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4X - Dan, W0CN will be active (10-80 metres SSB) as 4X/W0CN from Israel during a business trip until 14 December. QSL via W0CN (Dan Hausauer, 2505 Toron Ct., Alexandria, VA 22306-2538, USA). [TNX DX News Sheet]

3V - Gianni, I5JHW will operate again from 3V8BB during the ARRL 10 Meter Contest (single operator SSB) on 12-13 December. Outside the contest he will be active also on RTTY. [TNX I5JHW]

6W - Nancy (YL), N3NS and Richard, K3IPK are active as 6W6/N3NS and 6W6/K3IPK from Senegal. They expect to go back home just before Christmas. QSL via K3IPK. [TNX The Daily DX]

8Q - Marco, IK1ZPA will be active as 8Q7IK from Giravaru, Maldives (AS-013) between 14 and 20 December. QSL via home call. [TNX IK1ZPA]

8Q - Lee, G0ULN will be active (on 10, 15, 17, 20, 40 and 80 metres SSB) as 8Q7LE from the Maldives (AS-013) between 22 December and 12 January 1999. QSL via G0ULN either direct or through the bureau. [TNX G0ULN]

9G - Michael, WK6O is in Ghana helping missionary Sidney Barnes, 9G1TB until January. Michael will be active soon with his own call (9G5MG) and, while waiting for bureaucratic process to take place, he has been granted permission to operate with Sidney's call (over 2,000 QSOs were logged on 10 metres during the CQ WW CW Contest). QSL for both 9G1TB and 9G5MG are via WK6O (Michael W. Gaude', 18642 Oak Ridge Dr., Santa Ana, CA 92705, USA). [TNX K1XN & The Golist]

A3 - Lee, 3D2VA is active as A35VR from Paul's (A35RK) QTH on Lifuka Island (OC-169) until at least 1 February 1999. Lee plans to operate
on all bands, WARC included and possibly 160 metres as well. QSL via W2NHA. [TNX W7TSQ]

C5 - Dave, G0OIL expects to be active on RTTY from The Gambia for one week from 28 January 1999. He will try to obtain C56DW or maybe even C56TTY, but this will depend on arrangements made upon arrival. Dave accepts skeds, please e-mail him at g0oil@amsat.org prior to departure. QSL via G0OIL (Dave A. White, Rainbow Cottage, Laneham St, Rampton, Notts DN22 0JX, England). [TNX G0OIL]

CE - Eighteen operators (G7VFD, HB9AOF, K2BS, LU2CSN, LW1ECO, LW4DYZ, LX2AJ, LX3DL, M0AEU, OH2BXB, OZ1JRD, PA3BAR, PA3EFR, PA3GVR, PD1AIL, PY2RAR, PY5DZ and ZL2APE) will be active from special event station XR3J between 26 December and 6 January 1999 during the 19th World Scout Jamboree near Santiago. QSL via HB9AOF (P.O.Box 241, CH-1211 Geneva 4, Switzerland). [TNX PY5DZ]

EA - Special call ED3HR will be aired by URC (Unio de Radioaficionats de Catalunya, http://www.urc.es) starting on 12 December to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights. [TNX EB3GCP]

EA - EP1IAT will be active from A Toxa Island (NO-REF) between 12 and 31 December. The IOTA status for this island is being verified; if the island qualifies, it will count for EU-080. QSL direct to EC1BXI (Jorge Fernandez Devesa, P.O. Box 54, 36980 O Grove, Pontevedra, Spain). [TNX EC1BXI]

EA - Special event station EG3TVC will be activated by URC (Unio de Radioaficionats de Catalunya) on 19 and 20 December. The operation will take place from the studios of Catalan Television during the 7th TV Marathon for fund raising for research on diabetes. Further information is available at http://www.urc.es [TNX EB3GCP]

EL - Mark, ON4WW/EL2WW [425DXN 396] plans to remain in Monrovia, Liberia for the next several months. He plans to be on 1827.5 daily at 22.00 and 06.30 UTC. QSL via ON5NT. [TNX The Daily DX]

FG - F5NZO and F5SSM will be active from Guadeloupe (NA-102) between 24 December and 1 January. They plan to operate on 10-80 metres SSB and RTTY, possibly via satellite (RS12 mode K) as well. [TNX F5NZO]

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FT5Z - As at 6 December the two operators had logged more than 16,000 QSOs. Though still concentrating on the main bands and modes, activity on WARC bands and 160 metres has started as well (on 160 with no success so far). They will not operate on RTTY until at least 15 December. QSL via F5KDF (Radio Club de la Gendarmerie, 292 route de Genas, 69767 Bron Cedex, France). [TNX WA6KBL]

G - Glyn, GW0ANA and others members of the Barry Amateur Radio Society will operate as GB100SFL between 18 and 27 December from the South Foreland Lighthouse to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first "Marine Distress Signal" (see G below). QSL via GW0ANA [TNX GW0ANA]
G - Glyn, GW0ANA and others members of the Barry Amateur Radio Society will operate as GB100EGL on 19 December. This special station will be active from the East Goodwin Lightship at 20 kilometres from Dover in the middle of the English Channel and the activity will commemorate the first ever "Marine Distress Signal" sent out by the East Goodwin Lightship in 1898 using a Marconi spark transmitter. QSL via GW0ANA. [TNX GW0ANA]

H4 - Bernhard, DL2GAC will be active again as H44MS from the Solomons in February 1999. He plans to operate from Pigeon Island (OC-065), Temotu Province between 5 and 10 February 1999 and is currently looking for a CW operator. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

HR - Gary, N7QXQ/HR6 reports that although most of Honduras has suffered greatly as a result of hurricane Mitch, Roatan Island (NA-057) was spared a great deal of the problems occurring on the mainland. Gary lost his 100 foot dock (which is currently being replaced), but everything else is intact and Bob, W7TSQ/HR6 will operate in the ARRL 10 Meter Contest (multi mode low power unassisted) from there. [TNX W7TSQ]

HS - Martin, G4UQF (HS licence to be issued) and Chuck, W3IAO/HS0ZCX, who were active in the CQ WW SSB DX Contest as HS0ZCX/8 from Koh Samui (AS-101), now hope to participate in the ARRL 10 Meter Contest. Martin will be going to Phuket Island (AS-053) for a few months in 1999. [TNX DX News Sheet]

HZ - Karl, K4YT/4X reports that although Johnny, KA5BQM has lost interest in amateur radio, the club station located in the basement of the US embassy in Riyadh (7Z1AB) has not been shut down. Karl was able to operate in September and plans to active again early next year. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

I - An amateur radio station will be active, possibly as IU1GM, from Marconi Communications in Genua on 19 December to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first "Marine Distress Signal" (see G above). [TNX IZ1BZS]

J3 - Harry, W8KKF will be active (SSB only) again as J37K from Grenada between 10 and 14 December. He will participate in the ARRL 10 Meter Contest. QSL via W8KKF. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

JD1_mt - Latest news from Japan reports that Ryo, JL1KFR will now be active as JL1KFR/JD1 from Minami Torishima (OC-073) [425DXN 396] between 15 December and 7 January. He will be looking for RTTY and CW contacts especially with Europe and North America. [TNX JA7DHJ/1]

JT - Look for JT40 to be active to celebrate of the 40th Anniversary of amateur radio in Mongolia. QSL via JT1CD. [TNX ARRL DX Bulletin]

KH4 - Ted, NH6YK will be active (on 6 metres, HF SSB and possibly RTTY) again as NH4/NH6YK from Midway (OC-030) between 20 December and 2 January. QSL via NH6YK. Some Midway images and information can be found at http://165.248.121.95/KH4/KH4.html [TNX NH6YK]

LU - The Western Buenos Aires DX Group will be active (on all bands SSB) as LU1DK/D (ex-LU1EYW) and LU5DV/D (ex-LU5EWO) from Bermejo Island (SA-021) for 36 hours between 18 and 20 December. QSL via WBA DX Group, P.O. Box 19, 966400 Bragado, BA, Argentina. [TNX DX News Sheet]

LZ_ssh - Operator Dan, LZ2UU is active in his free time (on 10-40 metres, mostly CW) as LZ20A from the Bulgarian Antarctic base on Livingston Island, South Shetlands (AN-010) until the end of February 1999. He
plans to operate during the ARRL 10 Meter Contest. QSL via LZ1KDP. [TNX LZ1BMV]

P4 - Martin, VE3MR, will be active again as P49M from Aruba (SA-036) until 20 April 1999. He plans to concentrate on 12 and 17 metres SSB. QSL via VE3MR or direct to M. Rosenthal, P.O. Box 4069, Noord, Aruba. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

PA - The Dutch Landstation for the Maritime Mobile Service "Scheveningenradio /PCH", founded 19 December 1904, will end service on 31 December 1998 at 15.00 UTC. The operators will give a Farewell Party on the air and they have been granted permission to work amateur radio stations with the PCH callsigns of Scheveningenradio between 17 UTC on 19 December and 7 UTC on 20 December as follows (cross-band CW operation): PCH20 (4250-3525 kHz +/- QRM), PCH41 (8622-7025 kHz), PCH51 (12799.5-14050 kHz), PCH61 (17198.9-18085 kHz). Moreover the special event station PA6PCH will be activated on the HF bands by Radio Club Kennemerland (PI4RCK, http://www.qsl.net/pi4rck/index.html) between 8 UTC on 19 December and 8 UTC on the 20th. [TNX PA3ERL]

PY - PY7ZZ/7, PY7XC or PY7ZY/7 will be active (CW and SSB with two stations) from SA-046 between 12 UTC on 12 December and 12 UTC on the 13th. QSL via home calls. [TNX The Daily DX]

PY - Alberto, PY3ACC and Paulo, PY3CKO will be active as ZV3A and ZV3C (20-40 metres, SSB and CW) from Guayba Archipelago (DIB-73, it does not count for IOTA) on 12 and 13 December. QSL via PY3AAC. [TNX PP5SZ and PS7AB]

T8 - Hiro, JF1OCQ and Tatsu, JA0QBY will be active (on all bands CW and SSB) respectively as T88HM and T88TN from Palau (OC-009) between 19 and 22 December. QSL T88HM via JF1OCQ either direct (Hiro C. Miyake, 1-3-6, Asakura-Cho, Maebashi-City, Gunma 371-0811, Japan) or through the bureau; QSL T88TN via JA0QBY either direct (Tatsuo Nishihara, 1458, Kihimiya, Mishima-Cho, Mishima-Gun, Niigata 940-2322, Japan) or through the bureau. [TNX JM1LJS]

TL - Alex, TL5A will participate in the ARRL 10 Meter Contest as TL0R. His current work schedule involves much travelling and he cannot be so active on 160 metres as he had planned. However he tries to be on 1.833 MHz (or 3.504 MHz) whenever he can at 21-22 UTC and 03.30-04.30 UTC. Alex will be back to the Netherlands for a holiday in January 1999. QSL for both TL5A and TL0R via PA3DMH. [TNX PA3DMH]

UA - Ernst Krenkel Radioclub special station RAEM (Radio Alpha Echo Mike) will be active during the RAEM CW Contest. Look for them on 40, 80 and possibly 160 metres between 21 and 1 UTC on 19 December, and on
40, 20, 15 and possibly 10 metres between 5 and 9 UTC on 20 December. The rules for this contest, as well as further information on Ernst Krenkel and RAEM awards, are available at both http://www.mai.ru/~crc and http://www.rossiya.net/crc.htm [TNX RW3FO]

VP5 - Gene, AA4US will be active (on all bands CW and SSB) as VP5/AA4US between 15 and 21 December. Logs for his last operation (21-26 October) are available at http://www.supernet.net/~gene/VP5LOG.txt [TNX The Daily DX]

VP8 - Jan, K4QD confirms he will be active as VP8CRB (VP8TTY on RTTY) from Port Stanley, Falkland Islands (SA-002) between 26 December and 16 January [425DXN 381]. He will concentrate on 10, 40, 80 and 160 metres and WARC bands, and special efforts will be made to contact geographical areas where the Falklands are needed. Significant RTTY operation is planned including the ARRL RTTY Roundup. Logs will be available online during the DXpedition courtesy of Dave, NO4J and the North Florida DX Association. QSL via K4QD either direct or through the bureau. Please note that as from 22 December Jan's new permanent address will be: Jan Heise, 8595 Sheridan Rd, W. Melbourne, FL 32904, USA. [TNX K4QD]

VP9 - Mark, AA1AC will be active (on 10-40 metres, SSB and CW) as AA1AC/VP9 from Paget Parish, Bermuda (NA-005) between 17 and 21 December. QSL via home call. [TNX AA1AC]

W - Five operators from the Potomac Valley Radio Club (W3LEO, K3IXD, N3NT, K3DNE, and W6HZW) will participate in the ARRL 10 Meter Contest (on both CW and SSB) as K3VOA from the Voice of America Amateur Radio Club (District of Columbia). QSL (for this contest only) direct to W3LEO. [TNX W3LEO]

W_ant - KC4AAD is active from Siple Dome US Antarctic base until 1 February 1999. The transmitter is the same one the operators use for commercial traffic, so that amateur radio activity is limited. European should call KC4AAD at 17, 18 and 19 UTC on 14.270 MHz, usually during the weekends. QSL via K4MZU. [TNX K4MZU]

XZ - The two operators left will concentrate on 160 metres until 14 December. Look for XZ1N on topband between 11.30-16.30 UTC and again between 21-24 UTC daily. QSL via W1XT. [TNX N6FF]

YU - Six special event stations sponsored by the Yugoslavian Amateur Radio Union will be active on alla modes and bands until 31 March 1999 from Serbian monasteries at Hilandar (4N800H), Fruska Gora (YT800FG), Ostrog (YZ800MO), Gracanica (YU800G), Ravanica (YZ800R) and Studenica (YU800S). QSL via YU0SRJ either direct (SRJ, P.O. Box 48, 11000 Beograd) or through the bureau. [TNX YU7AL]

Z2 - Dick, ZS6CAL and Dave, ZS6RVG plan to be active (mainly on SSTV and RTTY on 10, 15 and 20 metres) as Z21/ZS6PDX from Zimbabwe between 17 and 20 December. QSL via ZS6RVG (contacts not confirmed direct by 1 March 1999 will be confirmed automatically through the bureau). [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

ZK3 - Ron Wright, ZL1AMO/ZK3RW plans to be active (on all bands, CW and SSB) from Tokelau (OC-048) in December. The trip will be via Fiji (3D2RW) and Samoa (5W1CW) and he expects to start operating from Tokelau on either 17 or 24 December (it depends on transportation). QSL direct to ZL1AMO. [TNX The Daily DX]

ZL9 - Oooops! In 425DXN #396 it was mentioned that the 6-25 January
DXpedition to Campbell Island would be active as ZL1CN. That was clearly a typo, as the 12-member team will operate as ZL9CI. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused our readers.

Others amateurs who will participate in the ARRL 10 METER CONTEST include:

- Franck, FK8HC. QSL via VK4FW.
- Alex, PY1KS as PX1I (SSB and CW). QSL via PY1KS either direct (P.O.Box 18123, Rio de Janeiro-RJ, 20722-970 Brazil) or through the bureau.
- Yuri, UA0SJ; QSL direct to Yuri A. Maltsev, P.O. Box 2304, Bratsk-city, 665700, Russia.
- Dave, AG8L and Doug, N8NX as WP2Z from the US Virgin Islands (NA-106). QSL via KU9C. [TNX AG8L]
- Ed, W5GCX as YN2EJG from Granada, Nicaragua (look for him around 28.480-550 MHz). QSL via K5LBU. [TNX W5GCX]
- Tom, ZP5AL as ZP5Z. QSL via W3HNK.
- PR7AR as ZZ7Z. QSL via PR7AR either direct (Irapuan de Sousa Ferreira, P.O.Box 60, 58200-970 Guarabira, Paraiba, Brazil) or through the bureau.

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FO BUREAU ---> Jean-Michel, F6AJA reports that the FO QSL Bureau, which has been closed for two years, will be running again as from January 1999.

INDEXA ---> The 1998/1999 Officers for the International DX Association (INDEXA) are W4WMQ (President); AA7UC (Vice-President); W4UNP (Secretary/Treasurer); DJ9ZB, K8CH, LA8CJ, VK6RU, W4FRU, W4MPY and ZL1AMO (Directors); W8BLA and WA9AVN (Vice-Directors).

QSL 5V7A ---> QSL cards are being printed and will start to flow before Christmas. The QSL manager is GM4FDM (Tom Wylie, 3 King's Crescent, Elderslie, Renfrewshire, PA5 9AD, Scotland, UK) and bureau cards may be requested at 5v7a@voodudes.com

QSL JX7DFA ---> The new address for Per, LA7DFA/JX7DFA is Per Einar Dahlen, Royskattveien 4, 7713 Sandvollan, Norway. [TNX LA6WEA]

QSL YC5XIP ---> The new QSL manager for Syafry is IIWFF (Fulvio Marin, P.O. Box 88, 13900 Biella - BI, Italy). For the time being he has received the logs for Syafry's October 1997 activities from OC-106 and OC-109 and the
first October 1998 logs for OC-106. Fulvio can be reached at ilwff@biella.alpcom.it [TNX I1WFF]

QSL VIA UT4UZ ---> Jerry UT4UZ/N2WCQ moved to Canada this summer. Cards for his previous operations as 6W1/N2WCQ, 9N1UZ, EM4U, EO5U, RY1U, RY2U, RT1U, UA4LAR, US9D and UT4UZ should be sent to his new address: Yuri Onipko, 2369 Lake Shore Blvd. W., #216, Etobicoke, ON, M8V 1C2, Canada. [TNX UT4UZ/N2WCQ]

ROWLEY SHOALS 1999 (VK9-99) ---> The VK9-99 DXpedition to Imperieuse Reef, Rowley Shoals (Western Australian Outliers, OC-???) [425DXN 388] has been granted permission for one extra day on the island. K9PPY, CT1EEN, VK2PS and team leader VK6LC will be active (SSB and CW with two stations) between 21 September and the early UTC hours on the 26th. Donations can be sent to either I1HYW (Gianni Varetto, P.O. Box 1, 10060 Pancalieri - TO, Italy) or VK9-99, Malcolm K. Johnson, Commonwealth Bank of Australia, 187 High Road, Riverton 6148, Western Australia, Account 76 6164 5005591.

+ SILENT KEY + Robert Dow, WB2CJL passed away between 28 and 29 November at the age of 68. For many years Bob was one of the editors of the VK2SG RTTY DX Notes. Bob was an avid DXer and an enthusiastic digital traffic handler and in 1994 he provided a 20 metre digital radio link to the 3Y0PI DXpedition long before such communication became commonplace via the Internet. [TNX W2JGR]

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TOPLIST ---> As from January 1999 the Toplist will change. The current Toplist will become the TOPBAND and will be based on the number of confirmed DXCC Entities on each band.

Example:

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  10  15  17  20  24  30  40  80  160
IZ1XXX 156 201 235 300 149 98 102  76  52
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There will be the TOPMODE, which will be based on the number of confirmed DXCC Entities on each mode.

Example:

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  CW  SSB  RTTY
IZ1XXX 278 311 102
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The new TOPLIST will be based on the sum of confirmed DXCC Entities on each band + the sum of confirmed DXCC Entities on each mode.

Example:

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  TOPBAND  TOPMODE  TOTAL
IZ1XXX  1369   721  2090
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You may choose to participate in the list(s) you prefer. Please send your scores, as well as any request for further information, to Erminio Pandocchi, I2EOW at i2eow@bigfoot.com

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The results of the III Marconi Memorial HF Contest are on line at [http://www.publi.it/ham/marconi](http://www.publi.it/ham/marconi), where further information (software included) on the 1999 event is available as well. [TNX IK6PTJ]

Logs for the recent BQ9P DXpedition to Pratas Island are now available on line at [http://www.qsl.net/bq9p](http://www.qsl.net/bq9p)

Logs for the recent TY8A DXpedition to Benin are now available on the German DX Foundation home page at [http://www.qsl.net/gdxf](http://www.qsl.net/gdxf) [TNX DL1XX]

VK99 Rowley Shoals (OC-???) pages, as well as the logs for some of Mal's past IOTA DXpeditions, are available on the 425 DX News web site at [http://www.425dxn.org](http://www.425dxn.org) [TNX YO3FWC]

QSL received via direct: 3B8CF, 5H3HG, 5R8FL, 6M5DX (AS-045), 8Q7CC, 9N1AA, A71EI, AP2NK, BV5BG, D2BB, E21EJC, EP3HR, ET3AA, FO/OK1TN, FR5ZU/G, H76C (NA-212), HC1MD/HC4 (SA-056), HS1NGR, HS98AG, HV5PUL, IA5/I1BUP (IIA LI-018, 035), IA5/IK1JJB (IIA LI-027), IB0/I20BFK (IIA LT-013), IB0/I20CKJ (IIA LT-006, 008, 012, 016, 022), ID9/I2IAU (IIA ME-001, 009, 010, 021, 023, 035), IJ8/I2CC (IIA CZ-001), IL3/I20GV (IIA FE-FE-003), IL3/IK2XDE (IIA FE-001, 003, 005; RO-004), IL3/IK2XDF (IIA FE-005), IL3/IK3ABY (IIA VE-009, 068), IL3/IK3BPN (IIA VE-041, 066, 067), IL3/IK4HPU (IIA RO-022), IM0/IK0MHR (IIA SS-010, 024), JQ6QUM (AS-012'), JT1BG, JT1KAA, JT1X, JU1HA, JW0YL, JX7DA, JY5H, KOH3, KQ0AS, KL7AC, N6VV/p (NA-184), PS1A (SA-02), PS2S (SA-02), PU0F, S07WW, S21YG, S92AT, T31BB, T94DO, TA4/KE0J, TF8GX, TJ1PD, TT8JW, TZ6DX, UK8FF, V51GP, V63MC (OC-059), VR2PM, XQ0YAF, YS1RR, Z38/NO6X, ZA0IS (EU-169), ZB7DP, ZD9BV, ZF2LA, ZK2FT, ZK7CB.

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