3W - Karl, W9XK will be active (mostly on 14260-14270, 21370-21400 and 28500 kHz) as 3W2XK from near Saigon, Vietnam until 9 April. QSL via W9XK. [TNX Daily DX]

3X - Francois, VE2XO will go back to Guinea in late December-early January. He will operate as 3XY6A from Conakry and he also plans to be active with a special callsign from Rooma Island (AF-051). [TNX The Daily DX]

9L - Zbig, 9L1BTB will be back home in Poland on 7 December and will return to Sierra Leone on 7 January. [TNX The Daily DX]

9U - Piero, IK2BHX (aka K2BHX and HB9DSU) has been in Burundi since 4 December on mission for the United Nations. He will be there until 4 January and expects to operate as 9U5X concentrating on 30 metres and WARC bands. QSL via IK2ILH (preferably through the ARI bureau). [TNX IK2BHX]

C6 - John, WZ8D will be active as C6AIE from Abaco (FL16ip), Bahamas on 1-10 January. The main focus of this trip will be to work as many F2 contacts possible on 6 metres during day time, and he will also put a lot of effort in making WSJT contacts on 2 metres (144.140 MHz) in the evenings. If 6m is not open, he will spend some time on 10-40 metres CW with some SSB. [TNX WZ8D]

C6 - Look for Wade, AA8LL/C6A and Liz, K8LIZ/C6A to be active (on 10-40 metres SSB) from Crooked Island (NA-113), Bahamas on 12-14 January. Their activity will count for ARLHS BAH-005 (Bird Rock Lighthouse). QSL via home calls either direct or through the bureau. [TNX AA8LL]

CE - Look for Ismael, CE7AOY/8 to be active from Riesco Island (SA-???) between around 22 UTC on 17 December and 15 UTC on the 20th. Marcos, CE7HJO expected to make the trip with Ismael, but has been forced to give up due to family reasons. QSL direct only via CE7ZK. [TNX CE7ZK]

E4 - Gunter, E4/OE1GZA was active from Ramallah, Palestine on 23-24 November (1027 SSB QSOs). His next activity was scheduled to take place on either 14-15 or 21-22 December, but the current local situation is likely to prevent him from entering the West Bank. Updates on Gunter's operations can be found on his new home page at http://www.geocities.com/dh2gz/arse4.html [TNX E4/OE1GZA]
EA - Gerard, EA4ST and Ignacio, EA4AHD will participate in the ARRL 10 Meter Contest as EA4TEN (M/S Mixed HP). QSL via EA4AHD. [TNX EA4AHD]

EA6 - Christian, DL6KAC will be again active (mainly on 40-10 metres SSB) from Mallorca (EU-004, DlE E-021) between 21 December and 6 January. QSL via home call. [TNX DL6KAC]

FY - Operators from Radio Club FY5KE plan to be active (on HF, 6 metres and AO-40 satellite) from the Salut Islands (SA-020), French Guiana starting around 16 UTC on 12 January for 24 hours. QSL via CBA. [TNX VA3RJ]

HS - The E29AL operation from Tarutao Island (AS-126) [425DXN 545] is confirmed to take place on 8-15 December. The first wave of operators will be E21EIC, HS0GBI, E20HHK, E20RRW, G3NOM, HB9DKZ and HS4BPQ; they will be joined on 12 December by HS1CKC, HS0ZCW/K4VUD and HS0/SM3DYU. Monoband yagis will be used for the HF bands, and dipoles/inverted Ls for the LF bands. Look for E29AL on 1.824 MHz and 3.524 MHz at 1100-1300 UTC and 1800-2330 UTC. Maximum power will be 100 watts. QSL via HS0GBI (Cherdchai Yiwlek, P.O. Box 1090 Kasetsart, Bangkok 10903, Thailand). [TNX HS0/G3NOM]

JA - Yuki, JI6KVR will be active as JI6KVR/6 from the Amakusa Islands (AS-012) on 8-9 December. This operation is in preparation for the 17-22 April DXpedition to Cham Island (AS-???) [425DXN 547]. QSL via EA5KB. [TNX JI6KVR]

KH5 - Mike, KH6ND and Kimo, KH7U will be on Palmyra Island this weekend. The main purpose of their trip is to perform maintenance on some equipment on the island, however they plan to participate for approximately the last 12 hours of the ARRL 160 Meter Contest. They expect to be on the air by around 05.00Z on Sunday; the callsign will be KH7U/5 (QSL via KH7U). [TNX N4AA and QRZ-DX]

PJ2 - Marty, NW0L will be operating from Curacao (SA-006) on 2-8 January. He will be signing PJ2/NW0L primarily on RTTY and SSB, on 80 through 10 metres. He will participate in the ARRL RTTY Roundup (5-6 January) as PJ2T. QSL PJ2/NW0L via home call; QSL PJ2T via KN7Y. [TNX NW0L]

S9 - A group of experienced operators from Norway and Sweden (namely LA6FJA, LA7THA, LA5QKA, LA5UF, LA6EIA, LA7WCA, LC3EAT, LC6ZBT, SM5COP and SM5IMO) will be active from Sao Tome (AF-023) on 4-10 February. They have been given oral permission and hope S79LA will be issued to them. They expect to have at least two stations on the air 24 hours a day and plan to operate on 160-6 metres CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and may be SSTV, with amplifiers, a wide range of antennas and an emphasis on the low and WARC bands, digital modes and 6 metres. The Pilots will be Trond/LA9VDA (North & South America and low bands; e-mail la9vda@online.no), Tor/LA3WAA (Europe, Africa and 6 metres; e-mail torpet@online.no) and Teru/JM2HBO (Japan, Asia and Oceania; e-mail teru@k-net.or.jp). QSL via LA2N (Sore Sunnmore Gruppa av NRRL v/ Otto Norhagen, NO-6143 Fiskaabygd, Norway). A web site is under construction at http://www.qsl.net/s92la/ [TNX LA6FJA]

SV - Ilias, SV2BOH and Tassos, SV2BFL will be signing SW2B (CW) during the ARRL 10 Meter Contest. QSL via bureau. [TNX SV2BFL]

V5 - DL2SL and SP61XF will be active (on 160-6 metres) as V51/SP61XF and V51/DL2SL from Namibia between 15 February and 8 March. [TNX SP5EWY]

VE - Amateur radio operators from Canada are allowed to replace their ordinary prefix with a special event prefix to the celebrate the
100th anniversary of Marconi's first transatlantic transmission. Look for VX (for VE), VG (for VA), XJ (for VO) and XK (for VY) to be used between 12 December and 2 February. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

VK - After an unsuccessful activity from Phillip Island (OC-136), Nico, VK3FEI/PAMIR is now touring Australia. He might operate from French Island (OC-136) sometime in February. [TNX PAMIR]

VP5 - John/G4RCG (mainly CW), Ray/VK4BRC (SSB only) and Bruce/KI7VR (mainly CW) will be active as VP5/homecall from North Caisos Island (NA-002) between 20 January and 2 February. They will operate on 160-10 metres and will take part in the CQ WW 160 Meter CW Contest (25-27 January). QSLs via home calls. [TNX G4RCG]

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VP8 - The operators who will be active from South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands in January-February are EI6FR, EI5IQ, HB9ASZ, PA3FQA, K01R, W3WL, K4UEE, VE3EJ, N5KO, K5TR, W7EW and 9V1YC. Please note that the dates given in 425DXN 552 were taken from the ANAN News 59/01 by Marty Betts (forwarded by Bob Oldfield, VK3UY), but are not the correct ones. Exact dates, as well as callsigns and QSL managers, will not be made public until the operation starts. There will be no websites, no online-logs, no pilots and no promises of any bands or modes; this DXpedition is not about QSO totals, and, due to heavy environmental and safety restrictions on the team's permit, the operators will have ultra-light generators, simple antennas and low power. "This time we are presenting the DX community with much more of a challenge", James Brooks, 9V1YC says. "We feel that DXers need to get back to basics and work harder, so this time the burden of working the DXpedition is being shifted back home".

W - Look for Wade, AA8LL/4 and Liz, K8LIZ/4 to be active (on 10-40 metres SSB) from Dauphin Island (NA-213, USI AL-002S) on 5-7 January. QSL via home calls either direct or through the bureau. [TNX AA8LL]

XU - Dick, N6FF is now active (with an emphasis on 160 metres) as XU7ACB from Sihanoukville, Cambodia until 17 December. QSL via N6FF. Rod, WC7N is the pilot station for this activity and can be contacted at wc7n@gb.wave.net [TNX The Daily DX]

ZL_ant - Chris, KC4/N3SIG might operate as ZL5CP from near New Zealand Antarctic "Scott" Base on Ross Island (AN-011), Antarctica. Look for him on 14.243 MHz. QSL via AI3D. [TNX N3SIG]

ZS_ant - Anton, ZS7/ZS4AGA expects to be QRV (with 100 watts and a dipole around 17.00 UTC on either 21275 kHz or 14146 kHz) on 10 December from the so called "E Base" (Emergency Base, WABA ZS-04). It is located about 160 km north of the SANAE IV ("Vesleskarvet") Base (WABA ZS-03), which is Anton's current QTH. Dominik, DL5EBE suggests to give a look to http://www.geocities.com/sanaeiv/ to learn more
about the existing Antarctic stations of South Africa.

T88SI ---> Well known island activator Silvano Amenta, KB5GL has joined the T88SI group of operators (including Nando/IT9YRE, Erminio/IZ8AJQ and 425DXN web master Maurizio/IZ1CRR) who will operate from Sonsorol Island (South Palau group, NEW ONE for IOTA) on 9-10 February [425DXN 549]. Due to the high costs of the expedition, sponsors are more than welcome. Please visit http://www.425dxn.org/dxped/t88si for further information on the operation and send your contribution to the Diamond DX Club (http://www.ddxc.org) c/o I8YRK (Gennaro Casaburi, v. 31 maggio 11, 80027 Frattamaggiore – NA, Italy).

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DXCC NEWS (T5) ---> The 1993 (20 April-22 May) T5/DL8YR operation from Somalia has been approved for DXCC credit. "We do not have records of rejections made prior to 1 March 1998", Bill Moore, NC1L (DXCC Manager) reports. "If your card was part of a submission dated 1 March 1998 or before, the card must be sent along with your next application for approval".

DXCC NEWS (ZK1) ---> The January-February 2000 ZK1NCI operation from the North Cook Islands has been approved for DXCC credit. Those who had this rejected during a past submission can contact DXCC at dxcc@arrl.org for an update to their records. Or it can be sent with the next submission for credit.

ER3BAH ---> Due to an unfortunate misunderstanding, it was reported in early November that ER3BAH is a pirate [425DXN 548]. This is not the case, as Vasil, ER3BAH himself reports. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused Vasil and our readers.

HC8N ---> HC8N was activated during the week of CQWW CW by N0JK, N4GN, N6TV, N5KO, K1KI, N0AX, K6AW, KM3T, K1TO and K9NW, completing 40411 QSOs on 160 through 6 metres before, during and after the contest. The 50 MHz operation included 3011 QSOs in 11 days (51 DXCC entities, including 270 contacts with Europe and 969 contacts with Japan). QSL via AA5BT. Logs for HC8N are now available at http://www.kkn.net/~hc8n/log_search.html [TNX N5KO]

INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION ---> The 53rd International DX Convention will be held in Visalia, California on 26-28 April 2002. The web site for the event is at http://www.qsl.net/visalia2002 [TNX N6DHZ]

PIRATE (S21YJ) ---> Stig, S21YJ (SM5VZS) has been QRT from Bangladesh since 1 March 2001. Someone pirated his call on 4 December (40 metres). [TNX The Daily DX]

PIRATE (YA5T) ---> Someone is pirating YA5T. Peter, ON6TT left Kabul on 4 December and should be back early in the coming week. "Mats/SM7PKK, Robert/S53R and Mark/ON4WW cannot come into Afghanistan, due to other work
obligations and the security restrictions", The Daily DX reports, and the situation is not expected to change until early 2002. "Peter will continue to fly in and out of Afghanistan until the end of this month".

QSL BUREAU ---> Effective 1 December the ARRL Sixth District QSL Bureau (http://www.kqlz.com/qslbureau6.html) is managed by Arlette and Chuck Marshall (KO6IS and KD6WP). The new mailing address is ARRL Sixth District QSL Bureau, P.O. Box 530, Weed, CA 96094-0530, USA. [TNX The Daily DX]

QSL 5R8FU ---> Please note that cards should be sent to SM5DJZ (not SM0DJZ: Jan has been SM5 for some twelve months now!). His current address is Jan Hallenberg, Vassunda Andersberg, SE-741 91 Knivsta, Sweden.

QSL TG9NX ---> Frank, TG9NX asks European stations who worked him on 6 metres (200+) to QSL direct only to his callbook address in Guatemala (Francisco Capuano, 16 Ave 17-20, Zona 10, Ciudad Guatemala, Guatemala), not to N4FK.

QSL UA9MQR/1 ---> Dmitriy, UA9MQR reports that direct cards were mailed on 30 November. This operation took place on 2-9 October from Vysotskij Island (RR-01-14). QSL to Dmitriy P. Mikhal'chenko, P.O.Box 512, Omsk-21, 644021, Russia.

QSL VIA CT1ETE ---> Paulo is the QSL manager for CQ1CV only. He is receiving cards for 5V7A, but he is not and has never been the QSL manager for this station.

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QSL VIA K4JDJ ---> The Daily DX provides the list of the stations previously managed by the late John Parrot, W4FRU and now handled by K4JDJ (Bob Young, 556 Babbtown Road, Suffolk, VA 23434, USA):

1S0XV A4XRF TX0K XV100HCM/3W
1S1RR A4XYS TY0ABD YB1AQC
3W0A [a] A61AA T21AZ YJ8M
3W100HCM A61AB T222Z ZD2XY
3W1A [b] BS7H [f] T262Z ZD7BJ
3W1PZ CE1CI V212C ZD7HH
3W3RR E30GA V212Z ZD7LM
3W4KZ [c] ED8HH V29A ZD7WA
3W7A ET3USE VK0IR [l] ZD7XX
3W8AA F5WE [g] VK4NIC/3X ZD7XY
3X1Z FB8WJ VP8CBC ZD8CK
5A0RR FB8ZM VP8CRB ZD8HH
5N0DOG FB8ZN VP8CRC ZD8XX
5N0RMJ FM5WE [h] VP8CWN [m] ZD9BV [o]
5N20DOG FM5WS VP8SGP ZD9CD
5N2DOG FR7BE VP8TBD ZD9CH
QSL VIA N6CW ---> Terry, N6CW accepts e-mail requests for bureau cards for any of the stations he handles. This include ZD8A and recent activities as VP2ECW, VP2VCW, VP2V/N6CW and TI4/N6CW. Send your QSO information to QSLviaN6CW@aol.com [TNX N6CW]

QSL VIA W6DXO ---> Harry Edwards, W6DXO reports that QSL cards for his A25/KG6GPA and Z2/W6DXO operations (September-October 2001) are going out now. Harry's "vanity call" (W6DXO) arrived after he had already been granted his Botswanan license, issued to KG6GPA. W6DXO was the call used by the Zimbabwean authorities when they issued him his license. Both the operations have been approved for DXCC credit. QSL direct only.

+ SILENT KEY + The international DX community mourns the death of veteran DXer and well-known QSL manager John Parrott, W4FRU, who passed away on 28 November at 79 years of age.

LOGS: The YA5T logs are now on line at http://www.ve9dx.com/logs.html
As of 6 December Peter had worked some 2200 stations all SSB.
[TNX VE9DX]

QSL ROUTES: F6KPO's search engine contains 64,000+ entr
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