3X - Francois, VE2XO will be again active from Guinea between 18 and 27 February. He will operate (SSB and RTTY - it will be his first RTTY activity, so be patient with him) as 3XY6A from the mainland on 18, 25, 26 and 27 February. On 23-24 February he will operate (SSB only) a 3XY8A from the Los Islands (AF-051) - activity will depend on power availability; Francois will not have a generator with him and he has been informed that he should get power from 17 UTC until 9 UTC. [TNX WX5L]

5R - Bruno, F5DKO will be active (on 20 and 15 metres) from Madagascar on 4-17 March (licence to be collected upon arrival). He will operate from Nosy Be (AF-057) on 4-10 March and from Sainte Marie Island (AF-090) on 11-17 March. QSL via IZ8CCW (Antonio Cannataro, P.O. Box 360, 87100 Cosenza - CS, Italy). [TNX IZ8CCW]

5W - Look for VK2IR and VK2KLM to be active (on 6-40 metres) as 5W0IR from Samoa (OC-097) between 28 March and 3 April. QSL via VK2IR. [TNX VK2IR]

7Q - Harry, G0JMU will again be active as 7Q7HB from Malawi after 17 February. It might take a few days before he is able to be QRV as Harry and Les, 7Q7LA will have to take down the old antenna and replace it with a new fibre glass 2 element quad. QSL direct only via G0IAS (Allan Hickman, The Conifers, High Street, Elkesley, Retford, DN22 8AJ Notts, UK). [TNX G0IAS]

8P - Steve, K2WE will be active (on 6-80 metres CW and SSB) as 8P9AP from Barbados (NA-021) from 21 February through the 28th. QSL via home call. [TNX K2WE]

9Q - Pat, 9Q1A [425DXN 562] reports that workload permitting, he will be QRV for VK-ZL daily on +/- 14280 kHz between 17.30 UTC and 18 UTC.

BY - BA5RX, BD5RI, BD5RT, BD5RV, BD5RL, BD5QX, BD5RJQ and some others will be active (on 10-80 metres SSB, CW and PSK) as either BI5P or homecall/5 from Pingtan Island (AS-138) on 16-18 February. QSL via BD5RI. The web site for the operation is at http://as138.126.com [TNX BD5RV]

CE - The second XR5SM operation from Santa Maria Island (SA-070) [425DXN 562] is expected to start around 20.30 UTC on 16 February. The group will be active (CW and SSB) until 18 February. QSL via XQ5SM,
either direct or through the bureau. The web page for the XR5SM activities is at [http://www.qsl.net/xr5sm](http://www.qsl.net/xr5sm) [TNX CE4USW]

**CE0_ei** - Hartmut, DM5TI plans to be active (on RTTY, SSTV, PSK31 and Pactor, with some CW and SSB) as CE0Y/DM5TI from Easter Island (SA-001) between 23 February and 2 March. QSL via DM5TI either direct (Hartmut Stahr, Berliner Str. 15, 84478 Waldkaiburg, Germany) or through the bureau. The web page for the operation is at [http://www.qsl.net/dm5ti/ce0y/](http://www.qsl.net/dm5ti/ce0y/) [TNX DM5TI]

**D2** - Joao, CT1BFL will be stationed in Angola for the next two years. He plans operate as D2U on 10-160 metres CW and SSB. QSL via CT1BFL. [TNX The Daily DX]

**EA6** - Christian, DL6KAC reports he will be active on 10-80 metres from the island of Mallorca (EU-004, DIE E-021) from 8/9 March until the 24th. QSL via home call.

**EP** - Stig, LA7JO, who was recently active from EP3PTT, has received his own callsign, EP3UN. Stig was expected to leave the country earlier this week; he should be back in Teheran by the end of March and will remain for another 3 months. QSL EP3UN via LA7JO, [TNX ON5NT]

**F** - Alain, F5HPY will be active (on 40 and 20 metres SSB) from the following lighthouses on 16 February: Tour Saint Nicolas (DPLF PB-234, ARLHS FRA-497) & Le Mole d'Escale (DPLF PB-252) in the morning starting around 7 UTC and La Pallice (DPLF PB-238) in the afternoon. QSL via home call. For information on the DPLF Award please visit [http://wlh.free.fr](http://wlh.free.fr) [TNX F5NQL]

**F** - The Council of Europe ARC will participate in the REF Contest SSB on 24-25 February as TP3CE/99. QSL via F6FQK. [TNX F6FQK]

**GM** - Leo, W3LEO reports he will once again be active as MM0LEO from Portpatrick in southwest Scotland between 25 February and 28 March, including an entry in the ARRL DX SSB Contest. QSL via W3LEO.

**HC** - Rick, NE82/HC1MD was ill and had to cancel his operation from SA-056 [425DXN 555], which was expected take place on 13 February. He only planned for one afternoon on the island, and there is no room in his schedule to get there during this trip. [TNX VE3LYC and Islands On The Web]

**HR** - Bob/KB0CY, Denny/KB9DPF and Lor/W3QA will be active as HR3/homecall from Honduras when time allows while participating in a medical mission between 16 February and 3 March. Operations will include CW, PSK31 and SSB on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSLs via home calls. [TNX KB0CY]

**I** - Special station IR0MA will be activated on 1-30 April to celebrate the 2755th anniversary of the foundation of Rome. QSL direct only to I0MWI (Stefano Cipriani, Via Taranto 60, 00055 Ladispoli – RM, Italy). [TNX I0MWI]

**JA** - Look for JO1EPY/6 to be active (on 10-40 metres CW and SSB) from the Tokara Islands (AS-049) on 9-11 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]

**J3** - Willi, DJ7RJ reports he will be active (on 160-6 metres CW and SSB) as J3/DJ7RJ from Grenada (NA-024) between 23 February and 14 March. QSL via DJ7RJ.
KG4 - Bill, W4WX reports he will be active as KG4DX from Guantanamo Bay on 22-27 February. This trip is dedicated to 6 metres and PSK-31. QSL via W4WX.

LU_so - Dominik, DL5EBE reports that Claudio, the current operator at LU1ZA (Base "Oradas", WABA LU-014 on Laurie Island, South Orkneys, AN-008) [425DXN 562] will go QRT on 11 March. The new operator (Jose-Luis) is expected to arrive after 3-4 days and he might operate again as LU1ZA. QSL LU1ZA operated by Claudio via LU4DXU.

LZ_ssh - Danny, LZ0A will be leaving St. Kliment Ohridski (WABA LZ-002) on Livingston Island, South Shetlands (AN-010) in around ten days. He will try to be QRV daily on +/- 3793 starting at 00.00 UTC. QSL via LZ1KDP. [TNX DL5EBE]

PJ7 - Brian, KD2DL will be active as PJ7/KD2DL from St. Maarten (NA-105) on 2-9 March. This operation will be centered on 17 metres CW QRP. Look for him around 18.080 kHz. QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K and VA3RJ]

PY - Look for PY3CQ/P, PY3MHZ/P and PY3NZ/P to be active from Solidao Lighthouse (DFB RS-06, ARLHS BRA-100) on 16-17 February and from Mostardas Lighthouse (DFB RS-08, ARLHS BRA-065) on 18-19 February. QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 5546, 90410-007 Porto Alegre, RS, Brazil. [TNX PY3CQ]

PY0_ti - The departure date from mainland Brazil for the 18 February-2 March PW0T DXpedition to Trindade [425DXN 561] is confirmed to be 15 February at noon. The web site for the operation (http://www.Trindade2002.com) is updated with daily fresh information. QSL via KU9C. [TNX WC7N]

PT - PW6AI is the new call issued for the 16-22 February operation from Abrolhos Archipelago (SA-019) [425DXN 561]. Look for PT2GTI, PT2HF and PP2RON to be active on +/- 50130, 28460, 21260, 14260, 7055 & 3755 kHz SSB and 50130, 28015, 21040, 14040, 7025 & 3530 kHz CW. QSL via PT2GTI (Roberto F. Stuckert, QI 07, Conj. 12, Casa 14, 71515-120 Brasilia - DF, Brazil). [TNX PP2BT]

RA_ant - Alan, UA1PAC is now active as R1ANC from Vostok Base. He has a 3-element monoband yagi for 20 metres, but his amplifier does not work. He plans to be QRV daily on 14025 kHz at 17 UTC and on the Antarctica Net on Mondays on 21275 kHz at 17 UTC. QSL via DL5EBE. [TNX DL5EBE]

TA - TA2RC, TA2MW, TA2LE and possibly other operators from TA2KI will be active (on 10-160 metres SSB and RTTY) as homecall/TA0 from Kefken Island (AS-159, WLH 0691, ARLHS TUR-058) between May and August, generally during the weekends (including the IOTA Contest weekend on 27-28 July). QSL via home calls either direct or through the bureau. [TNX TA2RC]

TF - Eric, SM1TDE will be signing TF8/SM1TDE/P from Iceland (EU-021) between 23 February and 2 March. He will operate on 10-80 metres mostly CW from Gulli's (TF8GX) station in Keflavik. QSL via SM1TDE either direct or through the bureau (bureau cards can be requested
Bob, KE0UI will be active from TI5KD's QTH (http://www.qsl.net/ti5kd) in Heredia, Costa Rica on 18-27 February. He will operate on all HF bands and 6 metres with an emphasis on WARC bands CW. Bob will participate as TI5N in the UBA CW Contest (23 February). [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

While the Radio Club of Costa Rica (http://www.ti0rc.org) had opposed the forthcoming DXpedition to Cocos Island "due to the irregular proceedings under which the callsigns for the operation were obtained", the operators (namely AD6E, AK0A, F5CWU, IK3RIY, IZ7ATN, KA0KKO, KI7WO, N4CD, N6KT, N7DF, PA3EWP, PA5ET, RK3AD, WS4Y and TI2HMG, the DXpedition founder and leader) were gathering in Costa Rica. Earlier this week Robert Voss, N4CD stated that "the official radio licenses for all 15 participants, as well as the landing and park permits, have been issued by the Costa Rican authorities", however the latest good news is that the Costa Rican licencing authority has revised the TI9M licence, which now will be used by all the operators. They hope to depart Puntarenas on 17 February, with arrival at the operating location approximately 48 hours later. The team anticipates 24-hour operations with four HF transmitters on all bands from 160m through 6 metres. The final day of operations will be 2 March. The web site for the DXpedition is at http://www.qsl.net/ti9m and will be updated as often as communication links allow.

Doug, W0AH will operate as V31AH (QRP) during the ARRL DX CW Contest 2002. QSL via W2GR either direct or through the bureau. [TNX W2GR]

The 12-22 April VK9ML DXpedition to Mellish Reef [425DXN 557] will have five stations operating on 160-6 metres CW, SSB and some RTTY. The team includes G4EDG, JH7OHF, JJ1LIB, JP1TRJ, K3NA, VK4DH, VK4GL, VK4WR, VK4APG and ZL4PO. The web site for the operation is at http://www.qsl.net/vk9ml/2002/ [TNX VK4CP]

Les, GM3ITN will be visiting the Falkland Islands (SA-002) on 10-24 June and plans to operate as VP8ITN from Saunders Island for 4 or 5 days towards the end of his visit. QSL via home call. [TNX GM3ITN]

George, K7GB will be active (on all bands CW and SSB) as as VQ9GB from Diego Garcia (AF-006), Chagos Archipelago from about 8 March to mid May. QSL to home call. [TNX K7GB]

Several members of the Magnolia DX Association will be active as W4D from Dauphin Island (NA-213, USI AL-002S) from around 22 UTC on 8 March until the 11th. They will operate around the clock on all bands and modes, with a special emphasis on RTTY and the WARC bands. QSL via W5UE either direct or through the bureau. For more details, please visit the MDXA website at http://mdxa.org [TNX W5UE]

Hans/DL7CM, Mike/DL2OE and Dietmar/DL3DXX will be active (possibly as YN/homecall) from Nicaragua between 18 February and 8 March. They plan to operate on 6-160 metres CW, SSB and RTTY, with an emphasis on the low bands and RTTY. QSL via home calls. Their web page is at http://www.qsl.net/dl7cm [TNX The Daily DX]
* 05-06 St. Martin (NA-105) FS/PA3GIO/m 20,17,15,12,10m
* 05-06 St. Maarten (NA-105) PJ7/PA3GIO/m 20,17,15,12,10m
* 07-14 Saba (NA-145) PJ6/PA3GIO/m or /p 40,20,17,15,12,10m
* 15-21 Dominican Republic (NA-096) PA3GIO/HI9 80,40,20,17,15,12,10m
* 22-28 St Barthelemy (NA-146) FJ/PA3GIO/m or /p 80,40,20,17,15,12,10m

QSLs via PA3GIO either direct or (preferably) through the bureau.

The web pages for the operation are at
http://www.pa3gio.nl/FSPJ7/
http://www.pa3gio.nl/PJ6
http://www.pa3gio.nl/HI9/
http://www.pa3gio.nl/FJ/

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10M BEACON ---> The antenna of the Moat Beacon (LU4XS, visit for further information http://www.geocities.com/gacwar/4xseng.html) transmitting on 28.190 MHz was improved a weeks ago and the Grupo Argentino de CW (GACW) is very interested in new reception reports. Callsign, coordinates and Grid Locator are sent every 2 minutes. Reports can be sent to moatbeacon@yahoo.com.ar [TNX LU7AWY]

CLUB OFFICERS ---> The Order of Boiled Owls of New York (http://www.reallybig.com/obo/), a DX/Contesting club in the New York City metropolitan area, announced the following club officers for 2002: President - Tony Japha, N2UN; Vice President - Les Kalmus, W2LK; Secretary - Dennis McAlpine, K2SX; Treasurer - Andy Bodony, K2LE; Activities Manager - Larry Amodeo, W2AX. [TNX K2SX]

FRANKFORD RADIO CLUB ---> 2002 marks the 75th anniversary of the Frankford Radio Club. To commemorate the occasion, the FRC is making available an award to anyone who contacts 75 or more FRC members in contests during 2002. The award is also available to SWLs. QSLs are not required; the award is free to DX stations and an SASE for domestic stations. For more information please check the FRC web site at http://www.frc-contest.org/anniva.htm [TNX KA2AEV]

GACW DX CONTEST ---> The first edition of the GACW (Grupo Argentino de CW) DX Contest will take place from 12 UTC on 20 April through 12 UTC on the 21st. Please visit http://www.geocities.com/gacwar for the rules [TNX LU6EF]

PIRATES ---> The following pirate operations were reported recently:
- Abubaker, 5A1A has moved to Germany [425DXN 550] and has not been active since 18 December 2001. Do not waste your time on working those who from time to time sign "5A1A" (typically on CW). [TNX DJ7IK]
- Dennis, ZS4BS says that no licenses were ever issued for 7Q8/ZS6GH and C9/ZS6GH. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

QSL CT3EE ---> CT3EE was operated by DK1BT and DL3DXX during the ARRL 10m
Contest (December 2001). QSL for this event go to DL3DXX either direct or through the DARC bureau. [TNX DL3DXX]

QSL KL7Y ---> Bill, W2AY reports that the QSL manager for KL7Y has changed from N2AU to W8LU.

QSL VK9KND & VK9KNE ---> Wojciech, SP9PT/VK9KNE and Jerzy, SP9EVP/VK9KND have processed all the direct and bureau cards for their operation from Norfolk Island (20 October-3 November 2001). Requests for 9M6APT and 9M6EVT are being processed right now. Details on their operation can be found at http://www.vk9n.sp5zcc.waw.pl [TNX SP9PT].

WRTC 2002 ---> The WRTC2002 Organizing Committee has endorsed the full list of WRTC2002 on-site Referees, as proposed by Roger Western, G3SXW and Olli Rissanen, OH0XX/OA4DMR. The following contesters have been selected as official Referees for WRTC2002:

4Z4KX K6AW N4GN OH5BM RZ3AA
AH3C K6KR N7BG OH5NQ S50R
DL6LAU K7BV N7NG OH6DO SM3CER
F6BEE K8N2 OH1EB OH6LIN SM3DMP
G0MTN K9JF OH1JD OH6RX SM3EVR
G4BUO K9Z0 OH1MA OH6OS T97M
HA6ND KC1F OH2BR OH7BX TG9AJR
I4UH KM3T OH2JA OH7JR W6OAT
K1VR KT3Y OH3BU OH7MA W6UM
K3NA N2AA OH4XX FY5EG WX0B

The web site for the event is at http://www.wrtc2002.org

+ SILENT KEY + La Gazette du DX reports that Jean-Claude Jupin, TR8XX/F2XX died in France on 11 February. A keen and skilful CW operator, he was active from other African countries as well and back in May 1999 gave IOTA enthusiasts a "new one" operating as 3C2JJ from Corisco Island (AF-082).


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