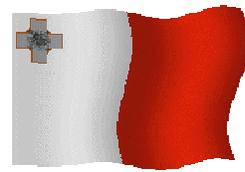


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From the Editor

Friends,

I welcome you to another issue of this magazine for May 2009, which is issue 38 of this series.

As usual **MARL** is always having activities that are useful for radio amateurs, both as a hobby as well as to be ready so that if an emergency crops up they will be well-trained to be able to give their help.

This does not only require constant training even with more modern means of communication with computers, but also practical training and preparing the required equipment for communications in an emergency as well as training with the same equipment.

For this purpose, the emergency group took part in a world-wide emergency communications exercise called **ECOMSET** that was held on **Saturday 18 April 2009** between **11.00 - 15.00 UTC**, that is, **12.00 – 16.00 Malta time**. Further down you have some photos of this activity.

Another group took part in an activity organized by the Civil Protection Department that was held in Valletta with the aim of collecting things for the earthquake victims that happened earlier in April in Italy.

This earthquake reminds us that an emergency can happen unexpectedly without anyone knowing where, how big it will be and how much help will be required, and therefore apart from the official emergency group everyone should prepare himself and be trained for whatever may happen.

As in previous years, **MARL** was invited to take part in the Spring Show at San Anton Gardens, which show was held on Saturday 2 May and Sunday 3 May. A number of radio amateurs took part by setting up a radio station and a number of stations were contacted, both on Saturday as well as on Sunday. Thanks to all those who took part and had the job of setting up this station.

I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate the group that attended the St John first aid course who all passed the examination.

As always, I hope that you find the information in the magazine useful to you and if you have some article please leave it in my **QSL** box or you can send it to me on my e-mail **9h1av at searchmalta dot com**.

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These are the photos of the operation from Qalet Marku Bahar iċ-Ċagħaq



9H1PS Arthur u 9H1VW Joe discussing



View of the place

On the left **9H1PS Arthur** and **9H1VW Joe** discussing how things are going while below **9H1ES Fortunato** is speaking.



9H1PS Arthur u 9H1VW Joe

9H1ES Fortunato



9H1BW Christopher



9H5OU Joseph

9H1AA George



9H50U Joseph 9H1PI Ivan, 9H1BW Christopher, 9H1PS Arthur u 9H1ES Fortunato speaking



9H1PI Ivan preparing



Left photo 9H1PS Arthur and 9H1VW Joe



9H1PS Arthur, 9H1VW Joe, u 9H1PI Ivan





Vertical Antenna



Another vertical antenna



9H1BW Christopher 9H1PI Ivan



9H1AA George 9H1PI Ivan



Mr Mark Brincat CPD, 9H1PS Arthur



Mr Mark Brincat CPD, 9H1PI Ivan



9H1PS Arthur 9H5OU Joseph 9H1PI Ivan



9H1ES Fortunato

Mr Mark Brincat is from the Civil Protection Department and as an Emergency Communications Group we work hand in hand with him. We would like to take the occasion to thank him for his cooperation.

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Brazilian QSL Cards

A little while ago I brought you photos of **QSL** of stations that used to work from Malta and asked anyone who has some **QSL** cards of Maltese radio amateurs to send me a copy. The appeal is still open because it is good to keep a copy even if only electronic for history.

I wish to make the same appeal not only for **QSL** cards, but also for any information that one may have so as to make a copy, including copies of other magazines issued by any radio Club that used to be in Malta and also in Ghawdex.

As I have previously shown these things are not only made in Malta, but there are other countries that do the same and I had given you internet links where you can find some of them. Today I am give to give you some information about Brazilian **QSL** cards and where you can find them.

In fact there is an association called the Brazilian Historical Amateur Radio Archive whose aim is to preserve history and documentation about amateur radio in Brazil from the first days (~1924) till today.

They have more than 8,000 electronic copies of **QSL** cards, pennants etc. One can see these things by going to their interesting website which is <http://www.radioamador.org.br/english.htm>

I invite you to visit it because it is very interesting.

Thanks for this information to **Rony PS7AB ps7ab at yahoo.com** and to **Ivan, 9H1PI** who passed on this information

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Valletta City 18.04.2009

This activity was held in collaboration with the Civil Protection Department that organized the collection of things for those hit by the earthquake that happened earlier in Aquila in Italy. Those who took part were **9H1M Dominic**, **9H1VC James**, **9H1AK Alfred**, **9H1XE Edwin** and **9H5IR Norbert**.



9H1VC James, 9H1M Dominic, 9H1XE Edwin



9H1VC, 9H1AK back 9H1M, 9H1XE



9H1M Dominic, 9H1XE Edwin



9H1XE Edwin, 9H1VC James



Antenna



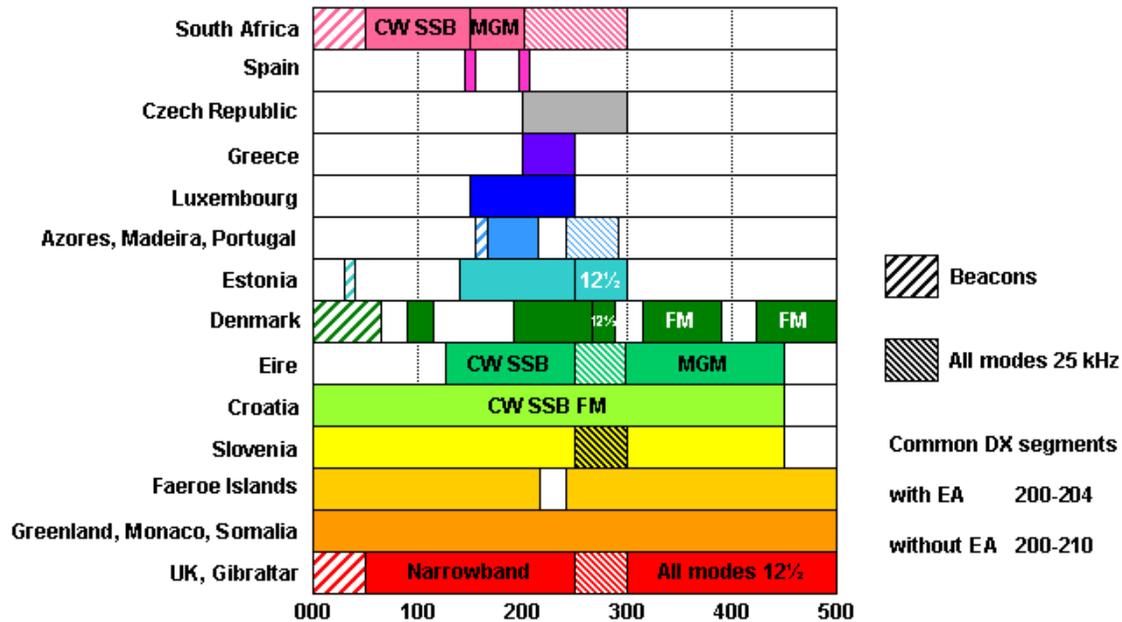
9H5IR Norbert 9H1M Dominic

Thanks to all those who sent the photos.

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70MHz

Here you have graphical information on how the allocation is distributed on the 70MHz frequency in different countries. This graphic is found on the 4-metre internet webpage <http://www.70mhz.org/>



500kHz

This year, on Marconi Day, a Marconi official station using Marconi equipment completed a radio contact that was similar to those Marconi himself achieved many years ago.

During the late hours of Friday 24 April and the early hours of Saturday 25 April, **GB4FPR** was operated from the Fort Perch Rock Marine Radio Museum in the Wirral.

Using a newly obtained **501kHz** to **504kHz** Notice Of Variation license, they managed a transatlantic **QSO** on **502kHz** with a station in St. John's, Newfoundland.

The operators used Marconi marine equipment and Morse and received a **539** report from **V01MRC**. It was a crossband QSO with **GB4FPR** transmitting 1 watt E.R.P. on **502kHz** and receiving the Canadian station on **3566kHz**.

Fort Perch Rock was built as a coastal defence battery during the Napoleonic period to protect the Port of Liverpool. It is open all year round and features museums, exhibitions and a tea-room.

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136kHz

Japanese radio amateurs were granted this frequency and can now work on it with transmission not wider than **100Hz**. I remind you that this allocation is from **135.7kHz** to **137.8kHz**.

Carabinieri Certificate

Those radio amateurs who like to collect as many certificates as possible can try to get another certificate known as the Carabinieri Certificate.

This certificate is to commemorate the 195 anniversary of the setting up of the Carabinieri and contacts have to be made from **0700 UTC, 20 May to 1900 UTC, 5 June, 2009**



The purpose of this certificate is that radio amateurs and short wave listeners contact or hear as many radio amateurs members of the Carabinieri as possible.

The frequencies are **3.5MHz (80M), 7MHz (40M) u 14MHz (20M)**. Modes are **SSB, CW, PSK31, RTTY**.

One contact may be made with each member on the same frequency with the same mode of transmission. There is no limit with the number of Carabinieri you contact except that you cannot contact the same station on the same day on the same frequency with the same mode of transmission but you can do so in other days.

Here you have a list of radio amateurs members of the Carabinieri.

IK0AUO Walther
IK0QBI Enrico
IK0QOF Giancarlo
IK0VGC Claudio
IS0YHV Antonio
IW0DGJ Antonio
IW0GSB Stefano
IW0EYT Massimiliano
IZ0IWL Gabriele
IZ0KNA Enzo
I1ULJ Salvatore
IK1MOP Vittorio
IW1DQS Davide
IK2SOB Fabio
IW2GRA Angelo
IW2NLJ Michele
IZ2ABM Giovanni
IZ2DJN Marco

IZ2KSC Giovanni
IZ2IPF Mauro
IZ2LNA Filippo
IK3ORD Maurizio
IV3FBH Tiziano
IV3LBP Loreno
IV3PCF Giorgio
IV3TYS Dario
I4GVX Giovanni
IZ5IJY Sandro
I6TND Vito
IK6BAK Eliseo
IK6DUN Feliciano
IK6ZJE Domenico
IK6ZNK Francesco
IW6MNT Domenico
IZ6CRK Raffaele
IZ6FUQ Stefano

IZ6FYI Giuseppe
IW7EBB Gianluca
IW7EFJ Marco
IK8JAK Angelo
IK8XVQ Michele
IW8PQ Nino
IZ8BGA Massimo
IZ8CCX Agostino
IZ8DAF Sabino
IZ8FMU Massimo
IZ8GNF Francesco
IZ8LGW Pasquale
IT9ASX Gianni
IT9ECQ Enzo
IT9KKE Carlo
IT9ZJE Salvatore

Other details may be found on <http://www.cota.cc/>

DX

AH2Y and **WX8C** will be working from **Guam** as **AH2Y** during the **CQWW WPX CW** Contest that takes place on 30 and 31 May. **QSL** via Logbook to the World or direct to **HL1IWD**.

8N5I will be working from **Shikoku Island**, which is **IOTA** reference **AS-076**, until 15 June. **QSL** via **JARL** bureau.

YE7M will be working from **Payung Payungan Island**, which is **IOTA** reference **OC-268**, between 22 and 24 May. Activity will be on **40, 20, 17, 15 and 10m using CW and SSB**.

Hermann, DL2NUD and **Joachim, DL9MS** will be working from **Zanzibar Island** as **5H1HP** and **5H1MS** respectively until 2 June. They will operate on **2M EME/MS**, with activity also on the **HF bands** and **6 metres**. **QSL** via their home calls.

Terry, BA7NQ will be on holiday on **Hainan Island**, which is **IOTA** reference **AS-094** on 24 to 26 May. Depending on local conditions, he plans to operate mainly on **20, 30 and 40m metres CW** around **0400, 1000, 1600 and 2300UTC**.

Eight operators from the **Charente DX Group** will be active as **TM0M** from **Molene Island** between 23 and 30 May. They plan to operate **SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK on 80m to 10m** and possibly on **6 metres** as well. **QSL** via **F6ANA**.

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For Sale

Paul, 9H1BT has the following for sale.

FT767 Yaesu HF transceiver in full working order complete with manual, internal ATU and original Mic 700 Euros

KW electronics KW76 vintage receiver for HF amateur radio frequencies with home made PSU This a rare collectors item 180 Euros

Drake R4B Amateur Receiver with original matching speaker in excellent working conditions a vintage collectors item 400 Euros

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Had-Dingli,
RBT 11
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Radio Beacon

A radio beacon that transmits on different frequencies has been built in Portugal. This radio beacon has the call sign **CS5BLA** and its position is **IM57PX** which is about 92 kilometres south of Lisbon.

The place is Aldeia dos Chãos city near Santiago do Cacem city on the South Atlantic Coast of Portugal.

Its frequencies are **50.076MHz**, **144.410MHz**, **432.425MHz** and **1296.825MHz**, while the ERP is **5W** on **6M** and **2M**, **8W** on **70cm** and **10W** on **23cm**.

Antennas are dipole on 6 Metres, ¼ wave vertical on 2 Metres, Vertical J-Pole on 70cm, and a dual horizontal Alford Slot on 23cm.

The Morse code message is **V V V DE CS5BLA QTH BEACON IM57PX**.

The beacon is operated by **ARLA**, **Associação de Radioamadores do Litoral Alentejano** and is being cared for by **CT4RK Carlos Mourato**.

QSL cards must be sent to this address and not via the Buro.

CS5BLA

ARLA BEACON
Aldeia Dos Chãos
Santiago Do Cacem,
PORTUGAL



Here you have a view of the place downloaded from QRZ.com

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Committee Activities

The Committee is organizing or taking part in a number of public activities to serve as an advertisement for our hobby with the public.

As you could see from previous magazines, a number of volunteers took part in training in emergency exercises, in the Spring Show at San Anton Gardens, in the activity for the collection of things for the earthquake victims in Italy, with the Scouts and other activities.

Other activities are also planned to promote our hobby and the good name of **MARL**.

The Committee is also making a number of antennas to be used by **MARL** during such activities and also when organizing other outside activities.

Apart from this, it is always conducting lectures so that those who want to can sit for the examination to acquire the radio amateur license.

Dominic, 9H1M is also holding his lectures which are very interesting and are being attended by a number of radio amateurs who amongst other things are going to build some equipment, produce a printed circuit and also use related computer programmes.

It is therefore in your own interest to take an interest in what is being done, take part and also give your help in the best interests of our Society because after all it represents all of us with the authorities.

Do not forget that the more members we have the stronger we will be with the authorities and it is therefore important that every radio amateur be a member of **MARL**.

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Activities

Membership payments

For all those who want to pay their membership the Financial Secretary is waiting for you with open arms to receive your payment. Payment of €23 can be made every Tuesday and Thursday between 6.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. and on Sundays between 10.00 and Noon or by cheque by post payable to M.A.R.L.

Yahoo Group

Be attentive and become members in the yahoo group to be fully informed with the latest activities that we intend to hold.

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