8P - Look for 8P9NX to be active (mainly on RTTY and CW) from Barbados (NA-021) between 21 February and 6 March. QSL via W0SA. [TNX VA3RJ]

8P - W2SC will participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (1-2 March) as 8P5A (SOAB HP) from Barbados. QSL via NT1N. [TNX NG3K]

8Q - Ivan, 8Q7VR has been active from the Maldives (AS-013) since 16 February and will be there until May. QSL via UR9IDX. [TNX RL3AW]

9A - Boro, 9A3KB and Emir, 9A6AA will be active (on 40, 20 and 15 metres SSB) from the lighthouse of Plicina Paklena (LH-0708) on 22 February and from the lighthouse of Barbaran (LH-1018) on the 23rd. After that, they plan to operate from Sv. Nikola Island (EU-110, IOCA CI-118). QSL via home calls. [TNX VA3RJ]

C9 - Depending on local situation, Reinhard, DL6DQW will be active as C98RF from Mocambique Island (AF-088) on 21-24 February and from Quirimba Island (AF-061) between 25 February and 3 March. QSL via DL6DQW. [TNX NG3K]

CE - The 3G5Q operators [425DXN 615] have been granted permission to start their activity from Quiriquina Island (SA-070, ARLS CHI-025) a few hours earlier than originally planned and now they hope to become QRV around 21 UTC on 21 February. They will try to operate also on RTTY or PSK31 and to install a dipole for 160 metres in order to be active during the CQ 160M SSB Contest. Logs will be available at http://www.qsl.net/3g5q after the operation. QSL via XQ5SM (P.O. Box 2841, Concepcion, Chile).

CE - Ferdy, CE4FXY will participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest as CE4Y on 10 metres HP. QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]

CN - Look for W7EJ to participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest as CN2R from Morocco (SOAB HP). QSL via W7EJ. [TNX NG3K]

DU - Ken, G3OCA reports that due to some delays with the licensing authority the callsigns for the March operation from OC-120 and OC-092 [425DXN 613] have changed. The new calls will be 4D2C from Cuyo Island (OC-120, 14-17 March) and 4D2B from Babuyan Island (OC-092, 20-26 March). Two DU pilot stations will announce frequency/mode/times on cluster for the duration of the operation - "this we hope will maximise the openings to Europe and North America". QSL via G3OCA either direct or through the RSGB bureau.
EA8 - Operators from the Gran Canaria DX Group will be active on SSB and CW as EA8OK/p from the lighthouse at Punta Sardina (ARLHS CAI-055, FEA D-2816) on 23 February. QSL via bureau or direct to EA8AKN. [TNX EA8AKN]

EA8 - Look for EA8/OH6XX (SSB 15 metres) and EA8/OH9MM (SSB 20 metres) to participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest from the Canary Islands. QSL via home calls. [TNX NG3K]

F - Marc, F6HQP expects to operate as F6HQP/P from the islands of Ratonneau (EU-095, DIFM ME-03) and/or Pomegues (EU-095, DIFM ME-16) on 23-24 February. QSL via bureau. [TNX La Gazette du DX]

FO_aus - Antoine, FO5RK reports he is planning to be active again from Rapa Island (OC-051), Austral Islands on 1-20 March during his holidays (which means more time to spend on the radio).

H4 - Bernhard, DL2GAC/H44MS has been back in the Solomon Islands since 21 February and expects to remain there for the next two months. During the next week he will reduce his activity while recovering from malaria ("I do hope the worst is over, but I still feel weak", he says). Our best wishes to him.

HR - Henry/HR2HM, Eduardo/HR2EMC, Cesar/HR2CPS, Carlos/HR2CSB, Byron/HR5LBR, Rene/HR5RJC and Manuel/HR5MJ will be active as HQ8V from Cayos Vivorillos (Gracias a Dios Department group, NA-???) from around 22 UTC on 21 March through around 12 UTC on the 24th. They will operate mainly on 40, 20, and 15 metres SSB. QSL via HR2CPS (Cesar Pio Santos Andino, P.O. Box 747, 21105 San Pedro Sula, Cortes, Honduras). [TNX HR2CPS]

JA - Look for JS6QVP (QSL via JI5USJ), JS6QVQ (QSL via JI5RPT) and JI5RPT/6 (QSL via home call) to be active (on 160-6 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31) from the Daito Islands (AS-047) [425DXN 611] on 4-11 March. Cards can be sent either direct or through the JARL bureau. More information is available at http://www.aa.alpha-net.ne.jp/ji5rpt/as-047/ [TNX JI6KVR]

KP2 - Tony, N2TK will be operating at WP2Z (QSL via KU9C) for the ARRL DX SSB Contest. Before and after the contest he will be active as N2TK/NP2 (QSL via home call). [TNX N2TK]

LU - Mariano, LU4EJ will be active as LU4EJ/D from Martin Garcia Island (SA-055) on 20-22 March. Suggested frequencies are 3680, 7090, 14200, 21300, 28460 and 50110 kHz. QSL via LU4EJ either direct (Mariano Viva, Independencia 1193, Mar del Plata 7600, Argentina) or through the bureau. [TNX LU4EJ]

OZ - Look for Jakob, OZ7AEI/P to be active from the lighthouse of Griseta ode (DEN-075, DLS-030) on 22 February starting around 15 UTC on +/- 14270 kHz. QSL via bureau or direct. [TNX OZ7AEI]

PJ - K1NA plans to be active as PJ5/K1NA or PJ5NA from St. Eustatius (NA-145) during the ARRL DX SSB Contest. It will be a "casual effort" in the SOAB category. QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]

V2 - Doug, W3CF (V26DX) and a group of Team Antigua operators (namely Jay/WX0B, Jim/N2EA, Irwin/KD3TB and Sharon/N5CK) will activate V26DX as a Multi Two entry for 2003 ARRL DX SSB Contest from Antigua. They plan to be on the air by 26 February. QSL V26DX via KU9C. [TNX NG3K]

W - Several members of the Magnolia DX Association (http://www.mdxa.org) will be active as K5C from Cat Island
They will operate on 10-80 metres CW and SSB from multiple stations. QSL via K2FF. The K5C QSL cards for the September 2002 operation [425DXN 592] have been received from the printer and all direct requests have been answered and put into the mail on 13 February. Future requests will continue to be answered the same way received. "Cards for the upcoming trip will be ordered in advance", Randy, W5UE says, "and we hope to be able to answer direct requests within weeks of the end of the expedition".

John, K0DQ will participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest as ZF2DQ (SOAB HP) from ZF2NT's QTH in the Cayman Islands (NA-016). On 26-28 February, while preparing for the contest, he plans to operate on 12 and 17 metres. QSL via K0DQ. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

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GACW KEY DAY ---> The GACW KD will take place from 18 UTC on 22 February through 6 UTC on the 23rd. This is not a contest, but an event for encouraging amateur radio operators to log as many QSOs as possible using their straight keys. More information at http://gacw.no-ip.org

HOLYLAND CONTEST ---> The results of the Holyland DX Contest 2002 can be found on the Israel Amateur Radio Club's web site at http://www.iarc.org/contest. This year the Contest will take place on 19 April, from 00.00 UTC through 24 UTC. [TNX 4Z4KX]

IR4X ---> Due to a bureaucratic misunderstanding, the Monte Capra Contest Team - formerly IQ4A and IR4A [425DXN 615] - has had to change again its callsign. The new call is IR4X and it will be used starting from the ARRL DX SSB Contest on 1-2 March. The QSL route for either IR4A (for the 2003 ARRL DX CW Contest *only*) and IR4X is via IK4QJH. [TNX I4VEQ]

QSL CO3CJ ---> Peppe, IZ8EBI (http://space.virgilio.it/iz8ebi@tin.it) is the new QSL manager for Juan Carlos, CO3CJ. Cards can be sent either direct or through the bureau. [TNX IZ8EBI]

QSL MANAGER OFFERED ---> Being retired, Bob Smith, W0VU has "lots of time to do cards" and is willing to act as a QSL manager for one or more stations. Bob can be contacted at rsmith55@iland.net

QSL VIA I3BQC ---> Vittorino, I3BQC reports that he has neither direct nor bureau backlog for any of his past operations.

QSL VIA W1TE ---> The following are now being handled by Charley, W1TE (QSL either direct or through the bureau): UU0JM (all operations), UU7J/P (IOTA Contest 2002 from EU-180), UU7J (all operations starting this year). On-line
logs are available at  http://www.wlte.com/search.html  (additional UU0JM and UU7J logs will be added as they are received). Charley is not the manager for V47NS (QSLs at this time continue to go to W9NY), but he handles the cards and post the logs. [TNX W1TE]

ST2X --> There is a possibility that Gerben, PA5NT/ST2X will go back to Sudan after 16 March. Latest information and final announcement will be available at   http://www.dx.to/ For the time being, "The ST2X Story" with results of Gerben's recent activity can be found at the URL above (it can also be downloaded as .pdf file).

WARD AWARD --> The WARD (World Amateur Radio Day) Award commemorates the World Amateur Radio Day celebrated by IARU on 18 April each year. The award is sponsored by MK QTC (the Polish Amateur Radio Journal) with the Polish Amateur Radio Union's support, and it is issued to licenced amateurs and SWLS for contacts made/heard between 00.00 and 24 UTC on 18 April. For further information please e-mail Sylwester Jarkiewicz, SP2FAP at qtc@post.pl

YI1BGD --> The Slovak Embassy in Baghdad has been closed down and Mike, OM2DX, who was active from YI1BGD, has left Baghdad. Steve, OM3JW will get the log for Mike's last days of operation after his arrival at home.

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LOGS: The AH3D log search is now up and running: send an e-mail to ah3d-log@n4gn.com (type your call in the subject line, the body of message should be blank) and you will receive a response back, in the form of an e-mail, stating your QSOs that are in the AH3D log.

ROMANIA: The Romanian Amateur Radio Federation has a new web site at http://www.hamradio.ro - the YO callbook is available there, as well as the final results for the the International Championship of Romania 2002. [TNX N2YO/YO3FWC]

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