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>>> 425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE, INDEX & MOST WANTED SURVEY <<<

The 425 DX News monthly edition (December issue) and the 425 DX News Index for 2003, both edited by Maurizio Bertolino (I1-21171/IZ1CRR), are now available at http://www.425dxn.org/, as well as the results of the 2004 Most Wanted EU Survey (1001 voters).

1A0 - Francesco/IK0FVC along with I0JBL, IK0FTA and IK0PRG have been active as 1A0KM from the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (SMOM) since 2 January. Operations will continue until 5 January. They have set up two stations, one will concentrate on 15 and 20 metres while the other should be active on the other bands (with an empahisis on the low and WARC bands). Logs are expected to be available at http://www.sixitalia.org/1a0km/1a0km2004.htm after the end of the activity. QSL via IK0FTA.
I (Mauro, I1JQJ) am neither a pilot station nor a team member, so please avoid inundating me with inquiries about operating schedules, etc. A special e-mail address (1a0km@sixitalia.org) has been activated: write your call sign in the subject line, use ASCII format only, do not send attachments of any sort, refrain from sending any particular band/mode activity requests and refrain from asking "am I in log?" until after on line logs are published.

3B9 - Robert/F5VHN and Eric/K3NA have joined the Five Star DXers Association's "Project Star Reach", the large-scale DXpedition to Rodrigues Island (AF-017) [425DXN 653]. A multinational team of 29 operators will be active on all bands and modes with up to fifteen high-power HF stations. Look for 3B9C to be QRV by 20 March; a gradual breakdown will start on 12 April, with the team due to leave the island on the 14th. Project Star Reach is seeking contributions from sponsors to help defray the costs of this DXpedition. For further information please visit http://www.fsdxa.com/3b9c

5V - Dany/F5CW, Franck/F4AJQ, Pascal/F5TVG, Pascal/F5JSD, Romain/F8BUI and Guenther/F5VHQ (OE5TGL) will be active as 5V7C from Lome, Togo on 6-12 March. They will operate on 160-6 metres CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via F5TVG (Franck Savoldi, P.O. Box 92, 94223 Charenton

Cedex, France). For further information please visit http://5v7c.free.fr/les_newsleng.htm or e-mail 5v7c@free.fr [TNX F5NQL]

9A - Milan, 9A4KF plans to operate from different locations in the Pakleni Islands (EU-016) during the weekends in January. Further information is available at http://www.inet.hr/9a6aa [TNX 9A6AA]

BY - Harri, OH6YF is in Beijing (BY1) until 12 January and plans to be active on the amateur radio bands. He says he will post more information on his web site (http://www.oh6yf.com).

C6 - Brian, ND3F will be active (on 10-80 metres CW, RTTY and SSB) as C6A/N3IQ from Abaco Island (NA-080), Bahamas on 2-10 January. QSL via ND3F. [TNX The Daily DX]

FG - Pierre, F6FXS will be active once again as FG/F6FXS from Guadeloupe (NA-102, DIFO FG-001) between 14 January and 13 February. He will operate on 40, 30 20, 15 and 10 metres CW only with 30 watts into a long wire antenna. Look for him every day from 13 to 14 UTC and again from 22 to 24 UTC. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX F5NQL]

FO_aus - OH3JR, OH1AWW, OH6KN, OH9MDV, OH1RX and OH1RX [425DXN 660] will be active from Tubuai (OC-152), Austral Islands on 6-18 January. They will operate CW (1822, 3503, 7008, 10108, 14008, 18068, 21008, 24898, 28008 kHz), SSB (1845, 3790, 7050, 14195, 18145, 21295, 24945, 28495 kHz) and some RTTY, with an emphasis on the low bands and QSOs with Europe and US East Coast. Their equipment will include 1/2 element verticals for the low bands and yagis for the higher bands; plans are to have 2-3 stations active. QSL via OH9MDV, either direct (Kimmo Rautio, Sieppotie 10 as 1B, 90650 Oulu, Finland) or through the bureau. The web site for the operation is at http://personal.inet.fi/private/pcf2004/ (on line logs will be available). [TNX OH6KN]

I - Alfredo, IK7JWX reports he will be signing IR7LH from various lighthouses during next weekend (3-4 January): Brindisi Lighthouse (WAIL PU-008, ARLHS ITA-107), Punta Torre Canne (WAIL PU-009, ARLHS ITA-150) and Brindisi/Casale (WAIL PU-015, ARLHS ITA-069). QSL via IK7JWX, bureau or direct. [TNX IK7JWX]

OX - Frank, DL2SWW and Ric, DL2VFR will be active as OX/homecalls from Maniitsoq (Sukkertoppen) Island (NA-220) from around 18 UTC on 23 April to around 18 UTC on 5 May. They will operate CW and SSB on as many bands as possible depending on propagation (no 6m activity is planned). QSL via home calls, bureau or direct. Further information is available at http://www.iota-expedition.com, where on line logs will be posted after the expedition. [TNX DL2VFR]

PA - ON6UM, ON4LO, ON4LN and ON4BAG will be active (SSB and digital modes) again from Schouwen Duiveland (EU-146) on 19 January. [TNX ON6UM]

V3 - Gerd/DJ4KW and Gisela/DK9GG will be active on 10-160 metres as V31YN (CW) and V31GW (RTTY) from Belize from 10 January through the end of February. On 2-6 February they will operate as V31YN/P (10-40 metres CW only) from Lighthouse Reef (NA-123). QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. Logs will be available at http://www.qsl.net/dj4kw and http://www.qsl.net/dk9gg [TNX The Daily DX]

XU - Hiroo, XW2A will be active as XU7AAA from Cambodia on 2-7 January.

QSL direct to P.O. Box 10003, Vientiane, Laos. [TNX JI6KVR]

XU - Peter, NO2R will be active as XU7ACY from Sihanoukville, Cambodia on 5-12 January. He will operate on 160, 80 and 40 metres exclusively. QSL via K2NJ. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

SOUTH SHETLANDS ---> Dominik, DL5EBE reports that Oleg, UA1PBA from Bellingshausen Station (R1ANF) has got verbal permission to operate again from the German Dallmann Laboratory on King George Island. Hopefully the call sign he used in 2003 (DP1ANF) will be issued again for an activity to take place in February-March.
There are also plans to operate from the Chilean Ardley Refuge (Ardley Island), which, according to Dominik, "in some listings appears as 'German Penguin Laboratory'". Actually this Antarctic refuge (originally established by the former German Democratic Republic and taken over by the Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research) was activated only once by DL7VTS as DP1KGI (January-February 1995) under the unofficial and fictitious name of "German Penguin Laboratory", before being transferred to the Chilean Antarctic Institute in February 1997 (see WABA Directory at http://www.ddxc.net). Further information on both the operations is expected in due course.
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6M BEACON ---> Danny Ponce, WP4F reports that WP4F/B is active around the clock on 50091 kHz with 5 watts and a 5/8 vertical antenna. Danny is the Sysop of "El Faro DX Cluster" in San Juan, Puerto Rico (telnet wp4f.dns2go.com port 23), as well as the QSL manager for WP4DX (ARRL 10 Meter Contest).

DXCC NEWS ---> DXCC Manager Bill Moore, NC1L reports that BQ9P (Pratas Island, 9-16 September 2003) has been approved for DXCC credit.

GERMAN POSTAL RATES ---> Rolf, DL6ZFG reports that effective 1 January the postage for a regular letter from Germany to extra-European countries is EUR 1.55 (it used to be 1.50), which is not loger covered by 1 US$.

QSL MANAGER SURVEY ---> This is a nomination process by DXers of the Top 5 QSL Managers with whom they have had dealing with in 2003. "The purpose of this voting is to give at least a small 'thank you' to the work performed by QSL managers around the world", John, K1XN says. "They do not receive enough praise for the work they perform, nor are they respected enough by the DXers who benefit from their work". Please send the call signs of the 5 Best QSL Managers (in your opinion) for 2003 to golist@golist.net; the results of this survey will be given to N4AA for inclusion in the QRZ-DX bulletin. The deadline for voting is 1 February. [TNX K1XN and The Golist]

QSL 1A0KM ---> The new QSL manager is IK0FTA (Sergio Roca, P.O. Box 7132, 00162 Roma Nomentano - RM, Italy). Requests without return postage, as well as those without a self-addressed envelope, will be processed, but cards will be sent via the bureau. Please refrain from sending QSLs for QSOs made in different years in the same envelope. QSL requests via e-mail will be ignored.

QSL 9H1PF & P29KPH ---> Bill, K5YG is no longer the QSL manager for 9H1PF and P29KPH. Cards for 9H1PF should be sent direct, for P29KPH QSL per operator instructions. Bill has a few cards left for those QSLing direct with return postage or a green stamp. [TNX N5FG]

QSL 9K2MU ---> Alan, WA4JTK would like to remind everyone that 9K2MU does not have any cards. QSLs are to be sent direct only to WA4JTK, who processes the requests as soon as logs are recieved from Kuwait. All cards are up to date as of 12 November 2003.

QSL 9K9A ---> There was some confusion before, but it has been sorted out and, effective immediately, Tim/N9NU will be handling QSL duties for 9K9A (contest call for 9K2AI). Cards can be sent either direct (Tim Dickerson, 900 Vincent Drive, Sandwich, IL 60548, USA) or via the bureau. Tim is the QSL manager also for KH6XT, 9K2AI, A92GE and YB0GJS (on line logs at http://www.n9nu.net/logsearch/logsearch.php); he has two additional slots open if anyone needs a manger. [TNX N9NU]

QSL 9V0A & VP8PJ ---> Alan, VK4AAR is receiving e-mails and cards for 9V0A and VP8PJ simply because he is the manager for 9V1DX (the same operator in each case). Please note that the QSL routes for these operations have not been announced yet. "I will hold any cards that come to me for either of these Antarctic operations", Alan says, "and will honour them if I get the job". 9V1DX is expected to post the QSL information on his web page (http://www.geocities.com/vk0ld/1.html) when he returns to Singapore in a couple of weeks. [TNX VK4AAR]

QSL EU-166 ---> Alfio, IT9EJW reports that all of the direct requests received so far for IT9EJW/P, IT9HLN/9 and IK8PGM/9 from Pietra di Patti (IIA ME-030, August 2003) have been processed and mailed.

QSL FO/IT9YRE ---> Nando, IT9YRE reports that the direct cards for Maria Island (OC-264) will be mailed starting on 3 January, to let island chasers receive them before the IOTA annual update deadline.

QSL TO4E & TO4WW ---> It will take a while before the cards are printed, so please be patient. Didier, F5OGL (the QSL manager for either TO4E and TO4WW) is receiving countless e-mails concerning errors in the on-line logs. Didier would like to assure the DX community worldwide that each QSL request will be scrutinized carefully and if gross logging mistakes are detected, they will be corrected. [TNX La Gazette du DX]

QSL VK4WWI/P ---> Johan, PA3EXX reports that the QSL cards for his recent operation from Cato Reef (OC-265) are likely to be available in February. A few pictures and on-line logs are available at http://home.tiscali.nl/~su042021/

QSL VIA LY2MM ---> Al, LY2MM reports that effective immediately he will no longer be able to receive any 4L1AE, 4L1W and 4L5T bureau cards, as the Lithuanian ARS now makes a charge for QSL management. "Direct QSLs are and will be processed promptly", he says, "but please, do not send any card through the Lithuanian QSL bureau".

SURVEY ---> Jose, CT1EEB is carrying out an informal survey on the current band needs (160-6 metres) for Timor Leste (4W), Angola (D2), Sao Tome (S9), Mozambique (C9), India (VU). Let Jose know by e-mail (zemurtosa@mail.telepac.pt) what bands you still need for these DXCC Entities.

WAIL ---> For information on the Worked All Italian Lighthouses Award please visit http://www.425dxn.org/awards/wail/ or http://www.ari.it/wail.html, or contact the Award Manager (Paolo Garavaglia, IK1NLZ) at ik1nlz@425dxn.org.

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1A0KM: On line logs for QSOs made with 1A0KM between 1994 and 1998 are available at http://www.qsl.net/ik0hbn/log.htm; for QSOs made in the year 2000 please visit http://www.sixitalia.org/1a0km/1a0km.htm

DX SPOTS: Rod Elliott, VE3IRF has collected the DX spots from the OH2AQ Web Cluster since January 1997. The collection - from January 1997 up to Novembrer 2003 - is available at http://www.425dxn.org/dxspots/.

UARL: UARL Secretary Vladimir I. Vakatov, UT1WA reports that http://www.uarl.com.ua is no longer the URL for the Ukrainian Amateur Radio League web site.

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QSLs received direct or through managers: 3C0V, 3DA0TM, 3G1P (SA-085), 3XD02/P (AF-051), 4W2A, 4W2DN, 4W3DX, 5R8HA/P, 5W0UU, 5Z4BK, 7Q7CE, 7W4HI (AF-094), 7Z1SJ, 9K2MU, 9Y4/DL1MGB, A25AN, A35WG, A41MA/P (AS-112), A43GI (AS-119), A45WD, A52SM, A61AJ, BQ9P, C56TA, CY9A, D44TT, D4B, ET3PMW, EY8MM, FG/EA2RY, FO/DF6IC, FO/DL3GA, FO/G35WH/P, FO5QB (OC-046), FY5KE, HU1M/3 (NA-190), J5UAT/P (AF-020), J8DX, JD1YAB, KH8/N5OLS, KM9D/KH8 (OC-200), MD4K, OA4BR, P29KM, P29KM/P, PT0F, PY0FF, RA6AU, RI1CGR (EU-133), RW6AWT, S9SS, SU9BN, SX9G (EU-187), T21MY, T32Z, T88ZX, UE1RRC/1 (EU-119), V63SXW, V63ZT, VK9CD, VK9XW, VP9/IK2RZP, VQ9LA, VU2RCR, WH2A, YA1BV, YJ0ONM, Z22JE.

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| 17/04-18/04 | GX4NOK/P: Inner Farne Island (EU-109) | 657 |
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