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>>> 425 DX NEWS * MAILING LIST PROBLEMS <<<

The 425 DX News new team of volunteers is working on fixing the mailing list problems and updating the web site, but the period of transition is not over. Thanks to the help provided by the Mediterraneo DX Club, the more recent issues of 425DXN (from #700 onwards) are available at http://www.mdxc.org/425dxn.asp. Those who are interested in receiving the bulletin by e-mail can subscribe to the MDXC Mailing List (subscriptions can be made on-line at the URL above). Many thanks for your patience and continuing support!

>>> VU4NRO AND VU4RBI * ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS <<<

Bharathi Prasad, VU2RBI [425DXN 702] reports that on 19 November a special permission was granted for a legal amateur radio operation to take place from the Andaman & Nicobar Islands under the callsigns VU4NRO and VU4RBI.
The permit covers the period 3-31 December 2004 and the authorization is for Bharathi (team leader) and other four operators - namely D. N. Prasad/VU2DBP, D. S. Varun Sastry/VU3DVS, S. Ram Mohan/VU2MYH and R. Sarath Babu/VU3RSB.
There are no firm answers yet as to what bands/modes nor what rigs/antennas. At all events, "this effort will not be a mass arrival of crack operators with tons of gear", Charles Harpole (K4VUD/VU3CHE, k4vud@hotmail.com) says. This is a pilot project and "in a year, if we all behave and have patience, Andaman could be much more open to ham radio visits or an on-going presence".
Bharathi is working on this project with the NIAR (www.niar.org), and donations can be directed to the National Institute of Amateur Radio (e-mail niarvu4@gmail.com for the details). Donations can also be sent to Charles Harpole, K4VUD/VU3CHE (3100 N. Hwy. 426, Geneva, FL 32732, USA), who undertakes to use any and all of them to assist this DXpedition via the NIAR.

3V - Andreas, DJ7IK reports he will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as 3V8SF/p on 20 metres. He says it will be "a small activity during my vacation on Kerkennah Islands (AF-073)". QSL via operator's instructions. [TNX NG3K]

9N - Michael, PA5M is now in Nepal for three weeks, and is applying for a licence that allows him to operate on 30, 20, 17 and 6 metres. He will run 100 watts into a long wire for HF, while on 6 metres he will have a dipole. This time he will also try some digital modes

(RTTY, PSK31 or JT6M). Online logs and pictures will be available on http://www.pa7fm.nl; QSL via PA7FM. [TNX PA7FM]

C6 - Look for OK1DTP/C6A to operate from Grand Bahama (NA-080) on 23-30 November. He will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as C6ATP on 80 metres. QSL via OK1TD. [TNX NG3K]

C6 - Robert, N4BP will operate as C6AKQ from Grand Bahama (NA-080) on 23-30 November, including a SOSB (40m) LP entry in the CQ WW DX CW Contest. QSl via home call. [TNX NG3K]

C6 - Brian, ND3F will operate (on 10-80 metres, possibly on 160m as well) from New Providence (NA-001), Bahamas from 23 November until 1 December. He will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as C6AQQ. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

CE - Mario/CE6NE, Marco/CE6TBN, Zoli/HA1AG, Mike/K9AJ and Bruce/KD6WW are the operators for the DXpedition to the Rennel Islands (SA-???) [425DXN 696], which is now expected to take place on 11-15 February. They will be active as CE8A with two stations on 10-80 metres SSB and CW. The pilots will be Cezar/VE3LYC (EU and NA) and Gou/JA1QXY (AS and OC). QSL via CE6NE, direct (P.O.Box 866, Temuco, Chile) or bureau. The web page for the expedition is at http://www.ce6ne.cl/rennell.htm [TNX CE6TBN]

CT3 - Ken, W8LU will be travelling to Madeira Island (AF-014) for the CQ WW DX CW Contest. He will be active as CT3/W8LU starting on 22 November. QSL via home call. During the contest he will operate as team member of CT9L. [TNX W8LU]

5U - The VooDoo Contest Group will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as 5U5Z (Multi-Multi) from Niger. QSL via G3SXW (e-mail requests for bureau cards can be sent to G3SXW@compuserve.com). The operators (G0MTN, G3PJT, G3SXW, G4BWP, G4PIQ, K5VT, KC7V and N7NG) may be active with personal calls immediately before the contest. [TNX The Daily DX]

9M6 - Saty, JE1JKL (http://jsfc.org/je1jkl/9m6na.html) will operate as 9M6NA from Labuan Island (OC-133), East Malaysia starting on 24 November through the end of the CQ WW DX CW Contest. QSL via JE1JKL. E-mail requests for bureau cards can be sent to 9m6na@jsfc.org. [TNX NG3K]

EA8 - Look for EF8TDX to be aired on 15 metres only from Tufia Rock (DIE S-101), Canary Islands (AF-004) on 11-12 December. QSL via EC8AUA, direct or bureau. Pictures etc. will be posted at www.cidxs.com after the operation. [TNX IZ8CCW]

F - Special station TM6OLM si active until 26 November to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Metz. QSL via F6KFO. [TNX F5NQL]

G - G0SWY and G4OHX will operate special event station GB6BOB for four weeks starting on 27 December. The activity is to commemorate the Battle of the Bulge. QSL via G0SWY (M. I. Humphrey, 4 Bluebell Road, Bassett, Southampton, Hampshire SO16 3LQ, England, UK). S special certificate is available on request; details can be found on the Royal Signals Amateur Radio Society's web site (http://www.rsars.org.uk/specevts.htm). [TNX F5NQL]

HS - Bruce, AA4XR will be active as HS0ZCY from Bangkok, Thailand until 20 November and again on 1-7 December, with a heavy emphasis on the low bands and CW, RTTY and PSK31. [TNX KJ4UJ]

JA - Look for JA5BEX/5 and JA5BQX/5 to operate from Ogi Island (AS-076,

new one for JIIA) on 27-28 November. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]

KC4_ant- Chris Post, N3SIG reports he is ready to operate as KC4/N3SIG [425DXN 704] from McMurdo Station (K-09 for the Antarctica Award) on Ross Island (AN-001), Antarctica. He expects to start on 14243 kHz at 00.30-01.00 UTC on 20 November. QSL via his home address ("I will get to them when I get home", he says).

KH2 - Guam Contest Club members Aki/JI3ERV (NH2C), Toshi/JR7OMD (WI3O), Seo/JR3RVO (WX8M) and Masaki/JO1DFG (KH2XC) will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as AH2R from Guam (OC-026) in the Multi-Single category. QSL via JH7QXJ, direct or bureau. [TNX JI3ERV]

KP2 - K3TEJ and K3CT will operate (with a special emphasis on 160 metres and the WARC bands) as KP2/K3TEJ and KP2/K3CT (QSL via home calls) from the US Virgin Islands on 23-30 November, including an entry as WP2Z (QSL via KU9C) in the CQ WW DX CW Contest. [TNX NG3K]

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LU - LU7AEA will be aired on 27 November to celebrate the anniversary of S.A.R.E. (Sistema Auxiliar Radio-operadores del Ejercito). Activity is expected to start around 20 UTC on 40 and 80 metres SSB and 2 metres FM. QSL via LU7ADC, direct or bureau. [TNX LU7ADC]

PA - Special station PC100H will be activated from 7 UTC on 18 December until 19 UTC on the 19th to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of Dutch Coastal Station PCH Scheveningen Radio. QSL via PA1HR. Further information will be available on http://www.remeeus.nl/pch/pc100h/pc100h_uk.htm [TNX PA1K]

S9 - Pekka Holstila/OH2TA, Pertti Simovaara/OH2PM and Martti Laine/OH2BH will operate from Sao Tome and Principe starting on 20 November for two weeks, CQ WW DX CW Contest included. They will have two stations covering all bands, and will operate CW and SSB as S9BB (outside the contest) and S9RR in the contest. Suggested frequencies are 1823/1833, 3503, 7003, 10103, 14023, 18073, 21023, 24893, 28023 kHz (CW) and 3795, 7045, 14195, 18145, 21295, 24945, 28495 kHz (SSB). Daily contacts will be maintained with Pertti Turunen/OH2RF, Bill Avery/K6GNX and Yoichi Sakurada/JP1NWZ. QSL via OH2TA. [TNX OH2BN]

SO - Baldur Drobnica, DJ6SI and Thomas Lind, DL1QW are now active on 10-160 metres as 6O0X (CW) and 6O0W (SSB and possibly RTTY) from Somalia until 26 November. QSL 6O0X via DJ6SI, QSL 6O0W via DL1QW. [TNX The Daily DX]

SP - Wojtek, SP8MI will operate as HF8IARU between 25 January and 6 March

to celebrate the 80th anniversary of IARU and the 75th anniversary of PZK, the national IARU Society for Poland. QSL direct to home call (Wojtek Wlodzimierz Gelo, P.O. Box 27, PL 38-700 Ustrzyki Dln., Poland). [TNX SP8MI]

ST - Paul, ST2PN [425DXN 692] will be active from Sudan until 3 December. He will be back home in Norway for a few weeks, but will return to Sudan in January for another 6-month assignment. QSL via PA7FM (direct only, as Paul is not a members of the PA bureau). Online logs and pictures can be found at http://www.pa7fm.nl [TNX PA7FM]

SV - The Aegean DX Group will operate as SX8P/2500 from 19 November until 2 December to commemorate the 2500th anniversary of the death of Greek philosopher and mathematician Pythagoras. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. [TNX SV8CYV]

VK - After his 3D2FI activities from Fiji (OC-016, OC-156 and OC-121) [425DXN 685], Steve, G0UIH will operate as VK2IAY/4 from North Stradbroke Island (OC-137) on 14-17 December. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. The web page for Steve's tour is at www.maxproduction.co.uk/vk2iay/vk2iay2004.htm [TNX GM3VLB]

VK9_ck - Bernd, VK2IA will operate as VK9AA from Cocos-Keeling (OC-003) on 22-29 November, CQ WW DX CW Contest included. [TNX The Daily DX]

VQ9 - Roger, W9ROG will be on Diego Garcia (AF-006) until the end of the year. He is active as VQ9OG on 10-80 metres during his days off. QSL via home call. [TNX W9ROG]

XU - Bruce, AA4XR [425DXN 701] he will now be active (on 160-10 metres with an emphasis on RTTY and CW) as XU7ADF from Cambodia on 22-30 November. He will also guest operate from Koh Pos (AS-133) as XU7POS and participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as XU7ADF (SOSB). During his trip to Cambodia, Bruce will be joined by Champ, E21EIC, who will operate as XU7ADE, CQ WW DX CW Contest included. [TNX KJ4UJ and NG3K]

ZD - Martin, G3ZAY will be visiting Ascension Island (AF-003) and St. Helena (AF-022) over the Christmas period. He will be on Ascension Island (requested call ZD8ZA) on 21-22 December and again on 3-7 January, and on St. Helena (ZD7ZA) from 24 december to 1 January. QSL via home call. [TNX G3ZAY]

ZK1_sc - Mike, W7DRA will operate on 10-160 metres QRP as ZK1DRA from the South Cook Islands from 24 November until at least 5 December. [TNX The Daily DX]

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>>> NAVASSA (KP1) & DESECHEO (KP5) <<<

The following is a summary of recent releases circulated by Carl Smith, N4AA (Editor of QRZ-DX), Bernie McLenny, W3UR (Editor of The Daily DX) and Michael Thomas, NA5U (Lone Star DX Association).

US Congressman Nick Rahall (Democrat of West Virginia), ranking member of the U.S. House Committee on Resources, has agreed to sponsor a bill that in effect would force the US Fish and Wildlife Service to allow occasional DXpeditions to either Navassa and Desecheo. The FWS has heretofore turned down every recent DXpedition effort to these places based on what the bill's sponsors believe to be erroneous interpretation of the law governing wildlife refuges. The bill, which is co-sponsored by Congressman Richard Pombo (Republican of California), was introduced on 16 November as Bill # HR 5361.

This is the result of a group effort led by attorney Brad Farrell, K4RT and Michael Thomas, NA5U. At least 30 other DXers and a number of DX groups are assisting to move the legislative effort forward.

DXers all over the US are invited to contact their respective Congressmen as soon as possible, and ask for their support of Bill # HR 5361. A sample letter can be found at http://www.dailydx.com/int2E.DOC. You can find your Congressman's name at http://www.house.gov/writerep/ and his snail mail address at http://clerk.house.gov/members/index.html.

Brad Farrell, K4RT has also filed an appeal with a federal court, seeking review of the agency's closure of the islands to amateur radio. Judicial review will be prolonged and costly, and the Lone Star DX Association, the primary DX organization associated with this effort, is helping raise needed funds. As the host organization for the project, the LSDXA has donated $500 to a fund it will administer to help pay for the costs of moving the effort forward in Congress and in court. If you or your organization would like to help, please send your donation to the Lone Star DX Association c/o Jim Bass, K5KQI, 2709 Monarch Dr., Arlington, TX 76006. Mark your donation for the "Navassa-Desecheo Project." News updates, additional information and resources can be found at http://www.dxer.org.

ANTARCTICA MAP ---> A very nice map of Antarctica, published by the Australian Antarctic Division, can be seen on the Mediterraneo DX Club's web site (www.mdxc.org/antarctica). Antarctica Award Manager IZ8CGS says that it will be sent as a free to those who request the Antarctica Award.

HS72B ---> The HS72B CQWW & Special DX Operation [425DXN 706] team has already received very generous donations, but still needs help to complete this project and bring the RAST club station on line with permanent full performance stations. Some ten days ago Ray Gerrard, G3NOM/HS0ZDZ (RAST international Vice President and station manager for HS0AC and HS72B) suffered a severe heart attack. He is still hospitalized, and unfortunately his conditions are far from being encouraging, but the project goes on: "we need you best wishes & prayers for Ray and your economic support for the club station he spent so much time building for RAST", Robin, WA6CDR says. "Please

send any funds you can to WA6CDR for NA, or DL3DXX for EU, or to HS0AC (RAST) for AS, QRZ addresses good. We will personally acknowledge each donation when we return in mid December". Anyone who would like to send their wishes for Ray's recovery may send a message to dx@thai.com [TNX WA6CDR]

NOT THE MANAGER ---> Francisco, EA7FTR reports that "a station in the CQWW DX SSB Contest, LQ5H, stated to QSL via EA7FTR. He states this is incorrect, and he is NOT the QSL Manager". [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

NOT THE MANAGER ---> Ken, K4ZW says he is receiving bureau cards for JT1CO and other JT stations for which he is not the QSL manager.

NOT THE MANAGER ---> Patrice, F6JOB is receiving cards for F6EPY's past DXpeditions (YJ0APY, ZK1EPY, 5W0DA), but he is not the QSL manager for Dominique. The current QSL route for these activities (2001 and 2002) is via F6COW. Please note that Dominique is going to operate again as ZK1EPY and then as FO/ZK1EPY [425DXN 705]; the QSL route for the 2004 operations is via home call. [TNX F5NQL]

QSL BX3AC ---> With immediate effect, Phil Whitchurch, G3SWH is the new QSL manager for Bill Luo, BX3AC. Cards will be accepted and replied to either direct or via the RSGB bureau. E-mail requests for bureau cards can be sent to phil@g3swh.demon.co.uk [TNX K1XN and The Golist]

T33C VIDEO ---> The T33C (Banaba 2004) video package includes a DVD record of the expedition (including details of the radio operation and scenes of Banaba and its people) and a second disc containing still photographs of Banaba and many of the Powerpoint slides that were shown in June at Friedrichshafen. All proceeds will go toward paying off the expenses of the expedition. On-line ordering details are at http://www.dx-pedition.de/banaba2004/order_dvd.htm [TNX K6SRZ]

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LOGS Online logs for FK/IK6CAC and YJ0ACC are available at http://www.ik6cac.com. E-mail requests for bureau cards can be sent to ik6cac@amsat.org [TNX IK6CAC]

LOGS: Online logs for contacts made with NP3U during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest 2004 are available at www.hamlogsonline.com. QSL via WP4U, direct or bureau. [TNX WP4U]

OC-052: The listings of QSL cards received by IT9YRE, I1SNW and IT9EJW for their recent operation from Hereheretue Atoll (OC-052) can be found at http://www.printed.it/oc052.html. Nando, IT9YRE will not be reachable from 22 November through 25 December, so please refrain from e-mailing him. [TNX IT9YRE]

SOFTWARE: The new software for the W.A.I.S. Award (the Italian Squares

Award), written by IK3QAR, is now downloadable at www.aribusto.it [TNX IK2UVR]

TX9: The TX9 (Chesterfield 2004) statistics can be found at http://www.df3cb.com/chesterfield/news.html. On-line logs were available for a few days only: "We got a handful of reports about bands logged wrong in the online log search", the team says. "We have identified the errors, will fix them, however we decided to close the online log search and not to re-open it again".

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8/DL3LBP, 3D2VB, 3DA0RN, 4K3ZZZ (EU-082), 4K9W, 4L/DL7FER, 5T5SN, 5U7JB, 5W0VB, 7P8DA, 7P8ZZ, 8R1Z, 9J2KC, 9L1JT, 9V1UV, A22/JA4ATV, A25LJ, A35RK, A35VB, A45WD, A61AJ, AA4V (NA-110), AD6YS/7 (NA-065), AT0RI (AS-173), AY1ZA (AN-008, AA LU-14), BI7DX (AS-139), C21DL, C50I (AF-060), CE0YEH, CT9M (AF-046), D2PFN, D4B, ES1QD, EZ8BO, F5VHQ/P (EU-095), F8DQZ/P (EU-105), FK/AC4LN, FK/KM9D (OC-058), FO/AC4LN, FO/F6CTL (OC-131), FP5BZ, FW/AC4LN, FW7AQR, H40VB, H44V, H44VV, H44W, HB0/HB9AON, HC1OT, HH4/K4QD, HK1XX, HK3WGQ, J5UAT/P (AF-020), JW0HS, JY9QJ, KD6WW/VY0 (NA-130), KG4GJ, KH0/AC4LN, KH9/K7ASU, KN5G/P (NA-143), LA/DM2AUJ (EU-076), M8C (EU-011), N1DX (NA-137), OC3I (SA-074), OD5RMK (AS-108), P29KPH, P29SX, P29VVB, P29XF (OC-240), PJ4/N2WB, R1MVI, R1Z, R2MWO, RI0IMA (AS-170), RI9KM, SV0XAI/9, T20VB, T30VB, T88VV, TO6M, TT8KR, TT8PK, TZ6M, V31LZ, V31MD, V51/DL5XL, V63MB, V73NS (OC-028), V73VV, V85PB, VE7IG/VE1 (NA-010), VE8RCS, VK4LV (OC-137), VQ9LA, VU2TS, VY2ZM, XF4IH, YA7X, YB9BU (OC-022), YC9YKI (OC-147), YE8V (OC-157), YJ0VB, YJ0XX, YK1BA, Z38Z, ZB2FX, ZB300FX, ZC4LI, ZC4TS, ZK1/AC4LN, ZP6EM.

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