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QST reviews:

- SGC SG-2020 HF transceiver
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3B7RF—The St Brandon DXpedition

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Did you work St Brandon?

Thousands of amateurs made contact with this remote archipelago near Mauritius last May. The 14 operators of the St Brandon DXpedition crew had their hands full, making more than 53,000 contacts over a 12-day period! Read their story in this month's "How's DX?" Our thanks to George Wagner, K5KG, for providing these photographs.



The 3B7RF crew arrives back in Mauritius after a successful DXpedition.

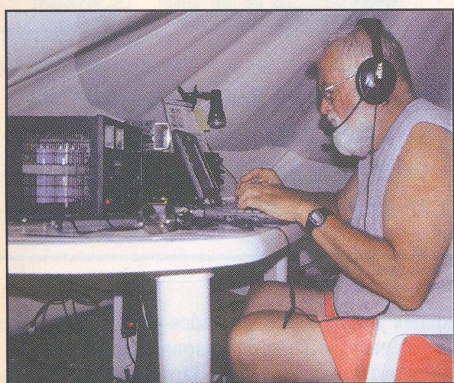
From left to right: Hans-Peter, HB9BXE; Jacky, 3B8CF; Rene, HB9BQI; Yuuji, JA3IG; Hugo, HB9AFH; Kurt HB9AFI; Urs, HB9ABO; Christine, HB9BQW; Joe, HB9AJW; Karl, HB9JAI (on shoulders); Willy, HB9AHL; Erik, HB9ADP; Walter, W7SE; George, K5KG.



Up goes the Battle Creek Special. This antenna was the expedition's low-band workhorse.



After making landfall at the archipelago, HB9JAI rejoices at finding a fan among the equipment. In this sweltering environment, you're grateful for small blessings!



Managing a phone pileup is like drinking from a firehose. Walter, W7SE, does his best to separate call signs from chaos.



DXpeditions are not strictly about hamming. There's always time to take in a spectacular island sunset.