8Q - UN9LW, UA9CLB, UN4L, UA9CDV and UA9CDC will operate as 8Q7DV from the Maldives (AS-013) on 17-29 March, mainly during the Russian DX and CQ WPX SSB contests. [TNX The Daily DX]

9H - John, G4IRN will operate (mainly CW on 10-80 metres) as 9H3RN from Malta (EU-023) on 10-14 March. QSL Via home call. [TNX NG3K]

9H - Andrea, IK1PMR and Claudia, K2LEO will be active as 9H3MR and 9H3LEO respectively from Gozo Island (EU-023) on 17-31 March. They plan to operate on 80-10 metres mainly CW (9H3MR) and RTTY (9H3LEO), with 100w, 80/40/30m vertical and wires. QSL both callsigns via IK1PMR. Skeds are welcome. Their web site is at http://www.ik1pmr.com/dx-peditions/9h3mr/ [TNX IK1PMR]

A2 - Hans, DL7CM and Sid, DM2AYO will operate as either A25/homecall from Botswana on 6-20 April. They plan to be active with two stations on 160-6 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK, QSL via home calls. Logs will be available on www.QSL.net/dl7cm/A2.htm [TNX DL7CM]

CE - Marco, CE6TBN will be active as CE6TBN/7 from Ascension Island (SA-043, DICE ICE-704) on 19-20 March. He will operate on 40, 20 and 15 metres SSB and CW (QRS). QSL via home call (P.O.Box 1234, Temuco, Chile). [TNX CE6TBN]

CE_ssh - Dominik, DL5EBE reports that on 8 March Oleg/UA1PBA and Slava/UA1PAI made only 20 QSOs as CE9/R1ANF [425DXN 722] from the Chilean "Ardley Refuge" (CE-12 for the Antarctica Award) on Ardley Island, South Shetlands. They had to leave the island because of a snow storm and return to Bellingshausen Base, but they hope to get back to Ardley when the weather improves. QSL via RK1PWA.

CO - Jose, CO3VK has had to postpone his trip to La Juventud (NA-056) [425DXN 721]. Look for him to operate on 20 and 40 metres SSB as CO3VK/4 in his spare time on 24-28 March. QSL via IZ8EBI. Jose might be joined by other 2-3 operators, who will be signing homecall/4. [TNX IZ8EBI]

DL - Look for DL2VFR/p and DA0GLH/p to be aired (CW QRP) from the lighthouses at Eckernfoerde on 24-28 March. Information on the German Lighthouses Award can be found at www.lighthouse-award.de QSL via bureau. [TNX DL2VFR]

F - Special call TM6OVN will be aired by the F6KPM ARS on 12-26 March to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the North Vosges area of France. QSL via F6KPM. [TNX F5NQL]

F - Jose/ON4CJK, Kenny/ON4DPX and Marc/ON5FP will be active from Brehat Island (EU-074) from 29 July to 5 August, IOTA Contest included. Callsign TBA, but it is likely to be TM0EME. QSL via ON4ADN, direct or bureau. [TNX ON5FP]

FG - Jean-Louis, F5NHJ reports he will operate (on 10-40 metres CW and
SSB) as FG/F5NHJ/P from Guadeloupe (NA-102) from 25 March to 2 April. [TNX IK4WMH]

FR - Jean-Marc, F5SGI will be active as FR/F5SGI from La Réunion (AF-016, DIFO FR-001) on 23-31 October. He will operate mostly CW with 100 watts and dipoles. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX F5SGI]

FP - Paul, K9OT and Peg, KB9LIE will be active as FP/homecalls from Miquelon Island (NA-032) from 29 July through 7 August, with 100 watts and wire vertical antennas, plus a beam for 6 metres. Main bands will be 80, 40, and 30 metres CW and 40, 20, and 17 metres SSB, with activity on 160 and the higher bands if they appear to be open. They will be active in the IOTA contest as single operators and as FP/K9OT in the CW NA QSO Party. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. Their web page is at http://www.mhtc.net/~k9ot [TNX K9OT]

FT*X - The Microlite Penguins DXpedition Team (namely 9V1YC, AG9A, G1ONWG, HB9ASZ, M0DXR, N6MZ, N0TT, SP5XVY, VE3EJ, VE6DK, W3WL and W7EW) left Durban, South Africa at 15 UTC on 9 March. The voyage to Kerguelen should take 9-10 days. [TNX The Daily DX]

I - ARI Brescia (www.aribrescia.it) will operate as IQ2CF during the 24th annual fair at Montichiari on 12-13 March. QSL via bureau.

I - IK8TLX, IK8URG, IK8XIR, IZ8FCX, IZ8GCD, IW8BB, IW8CFG, IW8DG and IW8DQY will operate as homecall/p from the historical Castel dell'Ovo on Megaride Island (not IOTA, IIA NA-022) on 2 April (8-17.30 UTC) and 3 April (7-14 UTC). They plan to be active on 15, 20, 40 metres SSB and CW (digital modes and 80 metres if possible), plus 2 and 6 metres SSB. QSL via bureau to home calls. Direct cards should be sent to IW8DQY (Paolo Di Salvo, P.O. Box 1054, 80128 Napoli - NA, Italy). For further information please visit http://www.rblob.com/hamradio/ovo/ovo.htm [TNX IW8DQY]

LA - From 17 May to 7 June amateur radio operators from Norway will be allowed to replace their LA and LB prefixes with LI and LJ respectively, in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the end of the union between Norway and Sweden (7 June 1905). Rules for the relevant award ("Norge 1905") will be available on the NRRL's web site (www.nrrl.no, go to the English pages). [TNX QRZ-DX]

OX - OH4JGE, OH4HJI and OH4MDY will operate (mostly CW on +/- 3507, 7003, 10104, 14007, 21007, 24897, and 28020 kHz) as OX/home call from Greenland on 23-30 March. Retu, OX/OH4MDY will participate in the CQ WPX SSB Contest as a single band entry. QSL via OH4MDY. [TNX OH4MDY]

OZ - Look for OZ/DJ4MG and OZ/DL1TM to be active from Vendsyssel-Thy (EU-171) from 27 March to 14 April. They plan to operate on 160, 80, 40, 20 and 15 metres SSB and on 40 & 20 metres PSK31. QSL via bureau to home calls. [TNX DL2VFR]

ST - Fernando, EA4BB (ex D2BB, 9Q5BB and TU5JL) went definitely QRT from Angola in June 2004. His next assignment was in Haiti (no activity on the amateur radio bands) and now he has been in Sudan for a few weeks. Fernando should remain there for at least one year; he has got a licence (ST2BF), but he has not been active so far. QSL via W3HNK. [TNX ST2BF]

TT - TT8M is the callsign Michael, PA5M will be using during his stay in Chad [425DXN 722]. He has been joined by Pierre, HB9AMO, who will operate as TT8AMO. They will be QRV in their spare time from the eastern part of the country for a couple of months. QSL for both
calls via PA7FM. [TNX ONSNT]

VE - Nenad, VE3EXY reports he will be active as VE2/VE3EXY/P from Orleans Island (NA-128) on 12-13 and 19-20 March. He will operate on 20, 30 and 40 metres CW (typically 10 or 25 kHz off the band edge) and SSB (14260 kHz). QSL via home call.

V8 - Kanzi Takemasa, JA4ENL will be active as V85NL from Brunei on 15-19 March. He plans to operate mostly on 160, 80, 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 metres CW. [TNX K1XN and The Golist]

VK - Bill, VK4FW has been informed that Little Solitary Island does not seem to qualify for IOTA. The 16-21 March activity from OC-194 [425DXN 722] has been postponed until he can get permissions necessary to go onto one of the other qualifying islands. At all events, he might go and operate from another IOTA group (possibly OC-137 or OC-142) in that time frame, if he can arrange transportation. [TNX VK4FW]

VP9 - W1HPH, WE1H, KO1H and N1HRA will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as VP9I from Bermuda (NA-005). QSL via N1HRA (for this contest only). On 24-25 March they will be active as homecall/VP9. [TNX NG3K]

XE - Enrique/XE1IH, Javier/XE1KOF, Mucio/XE1VC, Juan Jose/XE1XNH, Erika/XE1XOX, David/XE1XTK, Jose Luis/XE1YJL, Alfonso/XE1ZAO and Javier/XE1ZJR will operate on all bands and modes as XF22ZEX from Sacrificios Island (NA-224) from 29 March to 3 April. [TNX XE1BEF]

ZB2 - Ronald, PA3EWP and Tom, GM4FDM will operate as ZB2/PA3EWP and ZB2/GM4FDM from Gibraltar on 21-28 March, CQ WPX SSB Contest included. They plan to be active on 10-80 metres (and possibly 160m) CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home calls. [TNX PA3EWP]

ZS - In celebration of the 100 years of Rotary, the Rotary Club of Midrand (Johannesburg) will be active as ZS100RI from 12 March through February 2006. QSL via ZS6CKB. [TNX ARRL DX Bulletin]

CARIBBEAN TOUR ---> Karl, N1DL is visiting a number of Caribbean islands in March. He will be operating CW, SSB, PSK and RTTY as N1DL/HI7 (NA-096), V25DL (NA-100), V44/N1DL (NA-104), VP2V/N1DL (NA-106), J79DL (NA-101) and FJ/N1DL (NA-146), as well as from St. Lucia (J6, NA-108). QSL via home call, direct (Karl Geng, 695 Embassy Ct, Marco Island, FL 34145, USA) or bureau. [TNX N1DL]

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425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The latest issue (February 2005) is now available in either .pdf and .doc formats at http://www.425dxn.org/monthly/. Articles and pictures should be sent to Nicola Baldresca, IZ3EBA (iz3eba@libero.it).
GOLIST NEWS RELEASE ---> The Golist has announced a new program for DX and Contest Clubs. This new program provides the members of the Club access to the full Golist Web database and other incentives that the Club may use as features for their members. Club officers are encouraged to contact K1XN, John (golist@golist.net) for additional information about the Club/Golist Partnership Program. [TNX K1XN]

RUSSIAN DX CONTEST ---> The 12th edition will be held on 19-20 March (from 12 UTC to 12 UTC). Full information can be found at http://www.rdxc.org

QSL JT1FCZ ---> Cards should be sent direct only to the operator, I1ZB: Antonio Zerbini, Via De Amicis 5/2, 17027 Pietra Ligure - SV, Italy.

QSL VI5BR & VI3JPI ---> Peter, VK3QI reports that all VI5BR (OC-228) and VI3JPI (OC-251) direct cards have been answered, including about 30 outstanding requests for VI3JPI they were able to get hold of only now. A batch via the bureau system will be mailed in about 3 weeks. Peter also says that they have received quite a few returns from the Australian Post Office, stating that the SAE could not be delivered "due to inappropriate addressing”.

QSL VK4CY ---> Jon, VK4CY is currently re-erecting station & antennas at Moorina (OC-001), after being active from Lamb Island (OC-137) from December 1987 until December 2002. He has still some 3000 QSL cards for this island; if you need one, please send your request to Jon Walton, P.O. Box 1023, Burpengary DC, Queensland 4505, Australia. [TNX VK4CY]

QSL VIA M5AAV ---> Graham Ridgeway, M5AAV reports that with immediate effect he is the QSL manager for 9H3IC, M2Z, M5RIC, MD5RIC, MJ2Z, MJ5RIC, MU2Z, MU5RIC, MW2Z and MW5RIC.

QSL VIA N9NU ---> Tim, N9NU is the QSL manager (direct and bureau) for KH6XT, A92GQ, 9K2AI, 9K9A, YB0GJS and UA9CKN, but for the last five months he has been unable to contact anyone to get logs. Apparently he has no valid email addresses for any of those stations now. If you have any information, please contact Tim at n9nu@n9nu.net [TNX N9NU]

QSL VIA RX3RC ---> Roman, RX3RC reports he is the new QSL manager for UA0ANW, RM0A, UA0A2A and RK0AYB. Cards can be sent either direct (Roman A. Novikov, P.O.Box 21, 392000 Tambov, Russia) or through the bureau.

QSL VIA W3HK ---> Effective immediately, W3HK is the QSL manager for UA0AV and 9V1NC. [TNX K1XN and The Golist]

VU2RBI HONOURED ---> Bharathi Prasad, VU2RBI is the winner of the Special Achievement Award this year at the Dayton HamVention for her Andaman disaster communication work and the VU4 DXpedition, as well as a lifetime of teaching ham radio to school children. [TNX K4VUD]
LOGS: On-line log for SM1TDE/QA4 (1797 CW QSOs) is now available at www.qsl.net; cards will be ready within the end of March. [TNX SM1TDE]

LOGS: On-line logs for VU4NRO and VU4RBI are now available at http://www.niar.org/vu4/qsl (please note that the response depends not only on if you are in their log or not, but also on if you have sent a QSL card that has been received by NIAR; questions should be sent to niarvu4@gmail.com).

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8CF, 3V8BB, 3V8SQ, 5X1T, 600W, 600X, 6Y5/KN5G, 7S3I (EU-176), 9A7A, 9A8A, 9G50O, 9H12A, 9J2BO, 9K2YM/P (AS-118), 9L1ADA, 9Q0AR, 9V1YC, A61AV/p (AS-124), A61Q/p (AS-021), AH6QF/KH5 (OC-085), BQ9P, BX4AF, C6A/WO5D, C6AKQ, CO2WL/1 (NA-093), CO6XN, C08DM, EL2WW, EP4HR, ER1DA, ER3R, ES5MC, FM5BH, FM5JC, FP/VE7SV, FP5BZ, GD6IA, HC1HC, HK0TU (1990), HS72B, HV0A, IG9/I28CGS (AF-019), J45DX, JW5E, KG4SB, KG4W, KN5G/6Y5, KP4SQ, OH0Z, P40X, PJ7/AA4V, S9SS, SU9BN, T32CK, T77C, TI5N, TJ3MC/P (AF-095), TK5LB, TN6X, TO0O, TU2CI, TU2XZ, TU2YK, TX9, UA0FO, UU4JMG, VE3EY/2, VE3JM/2, VI2MI (OC-223), VP2MPA, VP8FW, VP8WMJ, VP8WPF, VP8WWW, VQ9LA, VR2JN (AS-006), VR2XMT, XF4IH, XV7ARA, XV1X, XV2G/C (AS-130), XV9DT, YA7X, YI9GT, YI9KT, YI9OM, YK1AO, YN4SU, YW1F (SA-089), YZ80AA, Z32M, ZD7BG.

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