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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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3B6 - The Polish expedition to Agalega [425DXN 823] is on hold: "we will decide on March 15 whether it is postponed only or rather cancelled", Witek, SP9MRO says. "The decision is due to enormous costs of the expedition that have much exceeded the estimated budget". All of the contributions received so far are being refunded. The full press release is available at http://3b6.godx.eu

3DA - A DXpedition to Swaziland from 16 to 25 March is being organized to celebrate the 75th Jubilee of the Irish Radio Transmitters Society. The group will also take part in the CQ WPX SSB Contest (24-25 March). Operation will be on all bands with particular attention given to the WARC bands, digital modes and the LF bands. It is also hoped to have some activity on EME, 2m and 6m. Participating operators are Paul/EI2CA (3DA0PM), Peter/EI7CC (3DA0PB), Aidan/EI8CE (3DA0AM), David/EI4DJ/GI4FUM (3DA0DG), Rory/EI4DJB (3DA0RH), Brendan/EI3GV (3DA0GV) and Pete/GI4VIV (3DA0GI). QSL for all via EI7CC, direct or bureau. The web pages for the expedition can be found at http://www.irts.ie/cgi/afri75.cgi; on-line logs will be updated on a daily basis. [TNX EI7CC]

5W - YT1AD and other operators from the N8S team will be active as 5W5AA from Samoa (OC-097) on 20-24 April. QSL via YZ7AA. [TNX YZ1EW]

9M6 - Pete, SM5GMZ reports he will be active from East Malaysia in March. On 13-21 March he will be signing 9M6/SM5GMZ, with an emphasis on the low bands CW. On 22 March he will go to 9M8 and will participate in the CQ WPX SSB Contest together with Steve/9M6DXX (ex-G4JVG).

9U - Baldur, DJ6SI (9U0X, CW) and Franz, DJ9ZB (9U9Z, SSB) will be active on 10-160 metres from Burundi until 1 March. QSL via home calls. [TNX The Daily DX]

C5 - The OM0C Contest Crew will be active from The Gambia on 17-30 October. Six operators (Rich/OM2TW, Bob/OM1KW, Roman/OM2RA, Noro/OM6NM, Joe/OM5AW and Dano/OM1NW) will be active as C52C on 160-6 metres SSB, CW and digital modes, with an emphasis on 160m and the low bands. They plan to have four well equipped stations on the air and to participate in the CQ WW SSB Contest. A side trip to Bijol Island (AF-060) is also being planned. QSL via OM2FY, direct or bureau. The web site for the expedition is at www.om0c.com/gambia [TNX OM2TW]

CT3 - Rolf, DK2ZF will operate as CT3/DK2ZF from Madeira (JT65b) from 16 March to 2 April. He will be there to check out his portable EME equipment for 144 MHz (4x11 el Yagis and 400 watts RF), but he will also operate CW on the WARC bands. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX DK2ZF]

F - F4ELJ, F0ELI and F0ELK will be active as TM4P from Pontusval Lighthouse (ARLHS FRA-404) on 10-11 March. QSL via F4ELJ. [TNX F4ELJ]

G - Cray Valley Radio Society's members Nobby/G0VJG, Simon/M3CVN, Dave/G4BUO, Richard/G7GLW Justin/G4TSH and Chris/G0FDZ will be active as G3RCV/P from St. Mary's Island, Isles of Scilly (EU-011) from 24 July to 2 August. They will participate in the IOTA Contest as M8C (QSL via G4DFI). [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

GM - A large group of operators from the Sheffield Amateur Radio Club will be active as GS3RCM from the Isle of Arran (EU-123) from 26 July to 2 August. They will participate in the IOTA Contest as MM3M, and they will also try to go and operate again from the island of Pladda. QSL via G3VCQ. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

HL - Rocky/HL1VAU, Ryu/DS4NYE and Han/DS2GOO will be active from Sonyu Island (AS-148) on 1-4 March. They will operate on 10-40 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31 as homecall/4 and will participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest as D70LW/4 (possibily as a SOSB 20m entry). QSL HL1VAU/4, DS4NYE/4 and DS2GOO/4 via home calls; QSL D70LW/4 via DS4NYE. [TNX HL1VAU]

I - IT9GAC, IT9GIE, IT9IVA, IT9TPJ, IT9VKY, IW9BCW, IW9BDV and IW9FY will be active as IF9RGE from Favignana Island (EU-054, IIA TP-011) on 21-23 April. They plan to operate on the HF bands CW, SSB and RTTY, plus 6 and 2 metres. QSL via IT9EJW, direct or bureau. Further information at http://www.rgetna.org/if9rge.htm [TNX IT9EJW]

JA - Look for JH1DGY/1, JL1OVB/1, 7L3ATQ/1 and JA1YVT/1 to be active from Izu Oshima (JIIA AS-008-008), North Izu Islands (AS-008) on 24-25 February. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]

JA - Take, JI3DST will be active as either JI3DST/JS6 or JS6RRR from the Miyako Islands (AS-079) on 2-5 March. He plans to concentrate on 160, 80 and 40 metres. [TNX F6AJA and Les Nouvelles DX]

KH2 - Fukuda, JK2VOV and Nose, JA2BNN will be active as KH2/JK2VOV and KH2/JA2BNN from Guam (OC-026) on 16-19 March. They will participate in the Russian DX Contest as separate single operators, but before that event they might operate on the WARC bands. QSL via home calls. [TNX JA1ELY]

KH8S - The N8S team of operators (YT1AD, K3LP, K1LZ, N6TQS, RK3AD, RA3AUU, SV2BFN, K6SRZ, YU7NU, YZ7AA, YZ1BX, UR0MC, UA4HOX, RU4SU and YU1AU, plus possibly YU1DX and YZ1EW) will be active from Swains Island (OC-200) on 4-15 April (give a look to the latest schedule at http://www.yt1ad.info/n8s/ and note that UTC = KH8 time + 11 hours). They will have six stations active on all bands and modes. Contributions will be gratefully accepted; please contact co-leader Dave, K3LP (k3lp@yahoo.com). One more operator is still being sought. QSL via YT1AD. [TNX YZ1EW]

OZ - A team of German operators will be active as OZ/DK0G from Romo Island (EU-125) from 26 February to 6 March. They will operate on the HF, VHF and microwave bands, and will be active during the ARRL DX SSB Contest on 160 and 80 metres. QSL via DK0G. [TNX W1AW]

PJ2 - Chad/WE9V, Scott/KA9FOX and Mike/K9NW will be active as PJ2/homecall from Curacao (SA-006) from 26 February to 6 March. During the ARRL DX SSB Contest they will be QRV as PJ2T in the M/2 category. QSL PJ2T via N9AG, others via home call. [TNX K9NW]

PJ7 - Look for Bil, PJ7/W8EB and Dorothy, PJ7/W8DVC to be active from St. Maarten from 25 February through 25 March. They will operate CW, SSB, PSK31 and RTTY on 10-160 metres. W8EB will participate in the ARRL SSB DX Contest as PJ7B. QSL via home calls. [TNX NG3K]

S9 - Luciano, CT1HHP will be active as S92FM (callsign to be confirmed) from Rolas Island (AF-023) between 26 February and 7 March. He plans to operate mainly RTTY and BPSK31 on 10, 15, 20 and 40 metres (possibily also 17 metres). [TNX CT1END]

SU - A group of operators from the Lufthansa Amateur Radio Club will be active as SU8DLH from Egypt on 3-12 March. They will be active on all the HF bands CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via DK2CL. They will also guest operate from SU0ARA (QSL for this activity via DL1BDF). [TNX K1XN]

SV5 - Willi, DJ7RJ will be active as SV5/DJ7RJ from Kos Island (EU-001) from 26 February to 17 March. He will operate CW and SSB on 160-10 metres, with an emphasis on the low bands. QSL via home call. [TNX DJ7RJ]

V6 - Nando/IT9YRE (V63RE), Claudio/I1SNW (V63WN) and Mike/K9AJ (V63J) will be active from Micronesia between 2 and 19 April. Plans are to operate SSB and CW from Ngulu Atoll (OC-180) for 36 hours, from Sorol Atoll (OC-277, new one) for three days and from Woleai Atoll (OC-132) for another three days. QSL via home calls. The expedition (website at www.mdxc.org/v63) is dedicated to the memory of the late Gianni Rizzi, I7RIZ.

VE - Heinz, VA7AQ will be active on all bands SSB from Quadra Island (NA-091) from 26 July to 1 August, IOTA Contest included. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

VK - John, VK6HZ will be active holiday style as VK6ARI from Rottnest Island (OC-164) on 5-11 March. He plans to operate SSB, PSK, RTTY and possibly CW. QSL via VK6NE. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

XE - Enrique/XE1IH, Javier/XE1KOF, Jose Luis/XE1YJL, David/XE1XR, Martin/XE2ML and Benjamin/XE2AUB will be active as 4A3IH from the NA-183 IOTA group in May. Look for them to operate on the HF bands (CW, SSB and digital modes), as well as on 6 and 2 metres and satellite, from La Roqueta (ARLHS MEX-069) on 14-19 May and from Ixtapa on 21-26 May. QSL via IT9EJW, direct or bureau. The web site for the operation can be found at http://www.mdxc.org/4a3ih [TNX IT9EJW]

XV - Rolf, SM5MX has just revived his old callsign and will b active as XV9SW from Hanoi, Vietnam until 30 April. He will operate CW on 20 and 15 metres, but "the downtown electric smog is worse than ever", he says, "so operation is just barely possible now and then". QSL via home call (please note that he will return to Sweden in August). [TNX SM5MX]

ZF - Bob, K3UL will operate again as ZF2UL from the Cayman Islands (NA-016) on 1-7 March. He plans to concentrate on CW operations on 30, 80 and 160 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

ZK3 - YT1AD and other operators from the N8S team will be active as ZK3A from Tokelau (OC-048) on 16-19 April. QSL via YU7NU. [TNX YZ1EW]

CQ WW 160-METER DX CONTEST (SSB) ---> Object of the contest is for amateurs worldwide to work as many US States, Canadian provinces and countries as possible on 160 metres SSB (full rules cand be found at http://cq-amateur-radio.com/160%20Meter%20link.html). The following stations have announced their partecipation in this year's event (from 00.00 UTC on 24 February through 23.59 UTC on the 25th):

Call	DXCC	QSL VIA

6Y1V	Jamaica	OH3RB
C6AWB	Bahamas	WA2IYO
C6ANM	Bahamas	WA2IYO
CT9L	Madeira	DJ6QT
EB1WW	Spain	EA1EY
HI3C	Dominican Rep.	ON4IQ
OL4W	Czech Rep.	bureau
RK2FWA	Kaliningrad	DK4VW
XE1RCS	Mexico	qrz.com
ZD8QD	Ascension Isl.	K4QD

Do not forget to give a look to the Announced Operation listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cq160s2007.html

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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NEW UK POSTAL RATES ---> Effective 2 April, UK postal rates will rise across the board by slightly more than 10%. Whereas 1 USD has been insufficient to pay for the minimum return postage to countries outside Europe for some time now, this new increase will mean that 1 USD is no longer sufficient to pay for the minimum return postage to countries *within* Europe. The new, 2009 expiry IRCs are still exchangeable for the minimum return postage to all parts of the world. [TNX G3SWH]

NOT THE MANAGER (SU0FEC) ---> Tim, WD9DZV says he is not the QSL manager for SU0FEC. This station was active on 40 metres CW around 8-9 December 2006. [TNX The Daily DX]

NOT THE MANAGER (TC5C) ---> Jack, W4JS says he has "absolutely no connection" with TC5C. This station was repeatedly spotted on 40 and 20 metres CW between late January and mid-February. [TNX The Daily DX]

QSL CS5A ---> Victor Diniz, CT1AUO apologizes and says he can confirm contacts made with CS5A between 1991 and June 1994 only (not 2001-2004 as he previously stated, 425DXN 824).

QSL YW0DX ---> Corrado says that too many direct requests for YW0DX (as well as for the other stations he his the QSL manager for) do not comply with the instructions given at http://www.qrz.com/callsign/it9daa; these requests will be processed through the bureau in due course.

QSL VIA RW3RN ---> Alex, RW3RN reports his new address is: Alex Kuznetsov, P.O. Box 80, Tambov, 392000, Russia. He is the QSL manager for 5B/AJ2O, 5B/NN3AA, 5B4/R3CC, 5B4/RV3MA, 5B4/RW3QC, 5B4/UW3QC, 5B4AGM (IARU Contest 2003), 9H3QC, C4M (CQWW CW 2003, CQ WPX SSB 2004), FG/RW3QC, R1MVC (2002), R1NWS (EU-147), R3/DL5XJ, R3ARC/1 (EU-147), R3CC, R3CC/6, R5CC, R7HQ (2003 and 2004), RK3QWA, RP3RST, RW3QC, RW3RG, RX3RXX, RZ3Q, TO5AA, UA3RAR, UE3RDA, UI8LA, UK8LA, UM8LA and UZ3RXX.

QSL VIA UU2JQ ---> Those who still need a card from the following stations can contact Rustam, UU2JQ (uu2jq@aport.ru): EN5J, EO10J, EO50JS, EO55JM, EO56JM, EO57JM, EO58JM, EO59JM, EO5JM, EO60JM, RT2J/UB4JWA, RT6J/UB3JWW, UR8J, UT1J/UB5JIM, UT2J/UB5JMR, UT7J/UB4JIW, UU100JWA, UU4JWA, UU5A, UU5J, UU5JYL. [TNX UU2JQ]

SWODXA DX DINNER ---> The SouthWest Ohio DX Association is pleased to sponsor the 22nd annual DX Dinner to be held in conjunction with the 2007 Dayton HamVention. The dinner will be Friday evening, 18 May, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Further information may be obtained from Jay Slough, K4ZLE (k4zle <at> yahoo <dot> com) or at http://www.swodxa.com

UBA 60 AWARD ---> UBA radio club stations are allowed to replace their ordinary prefix with ON60 (Oscar November Six Zero) to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Union Belge des Amateurs-emetteurs [425DXN 808]. The commemorative UBA 60 Award is issued to licenced amateurs and SWLs for working at least five different ON60 stations during the calendar year 2007. Details can be found at http://www.uba.be/hf/awards/awards_fr.html or from the UBA Award Manager, Egbert Hertsen, ON4CAS (on4cas@uba.be).

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8CF, 3D2AY, 3D2MO, 3W3W, 3XD2Z, 3XM6JR, 3Y0X, 4O3B, 4O3T, 4O60BH, 4S7CF, 4S7NE, 5A7A, 5J1W, 5R8RJ (AF-057), 5U5Z, 5Z4DZ, 6W1EA, 6Y1V, 6Y5WJ, 7W2OM, 7X4AN, 7Z1SJ, 7Z1UG, 8Q7DV, 8R1EA, 9J2BO, 9K2HN, 9M6DXX, 9Q1D, 9Q1EK, AP2TN, BY1TX/2 (AS-158), C31CT, C56X, C6APG, C6APR, C6ARI (NA-219), CN8IG, CU2A, DQ2006C, DQ2006K, DQ2006M, DQ2006Q, DQ2006S, DQ80IARU, DR2006B, DR2006O, DS4DRE/4 (AS-093), E51PDX, E51QMA, EI7M, EP3HF, EX8MJ, FG5FR, FO/KM9D (OC-057), FS/WY3P, HB0/DL2OBO/p, HC1AJQ, HC2FN, HK0GU, HK0GU/1, HP3XUG, HR1FJC, HR6/W5WW, IA5/IK5CBE (EU-028), J6/KD7WPJ, J79AG, JD1AMA, JJ8DEN/6, JJ8DEN/JD1, JT1CO, JT800OK, JV800CS, JW0HS, JW4GHA, KG4DX, KH0PR, KH6/KF7E, KH8Q, KH8SI, KP2ZZ (NA-106), LT7W, LZ9W, NH6P, OH0PM, OH60BH, PA1WLB/P (EU-146), PA3GIO/6W, PZ5RA, R1ANC, RU1A, S58Q, SV9CVY, SV9GPV, SY8GE (EU-113),T21MY, T30XX, T31MY, T77C, T88CM, TA4/DL2OBO, TG9ADM, TI8II, TK/HA0HW, TK5IX, TU2/F5LDY, TY5LEO, TY5MR, TZ5A, UA9YAB, UN7DA, V25WX, V31HK, V31LZ, V44KAI, V5/DJ4SO, V73RY, VK1AA/4, VK6ZAI, VP2MHX, VP5DX, VP8CMH/MM, VP8ROT (AN-001), VP8SGK (AN-007), VP9F, VQ9JC, VQ9LA, VU4AN/VU3CHE, VU4AN/VU3KIE, VU7LD, VU7RG, W4PL (NA-112), XF4DL, XX9C (AS-075), YI9KT, YJ0AMY, YJ0IR, YN4SU, YN4SU/9, YS3/I2JIN, YT6A, YU6AO, YV1/W5ALT, YX0LIX, Z22JE, Z24ES, ZA/K9LA, ZK2MO, ZK2PX, ZL8R, ZP8AE, ZS6WN, ZY6T.

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