3C - From 16 to 22 October Teo, EA6BH will be active from Cogo as 3C1DX. SSB/CW operations will take place on 80-10 metres. Teo might be active on WARC bands as well and, if he has the time, on 20 meters RTTY. QSL via home call.

3DA - From 25 to 28 October Dave, WJ2O will be active from Swaziland [425DXN 271]. Dave will participate in the CQWW SSB Contest (26-27 October) with Sam, ZS6BRZ and Andre, ZS6WPX (10-160 metres, WARC bands excluded).

3V - From 9 to 13 October Eddie, W6/G0AZT will be active from club station 3V8BB. Operations will take place mostly from 10 to 80 metres RTTY (low power).

8Q - Andy's (G4VPM) activity from the Maldives [425DXN 257] will take place from 8 September for two weeks. Andy had applied for 8Q7PM, but he has been given the call 8Q7AS. Operations will concentrate on the usual QRP CW frequencies and Andy will decide which band(s) to use depending on propagation.

9M6 - Saty, JE1JKL has a contest station on Labuan island (OC-133), from which he is active as 9M6NA.

A2 - During his staying in Africa Dave, WJ2O will try to be active from Botswana.

C6 - From 13 to 22 September Fred, K9VV will be active (10-160 metres) as K9VV/C6A (or possibly a C6 call) from Sugar Loaf Cay (NA-080). Fred expects to be active during the WAE SSB Contest. QSL via K9VV.

CY0 - From 22 to 29 October WA4DAN, V73C/AH9C, KW2P, VK2BEX and AA4VK will be active from Sable Island (NA-063) as WA4DAN/CY0. They expect to participate in the CQWW SSB Contest (26-27 October).

D2 - Birgitta, SM0FIB will be active from Angola (mainly on 20 metres SSB) up to 13 September as D2FIB. On Thursdays Birgitta participates in the YL net (at 17 UTC on 14.243 MHz), but she can be found at about...
19 UTC on 14.295 MHz. QSL via home call.

**D4**  
If he gets in contact with a local amateur, Dave, WJ2O might stop at Capo Verde for a few days before going back home at the end of his African tour.

**DL**  
From 14 to 15 September DL2RNS and DL2VFR will be active mostly in CW from the island of Greifswald Or (EU-157).

**EA**  
Alan, G3PMR hopes to be active for one or two days (between 26 August and 9 September) as EA1/G3PMR from an island in the IOTA group EU-142.

**I**  
During the weekend IV3EXW and his team might be active from an IIA island in the Grado Lagoon.

**I**  
On 24 August, weather permitting, IK1JJB and IK1EDC will activate for the first time Scoglio delle Donne (IIA SV-004).

**I**  
During the weekend a group of operators of the Salento DX Team will be active from Isola degli Schelettri (IIA LE-???).

**IS0**  
On 25 August IS0UPR/IM0 and IS0BDF/IM0 will be active from Scoglio Il Catalano (EU-165, IIA OR-002) or, if weather does not permit, Peloso islet (EU-024, IIA OR-004). QSL via their respective home calls.

**IS0**  
On 1 September IS0UPR/IM0 and IS0BDF/IM0 will be active from Peloso islet (EU-024, IIA OR-004). If this island is activated on 25 August (see above), their activity will take place from Scoglio Il Catalano (EU-165, IIA OR-002). QSL via their respective home calls.

**J3**  
From 30 September to 13 October Sigi, DL7DF (ex DL7UU0), DL7BO and DJ6TF will be active (from 10 to 160 metres CW/SSB/RTTY) from Grenada with two stations.

**J8**  
From 2 to 7 September Buzz, N5FTR will be active from St. Vincent as J8/N5FTR or with a J8 call. Operations will take place mainly in SSB, but Buzz might be active in CW as well. QSL via N5FTR.

**KG4**  
Larry, WB6VGI will be again active from Guantanamo as KG4ML for two weeks starting on 10 September. Operations will take place mainly on the WARC bands, QSL via WB6VGI.

**KL**  
From 14 to 15 September KL7HKX will be active from Kodiak Island (NA-019) QSL via NL7WA.

**OH0**  
From 30 August to 1 September OH2KMG will be active (from 15 to 80 metres CW/SSB) from Aland Islands as OH0KMG.

**OH0**  
From 14 to 21 September Mart, DL6UAA will be active as OH0/DL6UAA (from 160 metres to 70 centimetres and via satellite) from Aland Islands (EU-002).
PY - PT2NP, PT2GTI and PT2HF will be active from Martim Vaz for a couple of days in the first half of October. Up to 1994 the Ilhas Martim Vaz were a separate unnumbered IOTA group, but following the revision for the 30th anniversary of IOTA Trindade's coverage was enlarged to include the islands, which are now part of SA-010.

PY - ZV2EPA's activity from Comprida Island (SA-024, DIB 21) [425DXN 267] is now scheduled for 24-27 October. SSB and CW operations will take place from 80 to 10 metres (WARC bands excluded). QSL (direct or through the bureau) to PY2YW (who is the manager for PY2EPA, the club station of AREP-Electropaulo Amateur Radio Association).

TK - From 06.00 UTC of August 27 TK2YT will be active for a few hours from the island of San Cipriaran (DIFM TK-037). QSL via F2YT.

TK - From 1 to 6 September Armando, IK3JYE will be active from Corsica (EU-014) as TK/IK3JYE/p. QSL via home call (Box 300, 36100 Vicenza-VI), through the bureau as well.

TL - TL8MS is currently on vacation in Germany, but will be again active at the end of August.

V5 - During his staying in Africa Dave, WJ2O will try to be active from Namibia.

V6 - From 27 August to 1 September JH8BKL (V63KA), JF8IYR (V63MC), JA8AXL, JA8DON and JA8NOJ will be active from Pohnpei islands (OC-010). QSL via JH8BKL.

VE - From 30 August to 1 September Martin, G3ZAY will be active as NU2L/VE8 from the N.W.T. (GULF OF BOOTHIA) group (NA-???). Operations, which will take place from Avataqpiq Island near Pelly Bay, should start at about 22 UTC of Friday 30th until 1 UTC and again at about 14 UTC of Saturday 31st. Martin will try to be QRV on Sunday 1st between 14 and 18 UTC. QSL via G3ZAY.

VE - From 18 (local time) of 1 September to 15 (local time) of 2 September Martin, G3ZAY will be active as NU2L/VE8 from Gjoa Haven, King William Island (NA-131). QSL via G3ZAY.

W - Between 15 UTC and 20 UTC of Saturday August 24th N9LUR, N9CHQ and KF9YL will be active from a few "new" US.I. islands in Illinois. QSL via KF9YL.

W - From 28 to 29 August John, K0IFL will be active from Grand Isle (NA-168).

W - From 12 to 15 September the station K8SCH will be active (from 10 to 80 metres SSB, WARC bands excluded) from Emerald Island (NA-112). QSL via bureau or direct to WA6EZV.

W - On 1 October the special event station W4D will be active (on 40 and 15 metres CW, 80 and 20 metres SSB) from the Walt Disney Magic Kingdom Park (Florida) to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Park. QSL via KD4FQT.

Z2 - After 13 September Birgitta, SM0FIB/D2FIB will try to be active from Zimbabwe.

ZB2 - The prefix ZG2 may be used from Gibraltar between 3 and 10 September.

ZS - From 16 October to 1 November (except between 25 and 28 October, see 3DA) Dave, ZS/WJ2O will be active from South Africa. QSL via home call.

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SB DX@WW $425WW277C
425 DX News #277 [3/5]
24 August 1996 No 277 BID: $425WW277C
4X9 & 4Z9 ---> These prefixes (followed by a three-letter suffix) are issued to Israeli novice licensees, who are allowed to operate on 40 and 15 metres CW.

BARREN ISLANDS (NA-206) ---> After two years of planning and replanning, Ushagat Island (USI AK-095S), located in the Barren Islands (NA-206), finally became a reality on July 4th thanks to John, NL7TB and Rick, N6IV. Landing on Ushagat was extremely easy on a beautiful day, but then the weather got worse, with rain and strong winds (55 mph up!) blowing from all directions. Often times John and Rick could not hear 5 by 9 signals with headphones on due to the roar of the wind slamming against their tent. Vlad (UR5WCW) at club station UT7WZA, assisted them with taking lists for Europe several times and other operators also helped with lists for North America. NL7TB/KL7 worked 1432 stations on 59 countries in 50 hours of actual operating time. (TNX NL7TB)

HI9/I4LCK ---> Franco's (I4LCK) operations from Cayo Levantado (NA-122) [425DXN 273] logged more than 5,300 QSOs. QSL via Franco Armenghi, Via Jussi 9, 40068 San Lazzaro-BO.

IC8/IZ8AMZ ---> On 21 August IZ8AMZ, IZ8AJV, IZ8AMY and IZ8ALA were active as IC8/IZ8AMZ from Scoglio dei Francesi (IIA NA-020) and from Scoglio Lungo (IIA NA-021). QSL via IK8NBE (Michele Farina, P.O. Box 2, 81020 Valle di Maddaloni-CE, Italy).

ISLAND HOPPER ---> Art, N2AU and Terry, W9JOO are the editors of "Island Hopper" (26 issues per year) - all about IOTA, USI, CISA etc. island operations. Free copy available from Terry, just send him (grziota@netusal.net) your call and mailing address.

MARKET REEF ---> The recent operations by a group of Finnish amateurs [425DXN 273] logged about 4800 QSOs, which were made during 62 hours with the call OH0MB.

OKDXA 1996 DX BANQUET ---> The annual DX Banquet of the Oklahoma DX Association will take place on Saturday, November 9, at the River Oaks Golf Club (Edmond, OK). Special guests will be Vince Thompson, K5VT (who will present a color slide collage of his most recent DX operations) and Bill Kennamer, K5FUV (who will discuss the DXCC Program of the future). Tickets ($20 per attendee) are available only by preregistration from Jim Hood, WV5S (Jim Hood, 11623 Smoking Oaks Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73150, USA). The registration deadline is October 31, 1996. Further information is available on the OKDXA WWW site at http://www.pcgk.com/~n5ogp/okdxax/.

QSL 5N0T ---> Due to a computer crash, Snafu, 5N0T has lost the QSO data for
the period between 20 July and 2 August. He only has the paper logs for the contacts made with extra-European stations.

QSL 9U5CW ---> 9U5CW's QSLs are acceptable for DXCC credit. Bill Kennamer, K5FUV (ARRL DXCC Manager) reports that "some cards were rejected because we received the documentation after the cards were sent to us".

QSL ID9/IK8WTD & ID9/IK8VRQ ---> Angelo, IK8VRQ reports that the direct cards for the operations (18-19 May) from the island of Stromboli (EU-017, IIA ME-016) have all been replied. Bureau cards will be sent out on 1 September.

QSL IS0JMA ---> Roberto, IS0JMA informs that he has replied to all the direct requests he has got so far concerning his operations from Sardinian islands. Due to the huge amount of mail lying at the local Post Office, a few requests are likely to be still waiting to be delivered. Roberto therefore invites to be patient and not to send duplicates. Bureau QSLs will be sent out soon.

QSL LU6Z ---> During the past Antarctic summer two operators of the Grupo Argentino de Radiotelegrafia (Hector, LU6UO and Ernie, LU1ZPF) logged more than 23,000 QSOs from South Orkneys with the call LU6Z. Alberto, LU1DZ reports that the QSL manager (Raul, LU6EF) has sent out about 500 direct and/or bureau cards so far.

QSL ZX7XX ---> Jim, PY7XC reports that the QSLs for ZX7XX's recent operations (SA-046) will be ready within two months.

RSGB INTERNATIONAL HF & IOTA CONVENTION ---> Brochures and booking forms may be requested also from Neville Cheadle, G3NUG (e-mail neville@g3nug.demon.co.uk). The Convention is scheduled for 4-6 October [425DXN 274].

TK5NI/P ---> The station TK5NI/p, who recently stated to be active from some Corsican islands (QSL manager F/HH2HM), must be considered as a pirate. Jean-Michel, F6AJA (RSGB IOTA Country Assistant for France) is in touch with the genuine TK5NI, who does not speak English, operates mostly CW and has never been active from any TK coastal island.

USA/CANADA ISLANDS CONTEST ---> The second edition of this annual competition will take place from 17.00 UTC of Saturday 14 September to 23.00 UTC of Sunday 15 September. There are one category of non-island stations and two categories of stations ("Island Station" and "Island Rover") operating from US and Canadian islands with an USI or CISA reference number. For further information please contact NL7TB: John Reisenauer, Rt 2 Box 2162, Benton City, WA 99320, USA.
QSL received via direct: 1A0KM, 3A/IK1HLG/p, 3A/IK1QBT/p, 5A1A (via IK2ILH), HS0/IK4MRH (AS-053), KH4/NH6D, VK2BRT (OC-212), VK4ALF/9 (OC-216), ZD7WGRG, ZL8RI

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*** 425 DX NEWS QSL ROUTES ***

Following many requests we have decided to start experimentally a new service to help our readers to find managers and/or addresses of DX stations. The requests should be sent only to IK1GPG, who is responsible for the QSL Managers/QSL Routes, via e-mail: 425dxqsl@pc.fr.flashnet.it

Answers will be published in the bulletin.

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