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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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3A - Jim/G3RTE, Roger/G3SXW and Lionel/G5LP will be active as 3A/homecall from Monaco for about 36 hours between 26 and 27 March. They will operate CW only with two stations on 40, 30 and 20 metres. [TNX G3SXW]

3A - Gianni, I1UWF will be active as 3A/I1UWF from Monaco on 29 March. Look for him around 18140 khz and 14240 khz between 14 and 17 UTC. QSL via home call. [TNX I1UWF]

4W - Angel/EA1QF, Pere/EA3CUU, Jose/EA4DB, Eugene/EA4KA, Txema/EA5BWR and Jose/CT1ERC will be active from Dili, Timor Leste (OC-148) for two weeks in June. They plan to operate CW, SSB and other modes using two stations, and to pay special attention to 6 metres. Their goal is to achieve "30,000 plus QSOs in spite of the limitations imposed on us". The trip is part of the "RadioSolidaridad" project sponsored by URE (Union de Radioaficionados Espanoles), combining the DXpedition with activities to promote amateur radio including the donation and setting up of a complete station at the University of Dili. The callsign if not known at the moment - it might be a special call (hopefully 4W6R), or the callsign of the University (4W6UTL) or the callsign of one of the operators (4W6ERC). QSL via EA4URE. Since 1998 URE has been involved in RadioSolidaridad projects in Cameroun, Cuba (thrice), El Salvador, Honduras (twice), Guatemala, Albania, Algeria and Mali. Contributions will be gratefully accepted. [TNX URE RadioSolidaridad]

7P - The new dates for the 7P8FC activity from Lesotho [425DXN 871] are from 27 March to 3 April. The Belgian (ON4AEO and ON7BK) and South African (ZR6APT, ZS5AYC, ZS5BBO, ZS5JAN, ZS6ACT, ZS6GC and ZS6TMO) team will operate on the following announced frequencies:

SSB	1845	3780	7063	14185	18136	21290	24930	28490
RTTY		3590	7040	14084	18104	21084	24924	28084
PSK			7038	14072	18102	21072	24922	28122

QSL via ON4CJK, direct or bureau. The website for the expedition is http://www.7p8fc.be/index.htm

9A - Members of the Radio Club "Varazdin" (9A1HDE/9A7A) will be active as 9A60A until the end of the year to celebrate the club's 60th anniversary. Their first activity will be during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via 9A7A. [TNX 9A2X]

9M8 - Steve, 9M6DXX will operate as 9M8Z from Sarawak, East Malaysia, on 27-30 March, including a SOAB HP entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via 9M6DXX (Steve Telenius-Lowe, WDT 527, 88905 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia. [TNX 9M6DXX]

9Q - Thorbjorn, SM7RME has been working in the Republic of the Congo since late 2007 and on 19 March he finally received his operating permission. He expects to show up as 9Q/SM7RME during his spare time, and to remain there for a few more months. [TNX G4UZN]

A4 - Look for A45WG/p to be active from Masirah Island (AS-014) on 23-25 March. Expect CW only activity on 17, 20 and 30 metres. QSL direct to NI5DX. [TNX The Daily DX]

FG - F6GWV and F6HMQ will be active as TO6T from Guadeloupe (NA-102) from 28 March to 8 April. QSL via F6HMQ. [TNX F6HMQ]

FJ - A team from the RZS Amateur Radio Club (W2RZS) will be active as TO5RZ from St. Barthelemy (NA-146) from 25 March through 1 April, CQ WW WPX SSB Contest included. Bob/WB2NVR, Mike/WA2VQW, Bob/N2DVQ and Adam/N2DHH plan to concentrate on 160, 30, 17 and 12 metres before and after the contest. QSL via W2RZS, direct or bureau. [TNX NG3K and K1XN]

FR/G - The expedition to the Glorioso Islands [425DXN 879] is expected to take place between 6 May and 6 June. The operators involved, including off site supporting team members, are 5U5U, F5CQ, F5CW, F5CWU, F5IRO, F5OGL, F5PRU, F5PTM and TT8SS. Final dates, callsign and other information will be given in due course. The web site for the DXpedition is at http://glorieuses2008.free.fr/ [TNX F6AJA]

G - The Royal Air Force Amateur Radio Society (www.rafars.org) celebrates its 70th anniversary this year and will be active as GB70RAF from 28 March to 6 April. On 1 April expect them to sign GB90RAF for the 90th anniversary of the formation of the British Royal Air Force. A number of other GB#RAF special event stations will be activated that day. [TNX F5NQL]

G - John/M0XIG, John/G4POF and Tony/2E0SBS will operate special event station GB2BST on 2-3 May from the site of the optical telegraph at Bramshaw in the New Forest, Hampshire. Expect them to be active mainly on 20 and 40 metres. The Bramshaw Shutter Telegraph was one of a number that operated as a communication link for the Admiralty between London and Plymouth. QSL via M0XIG, direct or bureau. [TNX M0XIG]

GM - The Camb-Hams will be active from the Isle of Mull (EU-008) from 26 April to 3 May. They plan to operate on most HF bands (with two stations CW, SSB plus some RTTY, PSK31 and SSTV), 6 and 2 metres. The main call sign to be used from base camp at Carsaig, on the south coast of the island (IO76), is GS3PYE/P. SOTA, WAB and VHF operation from IO66 will be under the operators own call sign. Confirmed operators are M1BXF, G1SAA, G4HUN, G0ANV, MM1BJP, M0VMC, G0BOE, G0DDX and M1XZG. They also plan a brief side trip to the Treshnish Islands (EU-108), on 30 April for 6 hours. Further information can be found at http://www.camb-hams.com/camb-hams-mull-dx-pedition [TNX M1BXF]

GM - Look for Wes, MM/K6EIL to be active from Bressay Lighthouse on Bressay Island, Shetland (EU-012) on 17-20 June. He will operate CW and SSB QRP on 20, 40 and 80 metres in his early mornings, evenings and occasional afternoons. QSL via home call. [TNX MM5PSL]

I - Members of the Vecio Piave Team and ARI Treviso will activate special station II3PIAV on all bands and modes through 31 August to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the end of the first World War. QSL via IK3GES. A free of charge certificate will be available for working II3PIAV on four different bands. [TNX IZ3LCJ]

I - Gian Paolo, IW0EFA and others will operate special event station II0ALE from the Military Airport of Viterbo on 9-10 May for the Italian Army Air Force's Day. QSL via IW0EFA. [TNX IW1DQS]

I - The Egadi DX Team and ARI di Trapani are organizing an operation to take place from Levanzo Island (IIA TP-009) in the Egadi group (EU-054) on 9-11 May. The operators (Rino/IT9FXY, Momo/IT9GNG, Enzo/IT9ECQ, Sal/IW9FRA, Mimmo/IW9GTD, Pippo/IW9GNV and possibily Gastone/I4GAS) will be active as IF9LI on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres SSB, PSK31 and RTTY, and they will also give 6m a try. A side trip to Il Faraglione (IIA TP-013) is being planned. QSL direct to IT9FXY. [TNX IW9FRA]

KH2 - Yoshi, JE2EHP reports he will be active as K1HP/KH2 from Guam (OC-026) on 18-21 April. He plans to operate SSB and CW on all the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

KL - Yuri Sushkin (N3QQ, ex-UA9OPA and N7UJN) John Kiesel (KE7V) Yuri Zaruba (UA9OBA) are in the final planning stages for an IOTA expedition to the Islands of Four Mountains (NA-234, new one). They plan to operate as KL7DX from Chuginadak Island between 21 and 27 July, IOTA Contest included. QSL via AC7DX. Further information can be found at http://www.NA-234.com [TNX N3QQ]

KP2 - Harry, W6DXO will be active as KP2/W6DXO from St. John, US Virgin Islands (NA-106) on 24-28 March. He plans to operate holiday style on 10-20 metres SSB with some CW. QSL via KF6JOQ. [TNX NG3K]

LX - Csaba, DH7KU will be active as LX/DH7KU from Luxembourg on 26-28 March. He plans to operate QRP on 40 and 20 metres. QSL via DK0UN. [TNX NG3K]

OJ0 - A Swedish team will be active from Market Reef (EU-053) during the first week of June. They plan to operate on 160-2 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and WSJT, to be also active on satellites. Further information is expected in due course. [TNX SM1TDE]

OZ - Ela, DL1TM and Tor, DJ4MG will be active from Nordjylland Island (EU-171) from 24 March to 10 April. They will operate on 160, 80, 40, 20, 17 and 15 metres SSB and PSK31, plus 2m SSB. [TNX VA3RJ]

PA - Fred, ON6QR reports he will be active as PA/ON6QR/P from Schiermonnikoog (EU-038) on 22-24 March. He will operate QRP CW on 20 metres between 20 and 23 UTC. QSL via home call.

PA - ON6JK, ON4CF, ON8MP, ON7GF, ON7DS and ON4AWT will be active from Schouwen-Duiveland (EU-146) and lighthouse (ARLHS NET-029) from 29 March to 4 April. They plan to operate CW, SSB and PSK on the HF bands, and possibly on 6 and 2 metres as well. [TNX F5NQL]

S2 - John, KX7YT will be active as S21YV from Dhaka, Bangladesh on 25-31 March. He plans to operate SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and some CW on 15, 20 and 40 metres and to participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via home call. [TNX KX7YT]

S9 - Luciano, CT1HHP will be active again as S92FM from Sao Tome (AF-023) from 27 March to 2 April. He plans to operate mainly RTTY and PSK31, and to give 60 metres a try. [TNX CT1END]

SV - Steve/G4EDG, Jeff/G4ELZ, Vasko/LZ1CL and Tony/LZ1JZ will be active as SY8JZ from Samothraki Island (EU-174) from 25 March until 5 April. They will operate mainly CW with some SSB. QSL via LZ1JZ. [TNX G4EDG]

TI - Orrin, K9KEJ will be active again from the jungle in eastern Costa Rica on 4-11 April. He will operate as TI6/K9KEJ mostly on 20 metres, with some 17 and 15m activity at scattered times. [TNX K9KEJ]

VE - Alex Barski/VE3KF, Igor Slakva/VE3ZF and Igor Mordik/VE3KAO will be

active as VE3KF from Manitoulin Island (CIsA ON-001) on 19-20 April during the Ontario QSO Party. QSL direct to VE3KF. Full information on the Canadian Islands Award can be found at http://www.qsl.net/ve3tpz/cisa/ [TNX VE3KF]

VP2M - Art, N3DXX will be active on 160-10 metres as VP2MAH from Montserrat (NA-103) on 26-31 March, including an entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. [TNX NG3K]

VP5 - Look for W5CW to be active as VP5/W5CW from 27 March to 9 April. He plans to operate CW and SSB on 160-6 metres and to participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as VQ58V. QSLs via home call. [TNX NG3K]

VP5 - Bob, K0OK will be active as VP5/K0OK from Providenciales, Caicos Islands (NA-002) on 21-28 May. He will participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest as VP5E. QSL via home call. The logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [TNX K0OK]

XU - Look for Retu, XU7MDY to be active again from Sihanoukville, Cambodia on 3-14 April. He plans to operate on the HF bands using CW, SSB and various digital modes. QSL via OH4MDY, direct only. [TNX XU7MDY]

YB - Adhi, YB3MM will be active as YB3MM/9 from Menjangan Island (OC-022) during the during CQ WW WPX SSB Contest, as a SOAB low power entry. QSL via IZ8CCW, direct or bureau. [TNX IZ8CCW]

YJ - Trent/VK4TI, Laurie/VK4VCC, Dave/VK4HAM and Tony/VK3TZ will be active as YJ0AX from Vanuatu from 27 March to 2 April. They plan to operate on 10-80 metres and to participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as a Multi-Two entry. QSL via N3SL.

YO - Special event station YO22NATO will be active from 28 March to 9 April for the NATO Summit that will take place in Bucharest (2-4 April). QSL via YO3KAA. [TNX YO3JW]

ZD8 - Steve, G3ZVW will be active again as ZD8N from Ascension Island (AF-003) on 2-13 May. He plans to operate SSB, CW and RTTY mainly in the evenings and during the weekends. QSL via G3ZVW, direct or bureau. [TNX G3ZVW]

ZS8 - ZS8T is the callsign Petrus Kritzinger, ZS6GCM (3Y0E) will be using during his one year stay on Marion Island (AF-021) [425DXN 876]. Thanks to various sponsors, Petrus' radio equipment will be better than the one used during 3Y0E. He has also undergone extensive training and will be active on 160, 80, 40, 30, 20, 17, 12 and 10 metres SSB, CW and RTTY. Petrus is expected to be QRV by May, depending on his work load. QSL via LZ3HI, direct or bureau. ZS8T will be uploaded to LoTW on completion of the operation. Lots of further informatin can be found at http://zs8t.net/
A nice collection of ZS8 QSL cards can be found on http://lesnouvellesdx.fr (click on Galerie de QSL).

ZF - Look for ZF2NU (QSL via WA5ZNU), ZF2IM (QSL via KI6IMM), ZF2UU (QSL via K6YUU) and ZF2BE (QSL via K6BEC) to operate CW, SSB, PSK and RTTY from Grand Cayman Island (NA-016) on 23-31 March.

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA ---> Back in August 2007 the ITU allocated the new prefix block E7A-E7Z to Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), replacing T9A-T9Z. Amateur radio operators will begin using their new callsigns (E7#xx or E7#xxx, for the time being) on 22 March at 23 UTC. [TNX The Daily DX]

DXCC NEWS ---> Both VP6DX (Ducie Island) and TX5C (Clipperton Island) have been approved for DXCC credit.

JT DX CONTEST ---> Celebrating fifty years of amateur radio in Mongolia, the Mongolian Amateur Radio Society (MARS) organizes the international JT Hamradio 50 Anniversary DX Contest, to take place (on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres SSB and CW) from 00.00 UTC on 15 November to 00.00 UTC on the 16th. Please e-mail jt1kaa@gmail.com for further information. [TNX JT1CD]

QRP-MAS ---> The QRP Contest Community invites QRP enthusiasts to participate in the 9th QRP Minimal Art Session (QRP-MAS), which will take place on on 1 May (19-23 UTC) on 80 metres. Contacts are to be made with homebrew rigs as simple as possible and constructed of as few components as possible. For further information please visit http://www.qrpcc.de or e-mail Hartmut Weber, DJ7ST (dj7st@darc.de). [TNX DJ7ST]

QSL VIA G3SWH ---> Phil, G3SWH is the new QSL manager for 5B4AIZ and C4Z. He is also able to confirm contacts made with 9M6LSC (club station) for the 6-10 March 2008 activity by Brian, G4ODV/5B4AIZ. Phil has updated his web site (http://www.g3swh.org.uk) and expects to receive and finalise the QSL designs over the next few weeks. [TNX G3SWH]

QSL VIA TA3YJ ---> The stations TA3YJ is the QSL manager of are listed on her new website at http://www.aydogmus.gen.tr/ta3yj/qslservice.htm

RTTY GATHERING ---> The DL-DX RTTY Contest Group organizes the 5th International RTTY Gathering on 27 June, during HamRadio 2008 in Friedrichshafen (Germany). Complete details can be found at http://drcg.de/ [TNX DL4RCK]

TX5C ---> TX5C went QRT from Clipperton on 15 March around 14.40 UTC. The team made 71,794 QSOs in 156 hours:

Band	SSB	CW	RTTY	Total
160	0	1982	0	1982
80	4588	3558	0	8146
40	6231	5915	1297	13443
30	0	5465	1021	6486
20	7400	5161	1079	13640
17	6237	4046	25	10308
15	5011	4559	125	9695
12	2316	1741	63	4120
10	2060	1744	170	3974
Total	33843	34171	3780	71794

The on-line logs at http://www.clipperton2008.org/ have been updated through the end of the DXpedition.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 1A0KM, 3C7Y, 3D2BV, 3DA0ZO, 3W3W, 4A3A, 4L/UA4WHX, 4L0A, 4O3A, 4U50SPACE, 5H3VMB, 5H3VMB/5 (AF-074), 5H3VMB/5 (AF-075), 5L2MS, 5P5V, 5R8HG, 5R8VB, 5Z4/DL7UCX, 6V7G, 8P9AG, 8P9NX, 8R1PY, 9A2YM, 9J2VB, 9K2HN, 9M2TO, 9N7BV/P, 9N7JO, 9U0VB, 9X0VB, A25VB, A35RK, A45WD, A45XR, A61Q, A92GT, A92HB, BY1TX/4, C52C, C56JJ, C91VB/4 (AF-103), C91VB/6 (AF-088), CE0Z, CE1/K7CA, CU2A, CX5BW, D20VB, D44AC, E4/OM2DX, EK3GM, ET3JA, EU3AR, FG5FR, FJ/G3TXF, FJ/OH2AM, FJ5KH, FY/G3TXF, GB5HQ, GJ4FDM, H44V, HC1AJQ, HC1MD, HC2SL, HC5/JA6WFM, HG8DX, HI8/JA6WFM, HK1X, HK1XX, HK3AXY, HV50VR, HZ1MD/p (AS-193), J20VB, J3/DL5AXX, J48IO (EU-158), J48M (EU-158), J5C, J79XBI, JD1BMM, JU1DX, JV800BV, KG4CC, KH7XS, KL7HBK (NA-004 and NA-050), KP2/K3TEJ, MJ/F5CWU, N8S, OD5XX, OE6MBG, OH0B, OJ0B, OM7M, OY/G3TXF, OY9R, P40R, PZ5RA, PZ5ZY, S21ZDX, S2ZJO, S56P, S79UU, SN7Q, SU8BHI, SV8GGI (EU-075), T22V, T33WV, T88PR, T93M, TF3SG, TG9AFX, TN6X, TO5FJ, TR8CA, UA2FT, UA9YAB, UK8AJ, V25XF, V31GW, V51VV, V73NS, V8FDM, VK9WWI, VP2MFO, VP2MSC, VP2VI, VP6TD, VP8/LZ1UQ, VQ9JC, XU7MDY, YK9SV (AS-186), YS3/I2JIN, YV1NX, Z2/UA4WHX, Z29KM, Z33A, ZB3B, ZF2XD, ZP6CW, ZS1JX.

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