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>>> 425 DX NEWS TROPHY <<<

The 425DXN survey for the best DXpedition in 2003 is up and running at http://www.425dxn.org/trophy_2003/. Fourteen DXpeditions have been selected (3C0V, AH3D, BQ9P, CY9A, S05X, ST0RY, T31MY, TO4E, TS7N, TX4PG, TZ6RD, VK9CD, VP6DIA and XZ7A) and the Trophy will be presented to the winner during a DX Convention (to be defined). Donations EXCLUSIVELY for the Trophy are welcome and gratefully accepted, the calls and names of the donors will be engraved on the trophy and listed on the website.

3DA0 - ZS5WC, ZS6RAD, ZS5ABD and ZS5WI are active on all bands as 3DA0DX from Swaziland until 28 January. QSL via ZS5WI. [TNX The Daily DX]

4S - A group of the LARC (Lufthansa Amateur Radio Club) will be in Sri Lanka from March 3rd to 8th. They will be operating all bands in SSB and CW. If possible, Rudi DK7PE will try some 160m, depending on the antennas possible. Operators will be Frank (DJ3FK), Bernd (DK7TF), Karl (DL4FP) and (Rudi) DK7PE. [TNX DK7PE]

8R - Olli, EA4BQ/OH0XX will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest (21-22 February) as 8R1K from Guyana. Before and after the contest he will operate CW as 8R1RPN mainly on 80 & 160 metres and on the WARC bands. QSL to Olli Rissanen, Calle Ciguela, 331, 28729 Venturada, Madrid, Spain. [TNX EA4BQ/OH0XX]

9L - Massimo, 9L1MS reports that he now plans to operate from Banana Island (AF-037) on 25 January.

9Y - Walter/DL8JS, Ulla/DF6QP, Alfons/DJ8VC, Eberhard/DJ8OT and Hannelore/DH5JR will be active as 9Y4/homecall from Tobgo (SA-009) from 26 January to 14 February. They expect to operate on 14277, 21377 and 28377 kHz between 9 and 18 local time. QSL via home calls through the DARC bureau. [TNX DX News Letter]

DL - Gerhard, DL3NBL will be active as TA/DL3NBL/P from Ucadalar Island (AS-099) on 7-14 March. He plans to operate on all bands mainly SSB. QSL via home call. [TNX DL3NBL]

FH - Maurice, FH/F6AIG is currently active from Petite Terre, Mayotte (AF-027) and can be found around 17 UTC on +/- 14130 kHz.

FM - Fabrice, F5FUA will be active as FM/F5FUA/p from Sainte Marie,

Martinique (NA-107, DIFO FM-001) on 3-24 February. Look for him on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres (modes not provided) at 11-13 UTC and again at 22-24 UTC daily. QSL via home call through the REF bureau. [TNX F5NQL]

GM - Hans, DJ6AU is active as MM0XAU from the Shetland Islands (EU-012) until the end of March. His preferred frequencies are 18130 and 14270 kHz. [TNX DX News Letter]

H4 - Bernard, DL2GAC is again active as H44MS from the Solomon Islands. He reports he does dot plan to leave his current QTH (Honiara on Guadalcanal Island, OC-047) "in the near future". He currently operates barefoot on 10-80 metres SSB with a windom antenna. QSL via home call. [TNX DL2GAC]

J2 - Rene, DL2JRM will be active as J20RM from Djibouti on 22-30 January (maybe one week longer), CQ 160 Meter Contest included. He hopes to be able to go and operate from Moucha Island (AF-053) during his stay. QSL via DL2JRM. Further information at http://www.qsl.net/dl2jrm [TNX DL2JRM]

J7 - Lars, SM0CCM will be active again as J73CCM from Dominica (NA-102) between 5 February and 4 March. He will operate on 160-6 metres mostly CW, with some RTTY and PSK. QSL via home call, preferably through he bureau. Direct cards should include 2 USD or 1 IRC. [TNX SM0CCM]

JA - Look for JA6PSE (on SSB and RTTY, operator JI5USJ) and JA6PSI (CW only, operator JI5RPT) to be aired on 160-10 metres from Takara Shima (JIIA AS-049-012, WLH-0884), Tokara Islands (AS-049) from 24 February to 2 March. QSL JA6PSE via JI5USJ (bureau or direct), QSL JA6PSI via JI5RPT (bureau or direct). The web site for the operation is at http://www.aa.alpha-net.ne.jp/ji5rpt/as-049/ [TNX JI6KVR]

PJ2 - Look for Steve, G0CKP to be active on all bands, mostly CW as PJ2/G0CKP from Curacao (SA-006) on 23-31 January, including an entry as PJ2S during the CQ WW 160 Meter Contest. QSL via home call. [TNX G0CKP]

SV - Kostas, SV1DPI will participate in the BARTG RTTY Contest (24-25 January) as SX1A. QSL via SV1DPI: Kostas Stamatis, Electrical Engineer, P.O.Box 66, 30100 Agrinio, Greece. [TNX SV1DPI]

V8 - Jim/G3RTE, Phil/G3SWH and Ray/HS0ZDZ (G3NOM), in association with Greg/V85GD, will be mounting a DXpedition to Negara Brunei Darussalam (Brunei, OC-088) between 8 and 15 March. The main operation will take place from the QTH of Greg, V85GD under the special callsign of V8JIM. A single operator entry will also be made in the RSGB's Commonwealth Contest using the special callsign of V8NOM. Activity is planned for all bands from 160 to 10 metres and will include CW, SSB and digital modes. Propagation permitting, plans are to have three stations on the air for as many hours every day as is possible. QSL V8JIM via G3SWH, QSL V8NOM via GM4FDM. Sponsorship and donations will be gratefully accepted. [TNX G3SWH]

VP5 - Look for VP5/HA5JI, VP5/VE3NZ and VP5/VE3NE to be active from the Turks & Caicos Islands until 29 January. They will participate in the CQ WW 160 Meter CW Contest as VP5JI. All QSLs via HA8FW, direct or bureau. [TNX HA0HW]

W - From 7 to 19 local time on 1 February the Nacogdoches Amateur Radio Club (W5NAC) will run two special event stations to honour the crew of the Space Shuttle Columbia as well as the numerous volunteers

(more than 350 volunteer amateur radio operators) and agencies involved in the recovery effort. Further information at http://www.andersoft.com/narc

XE - After three unsuccessful attempts due to rough seas, Yves/F5TYY, Andre/F6AOI, Bernard/F9IE and Alain/F6BFH were finally able to land and log around 1300 QSOs as XF1/homecalls from Las Tres Marietas (NA-189). On 23 January they went and operate from Pena Blanca in the Colima/Michoacan State group. From both these locations they used car batteries during their daylight hours only, as neither generators nor overnight stays are permitted on these bird sanctuaries. The group will be back to Mexico City on 24 January; on the 26th they expect to leave for the XE3 call area and their first stop should be Ciudad del Carmen on Carmen Island (NA-135). QSL via home calls. [TNX XE1L and La Gazette du DX]

ZC4 - The CQ WW 160 Meter Contest ZC4A operation [425DXN 663] has been cancelled owing to "unforeseen difficulties". It is possible that ZC4CW may be active. [TNX 5B4AGC]

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CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (24-24 January) ---> The following stations have announced their participation in this year's event:

* BW3/JD1BKQ as Single Operator, Low Power from Taiwan. QSL via JR3PZW.
* DL6FBL and DL8WPX as DL6FBL (Multi-Single). This will be a Winter Field Day on an airfield; further information at http://www.dl6fbl.de/dl6fbl/cq160
* Nodir, EY8MM (http://www.qsl.net/ey8mm) as a Single Operator entry. QSL via K1BV.
* Rick, K6VVA as KP2CW from the U.S. Virgin Islands. QSL via home call.
* DK2OY and DK6WL as LX5A (Multi-Single) from Luxembourg. QSL via LX1RQ.
* DL4SDW, DL8SCG and LX2AJ as LX7I (M/S) from Luxembourg. QSL via LX2AJ.
* G4XUM, G0HSS and M0BEW as MD4K from the Isle of Man. QSL via G3NKC.
* K1ZM, WW2Y, K2WI and VK6VZ as VY2ZM from Prince Edward Island, Canada. QSL via K1ZM.
* Stan, OK1JR (YB0AJR) as YE0X from Jawa, Indonesia. QSL via the YB bureau.
* Kas, YI9ZF (YL1ZF) from Iraq. QSL via SM1TDE. The on-line log at www.qsl.net has been updated with the first 4000 QSOs.

Give a look to the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at http://www.ng3k.com.

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>>> DXCC RULE CHANGE <<<

At its January meeting, the ARRL Board of Directors removed paragraph 1.c) ("The entity has a separate IARU member-society") from the DXCC Rules criteria for determining a DXCC entity. This provision, implemented in 1998 as part of the DXCC 2000 Program, had provided that "An entity will be added to the DXCC List as a political entity if it [...] has a separate IARU member-society." Since then, the rule has allowed for the addition of four new DXCC entities and the retention of one existing entity. Unfortunately, the provision also had the unintended consequence of stimulating applications for IARU membership that do not further the objectives of the IARU, creating an unfortunate and unnecessary administrative burden. The rule change will have no effect on entities created by or as the result of the rule. According to DXCC Rule II, 5. C), "A change in the DXCC criteria shall not affect the status of any entity on the DXCC List at the time of the change." The other two criteria for the determination of a political entity for DXCC continue in effect: 1.a) "The entity is a UN member-state." and 1.b) "The entity (except international organizations) has been assigned a call sign prefix block by the ITU." The Board resolved to amend the DXCC rules by deleting IARU membership as a basis for determining a "political entity."

ANTARCTICA ACTIVITY WEEK ---> The Worldwide Antarctic Program has announced that the first Antarctica Activity Week will be held from 22 through 28 February. The aim of this annual event is to promote worlwide interest in the Antarctic continent; stations operating from the various Antarctic bases, as well as special event stations from the rest of the world, are expected to take part in the AAW. An award will be issued for contacts made during the activity week. Further information will be available at http://www.ddxc.net/wap

IOTA ANNUAL UPDATE ---> IOTA enthusiasts are reminded that the last date for mailing applications or updates to checkpoints for inclusion in the 2004 Honour Roll and other performance tables is 1 February 2004. If postmarked after that date, they will be processed in the normal way but the scores will be held over to the following year's listing. Listing in the 2004 tables will be restricted to those members who have updated their scores since February 1999.

OPERATORS NEEDED ---> Charles "Frosty" Frost, K5LBU is looking for at least four more operators (one for SSB and three for CW) to join a team heading to Swaziland for a 10-day DXpedition in mid-March. If interested please contact Frosty (frosty1@pdq.net) as soon as possible. [TNX K5LBU]

QSL 5N0W ---> Vaclav Voldrich, OK1DXE reports that his work assignment at the Czech Embassy in Nigeria ended at the end of 2003. He operated as 5N0W and 5N0HVC [425DXN 623] and he expects to send the first QSL cards in a few days' time. In the past 5N0W was also used by David, OK1RK, and many sources still give him as QSL route. Please note that cards for contacts made with 5N0W from 1 July 2000 should go to OK1DXE, direct or bureau. [TNX OK1DXE]

QSL 9V0A ---> Alan, VK4AAR reports he has been asked to manage the QSL cards for Alan's (9V1DX) recent activity as 9V0A from Patriot Hills. "Cards will not be ready for a little while", VK4AAR says, "as the operator is now headed

to Africa on work for a couple of weeks and still has to get his log ready for me on his return". QSL direct only to Alan Roocroft, P.O. Box 421, Gatton 4343, Australia. As for return postage, Alan says that although "our Aussie dollar is still getting stronger against the US dollar", greenstamps are "still the preferred way, as IRCs can be a problem".

QSL FM/T93Y ---> Boris, T93Y reports that all direct, bureau and E-mail requests have been processed. More information about this contest DXpedition, including detailed information how to QSL to Bosnia Herzegovina, is available at http://www.t93y.com/fm2003 Bureau cards requests are welcome at fm2003@t93y.com

QSL UA0ZAL/p ---> A few days ago George, UY5XE received from UA0ZC the logs for UA0ZAL/p (AS-039, October 2001). George expects to have cards printed by mid-February. His address is George A. Chlijanc, P.O. Box 19, Lviv 79000 Ukraine. [TNX UY5XE]

QSL VQ9JC ---> Jim, WB9IHH is in the Merchant Marine and currently on a ship at McMurdo Base, Antarctica. He has been on the ship since March 2003, which covers five operations as VQ9JC (April, June, July, August/September and November 2003), and Jim will not be home until April at the earliest and possibly May. Jim is aware that "a huge box full of QSLs" is waiting for him, but it take him a bit of time once he gets home to get through the logs and QSLs. [TNX W7IAN]
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EUROPA: Jean-Michel Duthilleul, F6AJA, Editor of "Les Nouvelles DX", has written an article on Europa Island which features a complete set of 18 QSL cards used for past operations from this DXCC Entity. Go to "published articles" at http://LesNouvellesDX.free.fr [TNX F6AJA]

LOGvrr: The new version of LOGvrr 2.6 by Roberto Vendrame, IN3VRR (in3vrr@despammed.com) is downloadable for free at http://www.qsl.net/in3vrr

YO DX HF CONTEST: The results of the 2003 event are now available at http://www.hamradio.ro/contests/yodxhf2003/ [TNX N2YO]

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3Z0CWZ	SP9PTG	ED7IZ	EA7HBC	RK9QWZ	RW9QA
4J1S	UA3FDX	ET3TK	OK1CU	SU9AM	W3BH
4K1V	UA3FDX	EW6GF	DL8KAC	SU9HP	SM0CFO
4K50V	UA3FDX	FM5WE	K3PD (a)	T20RE	HA8IB
4K51V	UA3FDX	FO/OH6KN	OH9MDV	T32Z	K3PD (a)
4K52V	UA3FDX	FS/W3ARS	N3TOG	T88RZ	K3PD (a)
4K53V	UA3FDX	H44MS	DL2GAC	TA3DD	K3PD
4K60AA	UA3FDX	HA2004EU	HA5XXA	TJ1GA	IK2AQZ
4K7DWZ	UA3FDX	HA2004UNI	HA6QT	TYA11	W9OL (g)
4K7Z	UA3FDX	HC1HC	NE8Z	UA9C/UA9QDK	RW9QA
4L1UN	RW6HS	HC1MD	K8LJG	UA9CKN	N9NU
4U1WB	KK4HD	HF0QF	SP7IWA	UA9QDK	RW9QA
4X6HP	EA7FTR	HH2SJR	K3PD	UA9QFF	RW9QA
5B/G3PMR	5B4AHJ	HR1LW	JA1LW	UK8GK	RW6HS
5H3HWB	DL7UKT	HZ1AB	K8PYD	V25A	W9NJB
5Z4HT	DJ1MS	II0RAI/#	IK0ZRR	V25CH	W2CH
6W1RD	EA7FTR	IR7LH	IK7JWX	V25VY	G4BVY
6W7FZ	DK6ZZ	J48TTT	SV8CYR	V26OY	KF8OY
8P6SH	KU9C	JW0HZ	SQ5TA	V31GW	DK9GG
9G5BF	OE6LAG	K1M	K3PD (b)	V31YN	DJ4KW
9J2BO	G3TEV	K1O	K3PD (c)	VK3FPF/4	OE3MZC
9N7YJ	LA5YJ	K3Y	K3PD	VP5FEB	K3PD
9Q0AR	SM5BFJ	KB4ATV/4S7	W9OL (d)	VP8KF	G3VPW
9V0A	VK4AAR	KC3TL	K3PD	XQ6ET	W8UVZ
9V1YC	N5ID	KG4AS	N4SIA	XT2OP	VE4JOP
9Y4SF	WA4JTK	KY3ORK	K3PD	XU7ACW	LA5YJ
A35RE	HA8IB	LU1DZ/L	EA3RE	XV2M	SP5JTF
A71MA	K3PD	LZ35ZF	LZ1ZF	YA1BV	JA1PBV
A92GQ	N9NU	MI0YJR	LA5YJ	YA1CQ	JA1CQT
AM4NET	EA4URE	N0R	K3PD (e)	YA8G	LA4YW
C21HC	DL9HCU	OH0B	OH2BH	YB0ECT	K5ZE
CE6TBN/8	N1IBM	OH0R	OH2PM	YI9DAZ	M1DAZ
CE9R	CE3HDI	OX3SA	K3PD (f)	YO2LEA	K3PD
CU3DJ	K3PD	OY3QN	OZ1ACB	YS1MAE	W3HNK
CX7CO	SM5KCO	PJ2MI	W2CQ	YU9VK	HA0HW
D2BB	W3HNK	PR0F	W5SJ	Z22JE	K3PD
EA0JC	EA4URE	R3ARS/3	RA3AKF	ZL1CT/4	N3SL
ED5VDG	EA5XQ	RK3DZJ/3	RA3DEJ	ZS6Y	KK3S

(a) 2000 and after
(b) December 2001
(c) December 1999
(d) 4-8 April 1984
(e) December 2003
(f) 1998 and after
(g) 19-21 June 1981

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