z will operate as T88II from Belau between 8 and 17 December. They will be active on 160-10 metres, WARC included, but will give topband special emphasis. QSL via KJ9I (David Schmocker, N7298 County Trunk Highway F, Oconomowoc, WI 53066-9040, U.S.A.). For further information please contact David at DSchmocker@Supernews.com <TNX KJ9I>
- TI - Tom, K6CT will participate in the ARRL CW DX Contest as TI5N from TI5KD's QTH. QSL via TI5KD. <TNX OPDX Bulletin>
- UA - Memorial radio station R1ASP has been active from Kotlin Island (EU-133) since late December 1997. QSL via RA1AD. <TNX DX News Sheet>
- UA - Shakhan Contest Club members will participate in this year's all major contests (SSB, CW and RTTY) as RM6A. QSL via RW6AWT either direct (350062, P.O.Box 600, Krasnodar, Russia) or through the bureau. <TNX RN6BN>
- VK - The Special Event callsign VI3GP has been allocated to the Eastern and Mountain District Radio Club for use from 5 to 8 March inclusive, in conjunction with the running of the Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix in Melbourne. QSL to VK3ER either direct (EMDRC, P.O. Box 87, Mitcham 3132, Victoria, Australia). <TNX VK3DYL>
- VK0_mq - "Tom, VK0TS has been back in Australia for a couple of months now, but he misses the cold and the snow so he will be going back to Antarctica sometime in 1998", Simon Trotter, VK1AUS reports. "He is not too sure yet where he will be operating from, but it will be either Macquarie Island or Mawson base, I am trying to get him to decide on Macquarie because it is wanted more by the DX stations". <TNX VK1AUS>

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- VP9 - Jeff, AJ2U will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest from Bermuda (NA-005) as VP9ID (Single Operator QRP). QSL via K1EFI. <TNX DX News Sheet>
- VP9 - Jeff, AJ2U and John, N2KJM will participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest as VP9IB from Bermuda (NA-005). Before and after the contest they will be active as AJ2U/VP9 (QSL via WB2YQH) and N2KJM/VP9 (QSL via N2KJM). <TNX DX News Sheet>
- VQ9 - Paul, W2JDK and James, WB9IHH are active respectively as VQ9PH (15 and 20 metres SSB, QSL via W2JDK) and VQ9JC (15 and 20 metres CW, QSL via WB9IHH) from Diego Garcia (AF-006) for the next three months. <TNX The Daily DX>
- VR2 - Pekka, OH2YY/BY will participate in the CQ WW 160 Meter SSB Contest (28 February-1 March) as VR2/OH2YY from Hong Kong. QSL via OH2YY (Pekka Ahlqvist, Vapaalanpolku 8 B, 01650 Vantaa, Finland). <TNX The Daily DX>
- W - Dick, K2ZR will be active (on 20-80 metres CW) from Key West (NA-062) between 00.00 UTC and 12.00 UTC from 3 to 26 March. QSL via

- home call. <TNX DX News Sheet>
- YV - Luigino, YV5ENI plans to be active as 4M0I from Aves Island (NA-020) for five days starting on 15 March and as 4M5I from La Tortuga (SA-044) for other five days starting on 20 March. <TNX YV5ENI>
- ZC6 - Yoshi, JA1UT and the International Amateur Radio Volunteers will be active from Palestine as ZC6MPT from 13 March for about one week. QSL via JA1UT. <TNX The Daily DX>
- ZK1_sc - The second stop of the OK DX Foundation's Pacific trip [425DXN 349] will now take place from Aitutaki (OC-083), South Cooks between 24 February and 3 March. Operators OK1TN, OK1KT and OK1VD will be active as ZK1TNN and ZK1KTT on 6-160 metres. QSL via OKDX Foundation, P.O. Box 73 Bradlec, 293 06 Mlada Boleslav, Czech Republic. <TNX The Daily DX>
- XE - N6RT, AA6DP and N6PE will be active from XE2EBE for the ARRL DX CW and SSB contests. QSL via AA6DP. <TNX N6RT>
- XV - Anders, SM0ORV is active as XV7SV from Hanoi, Vietnam. He has rather modest antennas and would be happy to QSO anyone who can pick up his signals. He has been assigned a set of fixed frequencies: 3.526, 7.026, 10.135, 14.212 and 21.235 MHz. QSL via home call (he will handle all cards when he returns to Sweden in June). <TNX SM5MX>

<<< 1998 IOTA CONTEST (25-26 JULY) >>>

The following amateurs have announced their participation in this year's event:

- EU-106 - ON5FP as GWORLU/P from St Tudwal's Islands. QSL via home call. <TNX DX News Sheet>
- EU-124 - G3NKC, G3NLY, G5LP, G4BWP, G0KRL and possibly others as MW8Z from Anglesey Island. QSL via G5LP. <TNX DX News Sheet>
- NA-100 - GM3NIG, GM3UTQ, GM3COB, GM4FDM, GM0UKZ, GM0NAI and possibly GM0GAV as V26VG from Antigua. QSL via GM4FDM (bureau cards may be requested at wylie@scotsboy.sol.co.uk). They plan to be active on the WARC bands before and after the contest as V2/home calls. <TNX OPDX Bulletin>

***** GOOD TO KNOW ... *****

INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION ---> The 1998 International DX Convention, sponsored by the Southern California DX Club, will be held at the Visalia Holiday Inn, CA, on 1-3 May. The SCDXC Web site (www.primenet.com/~scdxc/dxconv98.html) includes hotel information and a registration form. For further information please contact the program chairman, Harvey Shore, K6EXO (818/716-5681). <TNX WA6WZO>

QSL A61AP ---> IK7JTF reports that the cards for A61AP are still awaited to be received from the printer. Please be patient and do not send second requests. <TNX IK1RGL>

QSL K7K & K4M ---> Processing of the cards for K7K (Kure) and K4M (Midway) is well underway, but it is expected it will take a few more weeks to get all

these cards out. Those who have not sent their cards yet, in order to expedite the processing, are requested to sent the K7K and K4M cards separately. QSL via KE7LZ (Bob Johnson, 5627 West Hearn Road, Glendale, Arizona 85306-4213, USA). <TNX AH0W>

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QSL UX0FF ---> Cards for UX0FF, EM0F, RB5FF/ER1, ER0F, RB5FF/RO6, RO0F, RY0F and UR6F (formerly handled by OE5EIN) should now be routed via the QSL bureau or direct to UX0FF (Nikolay Lavreka, P.O.Box 3, Izmail-Centre, 272630, Ukraine). <TNX UX0FF>

QSL ZK1XXP ---> "For those of you who are waiting for your QSL's from the Dateline DX Association's operation from North Cook in September, those cards have still not been received from the printer in Germany", Tom, K8XP reports. "We are now told they should arrive in the next 3 to 4 weeks. Please be patient. It is not necessary to send second requests". QSL via WA4YBV (Robert Pond, 9 River Cove, Portsmouth, VA 23703, USA).

RCV ACTIVITIES ---> The following special calls have been and/or will be used by Radio Club Vologda: UE1QAA, UE1QNT & UE1QKM, UE1QNY, UE1QSK. All contacts are confirmed with full color QSL. As of October 1997 the *new* QSL manager is RW1QW (Box 23, Vologda, 160035, Russia). <TNX RA1QA>

XV7SW QRT ---> Rolf Salme, SM5MX/XV7SW has returned to Sweden after four years spent in Hanoi, Vietnam. Cards for contacts made with XV7SW may be still requested of either Rolf himself (Rolf T Salme, Korpstigen 5 B, S-135 51 Tyreso, Sweden) or his QSL manager, SM3CXS (direct or via bureau). <TNX SM5MX>

QSL received via direct: 3D2RW/R, 3F6V (NA-071), 3W5KVR (AS-130), 3W5MNB (AS-130), 3Y0PI, 4F2DX (OC-128), 4F3CV (OC-042), 4L1UN, 5A28, 5R8EN, 5R8FK, 5T0AS, 5V7A, 5Z4FM, 6W6JX, 7P8SR, 7Q7EH, 9G5WD, 9J2TF, 9K2ZZ, 9L1PG, 9M2JJ, 9M2OM/p (AS-097), 9M6HIL, 9M6OO, 9M6TPR, 9M6/DF8AN (OC-066), 9N1RHM, 9Q5BB, 9V1YC, A45XR, A45ZN, A92GE, AA1IZ (NA-148), AA4V (NA-110), AP2MY, BD7JA/7 (AS-129), BD7JA/7 (AS-131), C53HG, C56/JA1OEM, C6AHN, N5XG/C6A (NA-054), CE1LDS/p (SA-085), CE2/N1MFW, CO2NA, CV5A (SA-030), CX9AU, CY9SS, D2BB, D44BC, EA8/DL7AU, ED5RKV, EP2MKP, EU3FT, EY8XX, F6OYU/p, FH/DL2SBY, FJ/F6BUM, FK8HC, FK8VHN, FO8DX, FO0MOD, FP5AA, FR5ZQ/T, FS5PL, HK3JJH/0A (NA-133), HK3JJH/0B (NA-132), DL7DF/HR3, HV4NAC, IF9/IK8WTM (EU-054; IIA TP-005 010, 015); IL7/IK7JWX (IIA BR-005, 010), IM0A (EU-165; IIA SS-061), IS0IGV, J3/N3SIY, JD1/JL1KFR, JI6KVR/6 (AS-012), JT1FBB, JT1FBT, JX3EX, N4BQW/KH5, KH0AC, KH0CE, KL7/W6IXP (NA-157), KP4GC, LX60RL, LX/DL4SDX, MU0ASP, NN50CIA, OX/OZ8AE, PJ8/KG8XV, R1FJZ, R100 (EU-066), R2MWO, RX1OX/FJL, S21XX, SV8/IK7WPH/p (EU-052), T88DX, T92A, TF/OZ5IPA, TI2OY, TI8/K9VV, TM7I (EU-065; DIFM AT-001, 002, 008, 010, 036, 042, 057, 059, 121), TO7I, TT8JFC, TU2XZ, TZ6SI, UI8QU, V26KW, V44KAI, W7DR/VE7 (NA-118), VE8B (NA-173), VK2IOM

(OC-223), VK9LX, VK9NL, VK9NS, VK0TS, VP2EST, VR6MW, VR6YL, VR97LC, VS97SAR, VU2BK, XF3/EA3AOK (NA-090), XF3/EA3BT (NA-045), XR2MDP, XV8FP (AS-132), YA9XL, YB1AQS, YE52AB, YK1AH, YZ1AA, YZ50AA, Z21KM, Z24S, ZA1MH, ZA/IK7JWX, ZC4IW, ZD7BG, ZF2SM/ZF8, ZK2PJ, ZL2AL, ZL4WA, ZL7AA, ZX1A (SA-029).

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