The 425 DX News monthly edition (February issue) can be downloaded in either .pdf or .doc formats at [http://www.425dxn.org](http://www.425dxn.org). This month we feature articles and photos from XF1K, FO5RK, HC4/NP3D and Sazan Island. [TNX I1-21171/IZ1CRR]

3D2 - Brian, N6IZ will be active as 3D2IZ from Namotu Island (OC-121), Fiji from 27 March to 6 April. He will operate on 10-80 metres CW and SSB. Check [http://www.tdl.com/~brianb/3d2iz.html](http://www.tdl.com/~brianb/3d2iz.html) for a schedule of operation. [TNX N6IZ]

9N - Dov, 4Z4DX will be active (on 160-6 metres CW and digital modes) as 9N7DX from Nepal from 21 April to 15 May. QSL via home call. [TNX 4Z4DX]

BV - As of 24 February Art, UA3VCS will be signing BW4/UA3VCS (previous call BW3/UA3VCS). He will participate in either the CQ WW WPX SSB (SOAB 10 metres Low Power) and CW (SOAB Low Power) Contests. [TNX NG3K]

BY - By special arrangement with the government of the People's Republic of China and the Chinese Radio Sports Association, Rick/AE3C and his 10-year old daughter Barbara (KB3HAS) will be operating (SSB and CW) at various locations in Beijing and northern mainland China until 11 March. QSL via home calls. [TNX K2FRD]

CE - Juan, CA7ARU and others plan to be active from Melinka Island (Guaitecas Islands, SA-043) between 28 February and 2 March. [TNX G3KMA]

CE - The following Chilean stations will be active during the ARRL DX SSB Contest this weekend: CE4Y (by CE4FXY, 10m High Power), 3G5A (by XQ5SM, All Band Low Power), CE3NR (by CE3NR and CE4PBB, Multi-Single). QSL routes at qrz.com. [TNX XQ5SM]

CX - A group of operator from Uruguay (namely CX1SI, CX1UI, CX1UN, CX2UH, CX3SN, CX3UG, CX3UH, CX3UO, CX4SS and CX7OV) will operate special event station CW100 on 8-10 March to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the town of Vergara. QSL via EA5KB. [TNX EA5KB]

EI - Declan, EI9HQ plans to be active (on 20 metres SSB) as EJ9HQ from Inishmor Island (EU-006) and Dun Oghil Lighthouse (IRE-087) from 28
February until 1 March. QSL via WA7OBH. [TNX VA3RJ]

FY - FI1HAR, F5HRY, F5M2N, F6FVY and FY5PY will participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest as FY5KE (M-S) from French Guiana. QSL to FY5KE either direct or through the bureau. [TNX F6FVY]

G - Marc, ON5FP and Jose, ON4CJK will participate in the IOTA Contest from Lundy Island (EU-120). Further information is expected in due course. [TNX ON5FP]

GJ - Pete/K8PT and Craig/K3PLV will be active as MJ/K8PT and MJ/K3PLV from Jersey (EU-013) on 19-24 March. They will be operating SSB, CW and RTTY on all bands with concentration on the low bands including 160 metres. QSL via home cards either direct or through the bureau. [TNX K8PT]

GU - 5B4WN (aka G0WWW) and 5B4AFM (aka M0BBB) will participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest as MU2A (M-S) from Guernsey (EU-114). QSL via G4EOF. [TNX NG3K]

HL - Kim, DS4BHW will be stationed on Cho Island (AS-060) for two years starting in late March and plans to be active on 80-6 metres. QSL via DS4BHW either direct (Kim, P.O. Box 27, Sunchon, 540-600, South Korea) or through the bureau. [TNX DS4BHW]

HL - Pyoungteak DX Club's members Han/DS2GOO, Son/DS3HWS, Chae/DS5BSX and Choi/6K2CLF will be active (on 10-80 metres SSB and RTTY) as either homecall/4 and D90HE/4 from the Chuja Islands (AS-084) on 18-24 March. QSL D90HE/4 via DS2GOO, others via home call. The web page for the operation is at http://myhome.naver.com/dxer2han/as084/ [TNX HL1VAU]

I - Alessandro, IK4ALM will participate in this year's major SSB and CW contests as IR4R. QSL via home calla. [TNX IK4ALM]

I - IR4Z is the new contest call for Giancarlo, IK4QJH (formerly IQ4B). E-mail requests for bureau cards for either IR4Z and the other stations managed by Giancarlo are welcome at http://www.qsl.net/ik4qjh; direct cards should be sent to Giancarlo Gnudi, Via Valgattara 35, 40063 Monghidoro – BO, Italy. [TNX IK4QJH]

JA - Look for JQ1SUO/1, JF1CCH/1 and JA2HMD/1 to be active (on 10, 15, 30 and 40 metres CW and SSB) from Hachijo Island (AS-043) on 8-9 March. QSL via home calls either direct or through the bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

OY - Ronald/PA3EWP, Dick/PA3FQA and Rob/PA5ET will be active from the Faroe Islands (EU-018) from 24 March to 3 April. They will have two stations with amplifiers and will operate on 10-160 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31 with some SSTV. The callsigns will be OY/homecall, but they have also applied for a local callsign to be used on 80/160 metres and during the CQ WPX SSB Contest. QSLs via PA5ET (Rob Snieder, Van Leeuwenstraat 137, 2273 VS Voorburg, The Netherlands). More information can be found on the Low Land DX-pedition Team's web site (http://www.qsl.net/1ldxt). [TNX PA5ET]

PY - Luc/PY8AZT, Carl/PY8MD, Phil/PT8PS and Adonay/PT8DX, from the Uirapuru DX Club (http://www.uirapuru.org) will be active on SSB and CW as ZY8C from Caviana Island (SA-042) on 1-8 March. They plan to have three stations with amplifiers, beams, verticals and dipoles. [TNX http://www.islandradio.org/]

SV5 - Steve, G0SGB will be active as SV5/G0SGB/p from Kos Island, Dodecanese (EU-001) on 8-22 March. Operation will be on a daily morning basis (8-11 UTC) mainly on 18154, 14264 and 21264 kHz. QSL
via home call. [TNX VA3RJ]

XT - Dani, XT2ATI (EA4ATI) reports he will participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest on 20 metres (low power). QSL via EA4YK.

VP6_duc - The pilots for the forthcoming operation from Ducie Island will be JE2EHP (je2ehp@jarl.com), DJ8NK (C_Harders@compuserve.com) and WA2MOE (wa2moe@firstinter.net). QSL via JR2KDN. The web sites are at www.qsl.net/wd4ngb/ducie.htm and www.qsl.net/aa0mz/ducie2.htm.

SOUTH SHETLANDS (AN-010) ---> Oleg (UA1PBA) and Alex (UA1PAW) are still active as R1ANF/p from the Teniente Ballve refuge of Argentina (WABA LU-22) until 5 March. Then they will go and operate as DI1ANF from the German Dallmann Laboratory (WABA DL-NEW) adjacent to Jubany Base. QSL for these activities via RK1PWA. [TNX DL5EBE]

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CN2PM & S07PM ---> Peter McKay, G3WQU is now QRT as CN2PM and S07PM. He will be moving to East Timor (4W) at the end of March. Peter will put the new address for QSLs to his previous calls in qrz.com [TNX G3WQU]

DXCC NEWS ---> The following operations have recently been approved for DXCC credit: VK0MQI, Macquarie Island (1 January 2002 - 15 March 2003) and 3C2MV, Equatorial Guinea (11 November - 12 December 2002). [TNX Bill Moore, NC1L, DXCC Branch Manager]

GMDX CONVENTION ---> The GM DX Group's 6th annual Convention & Dinner will take place on 26 April at the King Robert Hotel, Whins of Milton, Stirling, Scotland. More details can be found at http://www.gmdx.org.uk [TNX GM3YTS]

LCRA TO BE DISSOLVED ---> "My old friend HK3DDD has just informed me that postal rates in Colombia were doubled as of January 1, 2003 and it now costs the equivalent of US$2.00 to send a letter from Colombia to the USA", Fred, K3ZQ reports. "It now costs HJ/HK hams the equivalent of 13 cents per QSL to send outgoing cards through the bureau, but anyway the bureau won't be available any longer because the Colombian IARU-member society LCRA is meeting this Saturday to dissolve itself, since with only 200 paid-up members and US$8000 of debt it feels it can no longer stay in business. Beto says Colombian hams have stopped calling CQ and running stations because they can't afford to handle the consequences economically. Colombian DXers are simply searching and pouncing these days, looking for new countries for themselves".

NOT THE MANAGER ---> Yves, F6CYV says he is not the QSL manager for XE1FT.

PSK ON 160 ---> "Probably the first PSK QSO on 160 metres between Europe and Oceania was made between VK6HD (transmitting on 1810) and DL8LE (transmitting
on 1838.7) on 27 February at 21.40 UTC. Both signals were copied with excellent R5 on both ends. The following attempt in RTTY was successful as well, but gave R3 and R4 only. [TNX DL8LE]

QSL 3C2MV ---> Vitaly, VE6JO reports that the QSL cards for his recent activity from Bioko Island, Equatorial Guinea are expected from the printer around mid March. He will proceed with mailing as soon as he gets them, as from late March until early May he will not be at home.

QSL FK8KAB ---> Please note that Robert, FK8AH is not the QSL manager for FK8KAB. Direct cards should be sent to Association des Radio-Amateurs de Nouvelle Caledonie, P.O. Box 3956, F-98846 Noumea. [TNX DJ5AV]

QSL FW8FP ---> Cards have arrived from the printer and Bill, VK4FW will process and post cards daily until finished. "Direct cards sent with no return or insufficient postage will not be answered", Bill says, "as I don't have any access to the buro system". QSL direct only to Bill Horner, P.O. Box 1343, Maroochydore, 4558, Australia.

QSL TA4/DL2OBO ---> Tom, DL2OBO reports that the QSL cards should be ready in a couple of weeks' time. Between 26 January and 2 February he made some 1000 CW QSOs and enjoyed "really big pileups".

QSL TX0DX ---> Alessio, IZ0CKJ reports that the QSL cards for the October 2002 operation from the Chesterfields are not ready. Please be patient and do not send second requests.

QSL ZL7C ---> All QSL requests for the October 2002 ZL7C operation from the Chatham Islands which were received as of 26 February (some 5100 envelopes for 19,200 QSOs) were mailed on 28 February taking advantage of New Zealand Post's International Economy rate (allow 3-5 weeks for delivery and refrain from sending second requests until after 1 May). Please note that this does not include cards received via QSL Services and the like (these will be answered at a later date when time permits) or ZL7C requests sent along with cards for other DXpeditions. Direct cards without sufficient postage or SAE will be answered via the bureau. [TNX ZL4HU]

QSL MANAGER OFFERED ---> Guy Spriet, ON4LCT is willing to act as a QSL Manager for one or more stations. You can contact him at gs priet@skynet.be

QSL VIA VE3DZ ---> Yuri Onipko, VE3DZ (QSL manager for 8P4A, 8P9AL, 8P9AM, VE2IM, ZF1DZ, 6W1/N2WCQ and others) reports that his local post office "refuses to cover old IRCs (older than 2000) at existing air mail price. So effective immediately all cards accompanied with only one old style IRC dated 1999 and earlier (or improperly stamped) will be answered via the bureau".

SEANET CONTEST ---> This year the SEANET 2003 Contest will take place from 12 UTC on 16 August through 12 UTC on the 17th. The contest is associated with the 31st Annual SEANET Convention to be held in Johor Bahru, Malaysia, on 27-30 November. For further information please visit http://www.seanet2003.com or e-mail Ray Gerrard, HS0ZDZ (g3nom@rast.or.th) [TNX HS0ZDZ/G3NOM]
ARRL DX SSB: A list of stations that have announced their participation in this year's event is maintained by Bill, NG3K at http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxs2003.html

LOGS: The logs for the most recent 3G5Q operation from SA-070 are now available at http://www.qsl.net/3g5q [TNX CE4USW]

LOGS: The complete log for Mike's (OM2DX) activities from YI1BGD (1 January - 13 February 2003) has been posted on http://www.qsl.net/om2dx [TNX OM3JW]

XF1K: Pictures taken by Ray, N6VR of the recent XF1K operation from NA-167 are now available on the IREF website at http://www.islandradio.org [TNX AD5A]
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