5A - ON4APS (YL operator), ON4APS and ON4CEL will be active from club station 5A1A between 2 and 8 March. The special callsign 5A21PA will be used on CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via ON4APS either direct (Patrick Piesen, Koolkerkesteenweg 141, B-8800 Brugge, Belgium) or through the bureau. Logs will be available at http://users.glo.be/~frankyb/5a21pa.html after the operation.

5W - Cedric, HB9HFN reports to 425 DX News he and HB9DLZ will be active (mostly on CW, 10-80 metres) respectively as 5W0FN and 5W0LZ from Western Samoa (OC-097) between 10 and 23 February. Special attention will be given to Europe. QSL via bureau to their homecalls. For more details check http://www.qsl.net/hb9hfn/

8P - Chris, G3VBL is active from Barbados (NA-021) as 8P9EM until 6 January. QSL via G3VBL.

8P - The Daily DX reports that Hiroo, JA2EZD will be active as 8P9AC from Barbados (NA-021) between 7 and 10 January. QSL via XW2A.

9M8 - Peter, PB0ALB reports he will be active again (CW and SSB) as 9M8CC from Serian, Sarawak (OC-088) between 10 April and 22 May. QSL via PB0ALB.

9N - Brad, KV5V reports he will be able to operate Dick's station and use his call, 9N1ARB on CW and RTTY between 1 and 13 January [425DXN 345]. Ten through 17 metres and 160 metres will not be available, since Dick's license is not good for those frequencies. Some local travel is being planned, so Brad will be out of town part of the
time and visiting with friends in the evenings. QSL via KV5V either direct (Brad Rehm, 20128 Westlake Parkway, Georgetown, Texas 78628-9510, USA) or through the bureau.

A3 - Cedric, HB9HFN reports to 425 DX News he and HB9DLZ will be active (mostly on CW, 10-80 metres) respectively as A35FN and A35LZ from Tongatapu (OC-049) between 5 and 10 February. Special attention will be given to Europe. QSL via bureau to their homecalls. For more details check http://www.qsl.net/hb9hfn/

BY - Merv, K9FD, and Harold, W0RI are now planning to be active from BY1QH [425DXN 345] from 14 and 26 January. They will concentrate on 160 & 80 metres and in case of bad propagation they will be active on 10-40 metres. The OPDX Bulletin reports there will be *no* online logs.

CT - Portuguese amateurs are allowed to use the following special prefixes between 1 January and 30 September 1998 to celebrate the Expo 98: CT98 (used by CT1, CT2 and CT5 stations), CS98 (CT4), CQ98 (CT3), CU98 (CU).

CU - The OPDX Bulletin reports that Matt, DL3KUD will be active as CU1/DL3KUD from Azores (EU-003) between 29 December and 7 January. He will work on the low and WARC bands, mainly CW with some RTTY. QSL via bureau to DL3KUD.

DU - The special prefix DU100 will be used in 1998 to celebrate the Philippines' 100th year of independence.

DU - The OPDX Bulletin reports that the special event callsign 4G50N will be used from Naga City between 1 January and 31 March. QSL via DU9RG (Robin U. Go, 818 Acacia Avenue, Ayala Alabang Village, 1780 Muntinlupa City, Philippines).

DU - The DX Newsletter reports that Arie, PA3FWG will be active as 4F1UFT from 1 and 20 January. QSL via homecall.

FG - The Daily DX reports that Hiroo, JA2EZD (who recently operated from Puerto Rico as KP4/JA2EZD and Anguilla as VP2EZD) is now active as FG/JA2EZD from Guadeloupe (NA-102) until 2 January. QSL via XW2A.

HB0 - Kazik, DL2SBY will be active (CW and SSB) as HB0/DL2SBY from Liechtenstein between 27 December and 3 January. QSL via DL2SBY.

HC - The Daily DX reports that Jordi, EA3GBU is active as HC/EA3GBU from Ecuador until 8 January.

HI - The DX Newsletter reports that Sigi, DJ4IJ will be /HI8 again in late December. QSL via DR82D.

HP - QSL Manager F6AJA reports that Gerard F2JD/HP1XBI will go back to Panama in mid January for other two months.

J6 - The Daily DX reports that Hiroo, JA2EZD will be active as J69JW from St. Lucia (NA-108) between 2 and 7 January. QSL via XW2A.

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LU_ssh - Hector, LU6UO and Ernesto, LU4AXV are currently active as LU1ZC [425DXN 341] from the Destacamento Naval Deception (WABA LU-04), South Shetland Islands (AN-010). QSL via LU6EF (Raul M.Diaz, GACW,
OH - Rolf, OH6KXL reports that OH8TA will be active from Hailuoto Island (EU-126) between 6 and 8 February. QSL via bureau.

PY0F - The DX News Sheet reports that Tanimoto, PY8IT is active as PY0FT from PY0FF's QTH on Fernando de Noronha (SA-003) until 30 December. QSL via JA1ELY.

TG - The Finnish activity from Guatemala [425DXN 345] is now scheduled from 18 January to 5 February. The team includes OH1TD, OH3JF, OH6XY and OH7LIX. They will be active on all bands CW, SSB and RTTY and hope the call TG0OH will be issued to them. Look for them on CW (1.827, 3.507, 7.007, 10.103/10.108, 14.007, 18.077, 21.007, 24.897 and 28.007 MHz), SSB (1.840, 3.789, 7.045, 14.195, 18.145, 21.295, 24.945 and 28.495 MHz) and RTTY (14.088, 21.088 and 28.088 MHz). QSL via OH6XY, for CW & SSB contacts via OH3JF.

VK - In 1998 the Geelong Amateur Radio Club in Victoria, Australia will celebrate their 50th year of continuous operation. The special callsign VI50G will be used on all bands as well as in major contests. QSL direct to VK3ATL (P O Box 520, Geelong, Victoria 3213, Australia) or via the bureau.

VP5 - The DX News Sheet reports that Maciek, WQ7X will be VP5/ (on 10-160 metres, CW and SSB) between 6 and 15 January. QSL via N7MQN.

VP5 - The OPDX Bulletin reports that N0TG, WA4DAN and AA4VK will be /VP5 from 16 to 23 January. They will concentrate on CW (all bands, WARC included). All QSLs via N0TG.

XW - Special event callsigns XW30A (SSB and RTTY) and XW30 (CW) will be aired from Vientiane between 5 and 13 January to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Khao Sanpathet Lao (KPL) News Agency. Operators JH1AJT (team leader), XW1A, AH0W, JA0DAI, JP1IOF, SM0DJZ and SM0AGD will operate on 160-6 metres with special emphasis on low bands and CW. QSL via SM0AGD (Erik Sjolund, Vestagatan 27, S-19556 Marsta, Sweden). Additional information is available via the Midway-Kure DX Foundation (mkdxf@aztec.asu.edu).

ZA - Salento DX Team member Alfredo, IK7JWX is ZA/ until 29 or 30 December. QSL via home call.

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CAROLINA DX ASSOCIATION ---> 1998 Officers for the Carolina DX Association (http://www.cdxa.org) are Joe Simpkins, K4MD (President), Cliff Wagoner, W4WN (Vice-President), Gary Dixon, K4MQG (Secretary/Treasurer) and Don Daso, K4ZA (Newsletter editor).

D.I.F.I. ---> The French Inland Islands Award (D.I.F.I.: Diplome des Iles Francaises Interieures) is sponsored by the Clipperton DX Club. The basic award is for working 25 islands in 5 departments (contacts must have taken place since 1 October 1996). For further information please contact the Award Manager, F5XL (Jean-Pierre Tendron, 316 Allee des Pins, Saint Pierre de Tourtour, F-83690 Tourtour, France).
F6AJA'S ADDRESS ---> Jean-Michel, F6AJA reports that his correct address is:
Jean-Michel Duthilleul, 515 Rue du Petit Hem, Bouvignies, Marchiennes,
P-59870, France.

GACW HOME PAGE ---> The home page of the Grupo Argentino de CW can be found
at www.csel.com/gacw/index.html

LOG CHECKS 8Q7AA ---> Log Checks for contact made with 8Q7AA (19-28 January
1998) [425DXN 343 & 345] will be welcome at n7tx@cadxa.org (send an e-mail
message with 8Q7AA LOG CHECK in the SUBJECT line and give Your call sign,
Date, Time in UTC, Band in the BODY of the message).

NEW RSGB AWARD ---> The Radio Society of Great Britain RSGB has recently
announced an award to celebrate 100 years of amateur radio in 1998. This
award, which will be of interest to all DXers and IOTA enthusiasts, is also
available to SWLs. For further information on the "RSGB 100 Years of Amateur
Radio Award" please check http://www.pagnell.demon.co.uk/100award.html

REDWOOD EMPIRE DX ASSOCIATION ---> 1998 Officers for the Redwood Empire DX
Association (Petaluma, California) are Al Burnham, K6RIM (President), Wally
Pugh, N6AD (Vice-President), Jim Selmi, WA6IKQ (Secretary/Treasurer), Len
Giraldi, K6ANP (Director), Fred Leoni, N6YEU (Director) and Chuck Ternes,
N6OJ (Director).

ROATAN ISLAND ---> Gary, N7QXQ/HR6 informs that his QTH on Roatan Island
(NA-057) is booked for the ARRL DX CW Contest (21-22 February), but it is
still available for either the ARRL DX SSB (7-8 March) and the CQ WPX SSB
(28-29 March) events. Interested parties should contact Gary directly at
oakbay@globalnet.hn

QSL L20XSI ---> Alberto, LU1DZ reports that cards for L20XSI recent operation
from Los Estados (staten) Island (SA-049) should be ready in about 30 days.
5,303 QSOs were logged in five days (4,518 CW and 785 SSB). QSL via LU6EF
(Raul M.Diaz, GACW, P.O.Box 9, 1875 Wilde, Buenos Aires, Argentina).

QSL V5/ZS6YG ---> Charlie, W0YG (ex KY0A) reports he sent to the outgoing
ARRL bureau seven pounds of QSLs for his V5/ZS6YG operations on 17 December.
Included in this shipment are all the remaining cards for his 1995 operation
that have not been requested. The next bureau shipment will be at the end
of 1998. Direct cards should be addressed to Charlie Summers, 6746 North Yucca
Trail, Parker, CO 80138-6110, USA.
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QSL VK0ANARE ---> Tom Stokes, VK0TS/VK0ANARE has now returned to Australia
from Macquarie Island. "Regrettably", VK4AAR reports, "he has made a sudden
decision to handle his own QSL cards for VK0ANARE [see 425DXN 343, ed]. I
will send him all the requests that have already come to my address, there is
no need to re-QSL!". Effective immediately QSL for contacts made with VK0ANARE (25-31 October 1997) should be sent to Tom Stokes, c/o VK1AUS, P.O.Box 2063, Kambah Village, ACT 2902, Australia.

QSL INFORMATION ---> Looking for a QSL route? Dieter Dippel, DF4RD reports that "an excellent database with a lot of links" is available at http://perso.infonie.fr/on6dp/page4.htm

QSL VIA UA9AB ---> Gene, UA9AB reports he is the QSL manager for 4K6DFT, 4K6FT, 4K8F, EN6Q, EY4AA, RK9AWT, R29A, R29ATZ, R29AZA, UA9AJ, UA9AN/UI, UA9BA, UA9BA/50, UD6DF, UA0UBG/UA8V, UD6FT, UDBF, UK/GV, UK5G, UK5MV, UK8AX, UJ8RA, UJ7MV, UN2L, UN7VV, U5P50, UT7QF, U8V8/UA0UBG, U9AR, R9WUSA, R9WUZ, U9UST, RK9AWC. QSL either direct (Gene Shcumat, P.O. Box 17, Troitsk 457100, Chelyabinskaya Obl., Russia) or through the bureau.

QSL VIA VK4AAR ---> VK4AAR (Alan Roocroft, c/o Post Office, Dalveen, QLD 4374, Australia) is the QSL manager for VK8MI (March 1996), YJ8AA, ZK2PJ, ZK2JJ and VI0ANARE (1 July-23 October 1997: please note that *bureau* cards for VI0ANARE go *only* via VK4ARB).

QSL VIA W3HNK ---> Doug, N6RT reports that W3HNK is the QSL manager for the following stations: 1X5AA, 4S7DA, AP2TJ, BV2BI, C51A, CM8TW, CO8TW, CO5GV, CO3CL, CT1BOH, CT4AH, CW6V, CX5X, CX6VM, D2BB, EA8AK, EK6GC, ER5GB, ER5WU, ES5MC, EW1TZ, EW3LB, EY12A, FM5BH, FS5UQ, HL5KY, HL5BTF, HR1SAX, KP2A, KP4KD/HK3, NP3D, NP4A, OM7DX, P3A, P40E, PJ7UQ, RA2FZ, RA9CKQ, RW9WA, RW9QA, RX9MF, RAOFU, RSOF, SM7CRW, TG9AWS, TE1C, TI0C, TI1C, TI2CF, TI3CF, TI4CF, UA9CUC, UA9OS, UAOAZ, UAOFP, UK7F, UK8FF, UK800, EZ8AI, UN5J, UN7FK, UN7FZ, UP6F, US0F, US7ZL, USO9Z, UT5JDS, UG6GAW, VP2FVW, VP5JM, VP9AD, VU2ZAP, WP4C, Y03AC, YS1RRD, Z24S, ZS4PB, ZP0R, ZP0Z.

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