As you already know, the Republic of Montenegro declared its independence on 3 June [425DXN 788] When Montenegro becomes a UN member or is assigned a prefix block by the ITU, then it will be added to the DXCC list. The very first amateur radio activity from this new DXCC Entity will be conducted by an International DXpedition Team, and it is planned to take place soon after the approval of Montenegro's DXCC status. The DXpedition Organizing Committee includes Bob Grimmick (N6OX), Hans Blondeel Timmerman (PB2T), Martti Laine (OH2BH), Dave Sumner (K1ZZ), Linda Sumner (KA1ZD), Ranko Boca (YT6A), Vladan Kecman (YT3T), Wayne Mill (N7NG) and Carsten Esch (DL6LAU).

If your operating skills are good enough to handle a real pile-up and if you are interested in becoming a member of the team, please visit http://www.yu6scg.cg.yu/international-dx-festival-montenegro-2006/ and fill in the application form as soon as possible. [TNX YT6A, yt6a@cg.yu]

>>> ARRL NEWS RELEASE: DXCC RULE CHANGE <<<

Upon request of the Programs and Services Committee (PSC), the DXAC has studied the impact of a change to the DXCC Rules. The DXAC, the Awards Committee and the PSC have concurred in this rule change, which will become effective June 15, 2006 at 0001Z. New text replaces the previously removed DXCC Rule, Section II, 1. Political Entities, Paragraph c). The new text shall read:

c) The Entity contains a permanent population, is administered by a local government, and is located at least 800 km from its parent. To satisfy the "permanent population" and "administered by a local government" criteria of this sub-section, an Entity must be listed on either (a) the U.S. Department of State's list of "Dependencies and Areas of Special Sovereignty" as having a local "Administrative Center," or (b) the United Nations list of "Non-Self-Governing Territories."

Rule 1c) is intended to recognize entities that are sufficiently separate from their parent for DXCC purposes but do not qualify under Rule 1a) or 1b). The new rule will cause a change to Point 1 status for certain entities. This in turn will reduce the mileage for a first separation for these entities from 800 km to 350 km.

The lists referenced in the text of the rule can be viewed at the following Web sites:
* the DOS list of Dependencies and Areas of Special Sovereignty at
http://www.state.gov/s/inr/rls/10543.htm, and
* the U.N. list of Non-Self-Governing Territories at

QSOs with any new entity resulting from this rule change will count for credit for the new entity only if the QSOs are made on or after the Start Date for the entity. In no case will QSOs made prior to the date of this notice be considered for credit for any new entity created under this rule. Applications for DXCC award credits resulting from this change will be accepted on or after October 1, 2006.

For further information please contact Wayne Mills, N7NG (n7ng@arrl.org).

8Q - 8Q7GE is the callsign issued to Vangelis, SV2BFN for his forthcoming activity from the Maldives [425DXN 787]. Look for him to operate holiday style from 22 June to 3 July. QSL via home call. [TNX SV1CER]

9A - Special event station 9A06P will be active on all bands and modes through the end of the year to celebrate the city of Djurdjevac. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. [TNX 9A2JK]

9A - Once again Zik, VE3ZIK (http://www.qslnet.de/ve3zik) will operate CW and SSB on all bands as 9A/VE3ZIK from Bilice, Croatia from 20 June to 10 July, IARU HF World Championship included. He will also try to be active from Kaprije Island (EU-170) at least for one day. QSL via DL3PS, direct or through the DARC bureau. [TNX VE3ZIK]

DU - Chris, VK3FY and Nik, VK3FNIK (11-year-old Foundation Licence holder) will operate SSB and CW as VK3FY/DU8 from the Philippines between 20 June and 5 July. They plan to go and operate from the following islands: Bayangan (OC-235), Mindanao (OC-130), Cebu (OC-129), Negros (OC-129) and Luzon (OC-042). QSL via VK3FW. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

EA8 - Steve, G0UIH will operate mainly 20, 15 and 17 metres SSB from Fuerteventura (DIE S-006), Canary Islands (AF-004) from 17 June to 1 July. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

EA8 - The Grupo DX Gran Canaria will participate in the XI DIE Contest (18 June) as ED8DIE from Baja del Palo (DIE S-357). QSL via EA8AKN, direct or bureau. [TNX VA3RJ]

F - Bernard/F9IE, Serge/F6AML, Pascal/F5JSD, John/F5VHQ and Frank/F4AJQ will participate in the IOTA Contest as TM7C from Noirmoutier Island (EU-064). QSL via F4AJQ. Expect also activity before and after the contest, on the WARC bands as well as 6 and 2 metres. [TNX F5NQL]

GI - Members of the Glengormley Electronics Amateur Radio Society (GEARS) will be running special event station GB90SOM on 1 July and at other times thereafter to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme in World War I, where 3000 men from the 36th (Ulster) Division of Northern Ireland lost their lives in one day (1 July 1916). They will be active on HF and 6 metres will be looking especially for ON stations from the Somme and Theipval areas. [TNX GI4FUE]

GJ - K2WR will operate as MJ0AWR from Jersey (EU-013) from 26 July to 1 August, and will participate in the IOTA Contest as GJ2A. QSL via K2WR (USA stations) or GJ3DVC (others). [TNX NG3K]

GM - Andre, GM3VLB and Alex, GM0DHZ will be operating CW and SSB from
Sanda Island (EU-123) on 15–18 June. [TNX GM3VLB]

GM - The GM7V contest team (operators GM3WOJ, GM4YXI, GM0RLZ and MM0CCC) will be active from the Island of Benbecula (EU-010) during the IOTA Contest (29–30 July). QSL via M0CMK. [TNX GM3WOJ]

GM - Several operators from the Mid Lanark Amateur Radio Society (http://www.mlars.org.uk) will participate in the IOTA Contest as GM0B from the Isle of Bute (EU-123). Look for them on all contest bands SSB and CW. QSL via GM0EGI. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

GM - Peter, GM3OFT will be active as GM3OFT/P from the Orkney Islands (EU-009) in late August. He plans to go and operate from the following islands: Westray (26–27 August), Papa Westray (27–28 August), Fara (29 August), Eday (30 August) and Calf of Eday (31 August). [TNX GM3OFT]

HR - Javier/HR2J, Daniel/HR2DMR, Antonio/HR2AHNC, Pedro/HR2PAC, Henry/HR2H, Carlos/HR2CG and Lane/KC4CD will be active as HQ3C from Chachahuaté, Cayos Cochinos (NA-160) on 23–25 June. They plan to operate on 10–160 metres SSB, CW and RTTY. QSL via HR2RCH, direct or bureau. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

HS - Tony, G4UZN will be in Thailand for three weeks starting on 23 June. WARC bands should be available by then, and Tony expects to be on the air as HS0ZGH (CW only) as time permits. [TNX G4UZN]

I - Walter, IN3XUG reports he will be active on the HF bands SSB as IA5/IN3XUG from Capraia Island (EU-028, IIA LI-020) on 17–24 June. QSL via home call (bureau preferred).

ISO - Piero, I1ASU will operate holiday style as IM0/I1ASU from Maddelena Island (EU-041, IIA OT-008) until 29 June. On 17 June, weather permitting, he might go and operate from Santo Stefano (EU-041, IIA OT-020) and a couple of other nearby islets. [TNX Info Radio by I1SCL]

ISO - Look for Giovanni, IS0/IW2NEF to operate from Sardinia (EU-024) on 17–29 June. He plans to concentrate on 6 metres, including entries in the IARU Region 1 50 MHz Contest (17–18 June) and Contest Veneto 50 MHz (25 June). [TNX Info Radio by I1SCL]

ISO - Freddy, I2E1EPM reports he will operate again as II0P from Sardinia (EU-024, JN41OF) between July and September. His main focus will be on 6 metres, but he will operate on HF as well, mainly CW. He also plans to operate /mm from JN51AX in August.

JA - Look for the JARL QRP Club to operate on all bands CW only as 8J6P/6 from the Goto Islands (AS-040) on 17–18 June for the International QRP Day (17 June). QSL via bureau to JP6VCH. [TNX VA3RJ]

JD1_oga - Special call 8J1P/JD1 will be aired from Ogasawara (AS-031) on 15–18 June to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the JARL QRP CLUB. QSL via bureau to JA1BVA. [TNX VA3RJ]

JW - Maria Teresa, IN3TCH and Mauro, IN3SAU will operate SSB as JW/IN3TCH and JW/IN3SAU from club station JW5E at Longyearbyen (EU-026), Svalbard on 12–14 August. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX IN3SAU]

KC4_ant - Robert Reynolds (N0QFQ), Satellite Communications Technician at the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station, (AN-016; K-08 for the Antarctica Award) will be leading a major 2006 Field Day activity for KC4AAA. Operations will take place from 18 UTC on 24 June through 21 UTC on the 25th. Primary operating band/mode will be 20 metres SSB
The team (up to ten operators) will be transmitting 1 kW and primarily be using a pair of Log-periodic antennas aimed toward the US. For more information, please contact Nick Powell, NH6ON (nick.powell@usap.gov). [TNX N7NG]

**LX**  
The PA6Z crew will revisit Luxembourg from 30 September to 7 October. They will operate from Wiltz as LX/PA6Z on 160-10 metres SSB, CW and PSK31. An experimental station will be on the 136 kHz band. QSL via PA1K, direct or bureau. Further information can be found at [http://www.pa6z.nl/lx_2006/index](http://www.pa6z.nl/lx_2006/index) [TNX PA5R]

**OH0**  
Reinaldo, YV5AMH of Aves Island fame will visit Finland and sail out to Aland Islands for activity as OH0AM (QSL via home call) this coming weekend. He will be assisted by OH1TX, OH1NX, OH1XX and OH2BH. [TNX OH2BH]

**OX**  
Dwayne, KD4POJ will spend eleven months in Greenland (NA-018) starting on 30 July. He plans to operate as OX3PG on most bands and modes and to participate in contests as work and propagation permit. QSL direct only via WA0SMQ. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

**OZ**  
OZ2TF, OZ5JR, OZ7KDJ and OZ9V will operate as OZ8MW/P from Anholt Island (EU-088) on 27 July to 1 August, IOTA Contest included. Look for them on 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80 metres CW and SSB. [TNX www.rsgbiota.com]

**P2**  
Derek/G3KHZ, Hans/SM6CVX and Vincent/G0LMX will operate (callsigns TBA) from the Trobriand Islands (OC-115) on 2-10 October and from Daru Island (OC-153) on 11-14 October. QSL direct to G3KHZ for OC-115 and SM6CVX for OC-153. [TNX IZ1CRR]

**SP**  
Special event station HF80GD will be active on all bands and modes on 22-30 June to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the city of Gdynia. QSL via SP2AVE. [TNX SP2DX]

**SV5**  
Dov, 4Z4DX will operate on all bands and modes as SV5/M0DOV and J45DOV from Rhodes, Dodecanese Islands (EU-001) on 15-20 July. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. He also plans to return to the island in late July for the IOTA Contest, in which he will take part along with the local SX5P team. [TNX 4Z4DX]

**SV9**  
Bert, CX3AN reports he will be joining Theodoros, SV9/SV1EJD and Fotis, SV9/SV1CIG on Crete on 6-10 July; he will operate as SV9/CX3AN (QSL via home call) with 100 watts and a vertical antenna.

**UR**  
Slava/US7IGF, Roman/UR7IJJQ, Alexandr/UR7IKV, Roman/UY7IQ will operate SSB and CW on 40-17 and 6 metres from Blakitni Island (BIL-01 for the Ukrainian Islands Award) on 24 June. QSL via home calls. [TNX US7IGF]

**VE**  
Pete, VE3IKV will be active as VF2X from Prince Edward Island (NA-029) on 1-4 July and as VC2X from Iles de la Madeleine (NA-038) on 4-8 July. He plans to operate on 40 metres CW and 6 metres SSB and CW. QSL via VE3IKV. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

**VP5**  
Tom, K4ZGB will be active as VP5/K4ZGB from Providenciales (NA-002), Turks & Caicos Islands, from 25 July to 1 August. He plans to operate on all bands CW and SSB, and to participate in the IOTA Contest. QSL via home call. [TNX VA3RJ]

**YJ**  
Tommy, VK2IR reports he will be active as YJ0IR from Vanuatu on 3-15 July. He plans to operate on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres SSB depending on conditions. QSL via W3HNK.

**YV**  
The Radio Club Venezolano will activate special call YW9AJ (QSL via
YV5AJ) on 160-metres all modes from Grid FJ67hm in the rare Apure state from 29 June to 5 July, including an entry in the Venezuela Independence Day Contest (1-2 July). On satellite they will operate as YV5SAT/9 (QSL via YV5SAT). [TNX YV5AJ]

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3Y0X ---> A lecture with slideshow on the DXpedition to Peter I will be held at the Cankarjev Dom (Linhart Hall) in Ljubljana, Slovenia at 19 local time on 19 June. The speaker will be 3Y0X team member Robert Lusnia (SP5XVY), while Vilko Oblak (S51XO) will provide the simultaneous interpretation. Details can be found at http://www.cd-cc.si/_Cankarjev_Dom/english/ (click on "Humanism").

40 METRES (THE NETHERLANDS) ---> Hans, PB2T (VERON IARU liaison officer) reports that effective 10 June amateur radio operators in the Netherlands are allowed to use the band 7100-7200 kHz on a secondary basis with a maximum power of 250 watts.

AMATEUR RADIO LICENSING IN SPAIN ---> The Spanish Government has approved new amateur radio regulations which came into force 10th of June 2006. The most important changes are:
* The extinction of the three Spanish licences (General-EA, Restricted-EB and Novice-EC). All Spanish licensed have the same privileges from now on, so you will hear in all bands not only EA but also EB and EC stations.
* All amateurs are allowed to use the 50-51 MHz band, including visitors from CEPT countries or others foreign amateurs with temporary licence, but there are geographical restrictions in the centre of Spain due to TV emissions. Further information (in Spanish language) can be found on the URE's website at http://www.ure.es/ (click on "URE Informa"). [TNX VA3RJ]

ANTARCTICA AWARD AT FRIEDRICHSHAFEN ---> The Antarctica Award will be at Ham Radio 2006, the most important meeting for amateur radio enthusiasts in Europe. Ric, DL2VFR and the Mediterraneo DX Club have organized an Antarctica Award Field Check on 24 June at the ARI (Associazione Radioamatori Italiani) booth. Full information on the Antarctica Award and scores can be found at http://www.mdxc.org/antarctica/ [TNX I28CGS]

EUROPEAN PSK CLUB ---> Jurij Phunkner, MM0DFV and a few other amateurs are starting an informal European PSK Club (EPC). Its purpose is to promote activity and good operating practice on the PSK mode(s) on all amateur bands. Membership is free for any licensed radio amateur. For further information please visit http://www.eu.srars.org or email mm0dfv@scotham.net [TNX MM0DFV]
GERMAN CALLBOOK ---> The German government's callbook can be found at http://ans.bundesnetzagentur.de/Amateurfunk/Rufzeichen.aspx [TNX The Daily DX]

II0ESA ---> All paper logs for last year's special operations from the European Space Agency have now been imported electronically and have been uploaded to Logbook Of The World. All bureau cards have gone out. Please address any queries to ik0dwn@arrl.net [TNX IK0DWN]

QSL RA9LI ---> Serge Abysev, UA9LP reports he is the new QSL manager for Vasily, RA9LI. This includes Vasily's operations as RA9LI/9 (AS-083 and AS-089), RA9LI/1 and RA9LI/mm.

QSL YI9DXX ---> Adam, KA1ZFE reports he is the new QSL manager for YI9DXX. Cards can be sent either direct (Adam M. Forman, 7321 Pinecastle Rd, Falls Church, VA 22191, USA) or through the bureau. Information about the YI9DXX station can be found at http://www.w7dxx.com/

QSL VIA AC7DX ---> Ron, AC7DX reports that he will now handle cards for T93X and T94TT.

QSL VIA RX3RC ---> Roman Novikov, RX3RC reports he is the new QSL manager for 5B4AHI, 5B4AHH, 5B4AGL, C4T, H2A and P3B, as well as for RK6YYA/0.

SERBIA ---> What will happen to the DXCC status of Serbia after Montenegro joins the ARRL DXCC list [425DXN 788]? The latest issue of The ARRL Letter (9 June) says that "the division of Serbia and Montenegro eliminates what remained of Yugoslavia. Serbia's parliament this week declared Serbia a sovereign nation as heir to the former Serbia-Montenegro union. Assuming that Serbia continues to hold its current seat in the UN, it will remain on the DXCC list as a pre-existing and continuing DXCC entity, Wayne Mills, N7NG (ARRL Membership Services Manager) explained".

+ SILENT KEY + Russ, VE6VK reports that Fred Carter, 3D2CC has passed away. For many years Fred was the only station active from Malolo Lai Lai (OC-121), and had been QRT since February 2004. Russ still has some blank cards for him, and will look after any outstanding QSLs (direct only). [TNX VE6VK]

+ SILENT KEY + Robert Schoettert, LX1RQ passed away in late May at 47 years of age. He was one of the driving forces behind the famous contest station LX5A.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3D2RX, 3DA0NW, 3Y0X, 4L1MA, 4M5RY, 4O8/9X0A, 4U1WB, 5H1C (AF-032), 5J1W, 5W0DF, 600N, 6WI1Y, 7X0RY, 9L1MS, 9Y4/DL7DF, A41KJ, A41LZ, A52FH, A71BX, A71EM, BA4RF, C31BO, C30Y, CP6UA, CP6XE, CU6NS, DA0HEL (EU-127), DU3NKE, DU9RG, E21EIC, EK0B, EK6TA, EK6YL, EK8WA, ES1WN, ES5Q, EX8AA, EX8MLE, FK8AH, FK8HN, FM/DL5CF, FM5JC, FO/DL5XU, FO5RH (OC-066), FS/DL7DF, GM5A, H40HL, HBO/T94JJ, HCBN, HH4/W4WX, HP1AC, HS0ZAA, HS10VH, HVOA, J68MS, JR6TYH/JD1, JT1CO, JV800BV, JY4NE, K3LP/KP5, K7C, KG40X, LTOH, N3KS/KP5, O9OR, OJOJ, OY1CT, P29VMS (OC-101), PJ7/DL7DF, PP50W/p, P25RA, RU02M, SN3A, STORM, SV9FBM, T6X, TA1FA, TB0DX (AS-123),
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