3X - Michael, PA5M is now working for the UN World Food Programme in Guinea until early June. He will operate as 3XY5M on 160-6 metres in his spare time, using 100 watts and wire antennas. QSL via PA7FM, direct (do not forget that 1 USD no longer covers return postage) or bureau. Logs and further information can be found at www.pa7fm.nl

BY - Look for BD1DRJ/2, BG2QMP/2 and BG2RHY/2 to be active from Changxing Island (AS-151) on 11-13 May. They plan to operate CW and SSB on 10, 15, 20 and 40 metres. QSL via home calls.

G - The Cray Valley Radio Society will be active as GB4VLX on 12-13 May in memory of Deryck Buckley, G3VLX (also F0RV, PA9TO, 9H3AM), who became a silent key in April. Two stations will be active using Deryck's equipment on 10-80 metres. Special QSL via G4DFI.

GM - Drew, GM3YOR will operate CW only (anche when time permits) as GM3YOR/P from the Isle of Islay, Inner Hebrides (EU-008) on 19-26 May.

HL - Special event station HL7WR will be active until 2 July to celebrate the 2007 World Rafting Championship which will held in Sangdong-Ri, Inje, South Korea from 27 June to 2 July (http://www.2007wrc.com). QSL via DS2UAL, direct or bureau.

I - Look for IW8FFG/p to operate from Portici lighthouse (WAIL CA-015, ARLHS ITA-276) on 13 May, starting around 6.30 UTC on 40 metres SSB.

I - Michele/IZ4GWE, Luigi/IZ4FTE, Davide/IK4UNH and Paolo/I4EWH and others will be active as II4SDP from Scanno di Piallazza (EU-155, IIA FE-001) on 18-20 May. They plan to operate SSB and CW on 40, 20, 15, 10 and 6 metres. QSL via IZ4GWE.

PA - Special callsign PA25UKSMG will be aired from The Netherlands between 19 May and 3 June to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the UK Six Metre Group (http://www.uksmg.org/). Expect activity on 160-2 metres, including an entry in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. QSL via PA7FM (logs will be available at http://www.pa7fm.nl). Several other special callsigns are expected to be used from other countries, especially during the UKSMG 6 Metre Contest during the first weekend of June.

SP - Another special event station celebrating the 750th anniversary of Krakow's city rights [425DXN 831] is HF750C (QSL via SP9BRP), which will be active from 14 May to 30 June. Expect also a large number of local operators to use special prefix SN0 during the year.

SV - Special event station SX2SB will be active on 19-20 May in remembrance of those who fought the Battle of Skra in May 1918 during World War I. Expect activity on all bands CW, SSB, PSK31 and
RTTY. QSL via either SV7CUD or SV1EOS, direct or bureau.

YB9 - Hans, PA0HOP will be active from Bali Island (OC-022) as YB9AQW and YB9/PA0HOP between 15 May and 20 June. He will operate RTTY, BPSK31, FeldHell and OLIVIA (16 tones - 500 Hz) only. QSL via PA0HOP (this applies also to contacts made with YB9AQW during this time frame only). [TNX PA0HOP]

425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The latest issue (April 2007) is now available at http://www.425dxn.org/monthly/index.html. Articles and pictures should be sent to Nicola Baldresca, IZ3EBA (iz3eba@ari.it).

AFD COMMUNICATIONS TEST ---> Celebrating the 57th anniversary of Armed Forces Day (AFD), the US Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard are co-sponsoring the annual military/amateur radio communications tests to be conducted on 12 May. The annual celebration features traditional military to amateur cross band communications SSB voice tests and copying the Secretary of Defense message via digital modes. Full information can be found at http://www.netcom.army.mil/mars/docs/ARMEDFORCESDAYFinal.doc [TNX DL8AAM]

BS7H ---> Scarborough Reef went QRT as scheduled, at about 00.00 UTC on 6 May. The team made nearly 45,000 QSOs as follows:

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On-line logs are available at http://www.scarboroughreef.com/srlog.html; a few pictures can be found at http://www.scarboroughreef.com/srphotos.html

EUROPEAN CASTLES DAY ---> The sixth edition of the European Castles Day will take place on 20 May between 6 and 16 UTC. Several stations are expected to operate from fortresses and castles in France, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Portugal, United Kingdom and Switzerland. Information on the event can be found on Jean-Pierre's (F6FNA) web site at http://f6fna.club.fr/jecruleanglais.html [TNX F6FNA]

FX4SIX ---> Thanks to Claude/F5GTW, this French 6m beacon is QRV again on 50315 kHz. It is located west of Poitiers (JN06cq), and it runs 25 watts into a 5 element yagi pointed to east. Reports can be sent to F5GTW. [TNX F5NQL]
**MMAA CW CONTEST** ---> The Manchester Mineira All America CW Contest, organized by the Grupo Juizforano de CW, will take place from 15 UTC on 19 May through 23.59 UTC on the 20th. Full information can be found at [http://www.powerline.com.br/cwjf](http://www.powerline.com.br/cwjf) [TNX PY4WAS]

QSL AP2TN ---> As of 1 May 2007, the new QSL route is via DJ9ZB. If you sent a QSL request direct to Tariq and have not received your card, please e-mail your QSO details to him (ap2tn@yahoo.com).

QSL 8Q7AK ---> Andrew, G7COD reports that all QSLs received for his last two activities from the Maldives (October 2006 and January/February 2007) have now been posted direct if sufficient postage had been included. If not, they have been sent via the bureau. All QSLs received via the bureau will also be returned the same way. Andrew will be back to the Maldives in October (details expected in due course).

QSL VIA IT9DAA ---> Corrado is the QSL manager for the following stations/operations: YV1CTE, YV1FM, YV5MSG, YV5SSB (4M5DX, YW5CQ), YV5TX (4M5R), YV5WW (HP1WA, OH0XX), YW0DX (Aves Island, NA-020), YW4C (SA-058), YX5IOTA (SA-044), Y1JGT. QSLling policy at [www.qrz.com/it9daa](http://www.qrz.com/it9daa) [TNX IT9DAA]

+SILENT KEY + "Hillar Raamat, N6HR passed away on 6 May", The Daily DX reports, "shortly after operating the 7 QSO party with his wife Elsie (N7YX)". Born in 1932, "Hil was originally from Estonia, immigrated to the USA after WW2, and became a very successful engineer in the defense business, and a real estate entrepreneur. He made many operations from DX places like Marshall Islands, Ascension Island, and he was found active in many contests over the years. He was a DXer, contester and IOTA activator". 

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