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3X - Francois, VE2XO provides more information on his forthcoming operation from Guinea [425DXN 553]. He expects to be active as 3XY6A from Conakry on 26-27 December and 3-5 January and as 3XY8A from Rooma Island (AF-051) between 28 December and 2 January. He plans to operate SSB on or around the following frequencies (split 5-10 kHz up): 14.195 (3XY6A) and 14.260 (3XY8A), 18.145 (3XY6A) and 18.128 (3XY8A), 21.295 (3XY6A) and 21.260 (3XY8A), 24.945 (3XY6A) and 24.950 (3XY8A), 28.495 (3XY6A) and 28.460 (3XY8A). Some PSK31 activity (split 1-2 up) is planned on 14.070, 18.100, 21.070, 24.920 and 28.120 MHz. This will be a one man holiday DXpedition, so he will also spend some time enjoying the beach. QSL direct only to VE2XO (Francois Normant, 3054 avenue Lacombe, Montreal QC H3T 1L4, Canada).

5U - Paolo, I2UIY reports that the DXpedition to Niger [425DXN 542 & 547] will take place on 3-18 February. Seven operators will be active with three stations on 160-6 metres SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK31. Further information is available at "http://www.qsl.net/niger-2002".

9Q - The Amateur Radio Society of the Democratic Republic of Congo has been granted permission to operate club station 9Q0AR until 16 December. Activity is planned to take place on 10, 12, 15, 17 and 20 metres SSB, including an entry in the ARRL 10 Meter Contest. QSL via F2YT either direct or through the REF bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

CE - The Southern Cross DX Group CE9C operation from Hornos Island (SA-031) [425DXN 529] is still scheduled to take place in late December or January (actual dates depend on weather conditions). Plans are to operate on 160-6 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via CE4EBJ either direct (Ivan Bahamonde, P.O. Box 128, Talca, Chile) or through the bureau. For further information check...
DL_ant - Dominik, DL5EBE reports that YL operator Mechita might be QRV as DP0GVN from German Antarctic Base "Georg von Neumayer" (WABA DL-01) for a short time. Amateur radio operator Sepp, who several years ago was active as DP0LEX, is a member of the team working at the new "Kohnen Station", located about 500 km south of Neumayer Base. Dominik does not know what kind of HF equipment they use at Kohnen Station, but he will try to bring them on frequency (at 21275 kHz each Monday around 17 UTC).

EM - Lviv Branch of UARL is using special event call EM75W until 28 December to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Lviv Shortwave Club. QSL via the bureau or direct to UT1WL (P.O.Box 5951, Lviv, 79054, Ukraine). For information on the award issued for this activity, please visit http://am.ca/1kk [TNX UR5WCW]

FO - Marcel, FO0DEH is due to be back home in Belgium on 21 December and OC-131 is his final semi-rare one for this year's trip. [TNX Islands On The Web]

JA - Look for JM6CIP/6 and JN3FPV/6 to be active from the Koshiki Islands (AS-037) on 22-23 December. QSL via home calls. [TNX JI6KVR]

LU_so - Operator Caludio is active from club station LU1ZA, South Orkney Is. (AN-008). QSL via LU2CN.

P5 - As of 9 December Ed, P5/4L4FN had logged 2248 SSB QSOs (436 on 20m, 1 on 15m and 1881 on 10m). He has received the Butternut vertical, which will allow him to operate on 15 metres, and the Bencher paddle. He "hasn't been on CW since 1992 and that was with a straight key", The Daily DX reports, so he "will first get familiar with this new toy before becoming QRV on CW". QSL via KK5DO (but cards will be not be purchased until after Ed receives a written licence). In the meanwhile, Toma, YU1AB has announced that Hrane/YT1AD and Voja/YU7AV are going to North Korea and hope to get a licence to operate between 19 and 22 December.

S9 - The Scandinavian team has received S9LA - and not, of course, S79LA [425DXN 553] - to be used during their 4-10 February DXpedition to Sao Tome. [TNX LA6FJJA]

VP6_di - Garth, VE3HO reports that the DXpedition to Ducie Island has been rescheduled for the end of March. A new charter ship has been arranged and JA1BK (group leader) is now looking for donations. The final group of operators is still to be be finalized.

VU - Bernhard, DL2GAC left Germany a few days ago for his annual trip until April. He is currently waiting for his VU2BMS licence to be renewed and will remain in India until 17 January. His next stop will be Honiara in the Solomon Islands (H44), where he expects to arrive on 22 January. [TNX DL2GAC and Islands On The Web]
prevented Jim Todd, KC7OKZ and his wife Carol from leaving Honolulu in mid-May as previously announced [425DXN 519]. The two now expect to leave this weekend and touring the Marshall Islands and Micronesia for some 12 months. Their original plans included operations from Ratak Chain (OC-029), Ralik Chain (OC-028), Enewetak Atoll (OC-087) and Ujelang Atoll (OC-???) in V7; Mwokil & Pingelap Atolls (OC-226), Kosrae (OC-059), Pohnpei (OC-010), Oroluk Atoll (OC-???), Nukuoro Atoll (OC-???), Kapingamarangi Atoll (OC-167), Mortlock Islands (OC-???), Chuuk Islands (OC-011) and Hall Islands (OC-???) in V6.

ARRL 10 METER CONTEST ---> The following stations have announced they will take part in this weekend's event:
- Giovanni, I5JHW from 3V8BB. [TNX I5JHW]
- LU8FPT, LU1FOW, LU2FLN, LU1FZR and LU5FC as LP5F (Multi Operator, Mixed, High Power). QSL via LU1FZR. [TNX LU5FC]
- Zoli, HA1AG as LX5A (Single Operator CW). QSL via the LX bureau. [TNX HA1AG]
- Mauricette, F8BPN and others as TM2E. This call will be aired until 22 December. QSL via F6KLO. [TNX F8BPN]

2MT ---> This special station was activated on 12 December by the Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society to commemorate the centenary of Marconi's Trans-Atlantic transmission. For further details check their web page at http://www.g0mwt.free-online.co.uk [TNX M5AKA]

RIGA-800 ---> Twenty-two YL800 stations made some 14,000 QSOs between 1 July and 31 September and Grigorij, YL2NS reminds award chasers that the deadline for applications for the "Riga-800 Award" is 31 December. Rules are available at http://www.lral.ardi.lv/riga800-eng.htm

QSL D68C ---> Phil, G3SWH reports that nearly 60% of the direct requests for D68C QSLs have now been processed and that around 30,000 QSOs have been confirmed to date. Please do not send "second requests", as this only slows things down. [TNX G3XTT]

QSL F6AUS/HI9 ---> Serge logged some 12500 QSOs (mostly on CW - including 3053 contacts during the CQ WW DX CW Contest - and RTTY) during his recent operation from the Dominican Republic. His correct address for direct QSLs is Serge Soulet, Les Hautes Rivieres, 79800 Sainte Eanne, France.

WRTC 2002 --->The WRTC 2002 (http://www.wrtc2002.org) Organizing Committee has announced that the first twenty-five referees were selected, and they represent the first wave out of a total of fifty (50) on-site referees, one at each participating site: K1VR, K6KR, K9JF, K9ZO, N2AA, N7BG, W6UM 4Z4KK, DL6LAU, F6BEE, G4BUO, SM3CER, SM3DMP, SM3EVR, T97M, TG9AJR, UY5XE OH1EB, OH2JA, OH3BU, OH4XX, OH5BM, OH5NQ, OH6OS, OH6RX. The second wave will be
launched January 30, 2002 and the third by March 15, 2002 at the latest. [TNX OH1EH]

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VK9: The web page for Jurek (SP9EVP) and Wojtek's (SP9PT) recent operations from Norfolk Island and East Malaysia is at http://www.vk9n.sp5zcc.waw.pl [TNX SP5UAF]

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