3B7 - The various logistical arrangements for the 7-24 September 3B7C operation from St. Brandon have been confirmed, a detailed site survey of the QTH (Isle du Sud) has been made, the container of gear has been shipped and everything is looking good. Amateur radio activity on 6 metres is not normally allowed from Mauritius and its outlying islands, but the group has been able to gain a short-term permit, limited to three fixed frequencies: 50090 (CW), 50102 (CW), 50145 (USB). Bob, N6OX has joined the team, but they still have a vacancy for one team member to bring the total team to 20. "We are seeking a team player and an outstanding operator who is ideally known to one of the current 3B7C team members", says G3XTT (g3xtt@lineone.net). "A 6m specialist would be particularly welcome". Keep an eye on the website (www.3b7c.com), which continues to be updated on a regular basis. The full press release no. 5, issued on 24 July, will be published in the next 425 Magazine (http://www.425dxn.org/monthly/index.html) [TNX G3XTT]

40 - Emir, 9A6AA, plans to be active on the bands as 4O6AA from Sveti Nikola Island (EU-163) between 13 and 19 August (http://www.inet.hr/9a6aa/4O6AA.htm). QSL via home call, direct. [TNX 9A6AA]

5B - C4MG is the callsign the Nicosia Amateur Radio Club will be using during the IOTA Contest [425DXN 821]. Operations will take place from Agios Georgios (AS-120); the group expects to be QRV as 5B4NC/p with two stations on 27 July in the local afternoon. QSL for both calls via 5B4KH, direct or bureau. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

9A - Giuseppe, IK5WWA will operate as 9A/IK5WWA from Solta Island (EU-016, IOCA CI-126) from 25 August to 1 September. He also plans to go and operate from one or more nearby islets: Balkun (CI-155), Grmej (CI-395), Komicic (CI-new), Polebrnjak (CI-394), Radula (CI-206), Sasinjka (CI-396), Stipanska (CI-213). QSL via home call. [TNX IK5WWA]

CE - Sergio, CE3CMZ and Hector, CE3FZL will be active as CE4S and CE4T from Topocalma lighthouse (ARLHS CHI-076) on 17-19 August. They plan to operate SSB only on 40, 20 and 10 metres. QSL via EA5KB. [TNX CE3FZL]

CE - Carlos, CE6AMN and the DX Group of Radio Club Villarrica (CE6RCV) will be active as XR4C from the lighthouse at Cabo Carranza (ARLHS CHI-005) on 18-19 August for the International Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend. They plan to operate SSB and CW on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL direct to CE6AMN. [TNX CE6AMN]

CO - Edor, C07PH works at the airport on Cayo Coco, one of the two main islands in the Camaguey Archipelago (NA-086), and has been given
permission to operate from nearby Cayo Paredon Grande. He plans to be active on 28-29 July on various bands (mainly 17 and 20 metres) SSB, possibly with some CW. QSL via W3HMK. [TNX VA7DJ]

CT - Jose/CT1APE, Lopes/CT1CJJ, Manuel/CT1DSC, Jose/CT1EEB, Luis/CT1EEQ, Carlos/CT1END and Filipe/CT1ILT will participate in the IOTA Contest as Q7P from Pessegueiro Island (EU-167). QSL via CS1GDX. The day before the contest they will be signing homecall/p [TNX CT1ILT]

F - Special event call TM0FIL will be aired on all bands and modes from 30 July to 12 August for the 36th Festival Inter-celtique de Lorient http://www.festival-interceltique.com/). QSL via F6KPQ. [TNX F8REF]

FG - David, F1JXQ will be active as FG/F1JXQ from Guadeloupe (NA-102) on 4-20 August. He operates SSB and is likely to be found on 10-6 metres and 2m between 10 and 16 UTC. QSL direct to home call. [TNX F1JXQ]

FW - Mike, KM9D and Jan, KF4TUG have been granted permission to operate as FW0MO and FW0YL from Nukutapu, Wallis Islands (OC-054). They will participate in the IOTA Contest as FW0YL (SSB and CW) and their plans are to remain active "for some subsequent period" following the IOTA event. QSL for both via OM2SA and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

GM - Andre, GM3VLB plans to operate from five Scottish islands starting on 27 July: Eilean Hoan (EU-123), Rabbit Island (EU-123), Eilean Nan Ron (EU-123), Neave Island (EU-005) and Stroma Island (EU-123). The trip is weather dependent. "I am determined to make every reasonable effort to activate all five islands" Andre says, "but there can be no guarantees".

HC8 - Manu, LX2LX and Norby, LX1NO are active as HC8/LX2LX and HC8/LX1NO from Isabela Island, Galapagos (SA-004) until 31 July. It is a low profile holiday style operation, mainly CW with some occasional SSB. QSL via LX1NO. On-line log at http://www.luxlog.info/hc.htm (also give a look to http://www.qsl.net/lx1no/ham/awards.htm#hc8 for the HC8/HD8 DX Diploma). [TNX NE8Z]

I - ARI Ancona will operate special station IY6GM from Monte Cappuccini (WAIL MA-003, ARLHS ITA-104) between 5 and 19 August. The activity will celebrate the 103rd anniversary of the experiments carried out by Guglielmo Marconi from that place. QSL via QSL via I6GFX, direct or bureau. [TNX I6GFX]

I - Alberto, IT9MRM will operate SSB on the HF bands from Isola delle Palme (EU-025, IIA SR-010) on 6-8 August. QSL direct or bureau. [TNX IT9MRM]

I - Marco, IZ6ASI will participate in the International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend (18-19 August) as IZ6ASI/p from the lighthouse at Senigallia (ARLHS ITA-181, WAIL MA-004). Except activity on 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80 metres SSB. [TNX IZ6ASI]

ISO - Tano, IZ8GCB will be active as ISO/homecall from Sardinia (EU-024) on 1-19 August. He plans to operate CW and SSB on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX IZ8GCB]

JA - Look for Takeshi, J13DST to participate in the IOTA Contest as J13DST/J13 from Ki-ooshima (AS-117). After the contest, until 1 August, he will operate as J13DST/3 from Honshu (AS-007) and give out three Guns and one City to JCC (Japan Century Cities) and JCG (Japan Century Guns) chasers. QSL via bureau only to home call. [TNX J13DST]

will operate on all bands and modes from four different lighthouses on 17-19 August for the International Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend. Expect them to be using LR3DX from Rincon Lighthouse (ARLHS ARG-036), LU3DXG from Baliza Tripoede (ARLHS ARG-1884) and LU6XA from Cabo Blanco Lighthouse (ARLHS ARG-001), while the operators at Recalada Lighthouse (ARLHS ARG-009) will be signing homecall/D. QSLs via LU7DSY. For information on the relevant awards, please contact lu9esd@yahoo.com [TNX LU9ESD]

OH - UA1ANA and UA1ATI will operate as OH2DZ from Kuutsalo Island (EU-140, see RI1GK below) on 28-29 July. QSL via RV1AQ. [TNX UA1ATI]

ON - Special callsign ON14CS will be aired from La Croix-Scaille in the Belgian Ardennes on 17-24 August to celebrate 14 years of co-operation between the Belgian UBA Section Ronse (ON4RSX) and the French Radio Club Neuville-de-Poitou (F5KFL). Expect activity on the HF bands, 6 metres and VHF. QSL via bureau. [TNX ON7WZ]

OZ - Look for Jens, DL8WOW to be active as OZ/DL8WOW from Bornholm Island (EU-030) on 5-17 August. He plans to operate mainly CW on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

PA - Six operators from the Flying Dutch DX Group will participate in the IOTA Contest as PI4HQ/p from Schouwen Duiveland (EU-146). QSL via PA3CAL, direct or bureau. [TNX PA0ABM]

PA - PA3CNI and PA3AAF will be active from Old Kraggenburg lighthouse (ARLHS NET-158) on 18-19 August for the International Lighthouse & Lighthouse Weekend. They plan to operate mostly CW with some SSB. QSL via home calls. [TNX PA3CNI]

TA - Ozer, TA2RC and Mustafa, TA2MW will be active from Kefken Island (AS-159, KN51DF) on 26-30 July. They plan to concentrate on working North America, South America, Japan and other possible DX areas, and will also operate on 6 and 2 metres. They will participate in the IOTA Contest as YM0T (CW only, QSL via TA2RC) and TC2T (SSB only, QSL via TA2MW). [TNX TA2RC]

TK - Look for TK/DL2RMC and TK/DL1RTL to be active from Corsica (EU-014) from 30 July to 8 August. They plan to operate holiday style on all bands SSB, CW and digital modes. A side trip to the EU-164 IOTA group might be possible. QSL via home calls. [TNX NG3K]

UA - RN1AW, RX1AW, RV1AQ and UA1AJM will be active as RI1GK (SSB and CW) from Gogland Island (EU-133) until 30 July. This operation commemorates the events back in 1900, when the crew of the battleship "General-Admiral Apraksin" was rescued in the Gulf of Finland as a result of distress call relayed by Alexander S. Popov's radio system between the islands of Kuutsalo (see OH2DZ above) and Gogland. QSL via RV1AQ. [TNX UA1ATI]

UA - A large group of operators (namely RA3CW, RA4HNB, RA4HTX, RK1AM, RK3FA, RV1AC, RV2FW1, RW3DO, RZ3FA and UA6BGB) are active as RK1B/P from Kotlin Island (EU-133) until 30 July. They will participate in the IOTA Contest as RI1CA. QSL via operator's instructions.

UA - Artem/UA3MQM, Dmitriy/RA3MF, Dmitriy/RW3MR, Oleg/RA1AR, Dmitriy (ex UA3MLH), Alex/RA3MR and Svetlana/UA3ML will operate as RK3MWL/1 from Kotlin island (EU-133) on 27-30 July, IOTA Contest included. QSL via UA3MQM [TNX UA3MQM]

UA - Igor/RW0LBM, Vlado/UA0LZ, Alex/RU0LM and Andy/RW0LC will be active as UEOLAA from Chikhachev Island (RR-16-09, IOTA status to be determined) on 1-7 August. QSL via UA0LZC, direct or bureau. [TNX
[31x803]UA0LCZ]

UA - Mike/UA1QV, Albert/UA1PBU and Victor/RA1QKI will be active for five
days from Chaichiy Island (EU-160) next month, with possible stops
on Zelenyy and/or Dolgii islands (EU-102), Sengeyskiy and/or
Timanets Island (EU-188), and Kolguev Island (EU-085). The trip will
take place between approximately 3 and 25 August. QSL via home
calls. [TNX UA1QV]

UR - UR5FAV, US0ZZ, UT5ZC, UT7UT, UX0FF, ER3DW, ER3DX, ER300 and ER3ZZ
will participate in the IOTA Contest as EM5F from Ankudinov Island
(EU-182). They will be there on 27-30 July. QSL EM5F via UX0FF,
direct or bureau. QSL for contacts made outside the contest via home
call. [TNX UX0FF]

UR - Special event calling EM15B will be aired on 1-31 August to
celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Ternopil Amateur Radio Club.
Club members will also operate as EM15B/A from various districts
of Ternopil region for the Ukrainian Regional Districts Award
(http://www.uarl.com.ua/urda/). QSL via UT1BC. [TNX UR5BCP]

V3 - Jay, K0BCN is currently active as V31MX from Caye Caulker (NA-073),
Belize until 31 July. He will operate CW and SSB on 20 metres, plus
17 and 15 metres if those bands are open. QSL via home call. [TNX
The Daily DX]

VE - Fred/VE1FA and Helen/VA1YL are leading a group of operators who will
be active as VE1FO/1 from Bon Portage (aka Outer Island, NA-126,
CisA NS-128) until 31 July. During the IOTA Contest they will be
signing VC1W (QSL via VE1RGB, direct or bureau).

YV - An IOTA operation is being organized to take place from Las Aves de
Sotavento (SA-051) in August, to celebrate the Venezuelan Navy Day.
The callsign will be YW5AS. QSL via DL3AMA. [TNX 4X4-2238]

<<< RSGB IOTA CONTEST (28-29 JULY) >>>

The following stations have announced their participation in this year's
event (from 12 UTC on 28 July through 12 UTC on the 29th). For lastest
additions please give a look to http://www.rsgbiota.org/, to the IOTW
Calendar maintained by John, WD8MGQ (www.islandchaser.com/iotw/calendar2/)
and to the announced operation lists maintained by Ric, DL2VFR
(www.iota-post.de/iotatest/hauptteil_iotatest.html) and Bill, NG3K
(www.ng3k.com/Misc/iota2007.html).

Other groups will be activated during the weekend, but advance information
did not mention if the operators participate in the contest. Full details on
the IOTA Contest can be found at http://www.contesting.co.uk/hfcc/iota.shtml

SWLs please note that the IOTA SWL Contest, discontinued in 2005, has been
picked up by the Mediterraneo DX Club (SWL Section), in cooperation with the
RSGB HF Contests Committee, and it will be held in parallel with the IOTA
Contest. Please visit http://www.mdxc.org/swl for full information (software
included).

Good luck to you all!

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BUREAU CARDS TO BELARUS ---> BFRR (Belarussian Federation of Radioamateurs and Radiosportsmen) Chairman Alexander Pantchenko, EU1PA would like to remind everyone that the BFRR QSL bureau service is for BFRR members only. The Belarus QSL bureau has limited financial resources, so that QSL cards sent to non members are not returned to sender. The BFRR members list can be found at http://www.bfrr.net/

DXCC NEWS ---> 9U0X (Burundi, February 2007) has been accepted for DXCC credit. Those who had cards rejected for this operation, can send an e-mail to dxcc@arrl.org and they will be placed on the list for update. [TNX NC1L]

NA-231 ---> Ken, G3OCA and Cezar, VE3LYC had to cancel their attempt to go and operate from East Pen Island (NA-231, 20-22 July), due to various problems encountered on arrival at Ft. Severn in northern Ontario. Basically, the unusual number of polar bears on the island and the walrus colonies "extremely protective" towards their cubs made the crossing to and the staying on East Pen too dangerous.

NOT THE MANAGER ---> Corrado, IT9DAA reports he is not the QSL manager for YV1CTE, YV1RDX and YY1JGT any longer. Cards should be sent direct only to the respective addresses (see www.qrz.com). Corrado still handles the cards (direct and bureau) for 4M5DX, 4M5R, YV1FM, YV5MSG, YV5SSB, YV5TX, YW0DX (NA-020, 8-13 February 2007), YW1DX (SA-089, 26-29 July 2007), YW4C (SA-058, 7-10 July 2005), YW5CQ, YX5IOTA (SA-044, 26 September-1 October 2006) and YY4RN.
QSL BS7H ---> The first QSLs were mailed on 23 July. Steve, KU9C, has received over 10,000 envelopes, so it is expected it will take approximately two months before every card is answered. Please do not send for a second card until we announce all cards have been answered. Steve will also upload QSOs to LOTW as he processes the cards so, if you utilize LOTW, you can expect your QSOs to show up roughly the same time you receive your card. This will allow you to avoid mailing in your physical QSL card for verification. A small number of QSL cards were received with either no SASE, or a SASE with old style IRCs that are no longer valid. KU9C will attempt to contact you via email, but if he cannot contact you, these will be returned by the bureau. Steve will also upload bureau card QSOs to LOTW as they are processed. [TNX N1DG]

QSL N8S ---> All of the requests received before 1 June have been processed and sent out. They are about 14,500 direct cards (the last batch of 2,500 cards was mailed on 25 July) and 1,000 bureau QSLs. There are still some 2,500 direct requests, received after 1 June, that will be processed within the next couple of weeks. Keep an eye on www.ytlad.info/n8s/news.html [TNX YT3W]

QSL VIA 9M2TO ---> Tex now has a Post Office Box, and his new mailing address is: Tex Izumo, P.O. Box 125, GPO 10710, Penang, Malaysia. Use this address when QSLling direct for 9M4SDX, 9M4DXX and 9M4SIX (otherwise use the 9M2 QSL bureau). Cards for QSOs made with 9M2TO himself go via JA0DMV, direct or through the JARL bureau. [TNX 9M2TO]

QSL VIA SM5DQC ---> Georges, 9Q1EK is the only one currently active from the Democratic Republic of Congo. His log has been updated on www.logsearch.de (if you do not find a QSO you are sure of, please e-mail sm5dqc@areteadsl.se). Phillipe, 9Q1TB is on vacation until early August, and Osten (SM5DQC) says he is still waiting for his latest log to arrive. QSLs direct only to Osten B. Magnusson, Nyckelvagen 4, SE-59931 Odeshog, Sweden (and do not forget that 1 USD does not cover return postage from Sweden to anywhere).

+ SILENT KEY + Bert "Axel" Rohrbeck, DL7PR, passed away on 25 July at 65 years of age after a short illness. Licenced in 1969, he earned his 5-Band DXCC as early as 1971 and he was one of the most active and famous DXers in southern Germany. "His longpath signal on 40m CW", says Mike, DJ5AV, "was an indicator of propagation between Europe and Stateside nearly every day during European winters".

QSLs received direct or through managers: 1A4A, 3B7SP, 3C0M, 3D2RI (OC-189), 3DA0EI, 3XD2Z, 3XM6JR, 4L3Y, 403M, 5H3EE, 5W0RE, 5Z4/9A3A, 6V7E, 6W/I22DPX, 6WISE, 6Y5/K3TEJ, 6Y5IC, 7X2LS, 721UG, 8J1RL (AN-015), 8P6SH, 9K2MU, 9M2/PG5M, 9M8PSB, 9Q1EK, 9U0X, A25KDJ, A61AJ, BP0A, BS7H, BU2AI, BV0L, C56NN, CU3EQ, CW6V, DU9/G4UNL, ED7SPI (EU-143), EP3HF, FM5AA, FM5BH, FO/N6JA, FS/AH8DX, FY5KE, HH2FYD, HP3/K1YJ, HS0ZQQ, II4SDP (EU-155), IR2IPY, J20MM, J20RR, J70J, J79RV, J8/W6JKV, JD1/JE2HCJ, K8HLM, KH6ND/KH5, KL7CQ, KL7HBK (NA-050), KL7J, KP4SQ, KP4WW, LT1F, N8S, NH6P, NP4A, NP4U, OA4SS, OD5NH, OH8T
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