3B9 - Frank Smith, AH0W says the Midway Kure DX Foundation (MKDXF) multi-national DXpedition to Rodriguez Island (AF-017) [425DXN 393] has been postponed to April. [TNX The Daily DX]

3D2 - Pekka, OH1RY and Jaakko, OH1MA will be active respectively as 3D2RY and 3D2MA from Fiji between 30 December and 6 January. [TNX ON5NT]

3DA - V51VE (Rudi), ZS6AL (Vidi), ZS6EZ (Chris) and YL operators V51KV (Katrin) and ZS6ESU (Hester) will be active as 3DA6Z from Swaziland between 26 December and 3 January. Look for them on CW (1827.5, 3504, 7024, 10104, 18074, 24894, 50110 kHz), RTTY (14084, 21084, 28084 kHz) and SSB (7044, 18144, 24944, 50110 kHz). [TNX The Daily DX]

5A - Martino, IK3RIY and Veronica, IK3ZAW will be active (mostly on CW) from 5A1A between 29 December and 4 January. They expect to be issued a "guest callsign" with a 2 letter suffix. Veronica plans to operate via RS-13 as well (mode K, uplink 21, downlink 29 MHz). [TNX IK3ZAW]

6Y - Gerd, DL7VOG will be active (10-80 metres, CW and RTTY) from Jamaica (NA-097) between 27 December and 8 January. [TNX DX News Letter]

A4 - Tony, A45ZN has been active from Oman for three years and will go QRT Oman on 8 January. QSL via bureau to G4KLF or direct to Tony Selmes, C/O 16, St James Rd, Bexhill on Sea, East Sussex TN40 2DF, England. [TNX The Daily DX]

C9 - Jon, 3DA0CA will be vacationing in Mozambique between 27 December and 8 January. He plans to be active (on CW with some SSB) as C91CO/P on 10-40 metres. Look for him from around 18 UTC and again between 02.30 UTC and 04.30 UTC. QSL via via W4DR. [TNX The Daily
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CO - Mac, W3HC has been informed that all Radio Club stations in Cuba have changed their calls to a CO9 prefix with three letters in the suffix. The first letter of the suffix indicates the province where the station is located. [TNX W3HC]

FO_mar - Pekka, OH1RY and Jaakko, OH1MA will be active respectively as FO0KOL and FO0SIL from the Marquesas (OC-027) between 7 and 13 January. [TNX ON5NT]

FT5X - Helios, F6IHY is expected to be active again as FT5XN from Kerguelen starting in March. [TNX F5PXT]

FT5Y - Philippe, FT5YG will be active from Adelie Land [425DXN 396] for one year starting in January. QSL via F5LBL (Gerard Karpe, 629 route de Montpellier, 30800 Saint Gilles, France). [TNX F5LBL]

FT5Z - Michael, FT5ZJ is stationed on Amsterdam Island for a year. He was just licensed three weeks ago and is not expected to be on very much, certainly not for pileups. [TNX WA6KBL]

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FT5Z - A serious storm approaching Amsterdam Island forced Mehdi, F5PFP and Eric, F5SIH to go QRT as FT5ZH earlier than planned, around 18.10 UTC on 21 December. They have made a real effort to work on 160 metres, but the noise level there has been over S-9 and as of 19 December less than 25 stations had been logged on Top Band. Propagation on 10 metres did not co-operate at all, but at the end of the day the DXpedition was beyond expectations, as they made more than 32,000 QSOs with just two operators and no backup for shifts. QSL via F6KDF. [TNX F5NOD and WA6KBL]

H40 - Bernhard, DL2GAC now plans to be active as H44MS from Pigeon Island (OC-065), Temotu [425DXN 397] between 23 January and April. He will be joined by DK9FN (CW operator) until early February. QSL via DL2GAC. [TNX DX News Letter]

HK - Gerard, F2JD has had his licence renewed [425DXN 386] as HK3/G0SHN. He will stay in Colombia for one or two years. QSL via F6AJA. [TNX F6AJA and Les Nouvelles DX]

JA - Masa, JE1DXC expects to be active (mainly on CW) as JE1DXC/6 from Tsushima Is (AS-036) sometime between 24 and 30 December. QSL via home call. [TNX DX News Sheet]

JD1_oga- Den, JI1FLB plans to be active as JI1FLB/JD1 from Ogasawara (AS-031) between 30 December and 2 January. QSL via JI1FLB (Seiichi Tanaka, 2-12-20 Nishimizumoto Katsushika-ku, Tokyo 125-0031, Japan). [TNX The Daily DX]

KL - AL7R (Brent), AL7O (Gary, QSL via AL7BL) and KL7XX (Bill) are active from Prudhoe Bay, where it is permanent darkness in December and January. They are QRV for Europe around 1823 kHz at between 05.00-07.30 UTC and 16.00-22.30 UTC. [TNX DX News Sheet]

PY - Ben, PY1QN will be active (probably on CW only) as PT9/PY1QN between
31 December and 7 January from Bodoquena, Dourados and Amanmbai in the state of Mato Grosso do Sul. QSL via PY1QN. [TNX PY1KS]

T3 - Karl, DL1VU is active as T30CT from Tarawa, West Kiribati (OC-017) [425DXN 398] until 27 December. He will then move to Banaba and operate as T33VU throughout January. QSL via DL2MDZ. [TNX DX News Letter]

TU - Aldo, I2AOX and Marco, IK2CHZ will be active from TU5IJ's QTH at Nassian, Ivory Coast between 12 and 25 January. They plan to operate on 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80 metres SSB and CW, possibly on 160 metres and WARC bands as well. QSL direct to I2AOX. [TNX IK2CHZ]

VP2M - DF2SS is active (CW, SSB and RTTY) as VP2MHJ from Montserrat (NA-103) until 8 January. He uses a 100 watt rig with a 50 foot vertical for 10-160 metres. QSL via DL2MDZ. The web page for this operation is at [http://www.wimo.com/vp2m.htm] [TNX DJ5AV and DX News Letter]

VP9 - N1KS will be active as N1KS/VP9 from Bermuda (NA-005) between 27 December and 1 January. QSL via JA1FUI. [TNX DX News Letter]

VU - Bernhard, DL2GAC will be active as VU2BMS from India until 13 January. QSL via bureau to DL2GAC. [TNX DX News Letter]

W - Ed, W4YO, will operate as W4YO/p from Harbor Island, South Carolina (NA-110) between 26 December and 3 January. Look for him on 10, 15 and 20 metres. QSL via W4YO either direct or through the bureau. [TNX W4YO]

W - Dick, K2ZR expects to be active again (mostly on CW) as K2ZR/4 from Key West, Florida Keys (NA-062) between 13 January and 15 April. QSL via home call. [TNX DX News Sheet]

YB - Ronny, YC8TXW and Benny, YC8YZ now will be active as YC8TXW/P and YC8YZ/P from Obi Islands (OC-222) [425DXN 391] between 12 and 19 January. QSL via home calls. [TNX K7SO and Islands On The Web]

YB - Ronny, YC8TXW and Benny, YC8YZ are also planning an operation from Sula Islands (OC-076), probably in March. Plans for the future include the activation of two new ones, namely Mapia (YB8) and Lucipara (YB9) Islands. Meanwhile YC8VIP is reported to be trying to get a local amateur QRV from Banda Islands (YB8, OC-157). [TNX K7SO and Islands On The Web]

ZL9 - The New Zealand Department of Conservation has granted a permit to the Kermadec DX Association ZL9CI team [425DXN 396] which restricts the operators to "daytime" visits only, of around 18 hours. There is a provision in the permit that allows them to remain on Campbell if the weather is deemed too rough to return to the ship, but the decision to go or stay will be made on a daily basis by the DoC officer with the team. However the permit allows operation for about 2 hours after sunset and before sunrise, which should give a potential of 70 hours operation on the low bands during the DXpediton. On a day to day basis, ZL9CI will have at least six stations on the air between 16 UTC and 10.30 UTC. [TNX EI6FR]

ZS_ant - Bud, ZS1B is currently active from Antarctica using the call sign ZS7B. In a recent QSO with Lanny, W5BOS he stated he has not processed any QSL cards for his September ZD9 operations from Tristan da Cunha (AF-029) and Gough Island (AF-030) and DXers will have to wait until he returns from this trip. [TNX W5BOS and Islands On The Web]
This year the DX News annual survey is open to our readers worldwide. Visit our web site at http://www.425dxn.org and mark the DXCC Entities you have never worked!

DX STATION WANTED ---> Tony Naglieri, N1NJ offers his services as QSL manager for a DX station. "I was the W1 assistant manager and like it very much", he says and invites those interested to get in touch with him at n1nj@samnet.net

PIRATE ---> Tony, G4UZN is receiving QSLs from USA and Canada for recent QSOs with ZA1RSB. Please note this was a pirate. [TNX G4UZN]

QSL MANAGERS ---> Manfred Meier, DF6EX reports he has just uploaded the new freeware version of Windows-QSL-Manager (5000 QSL routes). The file can be downloaded at http://www.qrz.com/df6ex/files/FREE.ZIP

QSL NA-150 & NA-210 ---> QSL manager N6AWD (Fred K. Stenger, 6000 Hesketh Dr., Bakersfield, CA 93309-1429, USA) reports that all QSL cards for KL7/W6IXP (Little Diomede Island, NA-150) and KL7/K6ST (Sledge Island, NA-210) will be in the mail within the next few days. Island chasers should note that N6AWD he has NO logs and NO QSLs for KL7/W6IXP from Kayak Island (NA-157) in July 1997. Cards for this operations should be sent direct to W6IXP. [TNX K6DT and Islands On The Web]

QSL XX9CH ---> Christian Hohenwallner, OE2CHN operated as XX9CH in *1989* and those logs are still open. Apparently this call has been reissued, as Chris is receiving a lot of cards for recent contacts he is NOT able to confirm. [TNX OE2CHN]

QSL *NOT* VIA WA4VEK ---> John, WA4VEK is receiving cards for the following stations: 4L6YL, EX2FP, EX9DZ, RF6FP and UF6DZ. He is NOT and NEVER has been QSL manager for any of these stations. The only station he has ever been QSL manager for was YN9BCH for a short period back in 1978.

QSL VIA N4XP ---> Please note that requests for QSLs from all Dateline DX Association operations (1998 KH9, 1997 ZK1XXP, 1996 AL7EL/KH9) should now be sent to N4XP either direct (Tom Harrell, 2011 New High Shoals Road, Watkinsville, Georgia 30677, USA) or thriugh the bureau. The WA4YBV route is no longer being used, however all cards sent earlier are being forwarded. Any inquiries are to be directed to n4xp@juno.com [TNX N4XP]
As from January 1999 the Toplist will change. The current Toplist will become the TOPBAND and will be based on the number of confirmed DXCC Entities on each band.

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You may choose to participate in the list(s) you prefer. Please send your scores, as well as any request for further information, to Erminio Pandocchi, I2EOW at i2eow@bigfoot.com

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The Central Arizona DX Association's DXpedition to Yangon, Myanmar ended after some 38,400 contacts in just over three weeks of operating. In all fourteen operators (five YLs) showed up in Yangon and as with many other CADXA DXpeditions it was a mix of experienced operators as well as those who were on their very first trip. The two real workhorse bands were 20 meters (4,300 CW and 5,800 SSB QSOs) and 10 meters (1,500 CW and 4,800 SSB QSOs). On Top Band the log shows 92 contacts with North America, 672 with Europe, 215 with Asia, 6 with Africa and 28 with Oceania. QSL via W1XT either direct (Robert M. Myers, 37875 N. 10th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85027, USA) or through the bureau. The web site for the DXpedition is at http://ng7m.qrg.com/~xz1n

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QSL received via WF5E DX QSL Service: 3W5RS, 4J80ADR, 9K2ZZ, 9V1ZB, 9V8WW, 9V8ZB, A35RK, BA1DU, BI3H (AS-134), BV88ARL, C6AFV, CT98BOH, EI4VVF/P, EK6CC,
The web pages (http://qsl.net/eritrea and http://pagus.it/E31DX) have been updated with details of the DXpedition and many pictures. Bruce, WD4NGB, will add a section about getting a license in Eritrea. The QSL cards are about being printed and requests should be sent to INDEXA (c/o K4JDJ, James L. Young, 556 Babbtown Road, Suffolk, VA 23434, USA) or via the bureau to K4JDJ. [TNX WD4NGB]

LOGS:
Logs for the recent 8Q7DV Russian DXpedition from the Maldives are available at http://www.ampr.spb.ru/logs/8Q7DV/

LOGS:
Logs for Eugene, RA0FF (who has been active in major contests since 1995; QSL via either N6FF or RA0FF) are available at http://www.qsl.net/ra0ff/ [TNX RA0FF]

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