3A  - Luc, I1YRL and Carlo, IK1SLP will be active on all bands as 3A/I1YRL (CW) and 3A/IK1SLP (SSB) on 27-28 March. QSL via home calls. [TNX I1YRL]

3B9 - The Midway-Kure DX Foundation to Rodrigues Island (AF-017) [425DXN 407] is confirmed to take place between 1 and 11 April. Team members are Bruce Butler (W6OSP), Kimo Chun (KH7U), Jari Jussila (OH2BU), Victor Keller (XE1VIC), Jacky Mandary (3B8CF), Garry Shapiro (NI6T), Ned Stearns (AA7A), Yuuji Yoshitani (JA3IG/K1NT) and Frank Smith (AH0W/OH2LVG, team leader). They will be active as 3B9R on all bands (160-6 metres) and all modes with 9 HF stations (one dedicated to RTTY only). The pilots for the operation will be Andy Chesnokov, UA3AB (ua3ab@dateline.ru); Tom Harrell, N4XP (n4xp@juno.com); Gary McClellan, K7ZD (k7zd@inficad.com). QSL via N7LVD (Joyce Johnson, 5627 West Hearn Road, Glendale, Arizona 85306, USA). [TNX AH0W]

3D2_fij - Karl, K0KL will be active (mostly on 15 and 40 metres CW) as 3D2KE from Fiji between 20 and 27 March. QSL via K0KL. [TNX The Daily DX]

3DA0 - Jon, 3DA0CA will be going QRT on 14 July and his last day on the air should be in early July. QSL via W4DR.

3W  - Jani, YB0US/NM6US will be operating as 3W6US from Vietnam between 25 and 29 March (QSL via N2OO: Bob Schenck, P.O. Box 345, Tuckerton, NJ 08087-0345, USA). He will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as XV300S (Xray Victor Three Zero Sierra) with QSL via JH1EVE (Hirosi Higashiyama, 1-12-5, Higashijujo, Kitaku, Tokyo 114-0001 Japan). [TNX N2OO]

4X  - Jan, 4X1VF plans to operate from Akhziv Island (AS-100) between 6 and 14 UTC on 10 April. Look for him around 14260-265 MHz. [TNX 4X1VF]

9H  - Steve, G4JVG will be active (10-80 metres SSB and possibly RTTY) as 9H3XY from Malta (EU-023) between 24 and 29 March. He will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest on 10 metres. QSL via G4ZVJ. [TNX DX News Sheet]

9M6 - Tony, G4UZN is now active until 23 March [425DXN 409] as 9M6UZT (not TUZ as previously notified) from the Hillview Gardens Resort, Sabah
A3  - K1LU, N1YHL, N1ZNY, W1CCE and W1HIV will be active (on SSB and CW with four rigs) as A35LU from Tonga starting on 20 March. QSL via K1LU. [TNX The Daily DX]

BV  - Chung, BV4ME expects to be active as either BP9A or BV9AYA from P'eng-hu Island (AS-103) between 26 and 29 March. QSL via BV4ME (Chung Chao-Chung, P.O. Box 11-12, Miaoli 366, Taiwan, R.O.C). [TNX The Daily DX]

BY  - Alan (BA1DU), Tong (BA1AA) Yang (BD7JA) and others will be active as BI5D from Dongtou Island in the Zhejiang Province Group (AS-???) between 29 April and 3 May. They plan to have six transceivers, three yagis and three amplifiers and to operate on all bands 6-160 metres. [TNX K6DT and Islands On The Web]

C9  - Reinhard, DL6DQW will be active (on all bands CW and SSB) as C91RF/P from Benguerua Island (AF-072), Mozambique between 26 and 29 March. QSL via DL6DQW. [TNX The Daily DX]

CY9 - West Island ARC members Helen (VE2YAK, YL operator), Fred (VE2SEI), Al (VO1NO/VE1), Reg (VE2AYU), Bill (VE1MR), Dragan (VE2ZIV), Lowell (VY2OX) and Jeff (VE2TBH) will be active as CY9CWI from St. Paul Island (NA-094) between 21 and 28 July. They will operate on all bands (SSB and CW) and pay special attention to Asia on 10-15 metres and Europe on 80-160 metres. CY9CWI will also participate in the IOTA Contest (24-25 July). Look for them on or around 1.830, 3.505, 3.780, 3.860, 7.005, 7.065, 7.230, 10.105, 14.010, 14.265, 18.080, 18.125, 21.010, 21.305, 24.935, 28.010, 28.395 and 50.130 MHz. QSL via VE2CWI (West Island ARC, Box 884, Dorval, Quebec, H9R 4Z6 Canada). Direct comments, questions etc should be sent to VE2SEI (Fred Archibald, 130 Embleton Crescent, Pointe Claire, QC, H9R 3N2 Canada; e-mail archibal@pubnix.net). [TNX VE2SEI]
and H44MS

HS - HS7UCQ, HS7VMI and E21IZC will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as HS7UCQ/p. QSL via E21IZC. [TNX E21EIC]

HS - Thailand Group 1996 (http://www.qsl.net/tg1996) members HS1CKC, HS1BZY, HS0GBI, HS0VGC, HS6MYW, HS6NDK, E21ENF and E21EIC will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest from RAST club station HS0AC. They have been allowed to operate on 10, 15, 20, 40, 80 and 160 metres. QSL via HS0/G3NOM. [TNX E21EIC]

HV - Vatican station HV5PUL will be active again on 22 April. Plans are to be active on HF (RTTY included), 6 and 2 metres. For further information check http://www.pul.it [TNX IW0DJB]

JA - Weather permitting, Yuki, JI6KVR will be active from Amakusa Archipelago (AS-012) between 07:00 UTC on 20 March and 10:00 UTC on the 21st. QSL via EA5KB (JA stations via JJ6LXX). [TNX JI6KVR]

JA - JA3CMY, JA4DND, JE4CIL, JH0IEV and JI3DST will be /4 from Oki Archipelago (AS-041) between 20 and 22 March 20-22. [TNX ON5NT and Islands On The Web]

JA - Weather permitting, Taka, JA6CM will be active as JA6CM/6 from Tsushima (AS-036) between 2 (around 10 UTC) and 5 April (around 00 UTC). Look for him on or around 14.260, 21.260, 14.040, 21.040 MHz. He will pay special attention to Europe. QSL via JA6CM either direct or through the bureau. [TNX JA6CM and JA9IFF/1]

JT - Alberto Frattini, I1QOD has joined the team (including I0SNY, IT9GAI, I1ZB and IZ0CRN) who will be active as JT1Y from JT1KAA Radio Club between 6 and 15 April [425DXN 409]. QSL via I0SNY (i0sny@stud.unipg.it) [TNX I0SNY]

KL - John, AL7RB (ex-KL0DB) has been forced to cancel his 25-20 March trip [425DXN 409] to Near Island (NA-064). He hopes to be able to reschedule mid May to early June. [TNX AL7RB and Islands On The Web]

KP2 - Chet, W6XK plans to participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (27-28 March) from the US Virgin Islands (NA-106) at the famous WP2Z (QSL via KU9C) station. He might operate as KP2/W6XK (QSL via W6XK) before and after the contest. [TNX The Daily DX]

LU - Rene, LU7HN will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as LO7H. QSL via LU7HN (Rene Ernesto Giorda, P.O.Box 73, 2400 San Francisco, Cordoba, Argentina). [TNX LU7HN]

LU - Javier, LU9HS reports he will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (27-28 March) as LR0H on 20 metres. QSL via LU9HS.

LU - Julio, LU3HU will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as LU0H (SOAB). QSL direct to LU4HH. [TNX LU9HS]

LU - The Radio Club General Roca (LU3VAL) will be active as LV2V during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. This special call will be used for the next five years. QSL via LU3VAL. [TNX LU6VG]

OZ - Special event station OZ5HCA will be active from Odense, Fyn Island (EU-029) on 2 April to celebrate the birth of Hans Christian Andersen (2 April 1805). QSL via OZ3FYN. [TNX OZ5MJ]
PA - Maurice, ON4BAM will be active as PA/ON4BAM from Ameland Island (EU-038) between 12 and 15 May. He plans to concentrate on 12 and 17 metres, but if the propagation does not co-operate he will operate on 20 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX ON4BAM]

PY - Alex, PY1KS will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as PW1S (All Bands Low Power). QSL via PY1KS either direct (P.O.Box 18123, Rio de Janeiro-RJ, 20722-970 Brazil) or through the bureau. [TNX PY1KS]

PY0_fer - Peter, PY5CC will be active as PY0FF from Fernando de Noronha (SA-003) between 21 and 29 March. QSL via JA1VOK. [TNX DX News Sheet]

SU - Jaroslav, OM3TZZ has been living in Egypt for two years. He has now got his SU licence and is active as SU9ZZ. QSL via OM3TZZ either direct (Jaroslav Jamrich, Gejzu Dusika 43, Trnava 917 08, Slovak Republic) or through the bureau. [TNX SU9ZZ]

SV - Chris, SV2CWY will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as J4Z. QSL direct to P.O. Box 40130, Thessaloniki 56000, Greece. [TNX SV2CWY]

SV - Savas, SV2AEL will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as SW2A. QSL direct to P.O. Box 22013, Thessaloniki 55310, Greece. [TNX SV2CWY]

SV - Olda, OK1YM reports that SV1DKR will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as Multi-Multi.

T7 - I1JQJ (Mauro), I8NHJ (Max), IV3ARJ (Umberto), IV3FSG (Simonetta), IV3NVN (Simone), IV3TMV (Flavio) and IV3UHL (Paolo) will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (Multi-Single) as T77V from San Marino. They will be active with a 5-element for 10, 15 and 20, a 2-element for 40, a vertical and inverted vee for 80 and an inverted vee for 160 metres. QSL via IS0QDV.

UN - Romeo, UN5PR will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as UP5P (SOAB). QSL direct to UN5PR (Romeo Y. Loparev, P.O. Box 73, Temirtau,472300, Republic of Kazakhstan). [TNX UN5PR]

VE - Industry Canada has issued the callsign XL3D in celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Ontario DX Association for the period starting at 00.00 UTC on 25 March to 23.59 UTC on 25 April. QSL either direct (to Ontario DX Association, P.O. Box 161, Station A, Willowdale, Ontario, M2N 5S8 Canada) or through the bureau to VE3ODX or VE3SRE. The web site for the Ontario DX Association is at http://www.durhamradio.ca/odxa [TNX VE3SRE]

VK - Stuart, VK8NSB will be active as VK8NSB/P while on holiday from Groote Eylandt (OC-141) between 3 and 18 April. He plans to operate on 10, 15 and 80 metres (SSB and CW) with special attention to Europe. QSL via VK9NS. [TNX VK8NSB]

VP5 - Matt, IK2SGC and Conrad, IK2SFZ will be active as VP5/IK2SGC and VP5/IK2SFZ from Whitby North Caicos (NA-002) between 24 March and 5
April. They will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as either VP5N or VP5R (Multi-Single). Before and after the contest they will concentrate on the low and WARC bands. QSL via IK2SAI either direct (IMCO, P.O. Box 99, 20101 Milan - MI, Italy) or through the bureau (please note that bureau cards can be requested at ik2sai@amsat.org). [TNX IK2SCGC]

W — The Knightlites (a QRP group from North Carolina) will be going on their third annual QRPedition to the North Carolina Outer Banks on 25-28 March. They will be using the call WQ4RP/NA67 on this SSB/CW operation. They will have several low power beacons operating on 15 metres (21963 kHz at 19.00-22.00 UTC on 26 March; 21063 kHz at 20.00-22.30 UTC on the 27th), 10 metres (28685 kHz at 15.00-19.00 UTC on the 27th and at 14.00-16.00 UTC on the 28th) and 160 metres (1812 kHz at 00:00-0100 UTC and 05:00-13:00 UTC on the 27th and the 28th). QSL via AB4PP. [TNX AE4EC]

W — Wolf, DL2SCQ and Ann, DL1SCQ will be visiting New Orleans between 27 March and 10 April and plan to operate from Grand Isle (NA-168), Padre Island (NA-092) and maybe Marsh Island (NA-120) as well. [TNX DL2SCQ]

XW — Michael, DF8AN is active as XW8KPL/DF8AN from Laos until 20 March. His next stops will be Vietnam until 1 April and Singapore on the 4th. QSL via DF8AN. [TNX The Daily DX]

YB — Wisnu, YB0AZS and other operators from ORARI Daerah DKI Jakarta will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as 8A0J (Eight Alpha Zero Juliet) in the Multi-Single category. QSL via YB0AI (P.O. Box 7004, Jakarta 12070, Indonesia). [TNX YB0AZ]

ZC4 — George, 5B4AGC expects to visit one of the UK Sovereign Bases on Cyprus (AS-004) on 26 March. He hopes to be allowed to stay overnight and operate as ZC4RAF on the low bands (CW). [TNX The Daily DX]

ZK2 — Uwe, DL2YAK and Hape, DL1EMH will be active (on all bands CW, SSB and RTTY) as ZK2GEO from Niue (OC-040) between 22 March and 11 April. They plan to participate in the CQ WPX SSB Contest. QSL via DL1EMH. [TNX The Daily DX]

IARU ——> The new President and Vice-President of the International Amateur Radio Union are Larry E. Price, W4RA and David A. Wardlaw, VK3ADW respectively. Price succeeds Richard L. Baldwin, W1RU (President since 1982) and Wardlaw succeeds Michael J. Owen, VK3KI (Vice-President since 1989). They will take up their positions on 9 May. [TNX ARRL]

INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION ——> The 50th annual convention is organized by the Northern California DX Club and will be held on 9-11 April at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Fresno, California. For further
NORTHWEST DX CONVENTION ---> The Willamette Valley DX Club is pleased to announce the annual Pacific Northwest DX Convention will be held between 30 July and 1 August 1999 at the Monarch Hotel in Portland, OR. For further information please visit the club website at http://www.qsl.net/wvdxc or contact Al Rovner, K7AR (Convention Chairman) at k7ar@qsl.net [TNX K7AR]

C21SX & C21ZM ---> Roger, C21SX (G3SXW) and Bob, C21ZM (G3ZEM) made over 20,000 CW contacts from Nauru between February 27th and March 7th as follows (band/QSOs): 160/220, 80/421, 40/2222, 30/2216, 20/2452, 17/2895, 15/4352, 12/2777, 10/3109. The LF path to Europe was very difficult: no contacts on 160 and only eight on 80 metres. On HF the path to JA and North America was excellent whilst West Europe struggled on short-path through the Russian wall. QSL C21SX via G3SXW (Roger Western, 7 Field Close, Chessington, Surrey KT9 2QD, England); QSL C21ZM via G3ZEM (Bob Henderson, Whitwell House, Whitwell-on-the-Hill, York YO6 7JJ, England). Bureau cards can be requested at g3sxw@compuserve.com (for C21SX) and g3zem@btinternet.com (for C21ZM). [TNX G3SXW]

LOGGING PROGRAMME (FREE) ---> The latest release (2.1d) of "LOGvrr", written by Roberto (IN3VRR), will be soon available free of charge at http://www.alpcom.it/actis/hamradio/software/logvrr/ For further information please contact Roberto at in3vrr@eclipse-net.it [TNX IN3VRR]

QSL 3V8BB ---> Please note that Giovanni, I5JHW can confirm only the contacts made on the following dates: 26 April - 4 May 1997 (3V8BB and TS8ZA used during the ARI Contest), 25-31 March 1998 (3V8BB and TS5I during the WPX SSB Contest), 1-4 May 1998 (3V8BB, ARI Contest included), 11-14 December 1998 (3V8BB, ARRL 10 Meters Contest included), 4-8 March 1999 (3V8BB, ARRL DX SSB Contest included). [TNX I5JHW]

QSL IQ1L ---> Marco, IZ1BZS reports all of the cards for this station (it was active during the Lighthouse and Lightship Activity Weekend on 22-23 August 1998, 425DXN 379) have been sent.

QSL NOT VIA WA1ECA ---> Frank, WA1ECA reports he is *not* the QSL manager for ZA5G. He also reports he will not accept cards for 5X1F (SK) and 5X1C (no logs since October 1995) any longer. [TNX WA1ECA]

QSL VIA AI5P ---> Rick, AI5P has been notified by the printer that the shipment has been lost in the post. Cards have been reprinted, please do not send duplicates. The calls Rick used during his European trip in October-November 1998 are HB9/ON8DX, OK8PDX, OM9AIP, HA/AI5P, DL/ON8DX, ON8DX, and M/AI5P. [TNX AI5P]

THE DAILY DX ---> The Daily DX Search page has been updated and now includes issues from the beginning to 29 January 1999 (Vol. 3 No. 20). This week marks the 2 year anniversary (17 March) of The Daily DX - our warmest congratulations to the editor, Bernie McClenny (W3UR). For further information on this excellent source of DX information, please visit http://www.dailydx.com or send an e-mail to the editor at bernie@dailydx.com
VK6LC/P ---› Mal, VK6LC reports he made over 750 QSOs with a very basic equipment in less than 12 hours during his recent operation [425DXN 407] from Malus Island (OC-199). His brief stop over was co-ordinated with the Rowley Shoals DXpedition (VK9-99) logistics meeting in Karratha. Conditions were good to most continents, but unfortunately that evening they were struck by a tropical storm. QSL direct only to VK6LC.

WLH DX CLUB ---› The first convention of the World LightHouse DX Club will be held on June 12, 1999 near Strasbourg, France. The purpose of the club and this meeting is to urge radio amateurs to develop ham radio expeditions to lighthouses and encourage hams to make radio contact with lighthouses around the world. Philippe, F5OGG and Bruno, F5SKJ have created two lighthouse awards: the World Lighthouse Award (WLH), is international in scope and includes offshore or island lighthouses from around the globe(today, more than 820 lighthouses have been recognized as valid for the award) and the French Sea Coast Lighthouse Award (DPLF) which has been created to stimulate national interest and includes all French lighthouses, both offshore as well as those situated on the mainland. Further information is available at http://www.infini.fr/~tquere [TNX W9DC]

+ SILENT KEY + It was with the greatest sadness that we have learnt of the sudden passing of Ajarn Chamlong Chuathai, HS1AAM, Vice President of the Radio Society of Thailand (RAST), on 16 March. Chamlong was an energetic leader who organised many amateur radio events in Thailand, such as conventions (SEANET), amateur radio special events, nets and IOTA DXpeditions to the Thai Islands. He was a much respected teacher who helped many Thai amateurs to obtain their licenses. [TNX HS0/G3NOM]

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*** NEWS FROM THE WEB ***

BARTG: The rules for the British Amateur Radio Teleprinter Group (BARTG) WW RTTY Contest are available at http://www.demon.co.uk/Contest/99rules.htm (the contest takes place between 02.20 UTC on 20 March and 02.00 UTC on the 22nd).

CALLBOOK: Larry, EW2EO reports he has added a callbook for EU-EW stations to his web pages (http://www.qsl.net/ew2eo).

CALLBOOK: A callbook for Italian stations is available at http://www.qsl.net/iz8ajq [TNX IZ8AJQ]

DXTELNET: One of the URLs where to download the latest version (4.51) of DXTelnet [425DXN 409] has been replaced by http://www.qsl.net/wd4ngb/telnet.htm For further details please contact Fabrizio Sartoni, IK4VYX at rac2610@racine.ra.it.

LOGS: Goran, SM4DHF has added the links to 225 log searches to his web pages. Give a look to http://home.swipnet.se/sm4dhf/search.htm [TNX SM4DHF]

LOGS (FT5): The log search for FT5WH now includes contacts made through
12.55 UTC on 13 March. Please check http://perso.easynet.fr/~f5nod/ft5whlog.html The first batch of 1500 cards has been received and requests are being processed.

[TNX F5NOD]

N9PD: The Prairie DX Group N9PD web page's new URL is http://www.n9pd.com [TNX KF9YL]

QSL received via direct: 4J3M, 6W6JX, 9M2TD, 9V8ZB, 9Y4/DL4MCF, A35ZL, A61AQ, AH8LG, BI7W (AS-139), BQ9P, BT2HC, C56NY, C91RF, C08LY, E30GA, E31AA, EP3HR, EX8W, FW5XX, HC8N, KH6FH, JL1KFR/JD1, TR8CA, TZ6JA, V31TP, V63AO, V63X, V63YP, XT2OW, ZC4DG, ZK3RW,

QSL received via WF5E - DX QSL Service: 5W0HP, A45XR, CE1LDS/P (SA-085), CE1LDS/2 (SA-086), FG/DJ6SI, FK8VHN, HR6XX (NA-057), HK3JJH/0P (NA-049), JT1X, TI9CF.

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