6Y - John, K3TEJ will be active (on 10-160 metres CW) as 6Y5/K3TEJ from Jamaica (NA-097) on 11-18 February. He will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest as 6Y0T. QSLs via K3TEJ. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

9V - John Davies, 9V1VV is quite active (CW only) from Singapore. He prefers 80, 40 and 30 metres and his operating hours are 14 UTC to about 22 UTC. John would welcome more QSOs with Europe. QSL information is at qrz.com [TNX 9V1VV]

CE - Atacama Desert DX Group operators CA2WUI, XQ1ZW, XQ1IDM, CE1URH, CE1VLY, CE1RQB and CE1FLS will be active as 3G1P from Pan de Azucar (SA-085) on 14-17 March. They will operate on 6-160 metres SSB, CW, PSK31, RTTY and maybe SSTV. QSL via XQ1IDM (Nicolas Herrera G., P.O. Box 345, Antofagasta, Chile). A web page is under construction at http://www.qsl.net/3g1p [TNX XQ1IDM]

CO - The following nine special event stations will be activated on all bands and modes by the Federacion de Radioaficionados de Cuba (FRC) to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Cuban national hero Jose Marti: CO0J (8-9 February), CO0O (8-9 March), CO0S (11-13 April), CO0E (10-11 May), CO0M (14-15 June), CO0A (12-13 July), CO0R (9-10 August), CO0T (13-14 September), CO0I (11-12 October). All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via bureau. A special award will be issued to those who will work all of the nine stations. [TNX CO2QQ]

D4 - UA3TT will participate in the CQ/RJ WW WPX RTTY Contest (8-9 February) as D44AC (SOSB - 10 metres, LP) from the D44TT/D4B contest station. QSL via RW3TN. [TNX NG3K]

FG - Marco, IK1ACX reports he will be active (on 10, 12, 15, 17, 20 and 40 metres) as FG/IK1ACX from Guadeloupe on 12-23 February.

FM - Ed, AJ6V will be active as FM5BH from Martinique (NA-107) on 11-18 February, includin a SOAB entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest. Before and after the contest he will concentrate on SSB. QSL via W3HNK. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

HP - Jean-Michel, F6AJA from "Les Nouvelles DX reports that Joel, F5PAC
is returning to Panama from 23 February until 24 March. He will operate from a few IOTA groups as follows:
25-27 February NA-170  11-12 March NA-071
03-05 March NA-202  15-16 March NA-203
08-09 March NA-088  19-20 March NA-072
His web site is at http://www.qsl.net/f5pac

KG4  - Don W4ZYT/KG4ZK, Chuck N8CH/KG4NW, Gordon KU4EC/KG4EC, and Chet N6ZO/KG4ZO will be active from Guantanamo on 11-19 February, including an entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest as KG4DZ (QSL via W4SD). [TNX QRZ-DX]

KH2  - Yuki/JH1NBN, Kaoru/JA3MCA and Kai/JE3NJZ will be active on 160-6 metres CW, SSB and digital modes from Guam (OC-026) on 13-17 February. The calls will be K3ZB/KH2 (QSL via JH1NBN), W3MCA/KH2 (QSL via JA3MCA) and N3JZ/KH2 (QSL via JE3NJZ). [TNX JAIELY]

OZ  - OZ0J, OZ2KL and OZ1ETA will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest as OZ0Q (Multi-Single HP). QSL via bureau or direct. Web page at http://www.oz7ham.dk [TNX OZ0J]

PJ4  - K2NG, K2TW, NO2R will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest (15-16 February) as PJ4G (Multi-Single) from Bonaire (SA-006). QSL via WA2NHA. They will be active on all bands also before and after the contest. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

VP5  - Look for VP5/K3LP, VP5/WX3B, VP5/N3SB and VP5/N7DD to be active (on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and Satellite) from North Caicos (NA-002) on 12-19 February. They will participate in the ARRL CW DX Contest as VP5LP. QSL direct only via N4ZH. [TNX The Daily DX]

XT  - Fred, G4BWP is due to leave for Burkina Faso on 10 February to operate with his XT2WP call during the ARRL DX CW Contest (SOSB 15 metres). Time permitting beforehand he will be QRV from 11 February on 30, 17 and 12 metres CW, as well as on 6 metres. He expects to QRT on 17 February. QSL via G4BWP. [TNX The Golist]

ZS  - Phil/G3SWH, David/G3UNA, Vidi/ZS1EL, Kosie/ZS1SR, Malcolm/ZS1MC, Andrew/ZS1AN and Hester/ZS1ESU will be active as ZS1RBN from Robben Island (AF-064) on 4-7 April. They plan to have two stations active 24 hours a day on 10-40 metres SSB and CW. QSL via G3SWH, either direct (Phil Whitchurch, 21 Dickensons Grove, Congresbury, Bristol BS49 5HQ, England) or through the RSGB bureau. [TNX G3SWH]

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AH3D -----> The three operators were due to leave the island at 23 UTC on 4 February. Their schedule was to shut down around 19 UTC, but they went off the air at about 12 UTC, packed up gear and antennas, and after six hours of sleep got back on the air using the equipment at the local amateur radio club. They were able to operate until almost 00 UTC, when they were told the airplane was ready to board. AH3D made a total of 28,808 QSOs (17744 SSB,
10295 CW, 769 RTTY) in six days of operating. [TNX The Daily DX]

CELTIC CONNECTIONS ---> The GMDX Group introduces "Celtic Connections" to encourage activity by all radio amateurs worldwide to contact areas with Celtic origins: Galicia and Asturias (Spain), Ireland, Brittany (France), Cornwall (England), Isle of Man, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Nova Scotia (Canada). This "activity weekend" is to be held on the third weekend in April each year (in 2003 it will start 00:00 UTC on 19 April and last until 24.00 UTC on the 20th). Reports on activity are welcome and certificates of participation will be awarded to anyone who submits a report. Further details from GM3YOR (Drew Givens, 5 Langhouse Place, Inverkip, PA16 0EW, Scotland, UK) or from the GMDX Group web site (http://www.gmdx.org.uk). [TNX GM3YOR]

DXCC HONOR ROLL ---> In order to appear in the next list, that will appear in August 2003 QST, you must be current on the DXCC Honor Roll as of 31 March 2003. Applications must be received, or postmarked, 31 March. With the addition of Ducie Island in 2002, the minimum number of entities required is 326, and these include only current entities. Deleted entities do not count towards Honor Roll. For Number One Honor Roll, the total is 335 current entities.

NEW AWARD ---> The GMDX Group announces the new "Celtic Knot Award" for working stations in lands generally agreed to be those of the Celtic peoples, namely Scotland (GM), Northern Ireland (GI), Ireland (EI), Isle of Man (GD), Wales (GW), Cornwall (G), Brittany (F), Galicia and Asturias (EA1) and to celebrate its Scottish heritage, Nova Scotia (VE1). The GMDX Group sponsors also the "Worked All Scottish Prefix Award", which is available to licenced amateurs and SWLs for confirmed/heard contacts with radio amateur stations located in Scotland. Requirements and further information are available from the GMDX Group web site (http://www.gmdx.org.uk). [TNX GM3YOR]

NOT THE MANAGER ---> Gary, NM7G has not been manager for James, Z21CA for a decade. "I have received no logs since 1992", he says. "James is now 9J2CA and has no manager to my knowledge".

PIRATE ---> OD5CM, who has been active for several months on 160 and 80 metres CW, appears to be a pirate. RAL President OD5CN states that this call "belongs to John Turner, an American who left Lebanon 35 years ago". [TNX OE-1002419]

QSL 6W#/F8IXZ ---> Jean-Marc, F8IXZ reports that all of the 6W1/F8IXZ and 6W4/F8IXZ direct cards were sent out between 31 January and 3 February. The remaining QSOs have been confirmed automatically through the bureau. Jean-Marc logged 1350 QSOs during his trip to Senegal in December 2003.

QSL FW8FP ---> The QSL cards are expected to arrive from the printer this coming week and Bill, VK4FW will start processing the requests immediately. All mail received has been put in date order and will be answered the same. Please do not send second cards. [TNX VK4FW]

QSL HK6PSG ---> Due to the cost of the mail in Colombia, all QSL cards (direct and bureau) for Luis, HK6PSG should be sent to his QSL manager,
QSL K1B (SSB) ----> "I completely understand the problems that many of you are having getting the SSB K1B QSL cards", Roman Thomas, RZ3AA says. "Unfortunately the mail situation in my country certainly has room for improvement. In hindsight it was probably not a good choice to use a Russian QSL address". Roman and Dave, K4SV (ex KW4DA, a K1B team member) have now arranged for a QSL manager in North America to handle K1B SSB QSL cards. Send your QSL card, plus SAE and return postage (SASE for US stations) (1 USD preferred, 1 large IRC accepted) to K4YL (ex W4SMG): Stephen M. Grose, P.O. Box 183, Flat Rock, North Carolina 28731-0183, USA (e-mail K4YL@Highstream.net). All cards will be processed in the order they are received and depending on the demand, some delay might result if additional cards have to be printed. Please note that this QSL route is for DIRECT SSB CARDS ONLY: bureau cards still go to RZ3AA, while CW and Digital requests are still to be sent to YT1AD. [TXN K4SV] 

QSL KL7J & VY1JA ---> As of 1 February 2003, Kim Larson, daughter of N3SL, is the QSL manager for "J", VY1JA and Les, KL7J. She is handling all of the VY1JA cards EXCEPT for Japan, which remain with Akio, JA3JM. QSL direct or bureau. QSLs for KL7J are via direct ONLY. The address is Kim Larson, 22 N Hidden Acres Dr, Sioux City, IA 51108, USA. The logs of both of these active stations, as well as QSL instructions, can be found at http://www.qsl.net/n3sl/manager.htm [TXN N3SL] 

QSL ZL7C ---> "Please be patient regarding the issue of ZL7C QSL cards", Ken Holdom, ZL4HU says. The cards have been received and Ken is working on them. Do not send 2nd QSL requests, as they cause further delays in processing. 

QSL MANAGER OFFERED ---> Peppe Gerace, IZ8EBI is willing to act as a QSL manager for one or more stations. His web site is at http://space.virgilio.it/iz8ebi@tin.it/ and he can be contacted at iz8ebi@email.it 

S.I.A. ---> The Sicilian Islands Award (SIA) is sponsored by ARI Siracusa (http://siracusanet.it/arisiracusa) and is available to either licenced amateurs and SWLs. Further information is available from the Award Manager Salvo Costantino, IT9HLR (e-mail it9hlr@simail.it) 

XY2A: Pictures from XY2A are available at http://qth.com/dxshack [TXN JI6KVR] 

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