3D2 - Brian, 3D2IZ will operate (on 80, 40, 30, 20, 15 and 10 metres SSB and CW) from Namotu Island (OC-121), Fiji from 28 March to 3 April. More information will be published on [http://www.brianboschma.com/3d2iz.html](http://www.brianboschma.com/3d2iz.html) [TNX NG3K]

3X - Sebastien, F8DQZ will operate as 3XDQZ (yes, Three X-Ray Delta Quebec Zulu) from Guinea between 18 April and 2 May. The main objective of his trip is to operate from the Tristao Islands in the unnumbered Guinee-Maritime Province North group (AF-???). QSL via F8DQZ. His web page is at [http://f8dqz.chez.tiscali.fr/](http://f8dqz.chez.tiscali.fr/) [TNX La Gazette du DX]

5T - At least five members of the European Community ARC will operate as 5T0EU from Mauritania between 25 March and 3 April. Plans are to operate on 10-160 metres SSB and CW, possibly with some activity on 6 metres and PSK31 as well. QSL via OR5EU. [TNX The Daily DX]

8Q - Pierre, HB9QQ will be active again as 8Q7QQ from Velighoo, Maldives on 13-27 April. He will operate on 30, 17 and 12 metres using full size loops. QSL via home call. [TNX HB9PL]

9A - Special event stations 9A80ADE (QSL via 9A3KR), 9A80Z (QSL via 9A3KR) and 9A80ABD (QSL via 9A4A) will be active until 31 December to celebrate the 80th anniversary of radio club "Zagreb". [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

9M2 - Keith, 9M2/GM4YXI [425DXN 670] was active from AS-072 last weekend. He expected to travel to Pulau Perhentian Besar (AS-073) on 18 March and to operate on both the 19th and the 20th. QSL to Kim Larson, 22 N Hidden Acres Dr, Sioux City, IA 51108, USA. [TNX N3SL]

DL - Volker, DL9HO and Wolf, DK1IP will be active from Hallig Groede (N21 for the German Islands Award) from 26 March to 1 April. They will operate on 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80 metres SSB and will participate in the CQ WPX SSB Contest "with a rare German prefix". QSL via home calls, either direct or through the DARC bureau. Logs will be available at [http://www.dl9ho.de](http://www.dl9ho.de) [TNX DL9HO]

EA8 - Herbert, DK2BR will be active (on 10-40 metres SSB, possibly with some BPSK) as EA8/DK2BR from El Hierro (DIE S-015), Canary Islands (AF-004) from 30 March to 15 April. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX DK2BR]
FG - Look for FG/F6GWV and FG/F6HMQ to be active from Guadeloupe from 25 March and 2 April. They will participate in the CQ WPX SSB Contest as T07T. QSL via F6HMQ. [TNX F6HMQ]

FO0_cl - The DXpedition to Clipperton Island [425DXN 669] has been postponed until 2005. This delay will give the organizers time to gather more operators for the trip. If you would like to join the team going to Clipperton in 2005, please contact Dave, K4SV (K4SV@Charter.net) for future information. [TNX K4SV]

GJ - Hans/ON4ASG, Wil/ON4AVA, Dan/ON4ON, Harvey/ON5SY, Dries/ON6CX, Pat/ON7PQ and Jean-Marie/ON7XT will operate as MJ/homecall/p and MJ0DLQ/p from Les Minquiers Islands (EU-099) on 22-25 July. They will participate in the IOTA Contest (24-25 July) as MJ0DLQ/p. Bill, ON9CGB might travel with the team as far as Jersey (EU-013) and operate from there as GJ0MEU/p. All QSLs via ON4ON, direct (Danny Commeyne, Rozenlaan 38, B-8890 Dadizele, Belgium) or through the bureau. The "Minkieboys" web site is at http://users.skynet.be/minkies/ [TNX ON9CGB]

GM - Jurij/MMODFV and John/GMOWRR plan to operate as MSODGR/p from four EU-123 islands (namely Fidra, Lamb, Craigleith and Bass Rock) on 20-23 March. They will have two transceivers and a number of portable antennas, and will operate on all HF bands CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via bureau or direct to MMODFV (Jurij Phunkner, P.O. Box 7469, Glasgow, G42 OYD, Scotland, UK). Pictures and information on the activity will be posted on http://www.scotham.net [TNX MMODFV]

GW - The Wrexham and District Amateur Radio Society will operate special event station GB2WFS on 27 March, during this year's "Scientriffic" Festival (www.wrexhamsf.com), as part of National Science week. For further information and pictures of the previous two years' events, please visit www.qsl.net/gb2wsf [TNX M1LCR]

HR - Gerard, F2JD is again active as HR5/F2JD from Honduras until 14 May. He will operate on all bands SSB, CW and RTTY. QSL via F6AJA. Logs will be available at http://LesNouvellesDX.free.fr [TNX F6AJA]

ISO - After their activity from San Marino [425DXN 667] William/N2WB and Bill/W4WX will operate as ISO/N2WB (QSL via N200) and ISO/W4WX (QSL via home call) from Sardinia on 22-27 March. Look for them on the HF bands on CW, SSB and RTTY. [TNX W4WX]

P4 - Andy, AE6Y will be active as P40Y from Aruba on 24-30 March, CQ WPX SSB Contest included. QSL via home call. [TNX AE6Y]

TJ - Roger, G3SIX and Nigel, G3TXF will be active (on 10-80 metres CW only) as TJ3G from Cameroon between 23 March and 1 April. QSL via G3TXF. [TNX The Daily DX]

TJ - Jack, F6BUM has been issued the call TJ3MC fro his April activity from Cameroon [425DXN 668]. He will be leaving France on 2 April and he plans to operate from Mondoleh Island (AF-???) on the 10th and the 11th, between 7 UTC and 16 UTC only, because he will not be able to stay overnight on the island. In order to maximise the number of IOTA chasers logged he will operate CW the first day and SSB the second day, on the usual IOTA frequencies. [TNX F6BUM]

VK - VK6EWI is the callsign to be used during the 21-27 March operation from Woody Island (OC-170) [425DXN 670]. Richard, VK6TT has joined the original team of six operators. Look for them on or near the standard IOTA frequencies on 40-10 metres. QSL via VK6NE. [TNX
VP5  - K5CM, N5KW and W5AO will be active as VP5/homecalls from North Caicos (NA-002) from 23 March to 7 April. They will participate in the CQ WPX SSB Contest (27-28 March) as VP51V (yes, VP Five One V) in the Multi-Single category. QSL VP51V to P.O. Box 88, Morris, OK 74445-0088, USA; others direct to home calls. [TNX The Daily DX]

VU - Basappa/VU2NXM and Arasu/VU2UR plan to operate, possibly with a special call, from Elephanta Island in the unnumbered Maharashtra State group (AS-???) on 25-31 March. They hope to receive the final authorization in the next few days. [TNX VU2UR and VU2NXM]

XX9 - Yu1/VR2MY (XX9TMY) and Wong/VR2KW (XX9TVR) will be active (on 160-10 metres, with an emphasis on the low bands) from Macao from 10 UTC on 25 March until 1 UTC on the 27th. QSLs via VR2KW (direct only). [TNX the Daily DX]

YB - Adhi, YC3MM will operate (on 15 metres only, mainly SSB) as YC3MM/5 from Batam Island (OC-075) on 20-21 March. QSL via IZ8CCW. [TNX IZ8CCW]

ZS8 - Ludwig Combrinck (ZS6WLC) and Pieter Stronkhorst (ZR6PSR), two staff members of the Hartebeesthoek Radio Astronomy Observatory Space Geodesy Programme, will conduct a scientific expedition to from Marion Island (AF-021) in April. They will depart on 1 April and, depending on offloading of equipment and other work load, amateur radio operations as ZS8MI will commence on the 7th until around the 30th. Plans are to operate SSB (3750, 7080, 14195, 21295 and 28495 kHz) and 15 wpm CW (3750, 7080, 14195, 21295 and 28495 kHz). They expect to leave the island on 2 May. QSL via ZS6M (Bernardus Roode, P.O. Box 158, Kempton Park 1620, South Africa). Further information (including on-line logs and direct QSLling policy) can be found at http://www.hartrao.ac.za/geodesy/marionweb/main.html [TNX ZS6WLC]

HIMALAYAN TRIP ----> Jim, W4PRO will be active as A52PRO from Bhutan between 23 March and 3 April, and as 9N7PRO (requested call) from Nepal between 10 and 13 April. He plans to operate mainly CW on all bands from Bhutan and on 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80 metres from Nepal. Updates will be posted on http://www.w4pro.net/ [TNX N8CH and The Daily DX]

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5V7C ----> The 5V7C team from Togo went QRT around 13.30 UTC on 13 March, after about 17,500 QSOs. A full report on the expedition will be published at www.5v7c.free.fr in due course. [TNX F5NQL]

9U5M ----> Michael, PA5M went QRT from Burundi on 16 March. Complete logs for 9U5M and YI/PA5M are on line at http://www.pa7fm.nl; QSL via PA7FM (Dennis Robbemond, Loggerhof 11, 3181 NS Rozenburg, The Netherlands). Please note
that 1 USD does not cover postage for outside Europe; direct cards without sufficient return postage will be replied to via the bureau. [TNX PA7FM]

BANABA AWARD ---> The Banaba Award is meant to encourage stations worldwide to make as many contacts as possible with the T33C expedition between 4 and 16 April. The Banaba Trophy will be awarded to the station who makes the highest number of band-mode contacts (there are 27 possible band-modes that count toward the Trophy), while certificates of merit will be available for working T33C on 5, 10 or 15 band slots. Please visit http://www.dx-pedition.de/banaba2004/ for full information. [TNX K6SR2]

DXCC NEWS ---> DXCC Manager Bill Moore NC1L reports that the following operations from Iraq have been approved for DXCC credit: YI/NG5L (10 April - 9 June 2003), YI9L (formerly YI/NG5L, 10 June 2003 - 27 February 2004), YI9LEK (from 25 January 2004), YI/PA5M (from 14 August 2003).

QSL 4U1UN ---> Mohamed, KA2TRD confirms that HB9BOU is the QSL manager for contacts made with 4U1UN on or after 12 March 2004. Cards for past operations should be sent to the www.qrz.com address for 4U1UN.

QSL AY1ZA ---> Henry, LU4DXU reports he is receiving many direct cards for his activity from the South Orkneys without sufficient return postage. Please note that owing to the high postal rates in Argentina, 1 USD does not cover return mail to overseas. [TNX DL5EBE]

QSL HC8L ---> Randy, W5UE is the new QSL manager (direct and bureau) for all past and future HC8L activities. QSL status for this and other stations Randy manages can be found at http://www.datasync.com/~w5ue/qsl-w5ue.html [TNX W5UE]

QSL VIA DL7AFS ---> Please note that the correct address for DL7AFS (QSL route for the recent VK9LB and VK9NB operations) is Baerbel Linge, Eichwaldstrasse 86, D-34123 Kassel, Germany (the address at qrz.com is no longer valid). Cards can be sent either direct or through the DARC bureau; if QSLing direct, do not forget that 1 USD does not cover return postage for outside Europe. [TNX DL2FAG]

THE DAILY DX ---> Congratulations to Bernie McClenny, W3UR who celebrated the seventh anniversary of his "The Daily DX" on 17 March. For further information on this first rate DX bulletin please check out its homepage at http://www.dailydx.com/

+ SILENT KEY + Dragan, Z32XX reports the untimely death of Vane, Z31RC, who passed away on 16 March at 48 years of age. An active DXers and contestman, he was one of the founders of Z30M (Z37M).

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LOGS: On-line logs for either ZK3SB and 5W0SB are available at [http://www.qsl.net/i2ysb](http://www.qsl.net/i2ysb) [TNX I2YSB]

LOGS: On-line log for YI9ZF at [http://www.qsl.net](http://www.qsl.net) has been updated and now includes contacts made through 14 March (20269 QSOs since 15 January). QSL via SM1TDE.

R1FJ: On-line logs and updates on the current operation from Franz Josef Land can be found at [http://www.dl6zfg.de/exp.htm](http://www.dl6zfg.de/exp.htm) [TNX DL6ZFG]

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