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- Katrin, DL1AXL has been forced to cancel her participation in the 9-15 February 3B8/DK7AO operation [425DXN 611] from Mauritius (AF-049). The team now include Achim, DL1XD. QSL via DL3APO. Logs will be available at http://www.radioklub.de/3b8 [TNX DL3APO]
- Look for Alan, 5B/G3PMR to be active from Cyprus from 4 February to 10 March. QSL via G3PMR either direct or through the RSGB bureau (e-mail requests for bureau cards are welcome at g3pmr@shacklog.co.uk).
- 9Q La Gazette du DX reports that Pat and Nicole's licences have been renewed through July. They are going to resume their amateur radio activities as 9Q1A/2 and 9Q1YL/2 from their new QTH at Matadi.
- Glenn Johnson, WOGJ will operate again as A51B from Bhutan between 3 and 26 February. He plans to concentrate on 80 metres CW during his mornings and evenings and to be active during the CQ/RJ WW RTTY (8-9 February) and the ARRL DX CW (15-16 February) contests. QSL direct to WOGJ. [TNX The Daily DX]
- BY Nicola, IOSNY and Gianni, I8KGZ plan to will be active from China on 6-29 May. Further details to follow. [TNX IOSNY]
- C6 Ivars, KC4PX will be active on 6 metres as C6APX from Nassau (NA-001) on 8-15 February. QSL via KC4PX. [TNX The Daily DX]
- DL A group of German operators (including DH1LA, DH2AX, DH7NO, DL2RTK, DL2SWW, DL2VFR, DL6ATM and others) will participate in the IOTA Contest (26-27 July) as DL0KWH from Peenemuende, Usedom Island (EU-129). Before the contest they will operate for 2-3 days with individual callsigns on CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via bureau. [TNX DL2VFR]
- DU G30CA, 4F2KWT and other DU operators will be active as DX0C from OC-120 on 14-17 March and as 4D0B from OC-092 on 20-26 March. They plan to have two stations on 40, 20,15 and 10 metres SSB and CW, maybe with some WARC activity as well. QSL via G30CA (except for Russian stations, whose cards will be handled by UA4SKW). All direct cards received for the 2002 expedition were mailed by the beginning of December 2002, cards received recently are normally sent out next day. [TNX G30CA]
- EA9 EA9CE, the Ceuta branch of URE (http://www.gratisweb.com/ea9ce),

will participate in the CQ WW WPX RTTY Contest as AM9CE. QSL via bureau to EA9CE. [TNX EA9CD]

- F - The Belgian team of the "Minkieboys" will be going for the fourth year to Sein Island (EU-068, DIFM AT-007) to participate in the IOTA Contest. ON4ASG, ON4AVA, ON4ON, ON5SY, ON6CX, ON7PQ, ON9CGB plan to be on the island from 24 to 29 July, and to operate as TM30N before, during and after the contest. QSL via ON40N direct (Danny Commeyne, Rozenlaan 38, B-8890 Dadizele, Belgium) the The web site for the bureau. at http://users.skynet.be/minkies/ [TNX ON9CGB]
- Pierre, F6FXS will be active as FG/F6FXS from Guadeloupe (NA-102, DIFO FG-001) from 12 February to 12 March. He will operate on 10-40 metres CW only, mainly during his morning and evening hours, with some 30 watts and a wire antenna. QSL via homecall either direct or through the bureau. [TNX F5NQL]
- FO_mar I2MOV, I2YSB, IK1AOD, IK1PMR, IK2DIA, IK2GNW and IK2WXV will be active on CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK from the Marquesas Islands (OC-027) for two weeks starting in late April. They plan to have three stations on all bands, 6 metres included, with beams and linear amplifiers. Further information is expected in due course; on-line logs will be available at http://digilander.libero.it/i2ysb [TNX I2YSB]
- HP Wil, DJ7AA will be active (callsign not known) from Contadora Island (NA-072) on 4-19 February. He will participate in the CQ WPX RTTY and ARRL DX CW contests. Outside the contests he will concentrate on 160 and 80 metres CW (look for him on or around 1826.5 and 3560 kHz), with some SSB and WARC band activity. QSL via DL6MYL. [TNX NG3K]
- JA Look for Hiro, JO1EPY/6 to be active (on 40, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres SSB and CW) from Nakano-shima in the Tokara Islands (AS-049) on 1-3 March. QSL via home call either direct (Hiroshi Kotoku, 3-4-19 Kishimachi, Kawagoe City, Saitama 350-1131, Japan) or through the bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]
- JA Mat, JS6PXB will be active (on 40 and 20 metres SSB) as JS6PXB/6 from Zamami Island (AS-017), from 6 UTC on 5 February through 00.00 UTC on the 6th. QSL via home call either direct or through the bureau.
- Martti/OH2BH, Pertti/OH2PM and Bernie/W3UR have been active as AH3D KH3 from Johnston Atoll since early this week. They operate from the local Club station (KJ6BZ), which will be dismantled a few days after the end of this expedition. The last operation will be Monday night (Johnston local time) on 20 and 10 metres antennas to come down). There have been problems with e-mail from Johnston, so on-line logs are not available. The pilot station Avery, K6GNX (bavery@telemetry.com). QSL via OH2BH Johnston Atoll DXpedition, P.O. Box 73, 02380 Espoo, Finland).
- PJ Tom/AE9B, Marty/NW0L and Jerry/WB9Z will be active (on SSB, CW and RTTY with an emphasis on the WARC bands) as PJ2/homecall from from Curacao (SA-006) from 26 February through 4 March. QSL via home calls. They will participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest as PJ2T (QSL via N9AG). [TNX NW0L]
- PY CT1AHU, PY8EA, PT7BI, PT2GTI, PT2HF will be active (call unknown)

from Mexiana Island (SA-042, the most "most wanted" IOTA group in South America) on 21-25 May. They plan to operate on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres SSB. Further information is expected in due course. [TNX CT1END and CT1AHU]

- PYO_fdn- Bill, W9VA will be active as PYOZFO (QSL via W9VA) from Fernando de Noronha on 12-18 February, including and entry in the ARRL CW DX Contest (contest category and callsign TBA). [TNX NG3K]
- T8 JA5AUC (T88TM), JA5ROH (T88RH), JA5MY (T88FB), JA5SUD (T88DY) and JA5EIY (T88EI) will be active on 160-6 metres from Palau (OC-009) on 7-12 February. QSL via home calls. [TNX NG3K and La Gazette du DX]
- V2 Bill, W4WX (V25WX) and Larry, W1LR (V2/W1LR, but he has applied for V26LR) will be active from Antigua (NA-100) on 17-25 February. They will have a small beam for 10, 15 & 20 metres, a vertical for 10, 12, 15, 17, & 20 metres and dipole for 6 metres. They will be on SSB, MMTTY and PSK-31. The pilot station will be Clarence, W9AAZ (kx8nlaf@bellsouth.net). QSL via home calls. [TNX W4WX]
- VK9_lh Barry, VK2BJ will be active as VK2LBJ from Lord Howe Island (OC-004) for one week starting on 8 February. [TNX The Daily DX]
- VK9_xms- Steve, VK3OT/VK3SIX will be active as VK9XI from Christmas Island (OC-002) on 7-21 April. He will concentrate on 6 metres (50115 kHz) between 10 and 15 UTC, with low band operation at 23 UTC (sunrise) and 8 UTC (sunset). QSL direct to VK3OT (Steven Gregory, P.O. Box 622, Hamilton, Victoria 3300, Australia). Web page at http://members.datafast.net.au/electronics/vk9x.htm [TNX VK3OT]

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DAYTON DX DINNER ---> The Southwest Ohio DX Association is pleased to announce the 18th Annual DX Dinner to be held on 16 May at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dayton. Tickets must be purchased in advance and seats will be assigned on 16 March in the order that requests are received. For further information please visit $\frac{\text{http://my.erinet.com/} \sim n8bjq/}{\text{or contact Steve Bolia, N8BJQ at n8bjq@erinet.com}}$

OLD WOMAN ISLAND ---> The VK4FW/P cards for Bill's operation from Old Woman Island have a wrong IOTA reference number on them (OC-142). The island is just a few minutes outside the OC-142 grid, and the IOTA Committee has confirmed that they will accept these cards for OC-137. Bill apologizes for the unintentional mistake.

QSL 3B9FR ---> Robert, 3B9FR says that F6FNU has not been his QSL manager for more than four years now. QSL cards should be sent direct only to Robert Felicite, P.O. Box 31, Rodriguez Island, via Mauritius Island, Indian Ocean. [TNX IK2IQD]

QSL CO6XN ---> Due to the current unstable mail situation and increase in cost of the bureau service in Colombia, Oscar/HK6DOS will cease to handle CO6XN's bureau cards effective 1 June 2003. The last date to accept via the bureau will be 31 January 2003. Frank, N3ZOM will continue to handle all of Abel's direct cards. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

QSL EP6KI ---> Following the tragic death of Victor Rusinov, UT8LL, in an air crash just before Christmas the Ukrainian Amateur Radio League (UARL) and the IOTA Committee have been working together to see that the QSLing of EP6KI contacts is carried through in accordance with his wishes. UARL has taken on the design of a special memorial card and this should be printed over the next few weeks. Phil Marsh, G4WFZ has received a large number of direct cards and will reply to all of these when the EP6KI cards are available. The decision has been taken to QSL all contacts in the log and, to help Phil in this, Igor Zeldin, UR5LCV has agreed to act as QSL manager for the CIS countries. There is no need to send further bureau cards or duplicate direct cards either to the Ukraine or to the UK. [TNX G3KMA]

QSL HK6DOS ---> "Due to the cost of the mail in Colombia", all QSL cards (direct and bureau) for Oscar, HK6DOS should be sent to his QSL manager, EA5KB. [TNX HK6DOS]

QSL XE2AC ---> Luis, XE2AC (6J2AC) reports that his new QSL manager is Paco, EA5OL.

QSL YB0GJS ---> Effective 1 February 2003, the new QSL manager for Lani, YB0GJS will be N9NU (Tim S. Dickerson, 900 Vincent Dr, Sandwich, IL 60548, USA). [TNX YB0ECT]

QSL MANAGER OFFERED ---> Veteran QSL Manager Bob Nadolny, WB2YQH (5X1GS, 5Z4GS, K2L, VP9MN etc) is looking to take on another station for QSL chores. A semi-rare and active station or small DXpedition is welcome. Computer logging is a must and e-mail of logs monthly to keep the Deserving happy would be helpful. Please contact Bob at wb2yqh@earthlink.net to discuss the details. [TNX WB2YQH]

QSL VIA HB9BGN ---> Albert, HB9BGN acts as a maildrop for the ZA stations (mainly ZA1Z) whose QSL route is "via HB9BGN". He says that "mail forwarding to Tirana is done 2-3 times per year by trustworthy persons travelling to Tirana". One USD is sufficient, please do not send SASEs with Swiss stamps as QSLs are mailed from Albania. Further information can be found at http://mypage.bluewin.ch/HB9BGN [TNX The Golist, http://golist.net/]

V31KQ ---> Roger, WA0ETE, QSL manager for V31KQ, informs me that the recent operations on 15m CW are the work of a pirate. The only valid dates for operation from V31KQ in 2002 were from 24 April to 2 May. At present, there are no firm plans to return to Belize in 2003. [TNX K9RZ]

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*** NEWS FROM THE WEB ***

QSLs received direct: 3A2MD, 3DA0TM, 3XY7C, 4S7NE, 4U1ET, 4U1ITU, 5A1A, 5A32, 5K0Z, 5T5JC (1993 QSO),6Y5WJ, 7P8ZZ, 8N1OGA,8P9HT, 9H0A, 9H1ZA,9H4CM, 9J2BO, 9M6LSC, 9S1X, A22MN (1994 QSO)A25/V51AS, A35TL, A41KJ, A71MA, BA4DW, BA4DW/2 (AS-151), BA4DW/4 (AS-150), BA4EG, BA4RF, BO9P, C21AT, C6ARB, CE0Y/7K1WLE, CO2CI, CY0/N1NK, D2/SU2HM, D2CR, EA4DX/HK0, EG9IA, EX2T, EY8MM, FG/JR3IXB, FH/DL5CF, FK/F5NHJ, FK8VHY, FM5BH, FO5RK (OC-051), FP5BU, FP5BZ, FP5KE, FS/N3OC, FS/W6IZT, FY5FY, GB50, GJ2A, HC8N, HF70A, HI9/DL7AFS, HL0C/2 QSO), HR5/F2JD, HV5PUL, (AS-090), HR1AAB (1998 J38X, J75PL, J79RJ, JQ1SYQ/JD1, JT1CO, JX7DFA, JY9NX, JY9QJ, K2G, K7A, KL7A, KL7J, KP2D, L65W (SA-065), LQ7D, NP2B, OD5/OK1MU, OY3QN, OY6FRA, PJ4V, PJ5/K3RGD, PW0T, PY0FT, PY5M, PZ5RA, R1ANF, R10CA (AS-044), R10CB (AS-114), RW2F, S07U, S21YY, S79MX, S9MX (AF-023 and AF-044), S9SS, ST0F, SV9ANH, SZ8LH (EU-049), T77C, T15/K17VR, T19M, TR8CA, TT8ZZ, TY4DX, TY7Z, TY9F, TZ6JA, UE1RCV/1 (EU-188), UK8BQ, UK8GK, UY2VM, V26S, V31DJ, V31JP, V47NS, V63RE (OC-253 and OC-254), V63WN (OC-254), VE8AE/VY0 (NA-130), VK4YI (OC-137), VK9YL, VP2V/N6WKS, VP6DI, VP8SDX, VQ9DT, W2SF/4 (NA-062), W5AA/TI8, XE2/WD9EWK, XU7AAN, XV3TAA, XW1LLR, YA5T, YC9BU/7 (OC-252), YC9WZJ/7 (OC-252), YI9OM, YV5OHW, YV5OHW, (SA-066),Z22JE, Z24S, ZA/Z35M, ZA1Z, ZB2JO, ZC4DW, ZD7DP,ZD8Z, ZF2AH,ZK1USA, ZK1VVV, ZK2CW, ZM8CW, ZS1EL, ZS6QU, ZX5J.

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