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NEWSLETTER: MARION 46 MAY 1989

HI ALL!
WELL ANOTHER MONTH HAS PASSED US BY, GOING FAR TOO QUICKLY...

EVERYBODY HAS FINALLY SETTLED (SEMI) INTO THEIR RESPECTIVE ROOMS. WE ARE ALSO FINALLY GETTING USED TO THE (RELATIVE) PEACE AND QUIET OF ONLY 16 GUYS ON THE ISLAND. AFTER 70 ODD PEOPLE AROUND IT TAKES SOME GETTING USED TO AN ABSOLUTE PLEASURE...

THE FIRST, OF HOPEFULLY MANY PSYCHEDELIC, ALU METAL PALM TREES HAS BEEN PLANTED. THE PLANTING CEREMONY WAS ATTENDED BY ALL AND AS CHAMPAGNE CORKS POPPED AND CAMERAS CLICKED THE LAST BIT OF MIRE WAS TURNED.

THIS NEW ADDITION TO THE BASES DECOR WAS PRESENTED BY JACHA, MARTIN AND STEPHEN. UNFORTUNATELY THE COCONUTS HAVE A VERY METALLIC TASTE.

AS WINTER DRAWS NEARER EVERYTHING IS DECIDING IT IS NOW TIME TO GO SEEK WARMER CLIMATES. EXCEPT FOR THE HARDY AND POSSIBLY FOOL-HARDY THEY HAVE NEARLY ALL GONE.

UNFORTUNATELY THE MICE ALSO DECIDED IT WAS A GOOD TIME TO START LOOKING FOR A WARMER HOME. ONLY THEIR NEW HOME IS NOT ACROSS THE SEA. IT IS HERE, OUR BASE. A FEW DECIDED THAT THE RADIOS WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA FOR A WARM COSY HOUSE. THEY DID NOT RECKON WITH PETR THOUGH. PETR (THE TERMINATOR OF MICE) DECLARED WAR AND VERY SOON THE MICE DECIDED THAT RADIOS WERE NOT THE IDEAL WARM COSY HOUSE THAT THEY EXPECTED.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HUNTERS ON SURPASSING THE 150 MARK. PARTY, PARTY. AS DOC EESTER WOULD PUT IT ... AND WHAT A PARTY IT WAS... WE ARE STILL SUFFERING... AFTER A SLOW BEGINNING PIETER G. HAS NOW A COUPLE OF KILLS UNDER HIS BELT. ANTON, MEANWHILE, HAS BEEN SHOWING THE OLD HUNTERS THAT HE IS NOT ONLY GOOD AT PLAYING THE VIOLIN. TO ALL THE GUYS WELL DONE. ALSO TO THE INTREPID BASE PERSONAL, WHO DECIDED A TRIP AT NIGHT WOULD BE A GOOD THING. I WON'T REPEAT WHAT SOME SAID BUT THERE WERE QUITE A FEW NEVER AGAIN S.

THE MIRE HAVE ONCE AGAIN TAKEN THEIR TOLL ON THE UNWARY TRAVELLER. STEPHEN, THIS MONTH, HAS CLAIMED THE RIGHT TO BEING NAMED THE MIRE KING. WITH MYSELF IN HOT PURSUIT. STEPHEN, AFTER SINKING FOR THE THIRD OR FOURTH TIME DECIDED THAT IT IS FAR EASIER TO USE HIS HANDS AS WELL. FROM THEN ON WHENEVER A MIRE LOOMED UP HE CRAWLED...

A FURTHER AWARD THIS MONTH IS THE ZEDS AWARD. NORMALLY TO THE PERSON WHO SLEEPS THE MOST. THIS MONTH THERE IS NO OUTRIGHT WINNER SO IT HAS TO BE SHARED. GLEN, HENDRIK, GERALD, COLIN AND VINCE ARE NOW THE PROUD HOLDERS OF THIS AWARD. VINCE HAS MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES THOUGH, LATE WORKING HOURS... HIHI...

ON A SLIGHTLY MORE SERIOUS BUT BEAUTIFUL NOTE. WE HAD THIS MONTH A COUPLE OF SIGHTINGS OF KILLER WHALES. THESE 1, AND I THINK EVERYONE IS IN AGREEMENT, ARE THE MOST FANTASTIC CREATURES ALIVE. TO SEE THEM IN AN AQUARIUM IS ONE THING BUT TO SEE THEM IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT AND ONLY THIRTY OR SO FEET FROM YOU IS TOTALLY ANOTHER. THE GRACE AND POWER IS AMAZING. THE SHOUT OF KILLERS GETS EVERYONE MOVING AT HIGH SPEED FOR CAMERAS AND THEN TO THE POINT.

WELL FOLKS AND OTHER LOVED ONES THAT IS IT FROM MY END FOR THIS MONTH.
FROM A BEAUTIFUL, BUT WET AND CHILLY MARION, CHEERS.

NOW FOR THIS MONTHS WEATHER SUMMARY:

MEAN (AVE) PRESSURE	1011.9 HPA
MEAN (AVE) TEMPERATURE	5.0 DEG.C
HIGHEST TEMPERATURE	13.3 DEG.C
LOWEST TEMPERATURE	-2.1 DEG.C
MEAN (AVE) RELATIVE HUMIDITY	84.0 PERCENT
TOTAL SUNSHINE	102.6 HOURS
MEAN (AVE) SUNSHINE PER DAY	3.3 HOURS
DAYS OF SUNSHINE	19
TOTAL RAINFALL	139.9 MM
NO. OF DAYS WITH 1 MM OR MORE	8

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