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Dayton Hamvention 2006 3Y0X, DXpedition Of The Year

Team leaders Ralph, K0IR and Bob,
K4UEE receiving the plaque presented
by the Southwest Ohio DX Association

YE6P
24-29 May
Simeulue Island, OC-270

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DX INFORMATION

3D2_rot - Didier/F4ELJ, Andre/F0ELK and Christophe/F0ELI will operate as 3D2BD from Rotuma (OC-060) on 5-17 August. On their way back home they will stop and be active also from Suva, Fiji Islands (OC-016), from 18 to 21 August. QSL via F4ELJ, direct or bureau. Further details will be posted at <http://3d2bd.free.fr> [TNX F4ELJ]

4W - Michael, PA5M is currently in Timor Leste and awaiting the final approval of his licence. The callsign is unknown yet, but will most likely be known on 22 May. His QSL manager (PA7FM) reports that Michael will be there "only for a few weeks". Updates and further details will be posted at <http://www.4w.pa7fm.nl> [TNX PA7FM]

5B - Look for Harvey, ON5SY and Danny, ON4ON to operate holiday style on 40-10 metres SSB and CW as 5B/OO5S and 5B/OQ1C from Cyprus on 22-30 May. QSL via ON4ON, direct or bureau. [TNX ON4ON]

6W - Patrick/F6CMH (6V7B), Jean-Marc/F1HDI (6V7A) and Jacques/F1BCS (6V7C) will be active from Senegal on 7-13 May. They plan to operate SSB, digital modes and EME. QSL via W7MAE (US stations) or F6CMH (all others). [TNX The Daily DX]

9A - Once again Zik, VE3ZIK (<http://www.qslnet.de/ve3zik>) will operate CW and SSB on all bands as 9A/VE3ZIK from Bilice, Croatia on 6-22 May. He will also try to be active on PSK31, RTTY and 10m FM. QSL via DL3PS, direct or through the DARC bureau. [TNX VE3ZIK]

9A - Livio/9A3KS, Boro/9A3KB and Tom/9A2AA plan to operate from several islands in the Istra group (EU-110) starting on 9 May. QSL via home calls. [TNX 9A2AA]

9M6 - The Borneo Amateur Radio Club (9M6BRC) will operate on 40, 20, 15, 10 and 6 metres SSB as 9M4SAB starting on 21 May to celebrate and promote Pesta Kaamatan, the Harvest Festival that is celebrated every year throughout the State of Sabah. Expect around the clock activity on 29-31 May. QSL via 9M6BRC.

A7 - A71EM, A71BX and others will operate on all bands and modes as A72OO6 (Alpha Seventy-Two Oscar Oscar Six) from 1 June through 31 July in anticipation of the the 15th Asian Games that will be held in Doha on 1-15 December. QSL via EA7FTR. [TNX K1XN and the Golist]

BY - David, BA4DW will operate holiday style as BA4DW/5 from Pingtan Island in Fujian Province (AS-138) on 26-30 May. QSL via home call (David Y. J. Zhou, P.O. Box 040-088, Shanghai, 200040, China). [TNX BA4DW]

BY - BD4VE, BD4XA and BD4VC will operate as BY4XSL/4 from Dongxilian Island (AS-135) on 4-6 May. Expect activity on 40, 20, 15, 10 and maybe 80 metres CW and SSB. QSL via BD4XA. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

BY - BG1DRJ operated as BG1DRJ/4 from Furong Island (AS-160) on 1-2 May (1014 QSOs). He is now active as BG1DRJ/4 from Sang Island (AS-146) and should remain there until 7 May. QSL via home call. His web page is at <http://spaces.msn.com/bg1drj> [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

C6 - Duncan, EA5ON reports he will be active again from Freeport, Grand Bahama (NA-080) on 25-29 May. QSL via EA7JX.

C6 - Eric, K9GY will operate as C6AYM from Nassau (NA-001), Bahamas on 25-29 May, CQ WW WPX CW Contest included. QSL via K9GY, direct or bureau. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

CN - Patrick, F6IRF will operate as CN2WW from Morocco on 20-29 May, including a SOAB entry in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. Latest information will be posted on

<http://cn2ww.blogspot.com/>. QSL via EA7FTR. [TNX NG3K]

CT3 - Karl, OE3JAG will be active as CT3/OE3JAG from Madeira (AF-014) on 15-22 May. He plans to operate QRP with a dipole or long wire, mainly on CW, PSK and RTTY on 20 and 30 metres. QSL via OE3JAG. [TNX K1XN]

CU - Marq/CT1BWW, Juan Carlos/EA2RC and John/EA3GHZ will be active from the Azores in July. They will operate as CU7X from Faial Island (EU-175) on 10-16 July, CU6X from Pico Island (EU-175) on 17-21 July and CU5X from S. Jorge Island (EU-175) on 21-25 July. They will have two stations active on 160-6 metres SSB, CW and digital modes. QSL via EA3GHZ, direct or bureau. Detailed information can be found at <http://www.geocities.com/carlesrapita> [TNX CT1BWW]



EA - URE Huelva will operate as EG7CC on 20-21 May to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the death of Christopher Columbus. Look for activity on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via EA7URE, direct or bureau. [TNX EA7EUF]

EA8 - Simone/IZ0BTV, Gianni/IZ7FLP, Alfredo/EC8ADS, Peter/EC8ADW and Eduardo/EC8AUA will be active as ED8OTA from Gran Canaria, Canary Islands (AF-004) on 11-14 May. They also plan to operate from a few satellite islets (details at www.strangeradioteam.com/ed8ota). QSL via IZ7FLP. [TNX IZ8EDJ]

EA8 - Special calls ED8CID and EF8CID will be aired on 26-30 May to celebrate the Canary Islands Day (30 May). Look for activity on 10-80 metres SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK 31. QSL via EA8AUW. [TNX EA8AUW]

F - Francois, F5JNE will operate from Belle-Ile en Mer (EU-048) on 7-21 May. Look for him on 40 and 20 metres CW during his evening hours. QSL via home call. direct or bureau. [TNX F5NQL]

F - A group of operators from F5KDK (Radio Club EME Phocéen) will operate SSB and CW as TM7NM from Noirmoutier Island (EU-064) on 25-28 May. They plan to have three stations for the HF bands and one station for VHF. QSL via F11KA. [TNX F8REF]

F - TM5B is the callsign used by Bernard, F5XX and other operators from the Castres DX Gang (<http://castres.dx.gang.free.fr/>) for their tenth DXpedition to Fort Brescou (EU-148). Look for them to be active on 25-29 May. QSL via F5XX. [TNX F6AJA and Les Nouvelles DX]

F - Special event call TM7HAM will be aired on 3-17 June for the Hameuro Meeting (<http://f6kwp.free.fr/hamimg2006.htm>) to be held at Longlaville on 11 June. Special call LX7HAM will be aired from Luxembourg during the same period. QSLs via F6KWP. [TNX F8REF]

F - Michel, F6IPS will operate as TM6SME on 3-13 June from Emondeville, close to Sainte Mere-Eglise, to commemorate the 62nd anniversary of the World War II "D-Day" landings in Normandy (6 June 1944). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX F5NQL]

F - Special event station TM6ACO will be activated on all bands SSB and CW on 4-18 June for the 24 Hours of Le Mans. QSL via bureau to F6KFI. Further information at <http://asso.proxiland.fr/aras72/> [TNX F5TJC]

F - The Radio Club de Sarlat (F5KEM) will use special event call TM3JB from 29 May to 5 June for the 100th anniversary of the birth of Josephine Baker (<http://www.cmgworldwide.com/stars/baker/home.html>). QSL via F5MMF. [TNX F8REF]

FG - The A.C.R.A club (<http://acra-radioclub.site.voila.fr>) will be active as TO7AES on 27 May to celebrate the abolition of slavery on Guadeloupe. Expect activity on the HF and VHF bands on SSB, PSK31 and CW. [TNX J16KVR]



Josephine Baker
(1906-1975)

FM - Jacky, F50IU will be active as FM/F50IU from Martinique (NA-107) from 13 May to 1 July. He will operate mostly CW, with some SSB and digital modes. QSL via bureau to home call. [TNX F8BBL]



G - Mike, M1CCF and Lawrie, G4FAA, with expertise and operators from Cray Valley Radio Society, will be active as GB150VC on 1-28 June to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Victoria Cross from the Museum of the Royal Artillery at Woolwich, south east London. There will be two separate stations on HF (80-10 metres) and VHF (6 and 2 metres). QSL via G4DFI. Details on the relevant awards will be available at www.cvrs.org [TNX M3RCV]

G - Chris, G1VDP will operate from Pendean Lighthouse (ARLHS ENG-101) in Cornwall on 31 May. He plans to be active on 40, 20 and 10 metres SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX G1VDP]

GM - MM0DFV, GM0WRR, GM0EZR, GM7OAW and possibly others will operate Great Cumbrae Island (EU-123) on 13 May. Jurij, MM0DFV will take part in the CQ-M contest (CW only) as MS0DGR, while the others will use their own call signs on SSB and digital modes. [TNX MM0DFV]

GM - Jim, MM0BQI will be active as MM0BQI/P from Tanera Mor in the Summer Isles (EU-092) on 20-29 May. He plans to operate SSB, CW and RTTY on 80-10 metres. Time permitting there will also be an entry in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest using the Summer Isles Radio Club contest call, MM0QQ. QSL via MM0BQI, direct or bureau. [TNX MM0BQI]

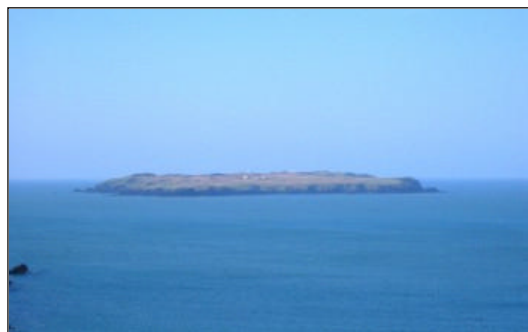


Glyn, GWOANA

GW - Glyn, GWOANA reports he will go and operate as GW4BRS/P from Flatholm Island (EU-124) on 3-4 June. He will be involved in a TV documentary on Marconi, "so if you guys would care to call me", he says, "it would be most helpful for the documentary". QSL via GWOANA.

GW - Derek, G3KHZ and Steve, G4EDG will operate as GW3KHZ/P from the St. Tudwal's Islands (EU-106) on 12-15 May (weather could modify the dates a little). Derek and Steve are CW operators and so there may not be any SSB activity. QSL direct to G4EDG or LOTW. [TNX IZ1CRR]

GW - The Grantham ARC (www.garc.org.uk) will operate as either GW0GRC or GB0SK from Skokholm Island (EU-124) on 26-29 August. They plan to have 12 operators involved in this activity. All contacts will be confirmed automatically via the bureau, the QSL manager for direct cards is GORCI. [TNX GORCI]



Skokholm Island (EU-124)

HH - Fabio, PY1ZV will be active as HH/PY1ZV from Port-au-Prince, Haiti (NA-096) from 31 May to 8 June. He plans to operate on 80-10 metres in his spare time. Fabio works for the Brazilian Army and has joined the Brazilian military forces involved in MINUSTAH, the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (<http://www.minustah.org/>). After that Fabio will be going and operate, most likely as PJ2/PY1ZV, from Curacao (SA-006) on 10-14 June. QSL for all activities via PY4KL, direct or bureau. [TNX PY2HS]

HI - Antonio, IW2OAZ will operate on 80-6 metres as HI8/IW2OAZ from the Dominican Republic (NA-096) on 18-30 May. On 20 May he will be active from Catalina Island (NA-122) for 24 hours. [TNX IW2OAZ]

HL - Han, DS2GOO will operate as DS2GOO/3 from Nok Island (AS-080, WLOTA LH 0754) on 18-21 May. He plans to be active on 80-6 metres run 100 watts into vertical and wire antennas. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Logs will be available at http://myhome.naver.com/dxer2han/LH_0754 [TNX HL1VAU]

HL - A group of operators from the Gwangju DX Club will be active as 6L0NJ/4 from Ch'uja Island (AS-084) starting around 0600 UTC on 4 June through 0300 UTC on the 6th. They plan to be active on 160-6 metres CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via HL4XM. Logs will be available at <http://www.dx.or.kr> [TNX DS4DLK]

I - Weather permitting I8JOQ, IZ8EDG and IZ8DWO will operate from Scoglio Vetara (not IOTA, IIA NA-017) on 14 May. [TNX I8JOQ]

I - Claudio, IOKHY reports he will operate on the HF bands and 6 metres from Ischia Island (EU-031, IIA NA-001) on 20-27 May.

I - Isido/I1XOI, Piera/IK1AIF, Mario/IW1PZC, Alberto/IW1PRT, Mauro/IW2KVT, Emanuele/IW2NOD and Giuseppe/I2AZ will be QRV as IG9/homecall from Lampedusa Island (AF-019, IIA AG-001) on 13-19 May. They plan to be active on SSB, CW and digital modes on all bands from 160 metres to 23 cm, and to operate from two lighthouses (WAIL SI-020 & ARLHS ITA-025, and WAIL SI-021 & ARLHS ITA-123). QSL for all via IW2NOD, direct or bureau. Requests for skeds can be sent to I2AZ (alfazebra1@virgilio.it) not later than 11 May. [TNX I2AZ]

I - Special event station I12CSV will be active from 15 May to 15 June to celebrate the 50th anniversary of ARI Vigevano. [TNX IK2AVH]

I - A twinning on the air between two commemorative stations, IY4FGM (for Guglielmo Marconi) and I12V (for Alessandro Volta, the inventor of the voltaic pile, a forerunner of the electric battery) is scheduled to take

place on 20 and 21 May. QSL I12V via IK2LNI (bureau or direct), QSL IY4FGM via IK4UPU (bureau or direct); special QSL card for contacting the two stations via IK2AQZ (bureau or direct). [TNX IK2AQZ]

I - Domenico/IW9GTD, Tore/IW9FRA, Girolamo/IT9GNG, Rino/IT9FXV, Enzo/IT9ECQ and Michele/IT9LCG will operate as IF9FI from Favignana Island (EU-054, IIA TP-011) on 25-28 May. Sea conditions permitting, they will also operate from Preveto (EU-054, IIA TP-007). QSL via IT9FXV, direct or bureau. [TNX IT9FXV]

I - Alessandro, IW7EGK and Giovanni, IW7DOL will be active on 40 and 20 metres SSB from Torre Sant'Andrea lighthouse (WAIL PU-06, ARLHS ITA-170) lighthouse on 29 May. [TNX IW7EGK]

I - Look for IA5/IZ5HSW (Veronica), IA5/IW5CZU (Roberto) and IA5/IZ5DIY (Silvio) to be active from Isola dei Topi (EU-028, IIA LI-012) on 27-28 May. They plan to operate on 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 and 2 metres. [TNX IZ5DIY]

I - ARI Perugia will participate in the IARU Region 1 Field Day CW (3-4 June) as IQ0PG. QSL via bureau to IKOAZG. This year's event is dedicated to the memory of the late Francesco Fiandra, IOFLY. [TNX IKOEFR]

I - Giuliano, I1SAL and others members from ARMI (<http://www.assoradiomarinai.tk>)

and ARI La Spezia will participate in the Museum Ships Weekend (3-4 June) as IQ1SP from the Museo Tecnico Navale in La Spezia (www.museotecniconavale.it/). [TNX IT9MRM]

ISO - Gaetano, IZ8GCB reports he will be active as ISO/IZ8GCB from Sardinia on 3-21 June. He plans to operate CW and SSB on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 20 metres. QSL via home call.

JA - Look for JN2TZB/2 to be active from Kaji Island (AS-117, JIIA AS-117-003), Aichi Prefecture on 27 May. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]

JA - Look for JM1VQJ/1, JO1IRO/1 and JF1IZM/1 to be active from To Island (AS-008, JIIA AS-008-013) on 2-5 June. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]

JA - Look for JA5BEX/5 to be active from Turu Island (AS-076, JIIA AS-076-New), Ehime Prefecture, on 4-6 May. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]

JA - Look for JA6RGD/6 to operate from Naga Island (AS-012), Kagoshima Prefecture on 6 May. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]

JA - Expect five special stations (8J1P, 8J3P, 8J4P, 8J5P and 8J6P) to be QRV on all bands and modes from 12 May to 30 June to celebrate the International QRP Day (17 June). QSL via operators' instructions. [TNX VA3RJ]

J5 - Tibi, HA7TM has been active as J5UTM from Guinea-Bissau since 15 May and will remain there at least until the 25th. QSL via home call. [TNX HAOHW]

JW - Roger, JW4GHA will be staying on Bear Island (EU-027) until July. He plans to focus on 6 metres during the last month of his stay and will be monitoring 50110 kHz (CW and SSB). QSL via LA4GHA. [TNX LA5HE]

JW - Juergen, DJ3KR will operate as JW/DJ3KR from Svalbard on 2-18 June. This will be a CW only operation on HF and 6 metres. [TNX The Daily DX]

KH5 - Mike, KH6ND has been active as KH6ND/KH5 from Palmyra Atoll (OC-085) since 20 May and will remain there through the 28th at least. He operates in his spare time, but will participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest on 40 metres. QSL via K2PF. [TNX NG3K]

KH8 - Gavin, W9EYE plans to operate in his spare time as AH8/W9EYE from Pago Pago, American Samoa on 15-21 May. He will operate on all HF bands SSB as

propagation allows. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX NG3K]

KL - Lanny, W5BOS plans to operate from two IOTA new ones in Alaska between 16 and 22 August. If he can get there, he will sign W5BOS/ALO from the Southern Alaska Peninsula Centre group (NA-238/pr) and W5BOS/NLO from the Southern Alaska Peninsula East (NA-237/pr). These islands are very difficult to land on, and weather will be a major factor. QSL via N6AWD. [TNX W5BOS]

KL - Fred, AI3Z and Joanne, N3YYT will operate as AI3Z/KL7 from Kodiak Island (NA-019) on 15-20 May. QSL via AI3Z. They plan to be active on 40 and 6 metres as work and weather permit. [TNX rsgbiota.org]



Kodiak Island (NA-019)
Source: <http://www.kodiak.org/>

KP2 - Look for The Three Steves - N2IFA, KB2ENF and KF2TI (<http://3stevesandkurt.dynu.com/>) - to operate on 10-160 metres as KP2/N2IFA, KP2/KB2ENF and KP2/KF2TI from St Croix, US Virgin Islands on 19-22 May. QSL via bureau or direct KF2TI. Work all of them and receive the WAS (Worked All Steves) Certificate!. [TNX KF2TI]

LU - LU4DXU and LW1DRH will operate as LU1DMG from Martin Garcia Island (SA-055) on 11-14 May. Look for activity on 80-10 metres SSB and CW. QSL via LU4DXU. [TNX LU4DXU]

OHO - Phil, N6ZZ will be operating from Aland Islands as OH0ZZ for this coming weekend's CQ WPX Contest. He will be accompanied by OH2BH (OHOB) and OH2MM (OH0MM), who can be found on the WARC bands. QSL OH0ZZ via N6ZZ. [TNX OH2BH]

ON - The first four stages of the 88th edition of the Giro d'Italia (the long distance road bicycle race for professional cyclists) will take place in Belgium (Wallonie). The UBA-section CPN will use the special call ON6GIRO on 6-9 May. Expect activity on 20 and 40 metres SSB. QSL via ON4CPN. [TNX VA3RJ]

OZ - Tom, DL7UZO will be active as OZ/DL7UZO from the Jylland North Group (EU-171) on 13-20 May. He plans to operate CW, SSB, PSK31, RTTY and WSJT on 80-10 metres, 50 MHz and 144 MHz. QSL via home call. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

PA - Members of VERON Department A54 "Etten-Leur" (PI4ETL) will operate as PI25ETL between 24 June and 9 July (including an entry in the IARU HF World Championship) to celebrate their 25th anniversary. A special award will be available for working PI4ETL or PI25ETL during the months of May, June and July; please contact PAOATG (paOatg@amsat.org) for the details. [TNX PA0LOU]

PJ4 - Glen, KOJGH will be on Bonaire (SA-006) from 31 May to 8 June with his wife Pam, NOICF. He will operate SSB, CW and RTTY on a casual schedule. QSL via home call. [TNX KOJGH]

S7 - Sal, IZ8CLM will be active as S79RS from Mahe (AF-024), Seychelles from 23 May to 5 June. He plans to operate SSB and RTTY in his spare time, after 14 UTC. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX IZ8CLM]

SM - Bernd, DL8AAV will operate as SD1B from Gotland Island (EU-020) from 24 May to 5 June. QSL via DL8AAV. [TNX The Daily DX]

SM - Special callsign SK60CG will be aired in May to celebrate King Carl Gustaf's 60th birthday. QSL via SM6JSM, bureau or direct. [TNX SM0IMJ]

SM - Tomas/SM6XMY, Rolf/SM6IQD, Sten/SM6MIS, Daniel/SA6ABU, Janne/SM6YOF and Rick/SM6U will

operate as 8S6KOS from the Koster Islands (EU-043) on 9-11 June. Expect main activity on 80, 40 and 20 metres SSB, with some CW. They plan to run two stations with amplifiers and decent antennas. QSL via bureau to SM6YOU. The home page for the operation is at <http://sector7.nu/8s6kos> [TNX SM6U]



SP - Special event station SN16B will be active on 10-80 metres CW and SSB (plus 6 and 2 metres) on 15-31 May to celebrate the first visit of Pope Benedict XVI to Poland. QSL via SP9PKZ, direct or bureau. [TNX SP9GKM]

SP - Special event station HF1BXVI will be aired by Scout Club "Zorza" until 1 June to celebrate the first visit of Pope Benedict XVI to Poland. QSL via SP6ZPZ. [TNX SQ6IU]

SP - Special event station HF16B will be active until 28 May to celebrate the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the city of Krakow. QSL via SP9BRP, direct or bureau. [TNX SP9JPA]

SV - Laci/HA0HW (J48HW and SV8/HA0HW), Tomi/HA4DX (J48DX and SV8/HA4DX) and Ivan/LZ1PJ (J48PJ and SV8/LZ1PJ) will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31 from Thassos Island (EU-174) from 27 May to 5 June. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX HA0HW]

SV - SV1HER, SV1GRM, SW1GZL will operate as SY8V from Kythira Island (EU-113) and Moudari/Spathi Lighthouse (WLOTA L-1703, ARLHS GRE-120, WLH SV-084) on 26-28 May and from Antikythira Island (EU-113) and Apolytares Lighthouse (WLOTA L-0298, ARLHS GRE-040, WLH SV-011) on 2-3 June. QSL for both the operations via SV1HER. [TNX SV1HER]

SV - A group of eight (namely SV2BRT, SV2CCL, SV2EWS, SV2FPU, SV2GNO, SV2HNZ, SV2HPP and SV2HPY) will be active as J48WT from Samothraki Island (EU-174) on 22-27 June. QSL via SV2HPP, direct or bureau. [TNX SV2FPU]



Norfolk Island (OC-005)

Source:

www.norfolkisland.com.au

SV5 - Ermanno, IK2WZD is active again from Lipsi Island (EU-001) until 31 July. He operates as SVOXAN/5 on all bands and modes. QSL via home call. [TNX IZ2ABN]

SV9 - Dale, G3VMK will operate CW only as SV9/G3VMK from Crete (EU-015) from 19 May to 2 June. He will concentrate on 30, 20 and 17 metres. [TNX The Daily DX]

T9 - Zik, VE3ZIK will operate as T9/VE3ZIK from Ljeb, Bosnia & Herzegovina on 27-30 May, CQ WPX CW Contest included. Look for him mostly on 40 and 80 metres. QSL via DL3PS, direct or through the DARC bureau. [TNX VE3ZIK]

TK - Vasek, DL4FF will be active again as TK/DL4FF from Corsica (EU-014) from 15 May to 9 June. He will operate on 10-160 metres CW and SSB, and will be active during the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX DL4FF]

TK - Jean, F1PNR will be active as TK/F1PNR from Corsica (WWL JN42NO) from 27 May through the end of June. He will operate on the HF bands (mainly 40 and 20 metres) and will focus on 2 metres SSB with 300 watts into a 16-element yagi. Expect activity to take place on

144.265 MHz in the morning hours between 4 and 7. QSL via home call. [TNX F5NQL]

UA - RK0AXX and UA0AZA will participate in the 50th CQ-M International DX Contest (13-14 May) as R50CQM. QSL via bureau or direct to UA3DX. Full information on the contest can be found at <http://www.cq-m.andys.ru/> [TNX RAOALM]

UA - UA1CIO, RN1CW, RN1CX, UA1CBW and UA1CCL will operate as homecall/p on all bands CW and SSB from Polosari Island (not IOTA, RR-01-13) on 2-4 June. QSL via home calls (bureau). [TNX RN1CW]

UR - Slava/US7IGF, Roman/UR7IJQ, Alexandr/UR7IKV and Roman/UY7IQ will operate (on 40-17 metres SSB and CW) from Blakytyni Island (BIL-01 for the Ukrainian Islands Award) on 8 May. QSL via home calls. [TNX UY7IQ]

V2 - Nobby, GOVJG reports he will be active as V25V from the V26B contest station on Antigua (NA-100) from 23 June to 8 July. He plans to operate SSB, digital modes and some CW on the HF bands and possibly on 6 metres. QSL via G4DFI. [TNX IOYQV]

VE - VE1AI, VE1AST, VE1DHD, VE1FHW, VE1PEI, VE1QD, VE1RGB and VY2RU will operate as VE1FO from Janvrin Island (NA-010, CISA NS-010) on 11-15 May. [TNX VE9MY]

VE - Linda, VE9GLF and Len, VE9MY will be going to NA-027 (Newfoundland) and NA-198 (Newfoundland's Coastal Islands) starting on 16 May for about two weeks. This is a work trip, so their HF operations (mobile or portable) will be as time permits, typically in the evenings and during the weekends. QSL to home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX VE9MY]

VK9_ni - June 2006 marks the 150th anniversary of the landing of the people of Pitcairn Island, the descendants of the Bounty Mutineers, on Norfolk Island. To help celebrate the event the HIDXA Club has been issued with the special call signs of V19NL and V19NS for the whole month of June covering the period of the celebrations. [TNX VK9NS] The V19NI team includes VE7NS, ZL2IFB, VK2BAA, VK4AN, VK4DV, VK5PO and VK4FW. All equipment has been sent to Norfolk Island and they expect to arrive on 24 May. Look for them to operate CW (1822, 3523, 7023, 10103, 14023, 18073, 21023, 24893, 28023 and 50125 kHz) SSB (1822, 3785, 7093, 14195, 18140, 21295, 24940, 28475 and 50125 kHz) and RTTY (10103, 14084, 21084 and 28084 kHz). QSL via VK4FW, direct (Bill Horner, P.O. Box 612, Childers, 4660, Australia) or bureau. Direct requests should include a minimum of 2 USD. [TNX VK4FW]

W - Giovanni, IZ2DPX reports he will be touring the US West Coast between 27 May and 8 June and will operate from California, Arizona and Utah.

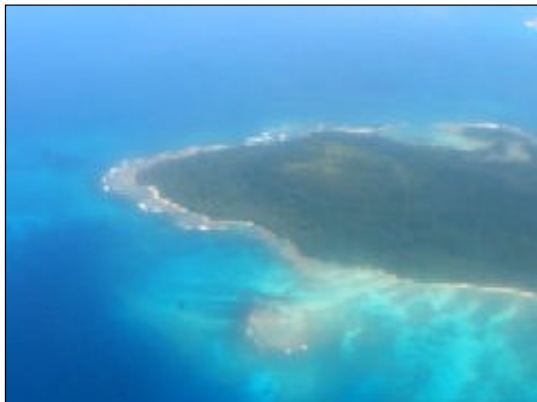
W - The Mid Florida DX Association has been invited to demonstrate Amateur Radio at Honeymoon Island (NA-034) on 6 May. Expect W4FDX to be active with two stations on 20, 15 and possibly 17 metres. QSL via W2NDP. [TNX The Daily DX]

W - Bodo, DL3OCH will be active as W4/DL3OCH from Key West (NA-062) on 13-20 May. He plans to operate on 80-10 metres mainly CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX VA3RJ]

W - Herb, WA2PIP will be active as WA2PIP/4 from Hatteras Island (NA-067) and Ocracoke Island (NA-067) on 20-26 May. He plans to operate SSB on 20, 17 and 15 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX www.rsgjota.org]

YB - Hotang, YC0IEM will be on Bali Island (OC-022) from 8 to 25 May and will operate from YB9AY's station. QSL via IZ8CCW, direct or bureau. [TNX IZ8CCW]

YB - The YE6P operation from Simeulue Island (OC-270) [425DXN 781] is confirmed to take place from 24 to 29 May. Expect activity to start around or even before 12 UTC on the 24th. The web site for the operation is at <http://www.orari.web.id> [TNX YB1TC]



Simeulue Island (OC-270)
Source: <http://www.simeulue.com>

YO - Jean-Michel, F6AJA, Editor of Les Nouvelles DX, reports he will be once again active in his spare time as YO/F6AJA from the QTH of YO8FZ in Suceava, Romania on 22-28 May. QSL via F6AJA.

YO - Laurent, F4DZG will operate SSB on 20 metres as YO/F4DZG from Brasov, Romania between 26 May and 12 June. At the end of his family visit he will leave the equipment at David's, YO6FNF. QSL via F4DZG, direct or bureau. [TNX F5UJK]

ZA - Pino, I8YGZ reports that he plans to operate SSB and CW from four different lighthouses during his stay in Albania [425DXN 782]: Gji Dukatit (ARLHS ALB-013), Kep I Palermos (ALB-001), Kepi I Trepoteve (ALB-003) and Lume Vijose (ALB-011). QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

ZC4 - Griff, G0OAB plans to operate as ZC4DG from one of the UK Sovereign Bases on Cyprus from 27 to 31 May. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

ZF - Jim, W4JO (ZF2JO) and his 13-year-old son Mike, K4MBO (ZF2MO) will operate from the Cayman Islands (NA-016) from 26 May to 2 June. QSL ZF2MO via K4MBO, QSL ZF2JO via W4YCH. [TNX The Daily DX]

ZK1 - Victor, ZK1CG reports that as of 1 June 2006, ZK1 stations will finally change to the new E5 prefix allocated to New Zealand for exclusive use by the Cook Islands [425DXN 726: for information on the impact on the DXCC list, please refer to 425DXN 727]. Victor plans to be QRV with his new call E51CG on 1 June and later with E51USA. [TNX K1XN and The Golist]

ZP - Alfeo, I1HJT reports he will participate in the ARI International DX Contest as ZPOR (QSL for this activity via I1HJT). Outside the contest he might also operate as ZP6/I1HJT in his spare time (QSL via home call).

AFRICA TOUR I Tibi, HA7TM left Hungary on 9 May and should be touring Senegal (6W/HA7TM), Guinea Bissau (J5TM or J5T1B) and The Gambia (C5/HA7TM). Tibi plans to operate CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK on all the HF bands. He is currently staying with Peter, 6W/HA3AUI (J5UAP) waiting for his lost luggage to reach him. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX HA0HW]

CQ WW WPX CW CONTEST

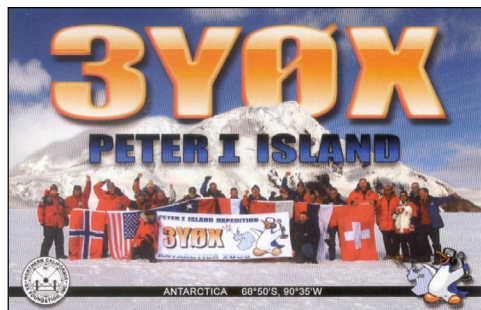
The following stations have announced their participation in this year's event (27-28 May):

- 4L Vaho, 4L8A from Georgia as SOSB on 20 metres. QSL via DJ1CW.
- 5B RW3QC as 5B/NN3AA (SOAB) from Cyprus. QSL via RW3RN.
- 7X OM3BH, OM3GI, OM3NA, OM3RM and 7X0RY as 7W2OM (Multi-Single) from Algeria.
- 9V Enno, 9V1CW as S65X (SARTS contest call) from 9V1PC's QTH. QSL via PA0KHS, direct or bureau (please do not use the Singapore QSL bureau).
- C6 K9GY as C6AYM (SOAB LP) from Nassau, Bahamas. QSL via K9GY, direct or bureau.
- CN Patrick, F6IRF as CN2WW (SOAB) from Morocco. QSL via EA7FTR.
- CO Willy/CO2UG, Yulian/CM6YI and Winston/CO2WF as T40C (Multi-Single High Power) from Cuba. QSL via N1KI.
- CU Pertti, OH2PM as CU2A on all bands from the Azores. QSL via OH2BH.
- EA8 RD3AF as AM8EW (SOAB HP) from the Canary Islands. QSL via RD3AF.
- F Maurice, F5NQL as F3GJ (a very rare French prefix). This callsign belongs to Maurice's QSL manager, Albert Nadot, who is 89 years old. QSL via F3GJ, direct or bureau.
- KHO JP1JFG and others as WH0W (MS) from the Northern Marianas. QSL via JP1JFG.
- KP WP3C from Puerto Rico as a SOAB LP entry. QSL via W3HNK.
- LX DL2OBF as LX/DL2OBF (SOAB LP) from Luxemburg. QSL via bureau to home call.
- OH OH1NOA, OH6GAW, OH6RX, and OH6QU as OF6AA. QSL via OH6AA.
- P4 AE6Y as P49Y (SOAB) from Aruba. QSL via AE6Y.
- PJ2 Jim, W19WI as PJ2T (SOAB HP) from Signal Point, Curacao (SA-006). QSL via N9AG.
- V3 N3DXX as V31RM (SOAB) from Belize.
- VE Yuri, VE3DZ as VC3T. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX VA3RJ]
- VK Csaba, HA3LN as VK4ADF. QSL via his home call.
- YB The YE6P team from Simeulue Island (OC-270). QSL via YB1TC.
- ZF K6AM and N6CW as ZF1A (Multi-Single) from the Cayman Islands. QSL via W5ASP.

Don't forget to give a look to the Announced Operations for this year's event maintained by Bill, NG3K at <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/wpzc2006.html>

GOOD TO KNOW

3Y0X VIDEO I Pre-orders for the Peter I 3Y0X "DX-perience" DVD (which is due out in late summer) can be placed at <http://www.peterone.com/dvd/index.htm> (ordering now gives you a discount off the release price).



9L1MS I Massimo, IZOEGB/IW0FQZ (9L1MS) went QRT from Sierra Leone in April and is moving to England. For any matter regarding QSLing, please contact Alessandro, IZOEGB (IZOEGB@libero.it).

ANTARCTICA AWARD I The latest edition of the Antarctica Award Directory, including the new reference number issued to 3Y0X (MN-08), is available for download at www.mdx.org/antarctica/download.asp [YNX IZ8CGS]

ARI CONTEST I The ARI International DX Contest will be held on 6-7 May, from 20.00 UTC on Saturday through 19.59 UTC on Sunday. Full information at http://www.ari.it/hf/contests/ari/DX_rul_ing_new.html [TNX IT9BLB]

BS7H I Kan Mizoguchi, JA1BK has updated his web site with an improved video of the latest DXpedition to Scarborough Reef (April-May 1997). Give a look to <http://www.ijnet.or.jp/JA1BK/> [TNX K1ER]

DX MEETING I The third International DX Meeting organized by the west Ligurian ARI Radio Clubs, will take place in Imperia (north west Italy) on 1 July. Further information at <http://www.arimperiamet.net> [TNX IK1QBT]

DXCC FEES I The DXCC programme fees will rise slightly effective 1 July. The fee for a basic DXCC application (including certificate and pin for initial applications only, 120 QSOs maximum) and for first endorsement applications within a year will increase to \$12 for ARRL members and to \$22 for foreign nonmembers. Second and subsequent endorsements (120 QSOs maximum) within a year will be \$22 for ARRL members and \$32 for foreign nonmembers. The cost of other DXCC-related items such as plaques and pins also will go up on 1 July.

EU PSK DX CONTEST I The Scottish-Russian ARS invites the radio amateurs all over the world to participate in the 3rd annual European PSK DX Contest, to be held on 20-21 May (from 12 UTC to 12 UTC). The objective of the contest is to establish as many contacts as possible between radio amateurs around the world and radio amateurs in Europe using the BPSK31 mode. Detailed rules are at <http://www.eu.srars.org> [TNX MM0DFV]

EUROPEAN CASTLES DAY I The fifth edition of the European Castles Day will take place on 21 May between 6 and 16 UTC. Several stations are expected to operate from fortresses and castles in France, Belgium, Italy, Spain,

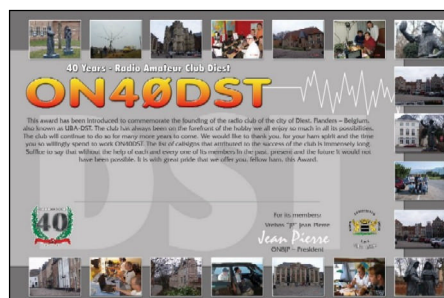
Portugal, etc. Information on the event and castle award programmes can be found on Jean-Pierre's (F6FNA) web site at <http://f6fna.club.fr/dfcfa2.html> [TNX F6FNA]

HUNGARY I Effective 25 May 2006, amateur radio regulations in Hungary have changed significantly, in many respects breaking with age-long traditions, Chris (HA5X) reports. Key changes that also affect the international amateur radio community are as follows:

- ECC REC (05)06 on the "CEPT Novice Licence" is implemented. Foreign visitors holding a "CEPT Novice Licence" can now work in Hungary using HA/home call. The CEPT Novice licence grants access to 160m, 80m, 40m, 15m, 10m, 2m, 70cm and 23cm bands, with reduced power levels. Please look up rules before operating!
- Morse-code is no longer a requirement, VHF licences can start using HF bands, without changing their HG callsigns. A 6 WPM Morse proficiency exam is still necessary to make CW QSOs, unless the CW QSO is between twocomputers.
- Geographic call area numbers no longer exist in callsigns.
- Callsign rules simplified, thus allowing for a wider choice of possibilities.
- A new, simplified entry level exam and licence will be introduced for youngsters and seniors later this year.
- Earlier licence levels consolidated into two: "CEPT Novice" and "CEPT". All existing licencees get more privileges with this change.

MUSEUM SHIPS WEEKEND EVENT I Started in 1997 by the USS Salem Radio Club and now sponsored by The Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station (NJ2BB), this year's event will be held from 00.00 UTC on 3 June through 23.59 UTC on the 4th. The list of participating ships and information on the certificate for working at least 15 of them can be found at <http://www.nj2bb.org/>

NOT THE MANAGER I VK3BER says he is not the QSL manager for Graham, VK0AG (Davis Base, Antarctica), who is reported not to have established any QSL route so far. [TNX The Daily DX]



ON40DST I UBA Section Diest (ON4DST) sponsors an award to celebrate its 40th anniversary. The award is for working UBA-DST members and ON40DST, the special call issued to the club. Further information can be found at www.grz.com under ON40DST. [TNX ON8JP]

PB6REM I PB6REM will be active on 24 May (or on the 30th, if weather conditions are bad) from the North Sea platform Noordwijk (former REM platform, see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/REM_island), which is going to be dismantled. QSL via PA7DA. [TNX K1XN & The Golist]

QSL 3Y0X I The first batch of cards (115 pounds/52 kilograms) was sent out on 8 May. They were mailed to about 2/3 of the individuals who contributed to the

DXpedition expenses AND whose cards were received through the beginning of April. Over the next two weeks, the remainder of this group of cards will be processed. After Dayton, the QSL team will resume processing the rest of the contributor cards as well as the non-contributor cards. Bureau cards will be processed at an appropriate time in the future. Please refrain from e-mailing the QSL manager (N2OO) at this time. When the cards are all processed, he will then gladly assist with any QSL issues. [TNX KO1R & K4UEE]

QSL R1ANL I Dominik, DL5EBE reports he has received the R1ANL (Novolazarevskaya Base: UA-08 for the Antarctica Award; IOTA AN-016) logs for the period 27 May 1997 - 28 April 1999. The operator was Nick, RW6ACM. Please note that Dominik has not the logs for contact made by Nick as R1ANB (Mirny Base: UA-07; AN-016).

QSL R1MVW & R1MVC I Ulrich, DK4VW has received some 2000 envelopes for the November 2005 operation from Malyj Vysotskij. The letters are sent via private channels to Kaliningrad, and the QSL cards are mailed from

UA2. The blank cards arrived from the printer in mid-March and it takes about three weeks for a letter to be delivered: so, Ulrich says, QRX a while and do not send duplicates. "If you get nothing by mid-June, e-mail me and a second letter will be sent to you". [TNX 18SAT]

QSL VIA DL3APO I Peter, DL3APO has received the QSL cards for FO/DL5XU (OC-027, Marquesas), FO/DL1AWI (OC-114, Australes) and FO/DL9AWI (OC-114, Australes) and has started processing the direct requests received so far. On-line logs and QSL status at <http://www.df3cb.com/logsearch/cgcg/logsearch.php> [TNX DL3APO]

QSL VIA UAOLCZ I Vlado reports he is the QSL manager for the following operations: RIOMP (July 2002), RIOMR (July 2003) and RIOMC (July 2004). QSL via bureau or direct to Vladimir Miroshnichenko, P.O. Box 41-21, Vladivostok 41, 690041 Russia

DXCC NEWS I The following operations have been approved for DXCC credit:

4W6AAB	Timor-Leste	current operation effective 22 May 2006
6O0M	Somalia	7-24 April 2006
A6/OD5TX	U.A.E.	5 October - 5 November 2005
HN0Z	Iraq	27-28 March and 29-30 May 2004
J5DOT	Guinea-Bissau	25 April - 5 May 2006
S01R	Western Sahara	11-21 April 2006
TT8WL	Chad	19 November 1996 - 8 March 1997
YI9HU	Iraq	18 May - 5 June 2005
YI9LZ	Iraq	current operation effective 8 May 2005
YI9NS	Iraq	5 January - 28 March 2006
ZV0F	Fernando de Noronha	30 March - 4 April 2006



CO HALLS OF FAME I The CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame was established in January 2001 to recognize individuals - radio amateurs or not - who significantly affected the course of Amateur Radio and radio amateurs who, in the course of their professional lives, had a significant impact on their professions or on world affairs. This year's inductees are:

Art Bell, W6OBB
 Walt Burdine, W8ZCV
 Francesco Cossiga, I0FCG
 Les Cushman, W1BX
 Alan Dorhoffer, K2EEK
 Tony England, WOORE
 Marshall Ensor, W9BSP
 Cliff Evans, K6BX
 Reginald Fessenden, VP9F
 Russell A. Hulse, ex-WB2LAV
 Edgar F. Johnson, 9ALD

Alan Kaul, W6RCL
 Wolfram "Felix" Koerner, DL1CU
 Bharathi Prasad, VU2RBI
 Hazard "Buzz" Reeves, K2GL
 Glynn "Buck" Rogers, K4ABT
 Dick Rutan, KB6LQS
 Louisa B. Sando, W5RZJ
 Dick Spenceley, KV4AA
 Terry Sterman, W9DIA
 Arne Trossman, W2DTJ



New CQ DX Hall of Famer
 Donald Greenbaum, N1DG
 Source: www.arri.org

The CQ Contest Hall of Fame was established in 1986 to recognize Amateur Radio operators who have made major contributions to contesting. This year's inductees are Tim Duffy (K3LR) and the late Bill Fisher (W4AN). The CQ DX Hall of Fame was established in 1967 to recognize major contributions by DXers. This year's inductees are Ralph Fedor (KO1R) and Don Greenbaum (N1DG).



NEWS FROM THE WEB

DX SPOTS | Rod Elliott, VE3UW has collected the DX spots from the OH2AQ Web Cluster since January 1997. The collection - from January 1997 up to April 2006 - is available at www.425dxn.org/dxspots/, as well the software (DXINFO v2.0) which will enable you to handle the files (instructions at the URL above).

H40HL & H44HL | On-line logs and QSL status reports for the Korea DX Club's operations from the Solomon Islands and Temotu Province can be found at http://kdx.net/h40hl_2005/en_online.php

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



The H40HL & H44HL Team

LOGS

| Bernie McClenny, W3UR (aka VU4AN/VU3OHA) has put together a collection of log searches for VU4AN/stations: go to <http://www.dailydx.com/vu4.htm> and follow the link to the call sign you are looking for.

| On-line logs for JW/F8DVD (24-31 March) can be found at <http://LesNouvellesDX.free.fr> (click on "logs en ligne"). [TNX F6AJA]

| On-line logs for YX0A and YX0LIX are now available on the DXpedition's web site (<http://www.yv0.info/>). They contain 45,414 QSOs from 20 April (12.38 UTC) through 29 April (03.16 UTC), but the logs may not be complete.

| On-line logs for the 1-5 May IOTA operation by BY4RSA/4 (AS-150) are available at <http://dx.qsl.net/logs>; QSL status and a few pictures can be found at <http://spaces.msn.com/ba4tb> [TNX BA4TB]

| On-line logs for PY0F/CT1BWW (Fernando de Noronha, August 2005) are now available at <http://www.qsl.net/s92bww/QSL.htm> [TNX CT1BWW]

| On-line logs, QSL request status, pictures and other information for TB0DX (Kosrelik Island, AS-123) are available at http://www.okdx.cz/ankety/iota_ta/iota_ta_en.php QSL via OK2GZ. [TNX OK1MU]

| On-line logs for 3W3M (2002, QSL via F6BUM), TJ3MC/P (2004, QSL via F6BUM) and TZ3M (2006, QSL via F6CXJ) are available at <http://www.f6bum.net> [TNX F6BUM]

| On-line logs for the recent LU1DMG operation from Martin Garcia (SA-055) are available at <http://www.qsl.net/f5nod/sa055/index.html> [TNX F5NOD]

| On-line log for GW3KHZ/p (EU-106) is now available at <http://www.425dxn.org/dxped/eu106/> [TNX IZ1CRR]



YE6N: Nias Island (OC-161) Expedition After Earthquake Disaster by Zulkarman Syafrin, YB6PLG

After the DXpedition to Mursala (OC-245, March 2001), our friend Kadek Kariana (YB9BU) asked Toba DX Group to organize a second DXpedition to Nias Island (OC-161) because this island is a rare one. But we were not able to respond to this request since we had not recovered yet from the suffering for the loss of one of our team members.

On 28th March 2005 an earthquake with a magnitude of 8.2 hit Nias. Less than 24 hours after that event, Zulkarman Syafrin (YB6PLG) arrived at Gunungsitoli Nias using a military aircraft and a Super Puma helicopter on a humanitarian mission together with the Adam Malik Hospital Rescue Team. More than 1000 people died, hundreds of people lost their homes and the telecommunications infrastructure and electricity were destroyed.

The idea of a DXpedition to Nias surfaced again thanks to Shuji Yamamoto (JN6RZM) in April 2005. He introduced himself as an IOTA chaser, he had a QSO with us on Mursala, and he promised to collect donations from Japan IOTA chasers. We considered this idea, beside having the DXpedition we could also help people there by collecting donations from Amateur Radio operators all over the world.

We planned to use a special callsign for this special DXpedition. But no one of the team members knew how to get it. Suddenly, Kardi (YB1TC) visited Medan on a business trip. He said that he was very experienced in managing special permits such as YE1P for the Peucang DXpedition, and he promised to help us getting YE6P for our Nias DXpedition and to give us space for the expedition on his website.

A few weeks after Kardi had returned to Jakarta, Shu (JN6RZM) asked us to delay our DXpedition until 2006, because he was supporting Kardi's expedition to Karimata Island (OC-New) in September 2005 and the funding that Shu had promised to us was cut down.

In mid-January 2006 the Nias DXpedition was arranged again. IREF asked for CW mode and the Toba DX Group had Donny (YB1BOD) as CW operator. After discussion about this, we decided to hold the DXpedition on 20-27 April 2006. Easter fell in April and beside that, the DXpedition to Mursala was held in March and we had good propagation at that time. So we hoped that we would have good propagation also this time. This plan was submitted to Shu, who agreed and in February sent the announcement for publication on 425 DX News #769.

One week later, Kardi (YB1TC) announced that YE6P would be QRV from Simeulue Island (OC-New) on 12-16 April. It was a fresh memory that the Karimata DXpedition had caused Nias to be delayed for one year, and now Nias was almost concurrent with Simeulue. Suddenly Dayan (YC6LAY) was invited by his relatives to Sinabang, on Simeulue Island, for a family party, and we used this opportunity to organize a DXpedition. After discussing this with the whole team, Toba DX Group decided to go there and in only two weeks we prepared everything for an operation to take place on 8-15 March 2006.

We tried to get a special callsign - YE6E - for Simeulue (the suffix block allocated to Nangroe Aceh Darussalam is AA-GZ), but we did not have any response from the Nangroe Aceh Darussalam ORARI District, and that is why we used our own callsigns /P. On Simeulue we used very simple antennas, a four-band dipole (80, 20, 12 and 10 metres) and a two-band dipole from Diamond (40 and 15 metres). At the last moment the DXpedition got the support of the Mediterraneo DX Club, as well as of a few Indonesian IOTA DXpeditioners like Adhi (YC3MM) and Kadek (YB9BU). Eventually, the DXpedition was a success and OC-270 was issued to Simeulue Island, even though we experienced several earth tremors and some intentional QRM from a domestic station on our frequency.

Returning to the preparation of the DXpedition to Nias, we prepared a 4-element triband yagi to improve our performance and the linear amplifier (Icom IC2KL) that was also used from Simeulue. Until we departed, only one sponsor gave some funding, the Mediterraneo DX Club (MDXC) from Italy. Because of our limited budget, we decided to go by car to Sibolga and then continue by ferry to Gunung Sitoli, Nias, which took 10 hours. Thanks God, we arrived safely to Gunung Sitoli harbour at 05.30 local time on 18 April. We would like to thank port authority staff members Sukran (YC6LDJ) and J. H Ritonga (ex YD9XUR). Without their help, it would have been



The YE6N team

impossible to find room for our car in the ferryboat. We experienced rough seas during the voyage from Sibolga to Nias Island was, but we still had two more days to prepare our station and be QRV on schedule.

Antenna system used by YE6N included a 4-element triband yagi at 6 metres above the ground (12 metres above sea level) and a wire antenna at 12 metres above the ground (18 metres a.s.l.) suspended between two coconut trees. On 19 April the equipment was ready, but the licence was valid starting on the 20th. So YE6N became active on SSB and CW on at 00.00 WIB on 20 April (17 UTC of the 19th). Our problem there is that almost daily we had heavy showers and thunderstorms. We also had problems with electricity and the yagi, and again there were several earth tremors.

We should like to thank Johnson (YC6YO) and his wife Lilis (YD6OLS) for their hospitality and letting us use their hamshack during the DXpedition; Kadek (YB9BU) and Adhi (YC3MM) for their support and – last but not least – Kardi (YB1TC): without you these two expeditions would not have happened!



THE WAY WE WERE

A selection of information published by 425DXN in May 1996

5V – Roy, DL7UBA and Lars, DL7ALM will be active as 5V7HR and 5V7ML from Kpalime, Togo on 3-18 June. They will operate SSB and CW on all bands. QSL via home calls.

BV – A group of operators from Taiwan and Japan will be active as BOOKS from Kin-Men Island (AS-102) on 25-29 July. They plan to operate on all bands with two stations and to participate in the IOTA Contest. QSL via BV2KI.

CO – A group of operators from Cuba and Portugal will be active as CO4OTA from Isla de la Juventud, Los Canarreos Archipelago (NA-056) on 7-9 June. QSL via CT1ESO.

E3 - Andy, G4OEP was active as E3A30 from Asmara, Eritrea on 20-27 April. He operated CW only on 15 metres and made 283 QSOs using a home made transceiver (20 watts). QSL via home call.

EA – Look for ED7SPI to be aired from Sancti Petri Island (EU-143) on 8-9 June. QSL via EA7PY.

HL – The Korean DX Club will operate on all bands as DS0DX/2 from Chebu Island (AS-105) from 5 UTC on 24 May until 5 UTC on the 26th. QSL via HL1XP, direct or bureau.

KH4 - Bill Myerson, NH6D will return to Midway on 16 May for a couple of weeks. He will operate on all bands SSB and CW in his spare time. QSL via KL7H.

KL7 – John, NL7TB and Rick, N61V will operate as NL7TB/p from Ushagat Island, Barren Islands (NA-NEW) on 4-8 July. QSL via NL7TB.

VK – The DXpedition to Sandy Island, Lacedpede Islands, Western Australia State (N.W. Coast) East

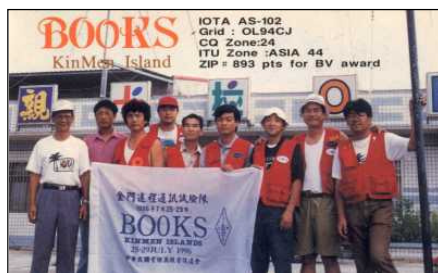
group (OC-NEW) is confirmed to take place on 16-21 May. Malcolm, VK6LC and Dave, VK6DBL plan to operate as VK6ISL with two stations on 80 (3798 kHz), 40 (7042-7045, 7165, 7185 and 7278 kHz), 20 (14260 kHz) and 15 metres (21260 kHz). QSL via I1HYW.

VK9C – Bill, VK4FW and other four operators will be active as VK9CT from Cocos-Keeling (OC-003) on 18-31 May. They will have two stations active on all bands SSB (mainly) and CW. QSL via VK4FW.

VK9X – Gerben, PAOGAM will be active as VK9GA from Christmas Island (OC-002) on 23-27 May. He will operate CW only on 10-80 metres and will participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. QSL via

PAOGIN.

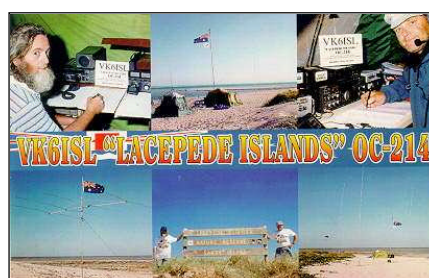
YB – Look for 8A5ITU to be aired on SSB and CW from Siberut Island, Mentawai Islands (OC-NEW) on 15-19 May. QSL via YC5BLG.



GERMAN DX FOUNDATION I Rudi, DK7NP announces the birth of the German DX Foundation (GDXF), which has been established at Lampertheim by a group of twelve German DXers. "The one and only purpose of the foundation", Rudi reports, "is to support amateur radio activities and persons who help further our common hobby, DX". The officers are DJ9ZB (President), DK7NP (Secretary), DF3UB (Treasurer), DL5IAR (Membership Accountant).

PACIFIC TRIP I Yuji Yoshitani, JA3IG will operate as 3D2JA from the Fiji islands on 28-30 May, as A35IG from Tonga from 30 May to 1 June and again on 5-6 June, and as ZK2YY from Niue on 1-4 June. he likes to operate mainly CW on 40 and 20 metres.

WRTC 1996 I The second edition of the World Radiosport Team Championship, organized by the Northern California Contest Club, will be held on 13-14 July in the San Francisco Bay Area of Northern California. Fifty-two teams of two operators each will compete during the IARU HF World Championship using 1x1 special event call signs from W6A to W6Z and from K6A to K6Z.



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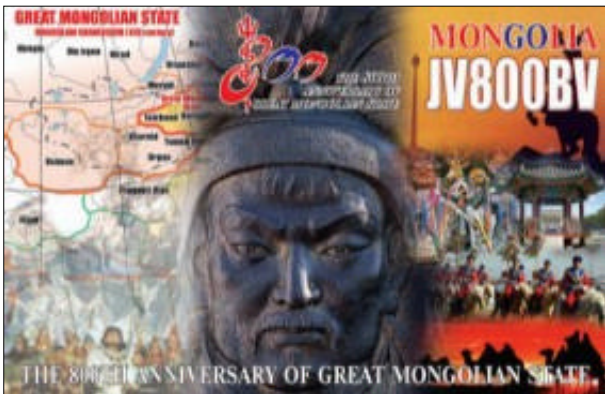
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