4S - Ivan, ex-8Q7VR [425DXN 616] is now active as 4S7DXG from Sri Lanka until 1 May. QSL via UR9IDX (P.O. Box 85, Mariupol 87531, Ukraine). [TNX UA3FDX]

5N - Vaclav Voldrich, OK1DXE has been sporadically active as 5N0W from the Czech Embassy in Nigeria since 1 July 2000. He now hopes to be able to spend more time on the air as either 5N0W (club station call) and 5N0HVC (his personal call). QSL via OK1DXE direct or via bureau. [TNX OK1DXE]

5Z - Don Gardner, KC7JDC (ex 7Q7DC) has now moved to live in Nairobi and has been allocated the call 5Z4DE. He is the first US citizen in 12 years to obtain a 5Z licence and will be active as soon as he puts up his mast and beams. QSL direct only to G0IAS. [TNX G0IAS]

6W - A group of operators from the ARAS (Association des Radioamateurs Senegalais, http://www.radio6w.org/) Radio Club will be active (on SSB and CW) as 6V1A from Goree Island (AF-045) on 7-9 June. QSL via bureau to 6W6JX. [TNX F5NQL]

7P - Look for 7P8CF (K5LBU), 7P8TA (WW5L), 7P8MJ (W5MJ) and 7P8NK (VA7DX) to be active (on SSB, CW, PSK31, RTTY) from Lesotho on 18-25 July. They will probably have at least one station on 24 hours a day. QSL via home calls. [TNX NG3K]

9N - Dov, 4Z4DX (http://www.qrz.co.il/4z4dx) will be active (on 160-6 metres CW and digital modes) as 9N7DX from Nepal from 22 April to 12 May. QSL via home call (Dov Gavish, 27 Hamitnahalim St., Ramat Hasharon 47203, Israel). [TNX 4Z4DX]

BY - Nicola, I0SNY and Gianni, I8KGZ have cancelled their 6-29 May trip to China [425DXN 613]. They will go to Mongolia instead and be active as JT1Y and JT7Y with the help of Khosbayar, JT1CD. [TNX I0SNY]

CX - The CV1T activity from Cabo Polonio Lighthouse (URU-005) [425DXN 621] will take place on 26-27 April. Look for operations on 160, 80, 40 and 10 metres CW and SSB. QSL via EA5KB. [TNX CX2TG and EA5KB]

CY9 - N5VL, N0RN, K04RR, W4WY and possibly others will be active (on 2-160 metres CW, SSB and RTTY) from St. Paul Island (NA-094) from 24 July to 2 August, including and entry in the IOTA Contest. Further information is expected in due course. [TNX The Daily DX]
F - Special event station TM6ACO will be activated on 7-15 June to celebrate the 71th edition of the 24 Hours of Le Mans. QSL via F6KFI either direct (P.O. Box 22088, 72002 Le Mans Cedex 1, France) or through the bureau. Further information at http://asso.proxiland.fr/aras72/ [TNX F5TJC]

F - Jean-Marc, F8IXZ reports he will be active as TM0GAY from 20 June to 4 July for the Gay Pride parades in France. QSL via home call.

FO - Look for Fabien, FO/F8CFU to be active from the Tuamotu Archipelago (OC-066), French Polynesia and Tubuai Island (OC-152), Austral Islands from 20 April to 16 May. QSL via home call. [TNX F0CRS]

HK0_sa - Eight members of the Florida DXpedition Group will be operating with 4-5 stations from San Andres Island (NA-033) on 20-28 October, CQ WW DX SSB Contest included (requested contest call is 5J0X). The Florida DXpedition Group has entered the CQWW SSB Contest from a DX location since 1996 and in the past they have never asked for any assistance, but this year they are asking for donations to help offset the cost. Donations should be sent to Bill Gallier, FDXPG, 2694 North Camel Ave., Middleburg, FL 32068. The web pages for the operations are at www.geocities.com/hk02003 and www.geocities.com/w4wx1/upcoming [TNX W4WX]

HR - Look for HQ9W to be aired on 40, 20 and 15 metres from Water Cay (NA-057) on 12-14 April. QSL via HR2HCH. [TNX HR2JRP]

I - Sergio, IK4JPR will guest operate (SSB and CW) from the Guglielmo Marconi Foundation, IY4FGM on 12 April in the local morning. QSL via IK4UPU.

I - Angelo, I2ADN will be active as IE9/I2ADN from Ustica (EU-051, IIA PA-001, WWL JM68OR) during the Contest Lazio 50Mhz on 12 April. [TNX IK2XDE]

I - Walter, IN3XUG will be active as IC8/IN3XUG from Ischia (EU-031, IIA NA-001) on 16-27 April. He plans to operate on 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80 metres SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call either direct or (preferably) thorugh the bureau. [TNX IN3XUG]

I - The newly issued IQ2VA call will be aired for the first time on 27 April. This club call belongs to Busto Arsizio ARI Branch; QSL via bureau or direct to Sezione ARI, P.O. Box 125, 21052 Busto Arsizio - VA, Italy. [TNX IK2UVR]

I - Ruggero, IK2PZC reports he will be active (on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres SSB) as IG9/IK2PZC from Lampedusa (AF-019, IIA AG-001) on 3-10 May. During the ARI International DX Contest (3-4 May) he will operate also RTTY.

JA - Look for JI1PLF/1, JA1UNS/1, 7N1GQK/1 and 7L4Pr/1 to be active (on 10-80 metres SSB, CW and PSK31) from Hachijo Island (AS-043) on 6-9 June. QSL direct to home calls or via the JARL bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]

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OH - In ancient times witches were believed to fly around Finland on
Easter Eve. Nowadays amateur radio "witches" Jatta/OH2IO, Anne/OH2MXS and Annika/OH2HSJ will "fly around" Finland with their pilot Lasse, OH1LQP on 18-20 April. They plan to operate as OH2YLS(#) on 80, 40, 20, 10 and 2 metres (possibly also 15m) SSB with some CW. QSL via bureau. They also expect to be active as OH1LAG (QSL via OH2IO), OH6MXS (QSL via OH2MXS) and OH4CNX (QSL via OH2HSJ). This will be a good chance to collect points for the OH YL and the OH County Awards (rules at http://www.sral.fi/award_eng.html). [TNX OH2HSJ]

OH0 - Look for OH0/DF8QJ, OH0/DL2VB, OH0/DK6QW, OH0/DG1YTF and OH0/DL6YFB to be active (on 80-2 metres CW, SSB and RTTY) from the Aland Islands (EU-002) on 19-25 April. QSL via home calls. [TNX DL2VFR]

OZ - Look for Peter, OZ/DL4AMK to be active on 10, 12, 15, 17, 20 and 40 metres SSB from Aro Island (EU-172, JY-003 for the Danish Islands Award) on 16-21 April. QSL via home call either direct or through the DARC bureau. [TNX DL4AMK]

OZ - Ben, OZ6B will be active from Bornholm Island (EU-030, BO-001 for the Danish Islands Award) on 19-26 June. Look for him on +/- 14265 kHz. QSL via bureau or direct. [TNX OZ6B]

OZ - Jurgen, OZ0J will be active (SSB and CW) as OZ0J/p from Laesoe Island (EU-088, DIA NK-003) on 26-28 July. The main objective of this trip is the participation in the IOTA Contest. Those who want to arrange a sked before/after the IOTA event, can e-mail oz0j@roemming.dk not later than 20 July. QSL via home call, either direct or through the bureau. Log serach will be available at http://www.oz0j.dk/ [TNX OZ0J]

PY - LABRE-RJ club station PY1AA will be active as ZW1AA to celebrate the Brazilian Communications Day on 3-4 May. [TNX PY1XP]

SO - Joe, KO4RR has joined the S05X multi-national team scheduled to begin all-band all-mode operations on 15 April. The group now includes YT1AD, YU1AU, I8NHJ, CTIBWW, N6TQS, KO4RR, EA1BT, EA2RC, EA5RM, EA5XX and S01MZ. Donations to help offset the trip will be gratefully accepted and can be sent via the QSL manager, EA4URE (URE - Union de Radioaficionados Espanoles, Avda. Monte Igueldo 102, Madrid 28053, Spain; e-mail ure@ure.es). Full details on the DXpedition are available at http://www.pagus.it/s05x/ The pilots are Mauro, I1JQJ (i1jqq@425dxn.org) and Maurizio I1-21171/IZ1CRR (i121171@425dxn.org); please send your messages to the BOTH OF THEM and put "S05X" in the subject line.

SM - Eric, SM1TDE will be active from Gotland Island (EU-020) on 12-18 April. He plans to focus on CW and the WARC bands, with some RTTY and SSB. QSL via bureau. [TNX SM1TDE]

SV5 - Ermanno, IK2W2D reports he will be active on digital modes as SV5/IK2W2D from Lipsi Island, Dodecanese (EU-001) from 24 April through the summer. QSL via home call either direct or through the bureau.

UN - Vlad, UN7EX will be active as UQ1EDX from Kokchetav, Kazakhstan on 19-20 April. QSL via RW6HS or direct to home call. [TNX UN8CC]

VE - VE3UUH and VE3GID will operate as VB3MCC (further information www.storm.ca/~scalver) from 27 June to 4 July to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Military Communications in Canada. Note that Industry Canada has authorized the use of the following special prefixes for this anniversary between 1 July and 31 August: XM for all VE, XL for
all VA, XN for all VO and XO for all VY. [TNX VA3RJ and VE3UUH]

W - Rick, AI5P reports he hopes to be active from the islands of Martha's Vineyard on 15-18 April and Nantucket on 21-25 April. Both of them counts for NA-046. QSL via AI5P.

W - The Maritime Radio Historical Society (http://www.radiomarine.org) is pleased to announce that K6KPH will be on the air on 26 April (starting at 17 UTC) to participate in the annual International Marconi Day. K6KPH uses the original transmitters, receivers and antennas of famous ex-RCA coast station KPH. The transmitters are located at the transmitting station founded by the American Marconi Co. in 1913 at Bolinas, CA. The receivers and operators will be at the KPH receiving station about 20 miles north at Pt. Reyes, CA. K6KPH transmitting frequencies will be 7050, 14050 and 21050 kHz (3545 may also be activated if conditions warrant). QSLs and reception reports should be sent to Ms. D.A. Stoops, P.O. Box 381, Bolinas CA 94924-0381, USA. [TNX F5NQL and W6AWO]

W - W1T will be a special event station operated by WA2VUY and K2MVW on all bands from 5 July through the 27th to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Tour de France. QSL via WA2VUY (the card will have a photograph of 21 of the 22 living Tour champions taken on 24 October 2002 in Paris). [TNX WA2VUY]

V2 - A group of operators from the recently formed Antigua & Barbuda Radio Club (V21ARC) will be having a DXpedition on the sister island of Barbuda on 18-21 April. They plan to operate as V21BBQ on 160-10 metres with three HF stations. QSL to Antigua & Barbuda Radio Club, P.O. Box 965, St.John's, Antigua, West Indies. [TNX NG3K]

VP2V - Bob, N6RFM will be active as VP2V/N6RFM from the British Virgin Islands on 22-25 April. This will be a vacation and casual DXpedition as time permits. Operation will be PSK31 QRP on 20 metres only. QSL via home call. [TNX N6RFM]

ZC4 - Bill, G4EHT will be visiting his son Dez, ZC4DW between 14 and 28 April. This will be a family holiday but Bill hopes to spend some on HF CW. He will operate from the Eastern Sovereign Base club using their callsign, ZC4ESB. Please be patient with Bill as he has not worked pile-ups for many years. QSL via G4EHT (Bill Watson, 7 Darwin Close, Lichfield, Staffordshire, WS13 7ET, England). [TNX ZC4DW]

ZD8 - Jim, N6TJ will activate his ZD8Z station on Ascension Island on 16-26 April. He will operate on all bands, SSB and CW. Jim will make an effort on 160 metres, especially on the 18, 19 and 20th. QSL direct only via VE3HO. [TNX The Daily DX]

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CELTIC CONNECTIONS ---> The GMDX Group introduces "Celtic Connections" to encourage activity by all radio amateurs worldwide to contact areas with Celtic origins: Tras-os-Montes (Portugal), Galicia and Asturias (Spain),
Ireland, Brittany (French Departments 22, 29, 35, 56 and 44), Cornwall (England), Isle of Man, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Nova Scotia (Canada). This "activity weekend" is to be held on the third weekend in April each year (in 2003 it will start at 00:00 UTC on 19 April and last until 24:00 UTC on the 20th). Further details from the GMDX Group web site (http://www.gmdx.org.uk). [TNX GM3YTS]

ES OPEN HF CHAMPIONSHIP ---> It will take place on 40 and 80 metres SSB and CW from 05.00 through 08.59 UTC on 19 April. Results of past editions and rules are available at http://www.erau.ee [TNX ES5TV]

EU SPRINT 2003 ---> The four 2003 European Sprint Contests will be held on 20, 40 and 80 metres only from 15.00 UTC until 18.59 UTC on the following dates: 12 April (Spring SSB, managed by G4BUO), 19 April (Spring CW, managed by I2UIY), 4 October (Autumn SSB, managed by I2UIY), 11 October (Autumn CW, managed by OK2FD). Full details can be found at http://www.qsl.net/eusprint

GACW WW DX CONTEST ---> It will be held on 19-20 April, detailed information is available at http://gacw.no-ip.org [TNX LU6EF]

IARU NEWS ---> Three new members have been admitted to the International Amateur Radio Union effective 4 April 2003, They are the National Association Radioamateurs of Georgia (NARG) the Federation of Radiosport of the Republic of Armenia (FRRA) and the Vietnam Amateur Radio Club (VARC).

INTERNATIONAL MARCONI DAY ---> This year the IMD will run from 00.00 UTC to 23.59 UTC on 26 April. The event is organized by the Cornish Amateur Radio Club which offers awards to stations in various classes. Please visit http://www.gb4imd.co.uk/ for details.

IQ2GM ---> This club call has been assigned to the Gallarate ARI Branch and was aired for the first time on 11 April. QSL via bureau. [TNX IK2UIZ]

NOT THE MANAGER ---> Norbert, DL9NEI is not the QSL manager for LX5A. Cards should be routed via LX1RQ or bureau.

NOT THE MANAGER ---> Henryk, SQ1GYH is till receiving cards for T99C, but he is not the QSL manager for this station.

OH0CO ---> The 10-16 April operation from the Aland Islands by Ben, SM6CCO [425DXN 622] has been cancelled. [TNX NG3K]

PIRATE ---> Before you begin wondering if I1JQJ (a) has become unable to use his second VFO, (b) has become deaf or (c) has become crazy, be advised that yesterday, 11 April, someone pirated your Editor's call over and over again on XY4KQ's transmitting frequency, on both 15 and 20 metres CW. I apologize on behalf of the perpetrator and I am grateful to those who have expressed their sympathy on the PacketCluster and by e-mail.

PIRATE ---> Luis, LU1BR reports someone pirated his call as VP8/LU1BR on 13 March (21.40-22.40 UTC on 28006 and 24896 kHz). Apparently this pirate is also used to calling as "LU1BR" on DX stations transmitting QRG during split frequency operations.
PORTUGAL DAY ---> Sponsored by REP (Rede dos Emissores Portugueses), the Portugal Day DX Contest (SSB only) will be held on 14 June (00.00-24.00 UTC). For full information (soon available also in English) please visit http://www.rep.pt/dia_de_portugal.htm [TNX CT1END]

PORTUGESE NAVY CONTEST ---> It will be held on 17-18 May. Details are available at http://www.marinha.pt [TNX CT1CZT]

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QSL 5R8FU ---> All direct cards have been sent out as of 11 April. John, SM5DJZ anticipates he will not be able to answer future QSLs until early August because of his work commitments.

QSL 5T5SN ---> Nicolas Sinieokoff, 5T5SN (www.qsl.net/5t5sn) reports that his QSL manager is IZ1BZV (not F5RUQ, as reported in 425DXN #618). Cards should be sent to Giorgio Tabilio, P.O. Box 95, 19100 La Spezia - SP, Italy.

QSL CL9C ---> Al Bailey, K8SIX is the QSL manager for CL9C. The artwork has not been received yet, please be patient as it will take some time to print the cards. Al is also the QSL manager for CO2OJ.

QSL PX5E ---> The QSL route is direct only via VE3HO. The recent PX5E operator was PP5JR [425DXN 622] from ZX5J contest location.

QSL ST2X ---> Gerben, PA5NT, reports that all direct cards for ST2X have been answered. Those who worked him on all the 7 bands that were activated will receive a special award.

QSL JY8WW ---> Mark Demeuleneere, ON4WW operated as JY8WW in March 2003. Direct cards were expected to be mailed this week, other contacts have been confirmed automatically via bureau.

QSL VIA UA9OBA ---> Yuri Zaruba, UA9OBA reports that all of the direct QSLs for the 16 April-2 May 2001 DXpedition to "The Lost Islands" - namely RI0B (AS-156), RU0B (AS-057), RS0B (AS-042), RU0B/p (AS-050), RS0B/p (AS-068) and R3CA/O (AS-005) - were answered by RW3GW and UA9OBA himself in 2002. Remaining QSOs were confirmed automatically via bureau. Those who still need a direct card, should send their request to UA9OBA (Yuri V. Zaruba, P.Box 1, Novosibirsk-92, 630092, Russia). Do not enclose USD or EUR, use IRCs instead and note that 1 IRC covers air mail postage up to 20 grams.

ST2CF ---> Claudio, IV3OWC logged some 30,000 QSOs during his recent activity from Sudan. Logs are expected to be available soon at http://www.iraee2.com [TNX IV3OWC]
THE LOST ISLANDS VIDEO ---> The professionally produced "Lost Islands" video was presented for the first time at the RSGB International HF & IOTA Convention back in October 2002. Copies are now available in either PAL and NTSC versions and can be ordered at www.nsiradio.com. The expedition to Ushakova and Uyedineniya (RI0B and RU0B) was awarded the IOTA Trophy for the Most Courageous IOTA DXpedition in 2001.

WARD AWARD ---> The WARD (World Amateur Radio Day) Award commemorates the World Amateur Radio Day celebrated by IARU on 18 April each year. The award is sponsored by MK QTC (the Polish Amateur Radio Journal) with the Polish Amateur Radio Union's support, and it is issued to licenced amateurs and SWLs for contacts made/heard between 00.00 and 24 UTC on 18 April. For further information please e-mail Sylwester Jarkiewicz, SP2FAP at qtc@post.pl

+ SILENT KEY + Claus Stehlik, OE6CLD reports the sad news of the passing of Selim, OE6EEG on 30 March after a long illness. Selim, who also held a Sudanese callsign, was known for his DXpeditions (for instance to Abu-Ail in 1979) as well as for his activity on the European DX Net.

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*** NEWS FROM THE WEB ***
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CT BY K1EA: Ken Wolff, K1EA has announced that his popular contest logging software (CT) is now freeware. The web site where to download the programme is at http://www.k1ea.com

LOGS: The first logs for VK9XI are now available at http://www.qsl.net/vk4cp/vk9xi/logbook.htm

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QSLs received direct: 3G1A (SA-069), 3W2FM, 5A1A, 5R8FU (AF-013), 5T5PBV, 5U7JK, 5X1DC, 5X1DC, 7Q7LA, 6W1RD, 7Q7LA, 9K2F, 9K2USA, 9L1BTB, 9M2/G42FE, 9S1X, 9V1YC, 9X/ON4WW, A61AJ, A71MA, A92ZE, AC4LN/HR2, AC4LN/J3, AC5ML/p (NA-168), BD4ED, BQ9P (AS-110), C6AGN, C98RF, CE6M (SA-061), CN8LI, CP6XE, CT9DLH, CY0MM (NA-063), D2BB, D44TD, D4B, DP1POL, DS2GOO/4 (AS-093), DS3EXX, DS5XEH/4 (AS-148), EK3SA, EL2WW, EP6KI (AS-166), ER1LW, E8ZCQ, FG/F6FXS, FG5FR, FK8HZ, FM5BH, FS/KF2HC, FY5KE, FY5LS, HC2SL, HH4/K4QD, HH4/K9MDO, HH4/N2WB, HH4/W4WX, HH6/DL7CM, HH6/DM2AYO, H13/OK2ZU, HK5GX, HP3UG, HS0/O21HET, J75EA, J75ET, J75KG, J75WP, J75ZH, JW0HU, JY0HU, JY9QJ, K80 (OC-077), K8T (OC-045), KH7X, KM9D/KH8 (OC-200), KP2D, L65W (SA-065), L99D, LU1ZV (AN-008), LU1ZV, LX/PK06Z, LX7I, MJ/K3PLV, MU0FAL, N4BQW/KH9, N70U/HI9, OA4/DL3JR (SA-052), OA40, OD5/OK1MU, OHO/W3UR, OX3LR (NA-220), OY3QN, OY9JD, P3A, P40TA (SA-036), PJ2K, PJ2T, PJ7/ND5S, PX2I (SA-028), PY0FF, PY2XB/PY0F, R1ANC, R1AF, RV2FW, S9MX, ST2X, SU9BN, SV9CVY, T77C, TI5/K7AR, TISN, TU2IG, TY3M, UN7EG, UN7MO, UY0CA, V25WX, V26FM (NA-100), V26WP (NA-100), V31YN, V44KJ, V47KP, VK6LC/4 (OC-138), VP2MCV, VP2MEA, VP2MET, VP2MPA, VP2MWM, VP2MWP, VQ9LA, VR2KW, VR2MY, VSSRG, VU2PCD, VU2TMP, WP3R, XP1AB, XT2SX, XT2WP, XX9C, Y19OM, YL5M, YM3WW, YS1/AC4LN, Z24S, ZC4BS, ZC4DW, ZD7BG, ZK1AKX, ZK1TLA, ZK2TO, ZL7C, ZS4TX.
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