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3A - Manfred, DJ7RJ will be active (CW and SSB on 10-40 metres, possibly 160 and 80 metres as well) as 3A/DJ7RJ from 3 to 13 March. QSL via home call.

3Y5 - The DXpedition to Bouvet Island [425DXN 295] is now scheduled for departure Cape Town on board of Afrique du Sud, a 67 meter vessel whose cost will be in the order of USD 100,000. Barry, ZS1FJ and Tony, WA4JQS have been at this project for a long time: a solid 12 day operation on Bouvet will see the team leaving Cape Town on 5 January 1998, with planned return date of 5 February. All team members are expected to contribute, initially by way of bank guarantee and eventually an estimated USD 10,000 into attorney's trust account in tranches as need arises.

5N - Franz, 5N0BHF is active from Bonny Island (AF-076/prov) as 5N4BHF. QSL via OE6LAG.

9A - Luigino, IK3SSJ will be active from IOTA gropu EU-136 from 10 to 16 March.

9U - 9U5CW and 9U5DX will use the special call 9U5T for all the major contests in 1997. QSL is via F2VX (who has just sent some 5,000 9U5DX cards through the French bureau).

A3 - DK1CE (Ulmar), DL5UF (Hilde) and DF5WA (Bert) will be active from Tonga until 10 March. They plan to operate (CW and SSB) from IOTA groups OC-049, OC-064 and OC-164.

A7 - Chris, A71CW will go QRT from Qatar at the end of March.

BS7H - Tim Totten, N4GN reports that "a multinational team, led by BZ1OK and JA1BK, will set sail from the southern Chinese port city of Guangzhou (a.k.a. Canton) on 28 April, and is expected to commence the one-week operation from Huang Yan Dao [Scarborough Reef, AS-116] on Wednesday, 30 April, using the call sign BS7H. The primary goal of this operation is to provide at least one QSO with as many individual DXers as possible. For this reason, the operators will concentrate on those regions having the most difficult propagation

paths (e.g., the eastern half of the U.S.), giving DXers in every corner of the globe the best possible chance to make it in the log. A secondary goal will be to provide QSOs on additional bands and modes, including 160 through 6 meters, CW, SSB, satellite and RTTY, with as many as four stations simultaneously on the air. Operators for BS7H 1997 include BZ1OK, JA1BK (who will also serve as QSL manager), JA1RJU, N7NG, W6EU (ex-WA6AUE) and W6RGG. The complete operating team, as well as the list of transmit frequencies, will be announced once they have been finalized. BS7H 1997 will also employ an 'operations support network' consisting of several stations throughout the world which will be in constant communication with the operating team from the time of their departure until their safe return. Thanks to the CRSA's [Chinese Radio Sports Association] tireless efforts to promote Amateur Radio within the People's Republic of China and to develop relationships with key agencies, this DXpedition enjoys strong support from the PRC government".

BV9P - Joe Fitter, BV/N0IAT reports the following: "Had a nice discussion with several of my Taiwanese/Chinese hams during the Chinese Lunar New Years holiday. One of the topics of discussion was the upcoming DXpedition to Pratas Island, one of the newest of DXCC countries. It is with a sad note that I must report that the application to revisit Pratas Island was rejected. Citing military preparedness, the officials rejected the application for a return to the island for DX operations. So, at this time, there is no plan for a return to Pratas Island during the first half of 1997".

D4 - Didier, 6W/F5OGL and Christian, 6W1QV will try to be active from Cape Verde (AF-005) from 26 Februay to 4 March.

DU - DU1IXY, DU3NHK, DU3RAA and JG0HZE/DU1 will be active from 13 to 20 April from Lubang Island (OC-126).

EA8 - Angel (EA3ALD), Manolo (EA8ZS) and Tony (EA5BY) will participate in the CQ WW DX SSB 160 Meter Contest as EA8ZS.

FK - Didier, F5PXQ is leaving for New Caledonia, where he will be staying for three years. He will be on the air as soon as possible.

FS - Operations by FS5PL from Tintamarre Island (NA-199) [425DXN 301] have been delayed one week and are now scheduled from 1 to 3 March.

FS - Eddie, EA3NY will participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (1-2 March) from Saint Martin (Single Operator, all bands).

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G - The Barry ARS will be active from 10 to 17 May as GB100LP from Lavernock Point, South Glamorgan, in conjunction with GB100FI. The special prefix (GB100) commemorates the first QSO across water made by Marconi 100 years ago (special QSL cards and a centenary award certificate will be available for contacting both GB100FI and GB100LP). QSL via GW0ANA.

GW - The Barry ARS will be active (all modes, all bands) from 12 to 16 May from Flatholm Island (EU-124) as GB100FI. QSL via GW0ANA.

HP - Gerard, F2JD (ex-5R8EN, S79JD etc.) has been given the call HP1XBI [425DXN 291]. He is active from 40 to 15 metres (WARC bands included). Gerard will try to be active from some HP islands. QSL via F6AJA.

HP - Jose, HP2CWB will be /HP4 from Isla Colon, Bocas del Toro Archipelago (NA-088) on 21-22 February. Operations will take place on 10-40 metres, CW and SSB. QSL via QSL via Jose Ng Lee (HP2CWB), Direct Distribution LTD, PTY-201, P.O.Box 02-5275, Miami, FL 33102-5275, USA (please do not use SASEs with US stamps, because the above is just a maildrop address for incoming mail).

HP - Jose (HP2CWB), Emilio (HP2DFU), Ricardo (HP2CTM) and others will be active from IOTA group NA-202 on 9 March [425DXN 301] as either 3F2A, H32A, or H82A. Operations (10-40 metres, CW and SSB) will take place from one of the following islands: Naranjo Arriba, Naranjo Abajo, Dos Marias (Dos Hermanas), Grande. QSL via Jose Ng Lee (HP2CWB), Direct Distribution LTD, PTY-201, P.O.Box 02-5275, Miami, FL 33102-5275, USA (please do not use SASEs with US stamps, because the above is just a maildrop address for incoming mail).

I - Weather permitting, the Salento DX Team will be IJ7/ (15, 20 and 40 metres SSB & CW) from Isola della Discesa (IIA LE-025) on 2 March. QSL via home call.

I - Giovanni, IT9TZZ and Tino, IT9NGN will be active (SSB and CW) from 30 May to 6 June from Stromboli Island (EU-017, IIA ME-016). QSL via home calls.

I - Joe, IK4HLQ will participate in major contests as IU4Q. QSL via IK4HLQ.

J2 - Dominique, F5RYC is active again as J28YC. QSL via F6EJI.

J5 - J52DW will be active from 24 to 30 March. QSL via LX2DW.

KP2 - KE2VB, K2ZJ and K2ZL will participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (1-2 March) as WP2Z from U.S. Virgin Islands (NA-106).

LA - Trondheim student radio club station LA1K will activate LM1SKI (all modes, all bands) from 20 February to 2 March during the Nordic Ski World Championships 1997. QSL via LA1K either via bureau or direct (Akademisk Radioklubb - LA1K, Elgeseter Gt 1, N-7030 Trondheim, Norway).

PY - Operations by PY5AA and PQ5L from Mel Island (SA 047, DIB 24) [425DXN 297] have been postponed to 17-22 April.

PY0_fer- W9VA was active as PY1ZFO/PY0F. QSL via W9VA.

S7 - Staffan, SM7DQW is active (SSB and CW) until 28 February as S79DQW. QSL via SM7DQW,

SP - The local Police Radio Club will celebrate the 1000 year anniversary of Gdansk from 1 to 31 March. Operations will take place with the special call 3Z2GD. QSL via SP2FOV.

ST0 - John, PA3CXC/ST0 [425DXN 301] made 1200 QSOs. QSL via N4FN (ex KC4MJ).

V3 - John (W2NA), Vic (KI6IM) and Bill (WA9L) will be participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (1-2 March) as V31DX. QSL via AA6BB.

VE - N6VV will be /VE7 from Quadra Island (NA-091) from 18 to 21 July.

VE - N6VV, K6XV, W7DR, VE7QCR, VE7EOP and VE7EDZ will be active as N6VV/VE7 from Queen Charlotte Is (NA-051) from 25 to 28 July. They will participate in the IOTA Contest.

VE - N6VV and W7DR will be active as N6VV/VE7 from Green Island (Dundas Is, NA-118) from 31 July to 2 August. Special emphasis will be given

to Europe.

VP5 - Tom, W0GLG and his wife Glenys will be active (80, 40, 20 and 15 metres SSB) from 30 March to 4 April from Grand Turk Island (NA-003).

VP9 - Jeff, AJ2U (ex N2MZH) will be active from Bermuda Is (NA-005) as AJ2U/VP9 from 27 February to 4 March. In will participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest as VP9ID. QSL via N2KJM.

VU_ant - Prabhu, VU2AXA/P is currently active from Indian Bay campsite (69.56S-11.54E) some 100 Km southeast of the Maaitree base.He will be looking for Europe on 14.260 MHz starting at 16 UTC to 18 UTC, for North/South America and others on 14.260 MHz from 22 UTC to 24 UTC. Prabhu is expected to return to India on 4 March. QSL via VU2DVC.

W - Herb, KE7PB and John, NL7TB will be active from 1730 UTC on 26 February from Bradford and Robins Islands (Multnomah County, OR), and Cascades and Hamilton Islands (Skamania County, WA). QSL via home calls.

XE - The Radio Club Satelite, XE1RCS will participate in the CQWW 160 Meter SSB Contest (Multi/Single).

XT - Ray, W4BYG will be in Burkina Faso from 18 to 25 (at least) February. He will be active as XT2AR on 20 metres SSB each evening after 21 UTC. QSL via W4BYG.

ZF - ZF2AU, ZF2LB, ZF2EP and ZF2EB will be active (160-10 metres) from Little Cayman Island (NA-016) from 27 February to 4 March. Callsign during the ARRL DX Contest will be ZF2FT. QSL via K5RV (ex N5OCD).

ZF - John, NC8V will be active as either ZF2JC/ZF8 or ZF8JC from 20 to 27 March.

ZK1_nc - Bruce, AA8U (ZK1AAU) is planning to be active in November (CQ CW Contest included) from Manihiki Atoll (OC-014). Bruce would like to get information from amateur who operated from Manihiki in the past (please e-mail him at aa8u@modempool.com).

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GUANTANAMO BAY ---> Jan, K4QD has just returned from his second trip to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba as KG4QD. During his trips in October 1996 and February 1997 he made a total of over 4500 QSOs (over 1200 QSOs were with Europe). Bill, KG4GC and Jan travelled together; they used Bill's call for the September 1996 CQ WW RTTY and February 1997 WPX RTTY contests (in these efforts they made over 2500 RTTY contacts and Bill made about 1000 additional contacts).

INSIDE DX ---> Art, N2AU (editor) has decided that issue 401 of Inside DX

(published on 14 February)was the last one.

KUWAIT NATIONAL AND LIBERATION DAY AWARD ---> To mark the National and Liberationd Day (25-26 February) the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society is delighted to announce an international award for both licensed radio amateurs and SWLs:
1) Contacts may be conducted on any amateur band any mode.
2) The contest will start at 00:00 GMT on 25th of February every year and end at 23:59 GMT at the end of February.
3) There will be two call signs in use: 9K2RA/NLD and 9K2../NLD. 9K2RA is the club call sign.
4) To qualify for the award the participant is required to secure at least 3 points. for any Kuwaiti station signing /NLD will count for 1 point, and 9K2RA/NLD will count for 2 points.
5) The participant must submit a certified copy of the logbook along with 5 IRC or 3$.
6) There is no deadline for the submitting applications which should be addressed to Kuwait Amateur Radio Society (KARS), P.O.Box:5240 Safat, 13053 Kuwait.

QSL 5R8FK ---> Ray Shankweiler, 5R8FK routinely replies to QSLs that come direct and that include return postage (no bureau in Madagascar). His address is: Ray Shankweiler, Box 620, Antananarivo 101, Madagascar, Africa (please note that his country is Madascar, *not* the Malagasy Republic).

QSL HH2WL ---> Larry, KF6CN still has the logs and cards for his activity as HH2WL (1983-1987).

QSL N7QXQ/HR6 ---> Bob, W7TSQ has taken on the responsibility for Gary's (N7QXQ/HR6, NA-057) QSLs. Gary is just about out of cards, so more will be ordered when the next mailboat leaves for the States in about a week. Most of those will be shipped to Bob. Gary will send Bob all log entries through 31 March 97 which Bob should have in hand about mid April. If you have sent cards to his Gary's address in Tampa [425DXN 301], just wait! If you have sent to NA7X, now a silent key, please send again to Bob for a direct response (an SASE or SAE plus postage is required, cards received without will be answered via bureau).

QSL KG4 ---> Jan, K4QD reports the current QSL information for some active KG4 stations from Guantanamo Bay:
* KG4QD via K4QD (ex WA4VQD): Jan Heise, 131 Sand Pine Road, Indialantic, FL 32903, USA
* KG4GC via WT4K (ex KQ4GC): Bill Gallier, 4094 Sandy Run Drive E., Middleburg, FL 32068, USA
* KG4AU (Rusty Auxier) now via WT4K
* KG4AN (Guantanamo ARC club station) now via WT4K
* KG4ML via WB6VGI (CBA)
* KG4CQ via Tom Mann, PCS Box 1005, Box 30, FPO AE 09593-0130, USA
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QSL T9DX ---> Cards were received from the printer and Boris, T93Y was expected to answer to direct requests in early February.

QSL XZ1N ---> Cards are being printed and mailing is expected to start in early March.

QSL YI1WMS ---> Antonello is the QSL manager for YI1WMS (only for contacts made with European stations, *Germany excluded*). QSL cards will be ready before the end of the month. Antonello is the QSL manager also for IQ2W and IR2P.

QSL VIA UA6XGL ---> Andy Gromov, UA6XGL/3 is going to close the logs for R0L/UA6XGL (August 1991) and 4K0ADS (September 1991-February 1992). QSL via bureau to RZ3AZO (attn UA6XGL) or direct to Box DX, Moscow, A-171, 125171 Russia. Bureau cards can also be requested at e-mail ua6xgl@aha.ru

THE GOLIST ---> For further information on the subscription rates for "The GOLIST, QSL Manager List", which is now available monthly via the Internet, please contact WB4RRK (John Shelton, P.O. Box 3071, Paris, TN 38242, USA; e-mail golist@iswt.com; WEB:<http://www.datawise.net/~prosoft/golist.htm>).

TX0K ---> Peter, ON6TT reports that during the last days of the Heard Island expedition, the VK0IR team started planning a one night activity from Kerguelen. They packed one huge crate with 2 complete stations, one tent, two generators, antennas, tables, chairs etc., but bad weather conditions prevented the crate from being put ashore. The team was allowed 2 hours on shore, and even if the gear could not be offloaded, they made just a handful of QSOs with ZS6SOA and 6O5DX as FT5XM (the call that had been issued instead of the planned TX0K) from the commercial station on Kerguelen.

+ SILENT KEY + It was with the greatest sadness that we have learnt of the passing of Ethel Smith, K4LMB on 4 February. She was 79 was one of the founders of the Young Ladies Radio League (YLRL).

QSL riceived via direct: 4M5LR (SA-035), 5X1T, 8P9HT, 9L1KA, CY0TP, FK5M (OC-218), J79XM, JY9QJ, KG4MN, PJ9JT, RF0Z (AS-095).
QSL received via WF5E - DX QSL Service: 9K2HN, AB5EA/p (NA-119), CY0AA, H99I (NA-203), DF5WA/HI8, KG6VI/6 (NA-144), LU6Z, N4VA/m (US.I. MD-019R), T93Y, V5/DL5AWI, VU2PAI, WB8YJF/p (NA-062), XJ1CWI (NA-154).
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