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by **I2MQP**

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RED = Important operation **GREEN** = Details not yet fixed

ON NOW OR WITHIN NEXT WEEK -- IN ARIA OR A ENTRO UNA SETTIMANA

PFX	COUNTRY	DATE	INFO	QSL
3B8	Mauritius	NOW - Apr 6	G8AFC is now on /3B8 20, 10 & 6 meters	H.C. dir
3B8	Mauritius	NOW - Mar 21	M0DSL is now /3B8	H.C.
3C	Equatorial Guinea	Mar 10 - Mar 21	LA7GIA had to postpone his expedition as 3C7GIA	H.C. dir only
3V	Tunisia	Mar 17 - Mar 20	TS2G will be operated by the local Scouts Associations	Bur & dir
3W	Vietnam	Mar 5 - Mar 26	3W2BR by DK2BR during his holiday in AS-130	H.C. dir
4S	Sri Lanka	Jan 15 - Apr 3	DC0KKG by DC0KK mainly RTTY	H.C.
4S	Sri Lanka	Now - Apr 15	UX4UL is on CW & digi	UY5ZZ
4S	Sri Lanka	Mar 2 - Mar 18	German team will be on signing 4S7GWG & 4S7RTG	OQRS Bur & dir
5V	Togo	Mar 24 - Apr 11	Bavarian group will be on as 5V7D on all bands and modes	DL9MBI & LoTW

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5X	Uganda	Mar 10 - Mar 19	K4ZLE will be in 5X signing 5X2A	H.C. dir & LoTW
5Z	Kenya	Mar 26 - Mar 28	TA1HZ will be /5Z	LZ3HI dir LoTW
6Y	Jamaica	Feb 21 - Apr 17	JA0RQV will be /6Y5	M00XO LoTW
8P	Barbados	Mar 28 - Mar 29	8P6ET will be in the contest as 8P1W	KU9C
8P	Barbados	Mar 29 - Apr 22	G3RWL will sign 8P6DR	QRZ.com
8Q	Maldives	Mar 12 - Mar 22	F6BGC will be on as 8Q7NC	H.C. & LoTW
9K	Kuwait	Mar 26 - Mar 27	9K2OD will be in the contest as 9K2K	LoTW
A3	Tonga	Mar 26 - Mar 27	A31MM will be in the WPX Contest	EA5GL
A5	Bhutan	Mar 17 - Mar 21	JA0JHQ will sign A52NH	H.C. bur & dir LoTW
8T	Antartica	Now - Dec 2016	VU3BPZ is active as BT2BH	I1HYQ
BV	Taiwan	Mar 26 - Mar 29	BP0P will be on	H.C.
C5	Gambia	Mar - Apr	SP2FUD will be active as C5FUD	H.C.
C6	Bahamas	Now - Apr 3	K1CN is now active as C6AMM	EA5GL dir & bur
CE	Chile	Mar 18 - Mar 22	LU9EFO will operate from SA-043 as XR7LU	
CN	Morocco	Now - March	F5LYF will be on as CN2JJ	H.C.
CN	Morocco	Mar 16 - Mar 29	W7EJ and a large group will be on signing %e%	W7EJ
CN	Morocco	Mar 25 - Mar 29	DF8AN has received the callsign CN2AY and will be on mainly CW	H.C. bur & dir
CT9	Madeira	Mar 11 - Apr 7	DL3KWR will sign /CT9	H.C. dir & bur
D2	Angola	Feb 14 - Mar 31	CT1ITE will be /D2	H.C.
E5	S. Cook	Mar 4 - Mar 19	VE7AQA as E51AQA	H.C.
ET	Ethiopia	Jan - Apr 12	ET7L will be used by an UR team	US0LW OQRS LoTW
FG	Guadeloupe	Feb 7 - Mar 30	F1DUZ will be active as FG4KH all bands & EME	H.C.
FH	Mayotte	Mar 18 - Mar 24	F2DX & F6BEE will be /FH	H.C. & OQRS
FH	Mayotte	Mar 24 - Apr 21	F4FET will be /FH	H.C.

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FM	Martinique	Mar 26 - Mar 27	FM5BH will sign 70972M from NA107	H.C. dir
FM	Martinique	May 6 - Jun 6	DL7VOG will be /FM	H.C. dir & bur OQRS
FP	St. Pierre	Mar 17 - Mar 29	KV1J will be /FP	H.C dir bur LoTW
FR/J	Juan de Nova	Mar 31 - Apr 14	FT4JA Operation will take place	
FS	St. Martin	Mar 18 - Mar 28	W7NZJ will be /FS	
FS	St. Martin	Mar 24 - Mar 31	F5RAV will be /FS	H.C dir
GD	Isle of man	Mar 15 - Mar 23	GW4SKA will sign GD4SKA	OQRS M0OXO
GJ	Jersey	Mar 18 - Mar 20	M0CFW will sign MJ5Z	
H4	Salomon	Jan 19 - Apr 14	DL2GAC will be on as H44MS	H.C. dir & bur
HH	Haiti	Jan 1 - Apr 30	Haiti Radio Club will use the call 4V1TL	W3HNK dir
HK0	S.Andres	Mar 6 - Mar 21	An 8 members SP team will be on as 5J0P 6 meters included	SP6IXF OQRS
HK0	S.Andres	March/April	N4THW is planning an expedition to NA-133	
J3	Grenada	Mar 10 - Mar 24	G3PJT as J34G	H.C.
J6	S. Lucia	May 12 - May 22	DL7VOG will be on probably signing J68GU	H.C. dir & bur OQRS
JA	Japan	Mar 19 - Mar 21	J13DST & JA5DUR will be /5 from AS-200	Bureau
JA	Japan	Mar 19 - Mar 20	JA8COE will be /6 from AS-056	H.C. OQRS dir/bur
JA	Japan	Mar 22 - Mar 24	JA8COE will be /6 from AS-037	H.C. OQRS dir/bur
JD	Minami Torishima	Mid march to mid may	JG8NQJ will be again on from OC-073 mainly CW	JA8CJY
JW	Svalabard	Mar 30 - Apr 4	DK1BT, DL4WK, DL7DF and DL7UFR will be active /JW	DL7UF dir bur Lotw
KH2	Guam	Mar 24 - Mar 29	KH2KY group will be on	JA1MFR dir & bur
KP2	Virgin Islands	Mar 26 - Mar 27	K9VV will be in the contest as K9vv	KU9C
OA	Peru	Mar 12 - Mar 25	DL5YWM will be /OA4	H.C.
OX	Greenland	Mar 15 - Mar 21	OX3LX will be on from NA-151	H.C.
OZ	Denmark	Mar 19 - Mar 26	DG2RON will be /OZ from EU-030	H.C.

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OZ	Denmark	Mar 20 - Mar 23	5Q2T will be on from EU-172	H.C.
P4	Aruba	Mar 2016	Special call P40AUA	OQRS LoTW
P4	Aruba	Mar 2016	PA7DA will be on HF /P4	H.C.
PJ2	Curacao	Mar 16 - Mar 28	DD5ZZ will be on /PJ2	H.C. Dir & bur
PJ2	Curacao	Mar 20 - Apr 3	VA3EGG will be /PJ2	H.C.
PJ4	Bonaire	Mar 15 - Mar 22	KG9N will be/PJ4	H.C.
PJ6	St.Eustatius	Mar 26 - Mar 27	KC9SNM and KB9DVC will be in the contest as PJ6E. Will be /PJ5 outside the contest	PJ6 KB9DVC /PJ5 H.C.
PJ7	S.Maarten	Mar 24 - Mar 31	F5RAV will be /PJ7 in the contest	H.C. dir
PJ7	S.Maarten	Mar 27 - Mar 31	HB9EYA will sign /PJ7	H.C. dir & bur
PY	Brazil	Mar 17 - Mar 19	PR2DX group will activate SA-071	PY2LCD & ClubLog
PY0F	F. de Noronha	Mar 15 - Mar 22	OH2MM will be again on with the new call PW0FN	OH0XX
S9	Sao Tome	Feb 25 - Mar 25	S9BK will be used by HB9BEL	H.C.
SM	Sweden	Mar 12 - Mar 18	SM5DAY will be /p from EU-138	H.C.: dir & bur
T32	E. Kiribati	Mar 5 - Mar 30	KH6QJ is on as T32AZ	H.C.
T6	Afghanistan	Jan 8 - Mar 31	T6SM by DL3ASM mainly CW	H.C.
T8	Palau	Mar 17 - Mar 21	DL2KUH and JP1RIW will sign T88KU & T88KH	H.C.: bur LoTW
T8	Palau	Mar 20 - Mar 25	T88IR by JF1DIR	H.C. dir bur OQRS
TF	Iceland	Mar 20 - Mar 30	OZ1OM will sign TF3WK	H.C.
UA	E. Russia	Mar 5 - Mar 19	UA1QV will sign RI1PA from EU-085	H.C. dir & bur
V2	Antigua	Mar 8 - Mar 22	DL7AFS & DJ7ZG will sign Z21ZG	H.C. dir & bur LoTW Clublog
V4	ST Kitts	Mar 14 - Apr 12	W5JON will operate as usual V47JA	H.C. dir & LoTW
V4	St.Kitts	Mar 24 - Apr 12	W5JON as V47JA	H.C. dir
VE	Canada	Mar 15 - Mar 22	VE7ACN will be active from NA-061 signing /7	H.C.

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VE	Canada	Mar 23 - Mar 27	VE7ACN will be active from NA-051 signing /7	H.C.
VK0	Heard	Mar 20 - Apr 10	VK0EK will be the call of the expedition by a large group (HB9BXE K2ARB K3EL KM4MXD N6TQ NG2H NP4IW UT6UD VK2BAX VK6CQ WJ2O KK6EK W7XU)	KY6R
VK9C	Cocos Keeling	Mar 14 - Mar 26	VK9CK will be the call of a large LA group	LA6OP dir & bur
VP5	Turks & Caicos	Mar 23 - Mar 29	W6RI & W9AV will be /VP5	LoTW & W6RI
VP8	Falkland	Feb 15 - Apr 1	VK4BGL will be on as VP8PDP	G3ZQQ
W	U.S.A.	Mar 11 - Mar 18	N5WR will be /4 from NA-213	H.C.
XW	Laos	Mar 29 - Apr 4	JA7FGI will sign XW7FG	H.C.
YB	Indonesia	Mar 23 - Mar 27	YB4IR will be /3 from OC-197	OQRS LoTW H.C.
YA	Afghanistan	Feb - Oct 2016	KG7QCY will be on as T6PB mainly CW	
YS	El Salvador	Mar 27 - Mar 31	DL5YWM will be /YS3 from NA-190	H.C.

TOP 10 DX NEXT DAYS

PFX	18/3	19/2	20/3	21/3	22/3	23/3	24/3	25/3	26/3	27/3
5V							X	X	X	X
A3									X	X
A5	X	X	X	X						
D2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
ET	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
FH	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
JD/M	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
T32	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
VK9C	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
VK0			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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FUTURE OPERATIONS --- OPERAZIONI FUTURE

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1S	Spratly	Apr 19 - Apr 29	DF8AN will be on all bands mainly CW	H.C.
3B8	Mauritius	Apr 15 - Apr 18	M0RCX will be on /3B8	ED7BX
3D2	Fiji	Oct /nov	JA1NLX will be again there signing 3D2YA	OQRS only
3W	Vietnam	Oct 29 - Oct 30	N0ODK will be in the contest signing 3W2DK	H.C.
3Y	Bouvet	2016 - 2017	3Y0F will be the call of the expedition managed by UN7PCZ	
4W	Timor Leste	Apr 5 - Apr 11	JE1CKA, JI1AVY, 7K4QOK, JQ2GYU and JJ2VLY will be /4W	H.C.
5W	Samoa	Apr 12 - Apr 20	5W0XG by JA1XGI	H.C.
7P	Lesotho	Jun 5 - Jun 8	F6GNZ will be on as 7P8VR	
8Q	Maldives	Apr 17 - Apr 30	RC5A as 8Q7CA, RM0F as 8Q7FU	H.C.
8Q	Maldives	Jun 20 - Jun 28	DK1HW will sign 8Q7HW	H.C.
8R	Guyana	Apr 11 - Apr 24	W1CDC will sign 8R1A all bands mainly CW	H.C. dir & bur
9M8	E. Malaysia	Apr 29 - May 1	9M8RC group will be on from OC-165	9M8WAT dir
9Y	Trindade & Tobago	Apr 14 - Apr 26	K2HVN will be /9y	H.C.
A2	Botswana	Apr 13 - Apr 19	A25UK group will be active all bands and modes	M0OXO OQRS
A9	Bahrain	Apr 28 - May 1	A9 group will be on from AS-202 using the call A92HI	A92AA
C6	Bahamas	Jun 23 - Jul 8	VE3IKV will be active as C6AUX	H.C. dir

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CE	Chile	Nov 14 - Nov 11	XR6M group will be on from SA-061	CE6CT
CE0Y	Easter Isl.	Oct 24 - Dec 2	RZ3FW as CE0Y/RZ3FW and R4WAA as CE0Y/R4WAA	H.C.
CY	St. Paul	Aug 19 - Aug 29	CY9C will be on by a 9 operators group	WA4DAN OQRS
DU	Philippines	APRIL	DF(DX will be on from different islands: April 9-14 OC-128 as DU1WQY/1 Apr 14-19 OC-130 as DU1WQY/8 Apr 19-24 OC-042 qw DU1wqy	H:C dir & Bur LotW
E4	Palestine	May 8 - May 15	E44QX by DL7JAN, DL5YWM and DF8DX	DF8DX
E5	S.Cook	May 23 - May 28	AI6Y will operate as E51XYZ	LotW
F	France	May 1 - May 7	4 ON operators will be on from EU-081 signing TM6U	ON8AZ bur
F	France	Jul 30 - Jul 31	TM6G will be in the contest from EU-048	ON6DP dir
FJ	St. Barthelemy	Jun 17 - Jun 29	W9DR & W9AEB will be /FJ	H.C.
FO	F.Polynesia	Aug 17 - Aug 28	DL2AH will be on from OC-063 as TX2AH	
FS	St. Martin	May 1 - May 8	FM5BH will be on as FS/PJ7/FM5BH	H.C dir
FS	St. Martin	Jun 2 - Jun 21	K9EL will be /FS	H.C
FS	St. Martin	Jun 11 - Jun 25	W5LAC will be /FS	
FT4X	Kerguelen	Nov / Dec	An expedition is planned for the last part of the year	
GU	Guernsey	Apr 9 - Apr 16	6 operators will be on as GP4BRS	DJ6OI LotW ClubLog
H44 H40	Solomon Temotu	Sep 25 - Oct 25	LZ1GC plan to be on as H44GC & H40GC. More details will follow	
HB0	Liechtenstein	Apr 15 - Apr 18	EA5IDQ will be /HB0 SSB & RTTY	H.C dir & bur OQRS
J8	St Vincent	Apr 12 - Apr 22	GW4DVB will be on as J88PI	H.C: bur & dir
JA	Japan	Apr 8 - Apr 9	JA8COE will be /6 from AS-056	H.C. bur OQRS
JD	Ogasawara	Apr 26 - May 6	JD1BOI will be again on	J11LET dir & bur

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JW	Svalabard	Jul 29 - Aug 1	LB5WB will be /JW	H.C. dir bur LoTW
JX	Jan Mayen	Apr - Oct	LA9JKA will be on as JX9JKA	H.C. dir only
KH1	Baker & Howland	Sep/Oct 2017	YT1AD and others plan an expedition for last part of 2017	
LA	Norway	Jun 11 - Jun 18	DK3PZ will be in EU-055 signing /LA	Bur
OJ0	Market Reef	Apr 9 - Apr 10	OH3WS as OJ0W	H.C.
PJ7	S.Maarten	May 1 - May 8	FM5BH will sign /PJ7	H.C. dir
PJ7	S.Maarten	Jun 11 - Jun 25	W5LAC will be /PJ7	H.C.
PY	Brazil	Apr 15 - Apr 17	ZV2CO group will be on from SA-024	PY2DS dir & bur
PY	Brazil	Apr 21 - Apr 24	ZX5B group will be on from SA-088	PP5BZ
RI1	Antartica	Apr 2016 to Apr 2017	RW1AI will operate as RI1AND from AN-016	RW1AI
S7	Seychelles	Sep 24 - Oct 8	DL2SBY as S79KB	H.C. Dir & OQRS
SV	Greece	Jun 10 - Jun 24	PA1FJ will be /SV8 from EU-049	H.C.
SV9	Crete	Jul 2 - Jul 8	OK6DY will be /SV9	
T8	Palau	Apr 13 - Apr 18	JA6EGL as T88SM	H.C.
T8	Palau	May 1 - May 5	JJ2RCJ will be on as T88RF	H.C. bur dir LoTW
U	AS. Russia	Apr 20 - Apr 25	RRClub will be on from AS-002 as RT92KA	UA3AKO & OQRS
U	AS. Russia	Aug 9 - Aug 14	UE23RRC by the RRC from AS-142	Bur & dir Club Log
VE	Canada	Jul 27 - Aug 2	VA2SG will sigm XM2IOTA from NA- 038	VE2TLH dir ClubLog
VK9C	Cocos Keeling	Sep 20 - Oct 4	8 operators are planning an expedition	VK6IR
VK9N	Norfolk	Apr 23 - May 2	VK4ADC will be on as VK9NU	H.C. dir & bur
VK9N	Norfolk	May 20 - May 31	VK9NT by a VK group	LoTW
VK9N	Norfolk	May 23 - May 30	VK5PAS will operate as VK9PAS	M00XO oqrs LoTW
VK9L	Lord Howe	Apr 15 - Apr 20	G7VJR will be /VK9L	M00XO LoTW

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VP6	Pitcairn	Sep 3 - Nov 25	DL2AH as VP6AH	DL2AH
W	U.S.A.	May 14 - May 21	K5TEN will be again on from NA-085	H.C. dir & bur
XU	Cambodia	Apr 13 - Apr 19	SP5APW will operate as XU7AKC	H.C.
YB	Indonesia	May 16 - Jun 1	PB5X will be /YB9 from OC-022	PA1AW
YJ	Vanatu	Apr 30 - May 28	HB9LCA will be on as YJ0CS OC-035 Apr 30 May 10	OE4AAC
ZL7	Chatam	Oct 27 - Nov 10	The 6G team will be on wirh 4 stations	

SPECIAL CALLS AND PREFIXES

PFX	Country	Date	Info	QSL Info
4J	Azerbaijan	All 2016 All 2016	4KRA29 & 4JRA29 4J90, 4K90, 4J1926 & 4K1926	
7X	Algeria	Sep 15 - Sep 19	7Y9SE	7X5ARU
9A	Croatia	All 2016 All 2016 All 2016	9A1700SBD 9A70CVW 9A50CBM	9A4J 9A6Z OQRS
A9	Bahrain	All 2016	A9110RR	A92AA
DL	Germany	May 1 - Apr 30 All 2016 All 2016 All 2016 All 2016 All 2016 All 2016 All 2016 All 2016 All 2016 All 2016 All 2016 All 2016 Feb 28 2017	DM700BURG DF90KWTJ DP65HSC DL40RCE DG500BIER DF90KWTJ DB40HEB DK50WEPO DM0MORSE DQ200RHH DL0VVG DR30BUT	DF1XC DL2APJ DL5DCL Bureau DL2APJ Bureau Bureau Bureau Bureau Bureau Bureau DK7LX
DL	Germany	NOW 2016 All 2016	DF50MUC, DJ50MUC, DK50MUC, DL50MUC DL60GAF	Bureau Bur
EI	Ireland	All 2016	EI1916E	EI3GC

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F	France	Jun 10 - Jul 11 Jun 10 - Jul 11	TM16EURO TM16EFC	F4DTO F8ATS
GI	N. Ireland	Dec 2016	GB50MU	MN0VFW
I	Italy	Mar 5 - Mar 20 Mar 1 - Jun 2	II7ICT IB7J & IB7DX	IZ7AUH IK7JWX
JA	Japan	Now - Sep 19	8N1KCJ, 8N2KCJ, 8N3KCJ, 8N5KCJ, and 8N8KCJ	JO3OMA
JA	Japan	Dec 25 - May 27	8J2SMT	Bur
JA	Japan	2015 - 2016	90 YEARS OF JARL Jun 12 2015 - Dec 07 2015 8J190Y Nov 09 2015 - Mar 31 2016 8J290Y Jun 12 2015 - Mar 30 2016 8J490Y Sep 01 2015 - May 31 2016 8J590Y Jun 12 2015 - Jun 30 2016 8J690Y Jun 12 2015 - Jun 30 2016 8J790Y Oct 10 2015 - Jun 30 2016 8J890Y Jun 12 2015 - Jun 30 2016 8J090Y	
LX	Luxembourg	Jan 1 - Jun 30	LX95J	Bureau
LY	Lithuania	Mar 11 - Apr 11	LY26A	LY5A
LZ	Bulgaria	2016	One special call per month LZ300MSP, LZ1700SIP, LZ1867SEI, LZ425STA, LZ1886PGS, LZ1043PMU, LZ304MED, LZ935MWC, LZ960SPA and LZ463PP.	Bureau
LZ	Bulgaria	2016 Mar 1 - Jun 30	LZ65HSC LZ140HB	N7RO Bur
OH	Finland	All 2016	OH70AG	OH6AG
PY	Brazil	Feb 22 - Mar 6 Now - Mar 26	ZV451RIO ZV1WSA	PY1AA bur PU1VFC
SM	Sweden	Now - Mar 31	SK70HW	SK7HW
SP	Poland	All 2016 Jan 1 - Jun 30 Jan 1 - Mar 31 Jan - Oct 22 Now - Jun 1	SN800L SN0WIN HF360JG HF60KAG SP90TPBA	SP4RKZ SP9MZX SP9KAJ SP9KAG SP3LD
SP	Poland	Jan 1 - Dec 18 All 2016 All 2016	3Z35RTTY, HF35PBW, HF35RTTY, and SO35RTTY HF2016HS HF6FIRAC	SQ8JCB SP6IEQ
TF	Iceland	2016	TFTOIRA	TF3IRA

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UA	Russia	Jan 1 - Apr 1 Mar 1 - Mar 31 Mar 1 - Mar 22 Now Mar - Jun August	R70RAA R44YETI R85PAR R100IA R15660 R0450Y	UA3RF RL5G RZ5D RZ5D R2EA R2EA
UR	Ukraine	Jan 1 - Jun 30	EM10UFF	UR7UT
VE	Canada	Feb 19 - Mar 18 Mar 19 - Apr 19	CJ3T XL3T	VA3RVK
YO	Romania	Now Now	YO85YR5 YR110FLY, YR110PILOT, YR110TV, and YR110VUIA	YO3KAA

Contest, mainly from ARRL Bulletin & WA7BNM

CLARA Chatter Party: 1700Z, Mar 15 to 1700Z, Mar 16 and 1700Z, Mar 19 to 1700Z, Mar 20

QRP Fox Hunt: 0100Z-0230Z, Mar 16

Phone Fray: 0230Z-0300Z, Mar 16

CWops Mini-CWT Test: 1300Z-1400Z, Mar 16 and 1900Z-2000Z, Mar 16 and 0300Z-0400Z, Mar 17

RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW: 2000Z-2130Z, Mar 16

NAQCC CW Sprint: 0030Z-0230Z, Mar 17

QRP Fox Hunt: 0100Z-0230Z, Mar 18

NCCC RTTY Sprint: 0145Z-0215Z, Mar 18

NCCC Sprint: 0230Z-0300Z, Mar 18

BARTG HF RTTY Contest: 0200Z, Mar 19 to 0200Z, Mar 21

SARL VHF/UHF Analogue/Digital Contest: 1000Z, Mar 19 to 1000Z, Mar 20

Russian DX Contest: 1200Z, Mar 19 to 1200Z, Mar 20

Virginia QSO Party: 1400Z, Mar 19 to 0200Z, Mar 20 and 1200Z-2400Z, Mar 20

AGCW VHF/UHF Contest: 1400Z-1700Z, Mar 19 (144) and 1700Z-1800Z, Mar 19 (432)

Louisiana QSO Party: 1400Z, Mar 19 to 0200Z, Mar 20

Feld Hell Sprint: 1700Z-1859Z, Mar 19

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UBA Spring Contest, SSB: 0700Z-1100Z, Mar 20

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest: 0100Z-0300Z, Mar 21

Bucharest Contest: 1800Z-2059Z, Mar 21

VK0EK DXPEDITION NEWS

VK0EK HEARD ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS

* It was reported by Rich, KY6R, on February 29th [edited]: On March 1, 2016, the first of the Heard Island Expedition Team board flights for Cape Town, South Africa, the accumulation point for the expedition to Heard Island.

The first three to depart, Bob Schmieder/KK6EK, Ken Karr/NG2H, and Adam Brown/K2ARB, will arrive in Cape Town at 1:00 PM local time, to be met by members of the South Africa Support Team. They will be followed over the next four days by the other team members: Fred Belton/KM4MXD, Arliss Thompson/W7XU, Gavin Marshall/VK2BAX, Hans-Peter Blattler/HB9BXE, Alan Cheshire/VK6CQ, Bill Mitchell/AE0EE, Dave Lloyd/K3EL, Jim Colletto/N6TQ, Vadym Ivliev/UT6UD, Dave Farnsworth/WJ2O, and Carlos Nascimento/NP4IW. The Cape Town Support Team has been interfacing with the vessel (also due to arrive in Cape Town March 3rd), and the local agency for inspecting the vessel and cargo for biological threats. We will be shopping, cleaning the tents, and loading the Braveheart, preparing for the scheduled sailing on March 10th.

All news while the team is en route and at Heard will be posted here:

<http://www.vk0ek.org>

* It was reported by Rich, KY6R, on March 3rd [edited]: The first team members will arrive in Cape Town today, and several others start their flights over the next couple of days. This VK0EK Blog Site is now switching over to "DXpedition Mode".

DXpedition Mode is where we will concentrate on everything DX and DXpedition. You will notice over the next few days changes that accentuate this. Some of the sections that used to be on this site can be found in their entirety on: <http://www.heardisland.com>

But have been replaced by new sections such as "How to Work Us". Later today, the banner will show the planned Voyage dates and On Air dates - which is the number one question we have received so far. Second to that have been propagation questions.

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The Support Site is up and running and working very well. It handles everything and anything that you might have questions or concerns with, from propagation questions to souvenir order questions. You can find the Support System here: <https://vk0ek.freshdesk.com/support/tickets/new>

VK0EK DXPEDITION NEWS (Heard Island Expedition Newsletter Vol. 2 No. 3).

The current Heard Island Expedition Newsletter (Vol. 2, No. 3 -- dated March 1st) is now out. Individuals may have already received this because they subscribed to it, or they made a donation to the expedition, or they are a team member or a corporate sponsor, or Bob, KK6EK, just happens to know you and think you would like to have it. This issue goes to 1817 different people.

Bob also informs [edited], "There is no charge or obligation for this we just want to help you make a QSO with VK0EK, or to collaborate in the scientific work. This is the last Newsletter we will send out before the expedition (we sail March 10 from Cape Town)."

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If you missed a previous Newsletter and would like to have a copy, you can find a link on p. 4

<http://www.heardisland.org/HD_pages/HD_newsletter_back_issues.html>
to download the back issue.

The expedition is scheduled to begin sometime around/between March 21st-April 10th. You can see the current status of the project on the main websites <www.heardisland.org>, and on the blogsite <www.vk0ek.org>.

FT4JA JUAN DE NOVA DXPEDITION NEWS (March 7th Press Release).

In just 10days, the first 2 operators (F2DX & F6BEE) will head to Mayotte island. They plan to be active between March 18th to 24th from 40 to 6m, signing

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FH/F2DX and FH/F6BEE. Reports are welcome to give us an idea of the propagation, which will be similar on Juan de Nova.

The 8 other operators will join them later. We are filling the suitcases with all the sensitive equipment that has not been shipped on the crates. Each piece is carefully checked.

On the other hand, we are working on the last details. We just released a webpage dedicated to 6m operation which gives all details for TEP and EME contacts tentatives (Earth-Moon-Earth).

Our pilots received a bunch of reports regarding 12 & 17m RTTY frequencies. Because it was not our first aim to activate these slots, we have decide not to work RTTY on these bands and keep the focus on 30/20/15m to maximize the number of unique callsigns worked. The band plan has been updated.

On the main page of the website, we just uploaded a short video called « we are ready » <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6OlsgpKrgg>> with a message to the international amateur radio community.

We are preparing a communication about the QSL and logs. These informations will be published on the website before our departure.

Get ready ! FT4JA - Juan de Nova 2016 Expedition