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4W - Michal, OM2AQ will be active as 4W2AQ from Timor Leste until 18 December. Look for him around 9 UTC on 28480 kHz and bear in mind that he has no experience with DX operating. [TNX OM3JW]

9L - Massimo, 9L1MS reports that, weather and local conditions permitting, he will operate from Banana Island (AF-037) on 13-14 December. He will use 100 watts, a battery and a windom antenna.

A5 - Dane, S57CQ (former YI/S57CQ and YI9T) expects to go on a 3-week mission to Bhutan between 18 and 22 December. He plans to spend as much of his spare time as possible on the amateur radio bands as A52CQ. QSL via S57DX (Slavko Celarc, Ob Igriscu 8, 1360 Vrhnika, Slovenia). [TNX S57DX]

CE - Marco, CE6TBN ([http://www.mdxc.org/ce6tbn/tour2004/](http://www.mdxc.org/ce6tbn/tour2004/)) expects to be active (on 10, 12, 15, 17, 20 and 40 metres SSB) as CE6TBN/8 from Riesco Island (SA-091, DICE ICE-804) on 12-15 January and from Wellington Island (SA-032, DICE ICE-802) on 17-20 January. QSL via N1IBM.

DL - Look for Jo, DL1AB/p to be active (on 40 and 80 metres SSB) from Baltrum Island (EU-047, N-06 for the German Islands Award) from 25 December to 2 January. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX DL2VFR]

FR/E - The station signing TO4E on 40 metres CW from 21.15 UTC to 23.53 UTC on 28 November was a pirate. Through 10 December TO4E had logged 21851 QSOs (3264/10m, 2239/12m, 6584/15m, 3203/17m, 2847/20m, 1825/30m, 1412/40m, 351/80m and 126/160m; 50% CW, 39% SSB, 11% RTTY), plus 4108 QSOs made by TO4WW during the CQ WW DX CW Contest. The operators will continue to pay special attention to the low bands (especially to 160m with a dedicated station) SSB and CW and will try to keep at least one station up and running until the end of the operation. Latest information will be available at
HA  - Tibor, HG4I will be using special "Happy New Year 2004" callsign HG04HNY until 12 January. Activity will be on all bands and modes, and he will try to take part in various HF contests as well. Contacts will count as a separate multiplier for the HA-HNY Activity Contest (rules at http://www.sk3bg.se/contest/). QSL direct only to HG4I (Tibor Szabo, Budai u. 6., H-2465 Rackeresztur, Hungary).

HI  - Hiro, JA6WFM will be working in the Dominican Republic for the next year and has been authorized to operate as JA6WFM/HI8. QSL route TBA. [TNX JI6KVR]

I   - Starting on 15 December IZ8CCW, IZ8EPX, IZ8ESZ, IZ8FWN and possibly others will be active from a few Calabria region islands. Further information will be available at http://www.mdxc.org [TNX IZ8CCW]

PA  - A group of operators from the Belgian Radio Club Leuven will be regularly active from Bruinisse on Schouwen Duiveland (EU-146) until 29 November 2004. Look for PA/ON6UM, PA/ON4LO, PA/ON4LN, PA/ON4BAG on SSB, with some CW and digital modes as well. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX ON6UM]

TA  - Martin, PA4WM (http://www.qsl.net/pa4wm) will be in Turkey for six months, on a four week rotation schedule. He operates SSB, CW and RTTY as TA1/PA4WM with 100 watts into a g5rv. Despite the high level of QRN from a nearby industrial plant on the low bands, he plans to upgrade his antennas with a vertical and receiving antenna for 160 and 80 soon. QSL via home call. [TNX PA4WM]

VK  - David/VK4GL and Peter/VK4APG might operate as VK4GL/P from Cato Reef (OC-265, activated a few days ago by VK4WWI/P) on 14-17 December. Theirs will be a low profile operation on 20 metres SSB, and fishing may take precedence. QSL via VK4APG. [TNX VK4APG]

>>> ANTARCTIC OPERATIONS <<<

* Filippo, IK0AIH is currently active as IAOPS from the Italian Antarctic Station "Baia Terra Nova" at Terra Nova Bay, Victoria Land. He will be there until 28 February 2004 and usually can be found on 14185 kHz. On 2 January he will take a side trip to Concordia Station at Dome C (East Antarctic Plateau), but for the time being he does not expect to have any amateur radio equipment with him. [TNX IK0AIH]

* VK0DX is currently active from the Australian Station "Davis" (Ingrid Christensen Coast, Antarctica).

* Alan, 9V1DX (of VK0LD/VK0MM Macquarie Island 1999/2000 fame) will be active from a temporary base camp in the Ellsworth Mountains, while supporting a team of scientists and mountaineers climbing Mount Vinson (5140 metres a.s.l., the highest elevation in Antarctica). He will be from around 15 December to around 10 January. He will use VP8PJ (his old callsign) exclusively on PSK-31 and 9V0A (special call) on CW and SSB. QSL route TBA. For more details, please visit http://www.sarts.org.sg and http://www.geocities.com/vk0ld/2003.html [TNX 9V1DX]

* Mike, GM0HCQ will be operating again as VP8CMH/MM from onboard the British Antarctic Survey ship "RRS James Clark Ross" and, all being well, from South Georgia (VP8SGK) and possibly from Signy Island (South Orkneys) as well. Full information will be available at http://www.gm0hcq.com before he departs on 20 January 2004 and a regular update should be available whilst he is away. [TNX GM0HCQ]
PACIFIC TOUR ---> Hrane, YT1AD (3D2AD) and Boban, YZ1AU (3D2YU) were active from the Fiji Islands for a few days before going and operate as T30M and T30Z from West Kiribati. Reportedly, they expect to be back to 3D2 for the ARRL 10 Meter Contest this weekend. Neither RTTY nor 160 metres will be used during this trip. QSL via home calls. [TNX VE3EXY]

PACIFIC TOUR ---> Sara, HA9SD and Eli, HA9RE will be active from Tuvalu (OC-015) on 1-18 January (callsign TBA) and from Tonga (OC-049) as A35RE from 20 January to 4 February. They plan to operate CW and SSB on 80, 40, 30, 20, 15 and 10 metres with two stations. QSL direct only via HA8IB ("against 2 new IRCs or 2 US$"). [TNX HA8IB]

ARRL 10-Meter Contest (13-14 December) ---> The following stations have announced their participation in this year's event:
* Shota, 4L6AM as Single Operator SSB. QSL via www.qrz.com
* Siso, HK3SGP (9H3GP) and other five operators from Malta as 9H9H.
* FY5FY as FY5KE (Single Operator SSB HP).
* Alan, VK8AV as VI8NT (CW only). QSL via VK6NE.
* K6LA as VY2TT (Single Operator HP Mixed) from Prince Edward Island. QSL via K6LA.
* WP4DX, NP4CQ, KP4SQ, NP4BV and others as WP4DX (M/S) from Puerto Rico. QSL via WP4F.
* Geoff, ZC4CW as ZC4T (Single Operator High Power, Mixed Mode) from the UK SBA on Cyprus. QSL via G3AB.
* Brazilian Scout Association Baependi (PY3UEB) as ZX3S. QSL via qrz.com

CAROLINA DX ASSOCIATION ---> At its Annual Meeting/Christmas Party on 6 December, the Carolina DX Association (http://www.cdxa.org/) elected the following officers for 2004: Ted Goldthorpe/W4VHF (President), Tom Wright/N4HN (Vice President), Jim Miller/K4SQR (Secretary/Treasurer), John Scott/K8YC (Editor), Joe Simpkins/K4MD (Cluster Manager), Paul Sturpe/W3GQ (Associate Cluster Manager), Wayne Setzer/WB4BXW (Webmaster). [TNX K8YC]

IR7LH ---> The latest activities were from the lighthouses at Punta San Cataldo (WAIL PU-007, ARLHS ITA-142) on 1, 15 & 21 November, and at Torre
Sant'Andrea (WAIL PU-006 and ARLHS ITA-170) on 6 December. QSL via IK7JWX.

PIRATE ---> Alex Skouridin, RW3AZ reports that he has been pirated on 15 metres. He is currently active on VHF/UHF only. A listing of pirate stations is maintained by Alberto, IT9MRM at http://www.mondoradiomania.tk

QSL MANAGER OFFERED ---> Anatoly Kopa, US7IID is willing to offer his services as a QSL Manager for someone in need. Please contact him at us7iid@mail.ru or P.O.Box 14, Kramatorsk, 84322, Ukraine.

QSL ZC4CW ---> Please note that this callsign has been reissued recently [425DXN 641] and the QSL route is via G3AB. Its former holder (G4JFI) is receiving direct cards for recent QSOs; he operated in the 1980s from Dhekelia and can only answer cards for that time.

QSL VIA RW3RN ---> Alex, RW3RN (http://www.tmb.ru/~i011f/service.html) is the new QSL manager for the July 2000 R3ARC/1 and R1NWS operations from EU-147. He has already received logs and QSL cards (direct and bureau) from the former QSL manager (UA3BZ).

QSL VIA SP6GVU ---> Andy, SP6GVU is the QSL manager for DU1/SQ9BOP and CE0Y/SQ9BOP (not for CE0Y/SP9EVP and CE0Y/SP9PT!). Cards can be sent either direct (Andrzej Kaleta, P.O. Box 498, 50-950 Wroclaw 2, Poland) or through the bureau. [TNX SP6GVU]

QSL VIA VA7DX ---> Neil VA7DX reports that the direct cards received for his 7P8NK and 3DA0WC operations are all up to date and have been sent by return mail. All remaining cards will be sent out via the bureau in January.

QSL VIA VK9NS ---> Jim, VK9NS reports that some 70% of his incoming QSL mail has insufficient postage for the rest of the world outside Asia and Oceania. Whereas one valid IRC will still cover air mail postage, one US dollar has been no longer enough for return postage for most of this year. Jim has tried to keep mail moving by either paying the extra out of his own pocket and clearing many cards by bulk mailing to Larry, AH8LG. However, this "catch-22 situation has to stop". In future Jim "will clear all cards with insufficient postage, no SAE and so on via the bureau system. For example my son Bruce will be here in February and I will clear everything 'on hand' to the RSGB Outgoing QSL bureau, he will take them back to the UK. Similarly I will hand carry any further cards to the RSGB system when I return on vacation to the UK later in the year. That will take care of things for the next six months". As for the endless multi Band/Mode and Multi log QSL routines, Jim is not suggesting that he needs a separate card for each QSO, but "there has to be just a moment of thought and consideration".

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*** NEWS FROM THE WEB ***

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CQ LOG: Oleg N. Silkin, RA3DCT has just released the new version of his shareware logging software, "CQ Log". He is also the author of "CQ Callbook". For further information please visit [http://www.cqlog.com/](http://www.cqlog.com/) or e-mail Oleg at ra3dct@cqlog.com

LOGS: Online logs for 3G2D (SA-086) are now available at [http://www.mdxc.org/logsearch1.asp](http://www.mdxc.org/logsearch1.asp) [TNX CE6TBN]

LOGS: Online logs for JY8YB, JY9QJ and JY8B are available at [http://www.qsl.net/dl5mby](http://www.qsl.net/dl5mby)

V8AQZ: The web page for Flo, V8AQZ is at [http://www.mdxc.org/v8aqz/](http://www.mdxc.org/v8aqz/) [TNX IZ8CGS]

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