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>>> 425 DX NEWS TROPHY <<<

The 425DXN survey for the best DXpedition in 2003 is up and running at http://www.425dxn.org/trophy_2003/. Fourteen DXpeditions have been selected (3C0V, AH3D, BQ9P, CY9A, S05X, STORY, T31MY, TO4E, TS7N, TX4PG, TZ6RD, VK9CD, VP6DIA and XZ7A) and the Trophy will be presented to the winner during a DX Convention (to be defined). Donations EXCLUSIVELY for the Trophy are welcome and gratefully accepted, the calls and names of the donors will be engraved on the trophy and listed on the website.

- 3DA0 - ZS5WC, ZS6RAD, ZS5ABD and ZS5WI are active on all bands as 3DA0DX from Swaziland until 28 January. QSL via ZS5WI. [TNX The Daily DX]
- 4S - A group of the LARC (Lufthansa Amateur Radio Club) will be in Sri Lanka from March 3rd to 8th. They will be operating all bands in SSB and CW. If possible, Rudi DK7PE will try some 160m, depending on the antennas possible. Operators will be Frank (DJ3FK), Bernd (DK7TF), Karl (DL4FP) and (Rudi) DK7PE. [TNX DK7PE]
- 8R - Olli, EA4BQ/OH0XX will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest (21-22 February) as 8R1K from Guyana. Before and after the contest he will operate CW as 8R1RPN mainly on 80 & 160 metres and on the WARC bands. QSL to Olli Rissanen, Calle Ciguela, 331, 28729 Venturada, Madrid, Spain. [TNX EA4BQ/OH0XX]
- 9L - Massimo, 9L1MS reports that he now plans to operate from Banana Island (AF-037) on 25 January.
- 9Y - Walter/DL8JS, Ulla/DF6QP, Alfons/DJ8VC, Eberhard/DJ8OT and Hannelore/DH5JR will be active as 9Y4/homecall from Tobgo (SA-009) from 26 January to 14 February. They expect to operate on 14277, 21377 and 28377 kHz between 9 and 18 local time. QSL via home calls through the DARC bureau. [TNX DX News Letter]
- DL - Gerhard, DL3NBL will be active as TA/DL3NBL/P from Ucadalar Island (AS-099) on 7-14 March. He plans to operate on all bands mainly SSB. QSL via home call. [TNX DL3NBL]
- FH - Maurice, FH/F6AIG is currently active from Petite Terre, Mayotte (AF-027) and can be found around 17 UTC on +/- 14130 kHz.
- FM - Fabrice, F5FUA will be active as FM/F5FUA/p from Sainte Marie,

Martinique (NA-107, DIFO FM-001) on 3-24 February. Look for him on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres (modes not provided) at 11-13 UTC and again at 22-24 UTC daily. QSL via home call through the REF bureau. [TNX F5NQL]

- GM - Hans, DJ6AU is active as MM0XAU from the Shetland Islands (EU-012) until the end of March. His preferred frequencies are 18130 and 14270 kHz. [TNX DX News Letter]
- H4 - Bernard, DL2GAC is again active as H44MS from the Solomon Islands. He reports he does not plan to leave his current QTH (Honiara on Guadalcanal Island, OC-047) "in the near future". He currently operates barefoot on 10-80 metres SSB with a windom antenna. QSL via home call. [TNX DL2GAC]
- J2 - Rene, DL2JRM will be active as J20RM from Djibouti on 22-30 January (maybe one week longer), CQ 160 Meter Contest included. He hopes to be able to go and operate from Moucha Island (AF-053) during his stay. QSL via DL2JRM. Further information at <http://www.qsl.net/dl2jrm> [TNX DL2JRM]
- J7 - Lars, SM0CCM will be active again as J73CCM from Dominica (NA-102) between 5 February and 4 March. He will operate on 160-6 metres mostly CW, with some RTTY and PSK. QSL via home call, preferably through the bureau. Direct cards should include 2 USD or 1 IRC. [TNX SM0CCM]
- JA - Look for JA6PSE (on SSB and RTTY, operator JI5USJ) and JA6PSI (CW only, operator JI5RPT) to be aired on 160-10 metres from Takara Shima (JI1A AS-049-012, WLH-0884), Tokara Islands (AS-049) from 24 February to 2 March. QSL JA6PSE via JI5USJ (bureau or direct), QSL JA6PSI via JI5RPT (bureau or direct). The web site for the operation is at <http://www.aa.alpha-net.ne.jp/ji5rpt/as-049/> [TNX JI6KVR]
- PJ2 - Look for Steve, G0CKP to be active on all bands, mostly CW as PJ2/G0CKP from Curacao (SA-006) on 23-31 January, including an entry as PJ2S during the CQ WW 160 Meter Contest. QSL via home call. [TNX G0CKP]
- SV - Kostas, SV1DPI will participate in the BARTG RTTY Contest (24-25 January) as SX1A. QSL via SV1DPI: Kostas Stamatis, Electrical Engineer, P.O.Box 66, 30100 Agrinio, Greece. [TNX SV1DPI]
- V8 - Jim/G3RTE, Phil/G3SWH and Ray/HS0ZDZ (G3NOM), in association with Greg/V85GD, will be mounting a DXpedition to Negara Brunei Darussalam (Brunei, OC-088) between 8 and 15 March. The main operation will take place from the QTH of Greg, V85GD under the special callsign of V8JIM. A single operator entry will also be made in the RSGB's Commonwealth Contest using the special callsign of V8NOM. Activity is planned for all bands from 160 to 10 metres and will include CW, SSB and digital modes. Propagation permitting, plans are to have three stations on the air for as many hours every day as is possible. QSL V8JIM via G3SWH, QSL V8NOM via GM4FDM. Sponsorship and donations will be gratefully accepted. [TNX G3SWH]
- VP5 - Look for VP5/HA5JI, VP5/VE3NZ and VP5/VE3NE to be active from the Turks & Caicos Islands until 29 January. They will participate in the CQ WW 160 Meter CW Contest as VP5JI. All QSLs via HA8FW, direct or bureau. [TNX HA0HW]
- W - From 7 to 19 local time on 1 February the Nacogdoches Amateur Radio Club (W5NAC) will run two special event stations to honour the crew of the Space Shuttle Columbia as well as the numerous volunteers

(more than 350 volunteer amateur radio operators) and agencies involved in the recovery effort. Further information at <http://www.andersoft.com/narc>

XE - After three unsuccessful attempts due to rough seas, Yves/F5TYY, Andre/F6AOI, Bernard/F9IE and Alain/F6BFH were finally able to land and log around 1300 QSOs as XF1/homecalls from Las Tres Marietas (NA-189). On 23 January they went and operate from Pena Blanca in the Colima/Michoacan State group. From both these locations they used car batteries during their daylight hours only, as neither generators nor overnight stays are permitted on these bird sanctuaries. The group will be back to Mexico City on 24 January; on the 26th they expect to leave for the XE3 call area and their first stop should be Ciudad del Carmen on Carmen Island (NA-135). QSL via home calls. [TNX XE1L and La Gazette du DX]

ZC4 - The CQ WW 160 Meter Contest ZC4A operation [425DXN 663] has been cancelled owing to "unforeseen difficulties". It is possible that ZC4CW may be active. [TNX 5B4AGC]

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CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (24-24 January) ---> The following stations have announced their participation in this year's event:

- * BW3/JD1BKQ as Single Operator, Low Power from Taiwan. QSL via JR3PZW.
- * DL6FBL and DL8WPX as DL6FBL (Multi-Single). This will be a Winter Field Day on an airfield; further information at <http://www.dl6fbl.de/dl6fbl/cq160>
- * Nodir, EY8MM (<http://www.qsl.net/ey8mm>) as a Single Operator entry. QSL via K1BV.
- * Rick, K6VVA as KP2CW from the U.S. Virgin Islands. QSL via home call.
- * DK2OY and DK6WL as LX5A (Multi-Single) from Luxembourg. QSL via LX1RQ.
- * DL4SDW, DL8SCG and LX2AJ as LX7I (M/S) from Luxembourg. QSL via LX2AJ.
- * G4XUM, G0HSS and M0BEW as MD4K from the Isle of Man. QSL via G3NKC.
- * K1ZM, WW2Y, K2WI and VK6VZ as VY2ZM from Prince Edward Island, Canada. QSL via K1ZM.
- * Stan, OK1JR (YB0AJR) as YE0X from Jawa, Indonesia. QSL via the YB bureau.
- * Kas, YI9ZF (YL1ZF) from Iraq. QSL via SM1TDE. The on-line log at www.qsl.net has been updated with the first 4000 QSOs.

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

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>>> DXCC RULE CHANGE <<<

At its January meeting, the ARRL Board of Directors removed paragraph 1.c) ("The entity has a separate IARU member-society") from the DXCC Rules criteria for determining a DXCC entity. This provision, implemented in 1998 as part of the DXCC 2000 Program, had provided that "An entity will be added to the DXCC List as a political entity if it [...] has a separate IARU member-society." Since then, the rule has allowed for the addition of four new DXCC entities and the retention of one existing entity. Unfortunately, the provision also had the unintended consequence of stimulating applications for IARU membership that do not further the objectives of the IARU, creating an unfortunate and unnecessary administrative burden. The rule change will have no effect on entities created by or as the result of the rule. According to DXCC Rule II, 5. C), "A change in the DXCC criteria shall not affect the status of any entity on the DXCC List at the time of the change." The other two criteria for the determination of a political entity for DXCC continue in effect: 1.a) "The entity is a UN member-state." and 1.b) "The entity (except international organizations) has been assigned a call sign prefix block by the ITU." The Board resolved to amend the DXCC rules by deleting IARU membership as a basis for determining a "political entity."

ANTARCTICA ACTIVITY WEEK ---> The Worldwide Antarctic Program has announced that the first Antarctica Activity Week will be held from 22 through 28 February. The aim of this annual event is to promote worldwide interest in the Antarctic continent; stations operating from the various Antarctic bases, as well as special event stations from the rest of the world, are expected to take part in the AAW. An award will be issued for contacts made during the activity week. Further information will be available at <http://www.ddxc.net/wap>

IOTA ANNUAL UPDATE ---> IOTA enthusiasts are reminded that the last date for mailing applications or updates to checkpoints for inclusion in the 2004 Honour Roll and other performance tables is 1 February 2004. If postmarked after that date, they will be processed in the normal way but the scores will be held over to the following year's listing. Listing in the 2004 tables will be restricted to those members who have updated their scores since February 1999.

OPERATORS NEEDED ---> Charles "Frosty" Frost, K5LBU is looking for at least four more operators (one for SSB and three for CW) to join a team heading to Swaziland for a 10-day DXpedition in mid-March. If interested please contact Frosty (frosty1@pdq.net) as soon as possible. [TNX K5LBU]

QSL 5N0W ---> Vaclav Voldrich, OK1DXE reports that his work assignment at the Czech Embassy in Nigeria ended at the end of 2003. He operated as 5N0W and 5N0HVC [425DXN 623] and he expects to send the first QSL cards in a few days' time. In the past 5N0W was also used by David, OK1RK, and many sources still give him as QSL route. Please note that cards for contacts made with 5N0W from 1 July 2000 should go to OK1DXE, direct or bureau. [TNX OK1DXE]

QSL 9V0A ---> Alan, VK4AAR reports he has been asked to manage the QSL cards for Alan's (9V1DX) recent activity as 9V0A from Patriot Hills. "Cards will not be ready for a little while", VK4AAR says, "as the operator is now headed

to Africa on work for a couple of weeks and still has to get his log ready for me on his return". QSL direct only to Alan Roocroft, P.O. Box 421, Gatton 4343, Australia. As for return postage, Alan says that although "our Aussie dollar is still getting stronger against the US dollar", greenstamps are "still the preferred way, as IRCs can be a problem".

QSL FM/T93Y ---> Boris, T93Y reports that all direct, bureau and E-mail requests have been processed. More information about this contest DXpedition, including detailed information how to QSL to Bosnia Herzegovina, is available at <http://www.t93y.com/fm2003> Bureau cards requests are welcome at fm2003@t93y.com

QSL UA0ZAL/p ---> A few days ago George, UY5XE received from UA0ZC the logs for UA0ZAL/p (AS-039, October 2001). George expects to have cards printed by mid-February. His address is George A. Chlijanc, P.O. Box 19, Lviv 79000 Ukraine. [TNX UY5XE]

QSL VQ9JC ---> Jim, WB9IHH is in the Merchant Marine and currently on a ship at McMurdo Base, Antarctica. He has been on the ship since March 2003, which covers five operations as VQ9JC (April, June, July, August/September and November 2003), and Jim will not be home until April at the earliest and possibly May. Jim is aware that "a huge box full of QSLs" is waiting for him, but it take him a bit of time once he gets home to get through the logs and QSLs. [TNX W7IAN]

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EUROPA: Jean-Michel Duthilleul, F6AJA, Editor of "Les Nouvelles DX", has written an article on Europa Island which features a complete set of 18 QSL cards used for past operations from this DXCC Entity. Go to "published articles" at <http://LesNouvellesDX.free.fr> [TNX F6AJA]

LOGvrr: The new version of LOGvrr 2.6 by Roberto Vendrame, IN3VRR (in3vrr@despammed.com) is downloadable for free at <http://www.qsl.net/in3vrr>

YO DX HF CONTEST: The results of the 2003 event are now available at <http://www.hamradio.ro/contests/yodxhf2003/> [TNX N2YO]

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| 3Z0CWZ | SP9PTG | ED7IZ | EA7HBC | RK9QWZ | RW9QA |
| 4J1S | UA3FDX | ET3TK | OK1CU | SU9AM | W3BH |
| 4K1V | UA3FDX | EW6GF | DL8KAC | SU9HP | SM0CFO |
| 4K50V | UA3FDX | FM5WE | K3PD (a) | T20RE | HA8IB |
| 4K51V | UA3FDX | FO/OH6KN | OH9MDV | T32Z | K3PD (a) |
| 4K52V | UA3FDX | FS/W3ARS | N3TOG | T88RZ | K3PD (a) |
| 4K53V | UA3FDX | H44MS | DL2GAC | TA3DD | K3PD |
| 4K60AA | UA3FDX | HA2004EU | HA5XXA | TJ1GA | IK2AQZ |
| 4K7DWZ | UA3FDX | HA2004UNI | HA6QT | TYA11 | W9OL (g) |
| 4K7Z | UA3FDX | HC1HC | NE8Z | UA9C/UA9QDK | RW9QA |
| 4L1UN | RW6HS | HC1MD | K8LJG | UA9CKN | N9NU |
| 4U1WB | KK4HD | HF0QF | SP7IWA | UA9QDK | RW9QA |
| 4X6HP | EA7FTR | HH2SJR | K3PD | UA9QFF | RW9QA |
| 5B/G3PMR | 5B4AHJ | HR1LW | JA1LW | UK8GK | RW6HS |
| 5H3HWB | DL7UKT | HZ1AB | K8PYD | V25A | W9NJB |
| 5Z4HT | DJ1MS | II0RAI/# | IK0ZRR | V25CH | W2CH |
| 6W1RD | EA7FTR | IR7LH | IK7JWX | V25VY | G4BVY |
| 6W7FZ | DK6ZZ | J48TTT | SV8CYR | V26OY | KF8OY |
| 8P6SH | KU9C | JW0HZ | SQ5TA | V31GW | DK9GG |
| 9G5BF | OE6LAG | K1M | K3PD (b) | V31YN | DJ4KW |
| 9J2BO | G3TEV | K1O | K3PD (c) | VK3FPF/4 | OE3MZC |
| 9N7YJ | LA5YJ | K3Y | K3PD | VP5FEB | K3PD |
| 9Q0AR | SM5BFJ | KB4ATV/4S7 | W9OL (d) | VP8KF | G3VPW |
| 9V0A | VK4AAR | KC3TL | K3PD | XQ6ET | W8UVZ |
| 9V1YC | N5ID | KG4AS | N4SIA | XT2OP | VE4JOP |
| 9Y4SF | WA4JTK | KY3ORK | K3PD | XU7ACW | LA5YJ |
| A35RE | HA8IB | LU1DZ/L | EA3RE | XV2M | SP5JTF |
| A71MA | K3PD | LZ35ZF | LZ1ZF | YA1BV | JA1PBV |
| A92GQ | N9NU | MI0YJR | LA5YJ | YA1CQ | JA1CQT |
| AM4NET | EA4URE | N0R | K3PD (e) | YA8G | LA4YW |
| C21HC | DL9HCU | OH0B | OH2BH | YB0ECT | K5ZE |
| CE6TBN/8 | N1IBM | OH0R | OH2PM | YI9DAZ | M1DAZ |
| CE9R | CE3HDI | OX3SA | K3PD (f) | YO2LEA | K3PD |
| CU3DJ | K3PD | OY3QN | OZ1ACB | YS1MAE | W3HNK |
| CX7CO | SM5KCO | PJ2MI | W2CQ | YU9VK | HA0HW |
| D2BB | W3HNK | PR0F | W5SJ | Z22JE | K3PD |
| EA0JC | EA4URE | R3ARS/3 | RA3AKF | ZL1CT/4 | N3SL |
| ED5VDG | EA5XQ | RK3DZJ/3 | RA3DEJ | ZS6Y | KK3S |

(a) 2000 and after
(b) December 2001
(c) December 1999
(d) 4-8 April 1984

(e) December 2003
(f) 1998 and after
(g) 19-21 June 1981

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