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The ST0RY expedition to Sudan (March-April 2003) has been voted the 425 DX News DXpedition of the Year for 2003. Full results of this survey can be found at http://www.425dxn.org/trophy_2003/

>>> 425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE <<<

The 425 DX News monthly edition (February issue),edited by Maurizio Bertolino (I1-21171/IZ1CRR), is now available for free downloading in either.pdf or .doc formats at http://www.425dxn.org/monthly/. In this issue you can find a report with pictures on XF1K's operations from Parajos Island (NA-166); a large number of pictures about FK/AC4LN (Belep, OC-079), V63MB (Mog, OC-078), H44VV (Nggela, OC-158), P29VVB (Karkar, OC-258), II0RAI, OA4/F6BUM (SA-010), TO4E and Z38M, as well as the usual features and much more.

3B9 - Robert, 3B9FR will join the 3B9C team as a full member, taking time off work to be a part of the upcoming all-band all-mode DXpedition [425DXN 661], which is due to start around 20 UTC on 19 March. Full details on the operation can be found on the expedition's most comprehensive web site at http://www.fsdxa.com/3b9c (shorcut www.3b9c.com). See also 3B9C Trophies, 3B9C Video, Contacting 3B9C and QSL 3B9C in the "Good To Know" section below.

4U_un - 4U1UN plans to be active on 12 March. Activity will be on 10-80 metres, depending on propagation, primarily CW, with some SSB and PSK, and possible QRV on 60m (SSB) late in the afternoon (NY time). The operators will be Theo, PB7CW and Henry, KT1J (PA0AFN). The QSL route given for this activity is via HB9BOU (direct or bureau). [TNX KA2RTD]

5H - Eric, SM1TDE will be active as 5H3/SM1TDE from Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania on 4-18 April. He plans to operate barefoot mainly CW on the WARC bands, with some RTTY and a little SSB on the other bands as well. There might be a side trip to Zanzibar (AF-032) during the second week. QSL via SM1TDE, direct or bureau. [TNX SM1TDE]

9G - Rob, PA3DEW and Vincent, PA3FQX are currently active as 9G1AA from

Dormaa Hospital in Ghana. Look for them around 17 UTC on +/- 14140 kHz. QSL via PA3ERA, direct or bureau. [TNX PA3AWW]

C6 - Joe/W8GEX, Wayne/K8LEE, Mike/K9AJ and Phil/W9IXX will operate as C6DX from Double Headed Shot Cay (NA-219), Bahamas on 25-29 March. They plan to operate on all bands and modes with at least two stations and to be QRV also during the CQ WPX SSB Contest. QSL via K9AJ. The web page for the operation is at http://www.wb8xx.com/c6dx2004.htm. This most wanted IOTA group was activated only once back in October 2000 by W5BOS/C6A, whose operation was cut short by bad weather. [TNX The Daily DX]

DL - Look for Andy, DL4OK/p will be active from Staberhuk Lighthouse (ARLHS FED-226) on Fehmarn Island (EU-128) on 18-25 March. He will operate on 10-80 metres CW and SSB. QSL via bureau. [TNX www.islandchaser.com]

EI - Eleven special event stations (EI25CY, EI25ES, EI25HA, EI25LY, EI25ML, EI25OK, EI25OM, EI25SL, EI25SP, EI25YL and IRTS's HQ station as EI25EU) will be activated from Ireland on 1-2 May to celebrate the enlargement of the European Union to 25 members. The Irish Radio Transmitters Society (IRTS) is issuing an award for amateurs (and for SWLs on a heard basis) who work these stations; full information will be published in the next issue of the 425 DX News Magazine. [TNX EI7CC]

HB0 - HA5AUC (Pista), HA5BWW (Ed), HA5OJ (Pisti) and HA7PC (Karcsi) will operate as HB0/homecall/P from Masescha (1350m asl), Liechtenstein on 1-8 April. They will be active with two stations on 160-10 metres CW with some SSB. QSLs via home calls, direct or bureau. They will also try to operate on 144 and 432 MHz, CW and SSB, as HB0/HA5KHC/P (QSL via HA5KHC, direct or bureau). [TNX HA5BWW]

HB9 - The Swiss Amateur Radio Club (USKA) celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2004 and special callsign HB75A will be aired throughout the year to mark this event. QSL via HB9A. [TNX HB9AAP]

HR - Henry (HR2H), Gustavo (LU1DY/HR), Cesar (HR2P), Carlos (HR2SB), Antonio (HR2AHC) and Manuel (HR5MJC) plan to operate as HR2RCH/3 from Cayos Cochinos (NA-160) from 22 UTC on 20 March to 6 UTC on the 22nd. Look for activity on 40, 20 and 15 metres SSB. They may also operate PSK-31, MFSK-16 and Hellschreiber on 20m. QSL via HR2AHC. [TNX VA3RJ]

HS - Charles, K4VUD will be active again as HS0ZCW from Thailand from around 7 May to around 15 August. He will operate on neither the WARC bands (not allowed in Thailand) nor 80 and 160 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX K4VUD]

I - Special event station II6CC will be operated on all bands and modes by ARI Ancona and ARI Senigallia from 6 UTC on 15 April to 22 UTC on the 18th. QSL via IZ6FUQ. Requests for direct cards with special cancellation for philatelists can be sent to Sezione ARI di Ancona, P. O. Box 122, Via dell'Artigianato, 60100 Ancona - AN, Italy before 14 May (please enclose 1 EUR or 1 USD). For further information please visit http://web.tiscali.it/stefanocatena/ii6cc.htm or e-mail ii6cc@tiscali.it [TNX IZ6FUQ]

JA - Nine operators will be active (on 160-6 metres CW, SSB and digital modes) as JO1ZZZ/3 from Awaji Island (AS-117) on 20-21 March. QSL via JO1ZZZ (bureau) or JL3SIK (direct). [TNX The Daily DX]

JA - Yoshiro, JA1AMP will be active as JA1AMP/6 from Tarama Island

(AS-079) on 9-11 April. He plans to operate on 40-6 metres CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via bureau or direct to JL3SIK. [TNX JA1AMP]

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KH6 - Goffredo, KH6/I0TWA and Max, KH6ZM will be QRV for Europe through the end of March at 4-6 UTC on 7005/7007 kHz, at 6-7.30 UTC on 14014 or 14195 kHz and at 7 UTC on 10110 kHz. [TNX I0MWI]

KL - Roger, WL7CPA will be active until 31 December 2006 from Unalaska Island (NA-059), Alaska, where he now lives. Further information at http://www.geocities.com/wl7cpa. [TNX VA3RJ]

LU - Look for LU2XX (Radio Club Rio Grande, http://www.qsl.net/lu2xx/) to be active from Tierra del Fuego (SA-008) from 28 March to 2 April. QSL via LU8XQB. [TNX LU1XS]

PA - Look for PA3EEQ and PA0XAW to operate (on 40 and 20 metres SSB and CW) from Den Helder Lighthouse (NET-005) on 20 March. QSL via bureur or direct. Information on the "Dutch Lighthouse Award" can be found at http://www.qsl.net/pi4alk [TNX PA0XAW]

SV - Charles, KE2SP will be active on 10-20 metres as SV8/KE2SP from Hydra (EU-075) until 15 June. QSL via home call. [TNX VA3RJ]

T30 - Rolf, DK2ZF had to cancel his 9-15 March trip to Nauru [425DXN 670] and is currently active as T30ZF from Tarawa, Western Kiribati. QSL direct to home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

T33 - Alan Eshleman, K6SRZ confirms that T33C should start operations from Banaba by April 4 or 5 [425DXN 668]. All of the equipment that was shipped from Europe has now cleared Kiribati customs and is ready for transfer to Te Taobe, the boat that will take the team from Tarawa (T30) to Banaba. T33C's likely operating frequencies are now posted on http://www.dx-pedition.de/banaba2004/. The operators are aware that there will be other DXpeditions on the air at the same time. For that reason, their frequencies may change from time to time. To prevent overlap and confusion with other operations, they will try to maintain splits and spreads that do not conflict. As soon as the operators establish a reliable PACTOR link, they will send daily logs and bulletins to the web site. However, "if there is any doubt whether or not you are our log", they say, "please work us again". All logs will be refreshed upon their return to Tarawa on 18 April. The pilot stations will be:

Europe	Martino, IK3RIY (ik3riy@libero.it)
West Coast NA	Larry, N7DF (n7df@yahoo.com)
East Coast NA	Woody, KQ4NW (kq4nw@rbnet.com)
Asia	Toshi, JA1ELY (ja1ely@bb.mbn.or.jp)
Oceania	Gary, KH6GMP (kh6gmp@hawaii.rr.com)
South America:	Daniel, PT7BI (MiltomMoutinho@aol.com) and Freddy, PY3YD (py3yd@radioamador.com)

W - Look for Dick, K2ZR/4 to be active on 40-10 metres from Key West

(NA-062) until 1 June. QSL via home call. [TNX VA3RJ]

W - Brad, NL7AU will be active from Upper Matecombe Key (NA-062) until 31 December. QSL via home call. [TNX VA3RJ]

W - Lee/K1NT and Marvin/AG5I will operate special event callsigns K5O and K5K mobile during the Oklahoma QSO Party (13-14 March). QSL via KW5DX. [TNX K1NT]

W - St. Georges Reef (NA-184) and Lighthouse (ARLHS USA-793) will be activated by WA6LUT and K0NW from 30 April to 2 May. The call sign will be WA6LUT and plans are to operate primarily on SSB on the usual IOTA frequencies. QSL to WA6LUT. [TNX K0NW]

XU - Jack/ON4AJT (XU7AJV) and Wim/ON6TZG (XU7TZG) [425dxn 657] will be active as XU7POS from Koh Poah (AS-133) from 12 March until the local morning of the 15th. [TNX JI6KVR]

YA - Club station YA0J is expected to participate in the CQ WPX SSB Contest (27-28 March) as a Multi Operator entry. Activity might be limited, as it will depend on the operators' work schedules. QSL via JG1OWV. [TNX JG1OWV]

YU - YU0HST is a special call issued to celebrate the IV European and IARU Region I High Speed Telegraphy Championships in the city of Nis. QSL via YU1AST (P.O. Box 76, 18106 Nis, Serbia and Montenegro). [TNX 4N1JA]

ZB - Steve, G0SGB will be active as ZB/G0SGB/p from the Europa Point Lighthouse (ARLHS GIB-001), Gibraltar on 20-21 March. He also plans to operate the other four lighthouses in Gibraltar during this time period. QSL via home call. [TNX VA3RJ]

PACIFIC TOUR ---> A35DH (QSL via DH3WO), A35DJ (QSL via DJ2HD) and A35DA (QSL via DL5DAN) will operate from Fafa Island (OC-049), Tonga on 15-29 March. Look for activity on 10-80 metres (but not on 30m) SSB, RTTY and PSK31. The team will then move to the Northern Island of New Zealand (OC-036) and operate as ZL/DH3WO, ZL/DL5DAN and ZL/DJ2HD and maybe other islands and/or lighthouses for two weeks. QSL via home calls. [TNX The Daily DX]

>>> ANTARCTIC OPERATIONS (*) <<<

ANTARCTICA - Paul, UX2HO is again active as EM1HO from Akademik Vernadsky Station on Galindez Island (AN-006). Reportedly he will be there for one year; plans are to operate on all bands (160-6 metres) and modes. On 6m he should have an amplifier and a 3 or 4-element yagi (home made). QSL via I2PJA, direct or bureau. [TNX I2PJA]

SOUTH SHETLANDS - Oleg, R1ANF has been active as DP1ANF from the Eduard Dallmann Laboratory on King George Island (AN-010) since 10 March. According to Dominik, DL5EBE Oleg expected to be there for about four days. QSL via RK1PWA.

(*) As far as base names, locations and accessory information are concerned, the reference source is the WABA Directory 2003 (which is also an acknowledged reference source for the RSGB IOTA Programme). The WABA Directory is downloadable at http://www.425dxn.org, but please note that 425 DX News is not and has never been involved in WABA management, so please refrain from contacting us on WABA matters.

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AMATEUR RADIO ON TELETEXT ---> Thanks to Dan/S50U, Joze/S52JK and the Cerkno ARC (S50E), RTV Slovenija features two Teletext pages (with five sub-pages) devoted to amateur radio, including SK3BG's Contest Calendar (page 396/3), DX spots from S50CLX (397/1) and 425DXN's calendar (397/2). RTV Slovenija can be found on Eutelsat Hot Bird (12.303 GHz, Pol. V, SR 2750, FEC 3/4). Web page at http://teletekst.rtvslo.si/S39701.HTML

6M MARATHON ---> The Six Meters Marathon 2004 is open to all amateur radio operators worldwide. The objective is to work as many DXCC entities as possible on 6m between 8 May (00.00 UTC) and 8 August (24 UTC). The results will be continuosly updated at http://www.50mc.tk. For further information please contact Hannu Saila, OH3WW (marathon@saila.org). [TNX OH5DX]

3B9C TROPHIES ---> A wide range of trophies will be available for working 3B9C on different band/mode slots. The objective of the "Nevada Rodrigues Award Programme" is to encourage amateur radio stations (as well as SWLs) to make contact with this all-band all-mode major expedition; details can be found at www.3b9c.com.

3B9C VIDEO ---> A 45 minute video tape of the 3B9C DXpedition will be made and edited by Don, G3BJ. Those who order it, will receive also a copy of the as yet un-released "limited edition" D68C DXpedition video free of charge. All surplus funds from the sales of this combined video (total 90 minutes) will be used to fund future FSDXA DXpeditions. Details can be found at www.3b9c.com; any queries to G3BJ (g3ozf@btinternet.com).

CONTACTING 3B9C ---> The 3B9C team believe that, with current levels of Internet use, the traditional concept of regional pilot stations is no longer applicable. Instead, there is a single e-mail address for contacting 3B9C (deserving@3b9c.com): messages will go direct to the island, and be dealt with by members of the team. Note that you will not receive a personal response and that responses will be placed on www.3b9c.com.

DIE CONTEST ---> The 10th edition of the DIE Contest for working stations located on Spanish islands will be held from 6 to 12 UTC on 20 June. The DIE Contest software is available from Paco, EA5OL (http://www.ea5ol.net/die). [TNX EA7CYS]

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 February 2004 - is available at http://www.425dxn.org/dxspots/.

LOW BANDS IN THAILAND ---> Champ, E21EIC reports that Thailand's licencing

authority has renewed the 160 & 80m operating permission through 31 december 2004. Thai amateur radio operators can use the following frequencies during contests only: 1800-1825 kHz, 3500-3505 kHz, 3524-3536 kHz. Those who need Thailand on 80 metres SSB can look for Chai, HS1NGR to be QRV on 3536 kHz (QSX 3795 kHz) during the weekends between 17 and 20 UTC.

QSL 3B9C ---> The QSLing task will be shared by a team of volunteers, centrally co-ordinated through StarQSL, a piece of software developed especially by John, G3WGV for the purpose. Direct cards should be sent to FSDXA, P.O. Box 73, Church Stretton, SY6 6WF, UK. Bureau cards go via the RSGB bureau (a form for requesting bureau cards is available at www.3b9c.com).

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*** NEWS FROM THE WEB ***
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AS-049: Information on the recent operation by JA6PSE and JA6PSI from Takara Island [425DXN 664] can be found at http://www.aa.alpha-net.ne.jp/ji5rpt/index.html [TNX JI6KVR]

LOGS: On-line logs for the recent XF1K operation from NA-166 can be found at http://www.425dxn.org/dxped/na166/logs.html

LOGS: On-line logs for the recent ZK3SB opeation from Tokelau are now available at http://www.qsl.net/i2ysb/zk3/logs.htm

QSL DB: Boye Christensen, OZ7C has updated his QSL DBase (which now contains 345,390 unique records) for Packet Cluster. The package can be downloaded at http://www.qsl.net/oz7c/qsl [TNX OZ7C]

QSLs received direct or through managers: 1A0KM, 3A2MD, 3B8CF, 3B9FR, 3C2MV, 3G1P (SA-085), 4J4K, 4S7DUG, 4W4W, 4W6GH, 5T5HC, 5T6M, 5U7JB, 5VZBB, 5X1CW, 5X1X, 6W/SM0JHF, 6Y5/KN5G, A45XR, A61AJ, C31LJ, C5P, CO8LY, CU4/G3TXF, CY9A, D2AI, D2BB, D44TT, D4B, DP1POL, EA9IE, EP2MKO, ES1WN, EU7SA, EX0Y, EX2X, EY8MM, FK8GJ, FM5GU, FR5FD, FS/W5GJ, FY5FY, G4RCG/HI9, GU/DL2MDZ, HC1MD, HC8/N1KO, HC8N, HV5PUL, J3/AA1M, J49Z, JD1YBJ, JT1CO, JT1JA, JY9QJ, KH0/JH1KAJ, KH8/KM9D, KK2H/KH2, LT1F, MI3AJK, MW5A, OA4SS, OX3DB, PJ2/WB9Z, PZ5A, RU9TC, S79BL, S9SS, SM2/DL1UU (EU-139), T32WW, T32ZM, T77C, TF3CW, TI5/N0KE, UA2FCB, V25C, V26B, V5/JD1BLK, V63JE, VK9CD, VK9CKL, VK9XYL, VP5B, VP9/K9CC, XQ6ET, XU7ACB, XU7ACW, YA8G, YC3MM/P (OC-197), YC9WZJ, YI9ZF, YK1AO, YL2KF, Z21GC, Z22JE, ZC4VG, ZK1CG, ZM8CW, ZP6CW, ZY5X (SA-088).
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