3W - JA7GAX is going to operate as 3W2GAX from Vietnam on 7-28 December. He will be based in Ho Chi Minh, but he will be active also from a couple of IOTA islands as follows:

- 07/12 Ho Chi Minh 3W2GAX
- 09/12 Con Son 3W2GAX/C (AS-130)
- 16/12 Ho Chi Minh 3W2GAX
- 19/12 Phu Quoc 3W2GAX/4 or 3W2GAX/P (AS-128)
- 27/12 Ho Chi Minh 3W2GAX

He will be leaving the country on 29 December. QSL direct to JA7GAX.

[TNX The Daily DX]

4X - Jan/4X1VF, Ilya/4Z1UF, Shalom/4Z4BS, Mark/4Z4KX, Ruslan/4Z5LA and Yuli/4X6HP will operate as 4X0MS from the historical site of Masada (www.bibleplaces.com/masada.htm) from 10 UTC on 24 December through 10 UTC on the 26th. They will have two stations active on 10-80 metres CW and SSB. QSL via 4Z4BS. [TNX 4X1VF]

6O - Joe, VA6JWT is now active as 6O0JT [425DXN 703] from Galkayo, in the Puntland autonomous area of Somalia. He should be there for six months at least. QSL cards should be sent to Joe Talbot, VE6 Incoming Bureau, Box 1515, Gibbons, Alberta T0A 1N0, Canada. [TNX The Daily DX]

9L - Massimo, 9L1MS reports he will operate again as 9L1MS/p from Banana (AF-037) on 5 December.

A6 - Mohammed, A61AV and Ghis, ON5NT expect to operate as A61AV/p from Sirat Al Khawr (AS-124) until around 12 UTC on 4 December. QSL via ON5NT (Ghis Penny, P.O. Box 93, BE-9700 Oudenaarde, Belgium). [TNX ON5NT]

EA - Operators from EA1URG (Union de Radioaficionados de Gijon, http://www.ure.es/ealurg) plan to operate on all bands and modes as ED1PFA from the lighthouse at Cabo de Penas (ARLHS SPA-037) on 18-19 December. QSL via bureau to EA1URG. [TNX EA1KI]

EA8 - EA8/EA2CAR and EA8/EA2BXV will be active from Lanzarote (DIE S-007), Canary Islands (AF-004) on 5-12 December. They will operate CW, SSB and PSK31 on the HF bands. QSL via homecalls, direct or bureau. [TNX EA1BP]

FG - The A.C.R.A Guadeloupe ARC (http://site.voila.fr/acra-radioclub) will operate from the lighthouse on La Desirade (NA-102, DIFO FG-004) on 18 December. Requested call is TO7DSR.

HA - Tibor, HG4I will be using special "Happy New Year 2005" callsign HG05HNY between 10 December and 31 January. Activity will be on all bands and modes, and he will also take part in various HF contests. QSL direct to HG4I (Szabo Tibor, Budai u. 6., H-2465 Rakeresztur,
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- Sergio/IK4JPR, Giuseppe/IZ4CCO and Vanni/IK4RUX have been granted permission to operate as IPI1TI from Tino Island (EU-083, IIA SP-002) and lighthouse (WAIL LI-009) on 3, 4 and 5 December. Operating times are limited between 8.30 and 16.30; expect activity on 10-40 metres CW and SSB. QSL via IK4JPR. [TNX IK4RUX]

JA

- Look for JL2LRO/6 and JK2HVD/6 to operate from Miyako Island (AS-079, JIIA AS-079-005 on 11-13 December. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]

KP2

- John, KL7JR has been active on most HF bands as KP2/KL7JR from St. Croix, US Virgin Islands (NA-106) since late October, and will remain there through the end of April 2005. QSL direct to home call. [TNX KL7JR]

- Ann, W2AZK and Brian, KF2HC will sign homecall/KP2 from St. Croix, US Virgin Islands (NA-106) on 7-14 January. Look for them on 160-6 metres SSB and CW with special emphasis on the WARC bands as conditions permit. QSL to their home calls direct or via the bureau. [TNX KF2HC]

- John, G4RCG and Bruce, KI7VR will operate as KP2/G4RCG and KP2/KI7VR from St. Croix, Virgin Islands (NA-106) from 21 January to 6 February. John will participate in the CQ 160 CW Contest as KP2ZZ. QSL for all calls via G4OOC, direct or via bureau. [TNX G4RCG]

OZ

- Jakob, OZ7AEI ([http://oz7aei.qrz.dk](http://oz7aei.qrz.dk)) plans to operate on 20 and 40 metres from the four lighthouses of Thyboron (ARLHS DEN-083, DEN-188, DEN-189, DEN-222) on 4 December starting around 8 UTC. Later on the will move to Nordjylland Island (EU-171, NJ-001) and activate the two lighthouses of Agger Tange (DEN-190, DEN-191). [TNX OZ7AEI]

P4

- Joseph, P4/WF9V (special call P40ZZ); David, P4/K9UK; David, P4/WG9J; Thomas, P4/W9AEB (special call P40TP) and William, P4/W9WW will operate from Aruba (SA-036) on 10-16 December. They will be active on 160-6 metres CW and SSB, with emphasis on the ARRL 10 Meter Contest. QSL for all via WF9V. [TNX W9AEB]

PJ4

- Fred, WW4LL and John, K4BAI will be active as PJ4/WW4LL and PJ4/K4BAI from Bonaire (SA-006) on 8-15 December. They will participate in the ARRL 10 Meter Contest (11-12 December) as PJ4Z. All QSLs via K4BAI. [TNX The Daily DX]

SV

- The Thessaloniki Amateur Radio Group will be active as SX2LH from the Lighthouse of Megalou Emvolou (ARLHS GRE-096) from 6 UTC on 10 December until 18 UTC on the 11th. QSL via SV2AYT. [TNX VA3RJ]

T32

- Alan, K6SRZ and Doug, N6TQS will operate on 10-80 metres as T32CK and T32QS from Christmas Island (OC-024) on 7-13 December. QSL direct via home calls. [TNX The Daily DX]

VU4

- The team at Port Blair, Andaman Island (AS-001) [425DXN 708] became active as VU4RBI around 18.30 UTC on 2 December (which is 00.00 of 3 December India Standard Time, their permitted start date). The other callsign is VU4NRO, and the QSL route for both is via VU2NRO (National Institute of Amateur Radio, Raj Bhavan, Somajiguda, Hyderabad 500082, India). Charly, K4VUD has advised the operators to "get on 20 metres and stay there to service those who need VU4 for the first time", while the second station "will roam other bands as propagation permits". Charly thinks that Bharathi, VU2RBI will also do CW, "but other modes are not likely at this time". Donations are
still welcome and can be sent to NIAR or to K4VUD (Charles Harpole, 3100 N. Hwy. 426, Geneva, FL 32732, USA). The web pages for the expedition can be found at http://www.niar.org and the contact e-mail address for this DXpedition is niarvu4@gmail.com.

W - The Historical Electronics Museum ARC (http://www.qsl.net/w3hem/) will commemorate Pearl Harbour Day on 4-7 December using the call sign W2W. [TNX VA3RJ]

YA - Rene, DL2JRM will be active again as YA7X from Afghanistan from 7 December to 5 January. QSL via DL1JJI.

ZK1 - Look for ZK1SDE, ZK1SDZ, ZK1WET and ZK1XMY to operate from the Cook Islands as follows:

31 Jan - 17 Feb Aitutaki (OC-083), South Cook Islands
17-24 Feb Manihiki Atoll (OC-014), North Cook Islands
24 Feb - 3 Mar Aitutaki Island (OC-083), South Cook Islands

They plan to active on 10-160 metres and to concentrate on 17 and 20 metres; main mode will be SSB, but ZK1WET will operate CW and RTTY (CQWW RTTY WPX Contest included). QSL for all direct only via M3SDE. [TNX SM6WET]

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CIS DIPLOMA ---> Sponsored by the Scottish-Russian ARS (srars@srars.org) it is for contacts made with amateur radio stations in all 12 countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States (Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan). Full rules are available at http://www.srars.org/webdocs/cis.pdf [TNX MM0DFV]

CIS DX CW CONTEST ---> The Scottish-Russian ARS (srars@srars.org) sponsors the CIS DX CW Contest, which will be held on 5 December (00.00-24.00 UTC). The objective of the contest is to establish as many CW contacts as possible between radio amateurs around the world and radio amateurs in the Commonwealth of Independent States. Rules can be found at http://www.srars.org/cisdxc.htm [TNX MM0DFV]

IREF ---> The Island Radio Expedition Foundation (http://www.islandradio.org) is the only organization dedicated solely to the support of expeditions to rare and new IOTA qualifying islands. In 2004 IREF sponsored XF1K (NA-166), 3XDQZ/p (AP-096), OX/DL2VFR (NA-220), OD5RMK (AS-108), YE1P (OC-237) and OC3I (SA-074). IREF has also committed to support expeditions in 2005 to the Rennell Islands (SA-NEW) and to two rare groups in Mexico (NA-164 and NA-165). The total of expeditions supported in 2004 and committed to in 2005 approaches $3,000. Donations are welcome (US amateurs please note that
contributions are tax deductible as IREF is a 501(c)(3) organization: you can contribute either with a check or money order made out to IREF (709 Coveney Trail, Boerne, TX 78006, USA) or you can contribute online with you major credit card using the PayPal service through the IREF website. [TNX AD5A]

NOT THE MANAGER --- Ron, AC7DX is receiving many QSL requests for KH9/AH8H, but he is not and has never been the manager for this station. Cards should be sent to George Talbot, P.O. Box 45, APO AP 96555-0045, USA.

NOT THE MANAGER --- Vlad, UA0ACG is not the manager for JT1JA. He can confirm contacts made on 8-9 September 2002 only. [TNX UA0ACG]

OPERATORS NEEDED --- Charles "Frosty" Frost, K5LBU (www.dxsafari.com) is putting together a team of at least three other operators to operate from Botswana (A2) or Mozambique (C9) in July 2005, IARU contest included. If interested, please contact Frosty at frostyl@pdq.net [TNX K5LBU]

QSL 3D2RK & A35RK --- The complete logs for Paul, A35RK (4 May 1994 - 30 November 2004) and 3D2RK (1 July 1997 - 30 November 2004) have been uploaded to the ARRL Logbook of The World, and will be updated monthly. Paul's QSL manager (W7TSQ) will continue to process paper QSL card requests received with sufficient return postage, "but only for initial (first) contact for NEW DXCC or NEW IOTA confirmation. For subsequent QSL requests - for new bands, new modes, contests, 'first time this year', etc - please use LoTW". Bureau cards via W7TSQ, except for duplicate requests, will be answered as usual, about once a year. Questions, comments, sked requests, NIL resolution, etc, go to w7tsq@aol.com [TNX A35RK/3D2RK]

QSL 5N0NHD --- Peter, JK1UWY/5N0NHD is now back in Japan. The Daily DX reports that those who "have been waiting half a year or more for a QSL from his manager (JH8BKL)" may contact Peter (direct only): Hisao P. Noda, 1-1-B909 Sanda-machi, Hachioji, Tokyo, 193-0832 Japan. Please note that he does not QSL for contest QSOs, and that return postage is not required for 160m or 6m QSOs.

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V6O: Information and pictures of the recent V6O operation from Pulap Island (OC-155) by Lanny, W5BOS can be found at http://www3.ocn.ne.jp/~iota/newpage90v6o.htm and www.mdxc.org/v60

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3A2MD, 3A2MW, 3D2VB/R, 4J3M, 5B4AHA, 5T5SN, 5W0DL, 5W0TR, 7P8SR, 7S7V, 9I40Z,8Q7LM, 9H3K, 9H9PA, 9J2KC, 9L1MS/P, 9Y4NZ, A22/JA4ATV, A61AJ, AY1ZA, BA1RB/3 (AS-134), BI2J (AS-151),
BI7DX (AS-139), C21NI, C6DX, CB5A, CN8KD, CX1AV, D2PFN, D44TD, D4B (AF-086), EA5KB/7 (EU-152), EK3GM, EL2CB, EL2ET, F5JOT/P (EU-159), FK/KF4TUG (OC-079), FK/KM9D (OC-058), FK8GM, FM5BH, FO5RJ (OC-046), FP/W8MV, FY5KE, GB2LI (EU-120), GT0STH, HRA, HK3PSA, HS0/IK4MRH (AS-053), JW0HS, KH6ZM, KH8/AH7C, KH8/N5OLS, LY3UM, MD4K, ND7K/P (NA-137), OX3DB, OY4TN, OZ1ING (EU-171), P29KPH (OC-034), P29SX (OC-240), P29XF (OC-240), P61DTU (EU-038), PJ2T, PT0F, PZ5RA, RI1MA, RW1ZZ/p (EU-082), RX3AHL/1 (EU-033), SM0JHD/HI9, ST2T, SV9/I2WIJ, SY8DX, T20VB, T33C, T48K, T5W, TF3M, TF4M, TI5RVV, TT8PK, TZ6RD, UA6LO, UX0OFF/p (EU-182), V31MD, V63NS (OC-010), V73V, VC3E, VK4WRE (OC-171), VP2E, VP5KE, VP5T, VY2/AJ6V, WH8/KH6B2F, XF4IH, XR2G (SA-086), YA7X, YC3MM/P (OC-197), YE1P (OC-237), YI9ZF, YJ0VB, YJ8MN (OC-035), YV0D (NA-020), ZB2FX, ZB300FX, ZF2AH, ZK1CG (OC-013), ZS8MI.

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