

AMATEUR RADIO TFC FROM MIR:

Some weeks ago Volkov asked to get a callsign for himself and Krikalyov to be used by them during amateur QSO-s. As the passes of MIR for a long time were during nighthours I did not get more information about this matter. Meanwhile we know that Polyakov, using c/s U3MIR made some QSO-s on 145.650 mc (a repeater output frequ.) with amateurs in Eastern Europe.

On Febr. 4th TsUP told Volkov that he had to try to make QSO-s with a radiostation in an exhibition somewhere in Switzerland. TsUP did not give more details as Volkov had a written instruction in his possession. Volkov told that he thusfar did not get permission to work as a radioamateur. He even spoke about a prohibition! Volkov repeated his request to get a callsign. TsUP said that he surely would get a c/s.

RETRIEVAL SALYUT-7 DURING A BURAN FLIGHT:

More than a week we can read and hear this message. Two days ago the MIR cosmonauts were very surprised when they heard something about this future operation and they asked for more news about it. They got a vague answer about the fact that the decision to perform that operation still has to be taken.

PROGRESS-39:

This freighter is still attached to the MIR--complex. Yesterday they had a day off but they stowed a frame of the Korund installation in that ship. They spoke about "overtime". Very soon this s/c will undock and burn up in the atmosphere.

COMMUNICATION WITH TRACKING SHIPS:

Recently a lot of contacts with the Akademik Sergey Korolyov (in the Azores area) and the Cosmonaut Vladimir Komarov, possibly in the Mediteranean.

Greetings,

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