3C  - A station signing 3CAK (yes, this is the call – WFWL) is currently active from Malabo, Bioco Island (AF-010), Equatorial Guinea. Reportedly the operator (home call not given) expects to be there until April. QSL to Vladimir Arseniev, Gagarina St. 14A/1, Zelenogradsk 238530, Kaliningrad, Russia. [TNX IK2IQD]

ES  - Oleg/ES1RA and Vello/ES1QD will operate as ES1RA/0 and ES1QD/0 Muhu Island (EU-034) on 8-10 January. QSL ES1RA/0 to P.O. Box 806, 11702 Tallinn, Estonia; QSL ES1QD/0 to P.O. Box 3739, 10508 Tallinn, Estonia. [TNX ES1RA]

I   - The 7-9 January IO9TA operation from EU-166 [425DXN 712] has been cancelled because of bad sea conditions. [TNX IZ8CCW]

KG4 - Jose, N4BAA and other two operators will be active from Guantanamo Bay (NA-015) on 15-22 January. Callsigns will be KG4SB (QSL via N4BAA), KG4AS (QSL via N4SIA) and KG4WV (QSL via W4WV). They will operate on 160-6 metres all modes. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

JA  - Look for JL3CRS/6 to operate from a few AS-017 islands on 7-8 January. Islands mentioned include Henza (JIIA AS-017-010) or Ike (JIIA AS-017-01) on the 7th, Yagachi (JIIA AS-017-040) or Sesoko (JIIA AS-017-035) on the 8th and Okinawa Honto (JIIA AS-017-033) on 8 January at night. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]

JA  - Look for JJ6FTT/6 and JK6RCO/6 to operate from Hime Island (AS-012, JIIA AS-012-013) on 9-10 January. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]

LU  - A group of operators from Radio Club Argentino (LU4AA) will be active with two stations on 10-80 metres from Martin Garcia Island (SA-055) and Lighthouse (ARG-045). Look for LR4D (CW) and LR5D (SSB) from around 21 UTC on 13 January to around 15 UTC on the 16th. QSL via LU4AA, direct or bureau. [TNX LU3DW]

LU  - LU9DA, LU5EW, LU1DWW and others plan to operate (on 10, 15 and 20 metres SSB) as LU2DT from the lighthouse at Punta Mogotes in mid January. QSL via LU2DT (RC Mar del Plata, P.O. Box 664, B7600 Mar del Plata, Argentina). [TNX LU9DA]

P2  - Jerry, P29ZAD will be active from Tabar Island (OC-099) on 18-27 January. He will operate during his spare time, probably around 21 and 8 UTC on +/- 14260 kHz. QSL direct to Jerry Walker, P.O. Box 264, Ukarumpa, EHP 444, Papua New Guinea. [TNX The Daily DX]

ST  - Dane, S57CQ/ST2T is still in Sudan and he is likely to be working there for the next three months. He plans to operate RTTY soon. QSL via S57DX, direct or bureau. [TNX S57DX]

UA  - Mike, UA0MF reports he will operate as UA0MF/9 from Ural area (RDA CB-54, GL M004ew), near the border with European Russia, on 10-20
January. He will pay special attention to the low bands.

**VE** - VE3JM and VE3EY will operate as VE2/homecall from Sept Iles, Quebec (Zone 2) on 13-19 January. Their main focus will be on the low bands. QSL via home calls. [TNX NG3K]

**VK0_m** - Dave, VK0MT is currently active from Macquarie Island (AN-005). Owing to his work commitments, he has time for amateur radio only during his evening hours. He operated for a few days from a small hut at Water Fall Bay, using a long wire and a vertical whip antenna, but once back to the main research station, he should have access to better antennas. Victor, ZK1CG gave Dave times and frequencies for some nets – the Southern-Cross DX Net (14239 kHz at 11 UTC), the W7PHO Net (14245 kHz at 14 UTC), the ANZA Net (14183 kHz at 05.15 UTC), the 247 Net (14247 kHz at 21 UTC). Dave will be stationed on "Macca" until the end of March, and he plans to be active on SSB, PSK and some CW (QRS) on 2-160 metres. QSL via JE1LET (direct only). Full information on Macquarie Island can be found on the Australian Antarctic Division's web site at http://www.aad.gov.au/default.asp?casid=7151 [TNX JE1LET and ZK1CG]

**VP8_s** - Lars, DL9LB is sailing from the Falkland Islands to South Georgia (AN-007) aboard the RRS James Clark Ross. He should get to Husvik around 11-15 January and he expects the remain there for about 6 weeks. Owing to his limited spare time, Lars says, he will be able to spend only 30 minutes a day on the amateur radio bands. Look for VP8DIF around the IOTA frequencies. QSL via DB3LSP. [TNX DL9BL]

**VU** - Arasu, VU2UR reports that Sagar Island (AS-153) will be activated on the HF bands on 10-16 January. The Calcutta VHF Amateur Radio Society (http://www.calcuttahams.com) has participated in the annual Ganga Sagar Mela festival for years now. They operate upon request from the district administration to assist them in maintaining an emergency communication network and handling missing persons traffic. Activity on the HF bands (look around the usual IOTA frequencies – 14260, 21260 etc.) will take place during the operators' spare time.

**XU** - Peter, NO2R will operate as XU7ACY from the DX Shack in Sihanoukville, Cambodia on 9-21 January. He will concentrate on 40, 80 and 160 metres. QSL via K2NJ. [TNX The Daily DX]

**YB9** - Stan, YB0AJR (OK1JR) will operate as YB0AJR/9 Gili Air Island (claimed to count for OC-150) on 8-12 January. He will concentrate on 40, 30, 20 and 15 metres CW, and will try to be active also during the ARRL RTTY Roundup. QSL via OK1JN. [TNX YB0AJR]

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ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS ---> Bharathi, VU2RBI has returned to Delhi, as planned, but several more Indian amateur radio volunteers have joined the existing team to activate stations for emergency traffic (main frequencies 14190 kHz and 7090-7095 kHz) on the tsunami hit islands. The Daily DX reports that on 29 December all Indian amateur radio stations were authorized to operate in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands to "assist the Civil Authorities in handling the messages pertaining to the disaster", and currently there are some 25-30 hams operating in various parts of the archipelago.

A few interesting local and international press reports on the active involvement of amateur radio operators in the tsunami disaster can be found at [http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2005/01/04/2/?nc=1](http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2005/01/04/2/?nc=1)

As for the VU4RBI/VU4NRO DXpedition, Charles/K4VUD reports that the log books "are safely now in Hyderabad at NIAR". Charles spoke directly with Suri, VU2MY (Director of NIAR), who stated that QSL cards are "arriving at NIAR in Hyderabad with all kinds of contents (green stamps, etc.) in good order". A list of QSL cards received will be posted on the NIAR website (www.niar.org) as soon as they have personnel to do this job, and there also plans to put the logs on-line.

F5VHH ---> Once again F5VHH is participating in the Paris-Dakar Rally and has been active as CN/F5VHH. Please note that Morocco - as well as other African countries he has operated from - does not issue portable or mobile calls. "None of these operations count and will ever count for DXCC", Maurice/F5NQL says.

OPERATORS NEEDED ---> Charles "Frosty" Frost, K5LBU (www.dxsafari.com) is putting together a team to operate from Swaziland for ten days in July, IARU contest (9-10 July) included. He hopes to have 3 CW operators and 3 SSB operators make the trip. If interested, please contact Frosty at frosty1@pdq.net [TNX K5LBU]

QSL HC8N ---> You can check on the status of your HC8N ([http://hc8n.info/](http://hc8n.info/)) QSL request on W5UE's page at [http://www.datasync.com/~w5ue/qsl-w5ue.html](http://www.datasync.com/~w5ue/qsl-w5ue.html). HC8N also also participates in the ARRL Logbook of the World initiative. Direct cards should be sent to Randy Becnel, P.O. Box 170, Kiln, MS 39556-0170, USA.

QSL MANAGER SURVEY ---> January is the last month to nominate your 5 choices for The Top 5 QSL Managers for 2004 [425DXN 708]. The annual survey is conducted by the "Golist, QSL Manager List" ([http://golist.net/](http://golist.net/)); DXers around the world are asked to submit the list of their nominees based solely upon their opinion of how the QSL manager responded to their QSL requests. Nominations should be sent to golist@golist.net (put TOP 5 NOMINATIONS in the subject line), [TNX K1XN and The Golist]

QSL XF3T ---> Please note that the correct manager for this station, which was recently active from NA-200, is neither XE1KK (as reported by mistake in 425DXN 712) nor W1NK, but N1NK (as reported in 425DXN 711).

QSL VIA S57DX ---> Slavko, S57DX says he has no backlog for any of S57CQ's operations. These include 9A/S57CQ, T9/S57CQ, 5B/S57CQ, YI/S57CQ, YI9T and A52CQ (all of the QSOs have been confirmed direct or via the bureau) as well
as ST2T (direct requests are processed on a daily basis).

QSL VIA UA0LCZ ---> Vlado, UA0LCZ (Vlado Miroshnichenco, P.O. Box 41-21, Vladivostok, 690041, Russia) says that direct requests for RI0MC (Chishachev Island, 20-26 July 2004) and RI0MR (Popova Island, July 2003) are being processed and mailed. [TNX UA0MF and UA0LCZ]

VUCC/R ---> The Central States VHF Society is sponsoring the new VUCC/R(over) award. Its purpose is to recognize the contribution of rover station operators to the world of grid hunting. Rovers are folks operating while mobile in motion or temporarily parked to give out grids to fixed stations. Contacts made on 1 January 1983 or later qualify. Rules and contact information are available on the CSVHFS website at www.csvhfs.org. [TNX PY2ZX]

+ SILENT KEY + Gerben, PG5M reports that Geert Heemstra, PA0GIN passed away on 23 December. A long time radio amateur and a great CW enthusiast, he was the inspiration for many aspirant ham radio operators and the driving force behind many activities, contest station PA0GN (later PI4GN) included. Gerben himself was one of the many people who received a CW training from Geert, who later acted as his QSL manager (for PA0GAM/ST2, etc.).

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