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* TO ALL OUR READERS *
* WARMEST THOUGHTS AND BEST WISHES *
* FOR A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY *
* AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR *
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A5 - Dane, S57CQ/A52CQ [425DXN 658] has been in Bhutan since 25 December and will remain through 14 January. He plans to be active as much as he can on all bands; there is not any antenna for 160 metres, but he will try to use some wires. QSL via S57DX. [TNX S57DX]

FO_aus - Veko/OH1AWW, Jouko/OH1RX, Henri/OH3JR, Veijo/OH6KN and Kimmo/OH9MDV will be active from the Austral Islands on 5-19 January. They plan to operate on all bands CW, SSB and digital modes, with an emphasis on the low bands. [TNX The Daily DX]

I - The Amateur Radio Group of RAI (the Italian TV and Broadcasting Corporation) will operate (on 20, 40 and 160 metres) as II9RAI on 3-4 January to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first TV broadcasting. Special event stations II0RAI/# will be also active through January from different call areas. QSL via bureau to IK0ZRR.

KG4 - Bill, W4WX will operate (HF and 6 metres) as KG4DX from Guantanamo on 13-19 January. QSL direct to home call, or via LoTW. [TNX W4WX]

LU - Look for LU1EDX/D and LU8DCH/D to be active from Isla Martin Garcia (SA-055) on 27-28 December. They plan to operate on 10, 20, 40, 80 and 160 metres SSB, CW and digital modes. QSL direct or via bureau to LW2DVM. [TNX LU8DCH]

PJ6 - Joeke, PA0VDV will operate (only CW) as PJ6/PA0VDV from Saba (NA-145) from 24 January to 18 February. QSL via home call, direct (Joeke van der Velde, Delleburen 1, 8421 RP Oldeberkoop, The Netherlands) or through the bureau. [TNX PA0VDV]

PY - Emilio, PU5HAS will be active (only on 10 and 80 metres SSB) as PY5/PU5HAS from Mel Island (SA-047) on 15-17 January. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX PT7WA]

TI - Bob, KE0UI will be active as TI5/KE0UI from Costa Rica until 31 December. This is a low power operation with modest antennas; CW on

WARC bands is his be priority. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [TNX NG3K]

V5 - Hide, JM1LJS/JD1BLK will operate (on 40-10 metres SSB and CW) as V5/JD1BLK from Namibia from 29 December to 2 January. QSL via JM1LJS. Details can be found at http://radio-dream.com/v5/jd1blk/ [TNX JM1LJS]

VK9_ck - Ken, JA1CMD (N4XJ) has had to cancel his announced VK9CA operation from Cocos/Keeling [425DXN 657] owing to transportation problems beyond his control. [TNX K4ST]

W - K6KPH will be on the air (3545, 7050 and 14050 kHz) once again for the Straight Key Night this New Year's Eve. 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. QSLs and reception reports should be sent to Ms. D.A. Stoops, P.O. Box 381, Bolinas CA 94924-0381, USA. [TNX DL8AAM and W6AWO]

XF4 - The FMRE (Federacion Mexicana de Radioexperimentadores) bulletin has announced a DXpedition to Socorro Island (NA-030), Revillagigedo to start on 3 March for two weeks. The 95% of the paperwork is done and eight operators (namely XE1IH, XE1J, XE1AVM, XE1GRR, XE1KOF, XE1XR, XE1GLL and XE2ML) are expected to be active as XF4IH on all bands and modes. QSL route TBA. [TNX XE1KK]

YV - Jose, YV6BTF reports he will operate as YV6BTF/p from Chimana Grande (SA-090) during the weekend.

ZL - Jonathan, W1CU will operate again as ZL/W1CU from Waiheke Island (OC-201) from approximately 3 UTC to 23 UTC on 27 December. QSL via home call. [TNX W4DKS]

ZS - Columbine Radio Club of the Western Cape will commemorate the Battle of Blaauwberg (6 January 1806) by operating a special event station in the Blaauwberg area of the Cape Peninsula, Cape Town, South Africa. Look for ZS1BLO to be active on +/- 1835, 7065, 14165, 21165 and 28465 kHz from 18 UTC on 2 January to 12 UTC on the 4th. QSL to ZS1BLO, P.O. Box 180, Milnerton 7435, South Africa. Further information is available on the club website at http://www.qsl.net/zs1crc [TNX ZS1LVH]

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DANISH POSTAL RATES ---> Allis, OZ1ACB reports that as of 1 January 2004 the cost of a letter from Denmark to Europe will be Dkr. 6.00 (which is the current exchange rate for 1 USD), while from Denmark to outside Europe it will be Dkr. 7.00.

FATHER MORAN MEMORIAL STATION ---> Back in April 1998 [425DXN 363] Satish

Kharel (9N1AA) and Charles H. Harpole (K4VUD/9N7UD) began to establish a memorial club station in Father Moran's (9N1MM) memory and for the furthering of amateur radio in Nepal. Now Charles reports that their efforts are "on indefinite hold due to disturbed social and political conditions there. All radios and other gear and cash that was donated some years ago have been distributed to the existing licensed native 9N hams (cash used immediately upon donation to purchase needed items like coax and Morse keys, etc.). That gear will come back to a club station someday".

IOTA 2004 ---> IOTA 2004, the IOTA 40th Anniversary Awards Programme, starts on 1 January and will run through 31 December [425DXN 652]. A set of files for downloading, as well as full rules and a list of FAQ, are now available on the Chiltern DX Club Web pages at http://www.cdxc.org.uk (follow the IOTA 2004 links). Questions may also be sent direct to Don Field, G3XTT (don@g3xtt.com).

NEW WAZ AWARDS MANAGER ---> Effective 1 January 2004 Floyd Gerald, N5FG will succeed Paul Blumhardt, K5RT as CQ Worked All Zones (WAZ) Awards Manager. WAZ applicants are requested to refrain from sending applications to Floyd until 1 February, in order to allow for an orderly transition and transfer of records. After 1 February, WAZ applications and cards should be sent to Floyd Gerald, 17 Green Hollow Rd., Wiggins, MS 39577-8318, USA.

PIRATE ---> Martin, OK1RR reports that his callsign is often pirated as OK1RR/QRP on 40 metres CW by a pretty operator who gives "Jan" as his name and "nr Usti" as QTH. The genuine Martin Kradoska, OK1RR is from Prague, is a 30-50 wpm operator and never uses QRP equipment/call. [TNX IT9MRM]

QSL REPLIES FROM NEW ZEALAND ---> Ken Holdom, ZL4HU - the QSL manager for ZL8RI (May 1996), ZL9CI (January 1999) and ZL7C (October 2002) - and the Kermadec DX Association advise that whereas one IRC is still sufficient to cover return mail costs, with the very strong New Zealand Dollar the way it is at the present, one green stamp no longer covers the cost of Economy post replies to QSL cards. The Kermadec DX Association will respond directly to all requests posted to them before 1 January 2004 where there has been only one green stamp included. All cards mailed to them on and after 1 January 2004 which do not include sufficient for Ecomomy Class return mail will be replied to via the bureau. [TNX ZL4HU]

QSL TX4PG ---> Graham, M5AAV reports he has now received the logs and cards for the TX4PG (Marquesas) DXpedition and is in a position to handle BUREAU REQUESTS ONLY [425DXN 659]

QSL VK9XG ---> W0XG is receiving a lot of QSL cards (especially from Japan) for the recent VK9XG operation. Please note that the correct QSL route is via the operator himself, W0YG (direct only). [TNX W0YG]

QSL VIA N4AA ---> Carl, N4AA says he only has partial logs for 9N1AA. They are fairly complete for 1998 and 1999, but other dates are not available. As for HK3JJH, please note that N4AA is no longer handling ANY cards for Pedro. Cards should be sent direct only to Pedro J. Allina, P.O. Box 81119, Bogota, Colombia. [TNX QRZ-DX]

UA2 QSL BUREAU ---> Victor Loginov, UA2FM (ua2fm@gazinter.net) reports that on 6 December, during the UA2 annual meeting, Kalinigrad decided to start their own incoming QSL bureau (which means that they will stop receiving cards from the Moscow QSL bureau). The new address is: UA2 QSL Bureau, ROSTO Technical School, ul. Ozyornaya 31, Kaliningrad, 236029, Russia.

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TO4E: The TO4E team went QRT on 20 December around 20 UTC and arrived to Saint Denis (Reunion) in the late afternoon of the 21st. More than 34,000 QSO have been logged from Europa. On line logs for either TO4E and TO4WW are now available at http://europa2003.free.fr/ (they were "temporarily suspended" as they included a wild card call search feature which could affect QSLing integrity).
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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
4D71HBC	DU1HBC	FM5WD	W3HNK	RL3A	W3HNK
4M4C	YV4GLD	H7A	TI4SU	RM6A	W3HNK
4N25K	YU1SB	HG04HNY	HG4I	S21YY	JM1HXU
4V200H	HH2JR	HK3JCL	DK8LRF	T9/9A3GZ	9A3GZ (a)
4W2AQ	OM2AQ	IA0PS	IK0AIH	T9/9A3GZ	T98U (b)
5H9PD	W8FV	IR8DX	IK8VRH	TA2ZF	UT2UB
5T5HC	JA0HC	J41KID	SV1CEI	TT8XZ	N5XZ
5U7JB	ON5NT	JA6WFM/HI8	JA6VU	TU2CH	F6GWD
6Y5/4S7RO	G0IAS	K1D	W1DAD	TX4PG	I2YSB (a)
9J2HK	JP1RZS	KK2H/KH2	JL1UXH	TX4PG	M5AAV (b)
9L1BTB	SP7BTB	L20H	EA7FTR	TY4JM	ON4JM
9Q1MC	ON5SE	LT1F	AC7DX	UE3EDA	RZ3EC
A52CQ	S57DX	M0SDX	UT2UB	VK9LD	VK2GND
A7/G0MKT	NM7H	NP4A	W3HNK	VP8DBR	G0SWC
CE0Y/SQ9BOP	SP6GVU	OH9SCL	OH9UV	VU3VLH	OK1TN
CE3WTR	W3HC	OK8XB	M5BXB	VY2TT	K6LA
CN2MP	EA9AM	P40K	WM6A	WL7M	WD0M
CN8KD	EA5XX	PJ2T	N9AG	XQ3WTR	W3HC
CO8DM	KU9C	PX0F	PY5XX	YA1BV	JA1PBV

CO8HF	W0DM	PY0FT	JA1ELY	YA8G	LA4YW
CT3BX	HB9CRV	R0AEM	UA9XC	YI/PA5M	PA7FM
D2PFN	KK5DO	R0PA	DL5EBE	YM2ZF	UT2UB
DP1POL	DL1ZBO	R1AEM	UA9XC	YO3APJ	W9OL
DU1/SQ9BOP	SP6GVU	R1ANB	RU1ZC	ZK2SA	JH7OHF
ES5MC	W3HNK	R1FJL	UA3AGS	ZW0S	PS7JN
FJ5IF	F5TJP	RAEM	RV1AQ	ZW5SF	PP5CIT

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