The monthly edition of 425 DX News is back by popular demand after a short interval. The monthly magazine (in colour) also includes pictures, articles, tables etc. that cannot be published in the weekly bulletins. If interested, the latest issue (November 2004) can be freely downloaded in either .pdf and/or .doc formats at http://www.425dxn.org/monthly/

Suggestions, advice, articles and photographs are welcome! Closing date for contributions is ten days prior to publication date. Please send your articles and pictures to Nicola Baldresca, IZ3EBA (iz3eba@libero.it).

CX - CX2ABC, CX5BW, WQ4O, EA5KM and EA5RM will operate as CW5R from Lobos Island (SA-039) and lighthouse (ARLHS URU-002) between 5 and 11 January, depending on weather conditions. Plans are to operate on all modes and bands, with dipoles for the low bands and monobanders for the other HF bands. The QSL route will be announced later. On line logs will be available after the operation at http://webs.ono.com/cw5r; comments can be sent to cw5r@ea5rke.ampr.org [TNX EA5RM]

DU - The Daily DX reports that Klaus, DL5ZAH is active as 4F7RWW from OC-129 for the next two weeks.

JA - Special event station 8J1ODA will be activated on all bands and modes from 9 December to 31 March to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Japan's Official Development Assistance. QSL via JA1BAB. [TNX the Daily DX]

LU - LU2FA, LW7DX, LW9DA and LU5FF will participate in the ARRL 10m Contest (10-11 December) as LR2F. QSL via LU2FA. Complete rules for this popular event can be found at http://www.contesting.info/ or http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/

OH - Santa Claus Land (OH9SCL) will be again active on all bands and modes from the Artic Circle between 17 and 19 December. The operators will be N7NG, OH2BH, OH3BHL, OH9KL, OH9MDV, OH9MM, OH9RJ and OH9VC. QSL via OH9UV. [TNX OH9MM]

S2 - Manjurul, S21AM and Dave, EI3IO (http://EI3IO.com) will operate from Char Dakhin Shahbazpur (Bhola Island, AS-140) on 4-7 February. A special call sign is being sought from the licensing authority. Two 100 watt CW/SSB MF/HF stations will be operational and activity on all bands is planned, subject to antenna availability. A 30m communications tower is on-site and half slopers are being considered for 160 metres and 80/30 metres. QSL via EI3IO direct (Dave Court, 'Connogue', River Lane, Shankill, Co. Dublin, Ireland)
or bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [TNX EI3IO]

TK - TK5EP and TK5MH will participate in the ARRL 10M Contest as TK5KP (SSB and CW) from Corsica. QSL via TK5KP. [TNX TK5MH]

VU4 - The five operators at Port Blair, Andaman (VU4NRO and VU4RBI) have different stations on the air simultaneously. Reports indicate that they have one beam installed without rotor. Some pirate CW activity was reported during the very first days; the genuine VU4RBI operated on 15m CW for about one hour on 8 December. Activity is expected to continue through 31 December.

Charles Harpole, K4VUD/HS0ZCW is currently in Thailand and expects to arrive at Port Blair, Andaman Island on 14 December for a two-week visit. He says he "will carry all advice on operating practices and propagation openings to the team". He adds that he will be "travelling to Andaman Islands as a tourist to photograph and video the VU4 DXpedition. As a non-India citizen, I do not have an operating permit for that location. I do hold a one-year India license, VU3CHE, but it is licensed for operations in New Delhi only".

Bookmark http://www.niar.org/vnews.html (niarvu4@gmail.com) for official information.

ZK1 - Tim, M3SDE (ZK1SDE) sends an update on the 31 January-3 March activities from the Cook Islands [425DXN 709]. ZK1SDE, ZK1SDZ, ZK1WET and ZK1XMY will operate from Aitutaki (OC-083, South Cooks) on 31/01-17/02 and again on 25/02-03/03. On 17-24 February ZK1SDE and ZK1SDZ will go on a side trip to Manihiki (OC-014, North Cooks), while ZK1WET and ZK1XMY will remain on Aitutaki. QSL direct to M3SDE (Tim Beaumont, P.O. Box 17, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 1SF, England). Logs and updates will be available on http://www.zk1sde.co.uk/

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DXCC NEWS ---> The current TN3S operation (effective 15 May 2002) from Congo has been approved for DXCC credit.

EUCW 160M CONTEST ---> The Union Francaise des Telegraphistes (UFT, the French EUCW society) sponsors the 4th European CW 160 Meter Contest, which will be held on 8 January (20.00-23.00 UTC) and on 9 January (04.00-07.00 UTC). Rules can be found at http://www.uft.net, where it also possible to download the software written by F6ENO (visit "Telechargements"). [TNX F5NQL]

QSL VK4UC ---> Kim Larson, daughter of N3SL, is assuming the duties of QSL
manager for John, VK4UC. Cards are on order and expected in early January. John has forwarded nearly 4 pounds of cards received via the VK bureau to N3SL for processing. About 50 direct cards also were included, and will be answered at the same time. We ask that those awaiting cards please not send another until the bureau system has had a chance to work. John's logs already have been uploaded into LoTW, and a log search will be available at [http://www.qsl.net/n3sl/manager.htm](http://www.qsl.net/n3sl/manager.htm) [TNX N3SL]

QSL VO2AAA ---> Cards for the recent operation, centered around the CQ WW DX CW Contest, should go to K8DD (Hank Kohl, P.O. Box 88, Attica, MI 48412-9312, USA). [TNX K8DD]

QSL VIA EA7JX ---> Rod is the QSL manager for AY5FF, CO3JO, D2U, L25FF, L45FF, L59EOC, L73F, LQ0F, LU5FF, LW9EOC, VK3FY, VK3FY/DU8, YN9HAU, YV1DIG, YW1D, YW6P and YX1DIG. Rod says he has not heard from Joao, D2U for six months now, and at the moment he is unable to reply to the QSL requests received.

QSL VIA LX1NO ---> QSL requests for Siggi, TF3CW/TF4CW or any other future TF#CW call should be routed via LX1NO. Siggi is not a member of IRA and he has no QSL cards, so please refrain from sending bureau or direct cards to him. Norby, LX1NO is also the QSL manager for Thomas, OZ1AA. [TNX LX1NO]

S9A & S9BB ---> The Finnish team logged 24,617 QSOs during the recent operation from Sao Tome. The 89% of the total QSOs was made with Europe (12,686) and North America (9,115). Conditions turned out surprisingly unstable, varying from day to day. The tropical noise came lower at times, allowing the team to make a number of contacts on 160 and 80 metres (221 and 1096 respectively). The log search is up and running at [http://www.df3cb.com/logsearch/s9bb/](http://www.df3cb.com/logsearch/s9bb/) [TNX OH2BN]

VU4 PROPAGATION CHARTS ---> Andaman chasers in the US may take advantage of the set of short-path and long-path propagation forecasts between each of the 10 continental US call areas and the Andaman Islands prepared by Dave, AA6YQ ([http://www.ambersoft.com/Amateur_Radio/VU4](http://www.ambersoft.com/Amateur_Radio/VU4)). He has used PropView, which produces a graphical display emulating propagation charts that show likely openings across a 24-hour UTC day. Those outside the US can generate their own forecasts; PropView is free and can be found at [http://www.qsl.net/propview/](http://www.qsl.net/propview/)

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ARI CONTEST: The results of the 2004 ARI International DX Contest (1-2 May) can be found at [http://www.qsl.net/contest_ari](http://www.qsl.net/contest_ari) and [http://www.ari.it/](http://www.ari.it/) (click on HF and then on Contest). The prizes will be mailed before the end of the year. The rules for the
2005 event, as well as the All Time Records tables, are available on the websites above. [TNX IK2HKT]


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