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The deadline for the 425 DX News DXCC Most Wanted Survey is 6 January 2003. If you want to participate, please go to http://www.425dxn.org/surv2003/

3C - Alan, G3XAQ reports he will be visiting Malabo, Bioco Island (AF-010), Equatorial Guinea on 9-21 January and expects to operate on 160-10 metres, with an emphasis on the low bands CW. Callsign 3C5XA has been requested. QSL direct to G3XAQ.

9G - Arno, DL1CW and Andy, DL3GA plan to be active from Ghana on 5-18 February. Requested calls are 9G5AP (DL1CW) and 9G5GA (DL3GA); they will operate on 10-80 metres (hopefully on 6 metres as well) CW, RTTY and some SSB. Participation in the WPX RTTY and ARRL DX CW Contests is also being planned. [TNX DL3GA]

C6 - Bill, KM1E (C6AGN) will be active on 160-6 metres from the Bahamas from 4 January to 4 March. QSL via W1DIG. [TNX The Daily DX]

D4 - Al, 4L5A will participate in the following contests as D4B from Cape Verde:
  CQ 160 Meter CW  24-26 January  single operator
  ARRL International DX CW  15-16 February  SOAB HP or single band
  CQ 160 Meter SSB  21-23 February  single operator
  ARRL International DX SSB  1-2 March  SOAB HP or single band
Further information at http://www.qsl.net/d44tt [TNX NG3K]

DU - Chris, VK3FY/DU8 has been on Mindanao (OC-130) since 26 December and planned to be active on and off from an island in OC-235 as of 1 January for some ten days. Day operations will be from 8 to 18 local time, but there is a possibility of an overnight stay. Due to a sensitive local situation, this operation could be terminated without notice. QSL via EA7JX. The Contact Point for further information is Stuie, VK8NSB (vk8nsb@octa4.net.au). [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

F - Fabrice/F5NBQ, Bertrand/F6HKA and Jean-Louis/F5UJK will be active as
F5NBQ/P from Oleron Island (EU-032) on 25-27 January, including an entry in the CQ WW 160 Meter CW DX Contest. [TNX The Daily DX]

HC - Andy Stchislenok, NP3D will be active (on all HF bands plus 6 metres SSB and CW) as HC1/NP3D from Ecuador on 22-27 January, including an entry in the CQ 160 Meter CW Contest. QSL via W3HMK. [TNX NG3K]

HI - John, F5VHQ (ex OE5TGL) will operate (on 40-10 metres SSB) as F5VHQ/H19 from the Dominican Republic (NA-096) on 16-24 January. QSL via home call either direct or through the bureau. [TNX F5VHQ]

HR - Wayne, K9YNF reports he will be active as K9YNF/HR9 from Roatan Island (NA-097) on 11-18 January. He will operate SSB only on 14260, 18128, 24950, 28460 and 28560 +/- QRM. QSL via home call either direct or through the bureau.

JD1_og - Fukushige, JM6DZB will be working on Iwo Jima (AS-030), Ogasawara Islands until the end of 2003. He plans to operate as JM6DZB/BD1 on 80, 40 and 15 metres SSB during his free time. QSL via home call, preferably through the bureau. [TNX JI3DST]

UA - Eugene, UA4HUR will be celebrating the new year as UE4HNY until 15 January. QSL via home call (Eugene Vihanov, P.O. Box 1228, Togliatti, 445032, Russia). [TNX RU4HP]

UT - Special event station EM60USB will be active from 23 January through 2 February to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Stalingrad. QSL via UT5UKY either direct (Vladimir Prikhodko, P.O. Box 54, Kiev 04213, Ukraine) or through the bureau. [TNX UT5UKY]

V3 - Art Phillips, NN7A, will operate as V31JZ/p from South Water Caye (NA-180), Belize on 17-20 January. NA-180 was activated for the first time by Art himself and Mike Sharp, NG7S/V31RL back in February, 1993. This will be a part-time one-person operation with 100 watts, vertical and wire antennas. Art will operate mostly CW on 40-10 metres, WARC bands included, with some 80m and 160m. Some SSB on 20 and 15 metres is possible, conditions permitting. QSL via NN7A either direct (Art Phillips, P.O. Box 201, Flagstaff, AZ 86002, USA) or through the bureau. [TNX NN7A]

V3 - Gisela, DK9GG and Gerd, DJ4KW will be active (CW and SSB) as V31GW and V31YN from Belize from 9 January until 25 February. On 8 February they will be joined by Frank, DL2SWW and Gabi, DG2TM (V3 calls not known) and the four plan to operate from NA-073 on 21-23 February. QSL via home calls. [TNX DL2VFR]

VE - Gerald/VE2ACP, Gervais/VE2UE and Steve/VE2TKH will be active from Zone 2 on 14-17 January. Gerald and Gervais plan to operate as VO2UE, while Steve expects to use either VE2TKH/VO2 or, if he gets it in time, VO2ZT. This will be a generator and battery operation, with a G5RV and vertical antennas on most HF bands, mostly SSB with some CW. QSL VO2UE via VE2ACP, QSL VE2TKH/VO2 (or VO2ZT) via VE2TKH. Further information will be available at http://www.qsl.net/ve2tkh [TNX NG3K]

VP6 - Ed, W2SN reports he will operate as VP6EM from Pitcairn Island (OC-044) on 4 February, between 17.00 and 23.59 UTC, on 10, 15 and/or 20 metres SSB, depending on propagation. QSL via home call.

VP6_duc - JR2KDN, FO3BM, VP6AZ, VP6DB, VP6M8 and other operators from Japan expect to be active (on 10-160 metres CW, SSB and RTTY) from Ducie Island (OC-182) for one week starting around 8 March. [TNX The Daily DX]

VR2 - Terry, VE7TLL plans to operate as VR2/VE7TLL from Lantau Island
AS-006), Hong Kong between 30 January and 10 February. This is not a DXpedition, but he will try to be as active as possible on the usual IOTA frequencies. [TNX VE7TLL]

W      - The Marconi Radio Club (W1AA) and the Marconi Cape Cod Memorial Radio Club (KM1CC) will operate a special event station on 11-19 January to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Guglielmo Marconi's first wireless transmission between the United States and Europe. Operations will take place from the former Coast Guard station at Coast Guard Beach in Eastham, Massachusetts, from near the site of the original Marconi 1903 station. For details see http://personal.tmlp.com/k1vv/wlaa [TNX K1VV]

W      - Look for Bob, W2SF/p to be active (on SSB, CW and RTTY) from Lower Matecumbe Key (USI FL-062S) in the Florida Keys (NA-062) until June. QSL via home call, either direct or through the bureau. [TNX VA3RJ]

ZK2    - Bert, PA3GIO will be active as ZK2GI from Niue Island (OC-040) on approximately 18-26 January. He will operate SSB only with 100 watts and a Doublet antenna. QSL via PA3GIO, preferably through the bureau (e-mail requests for bureau cards are welcome at qsl@pa3gio.nl, no attachments and no eQSLs please). Direct QSLs to Bert vd Berg, Parklaan 38, NL-3931 KK Woudenberg, The Netherlands. The web pages for the operation are at http://www.pa3gio.nl/ZK2GI/ and http://www.qsl.net/pa3gio/ZK2GI/ [TNX PA3GIO]

ZL     - Bert, PA3GIO will be active as ZL1/PA3GIO/p from Waiheke Island (OC-201) on 10 January only. QSL via PA3GIO, preferably through the bureau (e-mail requests for bureau cards are welcome at qsl@pa3gio.nl, no attachments and no eQSLs please). The web pages for the operation are at http://www.pa3gio.nl/ZL/ and http://www.qsl.net/pa3gio/ZL/ [TNX PA3GIO]

ZS     - Members of the Vaal Triangle ARC will operate as ZS90SAP on 80, 40, 20, 10 and 6 metres through 31 December to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the South African Police Service. QSL via bureau or direct to ZS6ZYM (Jan Swanepoel, P.O. Box 14393, Zuurfontein 1912, South Africa). [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

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NOT THE MANAGER ---> Please note that K4SXT is not the QSL manager for A92GE.

PIRATE ---> W2FB is not the QSL manager for EL2FB: "This is what the operator was signing", The Daily DX reports, "so the November operations of EL2FB must have been that of a pirate".

QSL ARRL 10M CONTEST ---> Ferdi, XQ5SM reports that the following special calls were used during the latest ARRL 10 Meter Contest (14-15 December): CE3N (ops. CE3NR and CE4PBB), QSL via CE3NR CB4Y (ops. CE4FXY and CE4USW), QSL via CE4FXY
3G5A (op. XQ5SM), QSL via XQ5SM.

QSL HZ1HZ ---> Due to a regrettable oversight, Leo Fry, K8PYD has been listed as the QSL manager for HZ1HZ (425DXN #608). Please note that the correct QSL route is (and has been since 1984) via Dick Moen, N7RO (while Leo still manages HZ1AB only). We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused our readers.

QSL UK8FC ---> Vasil, RW6HS report that DK6CW "is not and has never been" the QSL manager for Gena, UK8FC. QSL cards are still to sent to RW6HS himself.

QSL VE2/ & VY0/W2NTJ ---> In 2002 Jack, W2NTJ only operated as VE2/ from his cabin a few miles north of Chibougamau, and as VY0/ from North Twin Island in Hudson Bay. All DX cluster spots indicating NA-159 were wrong. Jack is expected to mail his logs to VE3LYC over the next few days. [TNX VE3LYC]

QSL VIA N9NU ---> Tim is the QSL manager for KH6X, 9K2AI and, effective 1 February 2003, YB0GJS. Online logs are available at http://www.n9nu.net/logsearch/logsearch.html. QSL either direct (Tim Dickerson, 900 Vincent Drive, Sandwich, IL 60548, USA) or through the bureau. [TNX N9NU]

WABA DIRECTORY ---> The Diamond DX Club reports that the new WABA (Worked Antarctic Bases Award) Directory 2003 is now available for free downloading as .pdf document [425DXN 598] on the club's web site (http://www.ddxc.net). The WABA Directory 2003 includes a 12-page revised Antarctic bases listing (with corrections, integrations and a new column for IOTA reference numbers) as well as a new section (6 pages) for historical notes. [TNX Diamond DX Club]

ZK3 ---> Someone recently circulated the information that Mario, IZ8DBJ would operate as ZK3DJ from a Tokelau new IOTA on 1-8 February. This is not true and Mario cannot explain where the news originated from. He and other Italian operators are actually planning an activity from an IOTA new one, which obviously cannot be Tokelau (OC-048); further information will be given only if and when their plans are firm. [TNX IZ8DBJ]

LOGS:

Online logs for William, ST0F have been updated at http://www.zs4tx.co.za/logs/st0f_logsearch.html [TNX The Daily DX]

OC-252:

A photo gallery from YC9BU's operation from Temaju Island (OC-252) is available at www.mdxc.org/oc-252 [TNX IZ8CCW]

TOP DXPEDITION: Gil, F5NOD reports that the Top DX Expedition page has been updated at www.qsl.net/f5nod/topdxexpe.html
QSLs received direct: 3D2CY, 3E500CWB, 3XA8DX, 3XY7C, 4K6DI, 4L1UN, 5H1HS, 5K0Z (NA-033), 5W0IR, 5Z4DZ, 7X2RO, 8P9HT, 9H1ZA, 9J2BO, 9K2/KM5FY, 9M6NA (OC-133), 9S1X, 9U0X, A22BP, A25/DJ6SI, A61AJ, AP2ARS, AP2IA, C56RF, C91RF, C98RF, CE0Y/DM5TI, D4B, DU1/N6HPX, EA4DX/HK0 (NA-049), ED5TTI (EU-093), ER1LW, EY8/F5CW, FG/DJ6SI, FG5FC, FO/I2YSB, F00EEN, F05RA, F05R (OC-051), FR5ZQ/G, FT5ZH, FY5FY, H44XX, HC8N, HI8RV, HV5PUL, J3/N2GA, J37K, J48ALO, J49HW (EU-015), J49HW/P (EU-187), J6/VK21R, J1X, K1B, KE7X/6Y5, KG4DX, KH8/VK2IR, KP2/K3TEJ, KP2/OK1TN, KP3Z, LY2ZZ, N6MZ/KH9, NP4Z, OD5/OK1MU, P3A, P40E, P40P, PJ2/PA0VDV, RI6S, RI4NB, RI4NZ, RA3NY/1, RIOCA, R01CB, RK21Z, RN3R, RW0BB/9, S07L, TT8DX, TY4DX, TY9F, T26VV, UA0QMU/0, UA2BD, UA9MQR/1, UE0OFF, UX0FF/P (EU-182), V31OM, V51AS, V63WN (OC-253 and OC-254), V73CW, V73GJ, VK9YL, VO2WL, VP2MKS, VP2VE, VP5/N5KW, VP5/W5AO, VP5DX, VP5JM, UX7ACB, UX7AN, UX7AUR (AS-133), YI9OM, Z37M, Z2BFK, ZC4DW, ZK1MA, ZK1TLA, ZK1XYL, ZK1YRE (OC-159), ZK2MO.

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