5X - Nick, G3RWF will be active again as 5X1NH from Uganda from 23 February to 22 March. It will be a "largely holiday style operation". QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]

FR - Jean Mary, F8CHM will be active as FR5EZ from Reunion Island (AF-016) between 22 February and 21 March. Expect activity on the HF bands and 6 metres CW and SSB. QSL via home call. [TNX F5NQL]

I - Luigi, IV3LNQ reports he will operate again as IA3GM during the year to commemorate Guglielmo Marconi and his ship "Elettra". QSL via home call.

KH0 - Yu, 7K3BKY will operate as AI4GN/AH0 from Saipan (OC-086) on 17-21 February, including some limited activity during the ARRL DX CW Contest. [TNX NG3K]

LY - Eleven LY90 special event stations will be active from 16 February to 16 March to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the proclamation of the Republic of Lithuania: LY90A (operated by LY2Z), LY90BFV (LY2BFV), LY90BY (LY3BY), LY90CM (LY1CM), LY90FW (LY1FW), LY90M (LY3M), LY90MM (LY2MM), LY90Q (LY4Q), LY90W (LY3W), LY90X (LY3X), LY90Y (LY2CY). [TNX LY3X]

SM - Members of the Kungalv Radio Club (SK6NL) will be active as SF700BF during the year to celebrate the 700th anniversary of the Bohus Fortress. QSL via SK6NL. Information on the relevant award can be found at [http://www.sk6nl.com] [TNX SM6VVT]

SV9 - Willi, DJ7RJ will be active from Crete from 25 February to 15 March. He plans to operate CW and SSB on 160-10 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX AA1M]

UN - Rashad, 4J9M is still in Kazakhstan [425DXN 868] and has extended his UN/4J9M licence through 23 April. QSL via DL7EDH. [TNX 4J9M]

V6 - Ian/K5ZM (V63ZM), Ted/K8AQM (V63TR) and Brian/KG8CO (V63OC) are active from Pohnpei Island (OC-010), Micronesia until 25 February. Look for them on CW, SSB, RTTY and maybe PSK31 on 10-160 metres, and to participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest, possibly as three single band efforts. QSL all via K5ZM. [TNX The Daily DX]

W - The Mid Florida DX Association ([http://www.w4fdx.com/]) will operate again as N2D ("Now 2 Dan", in memory of founder and first club President Dan Manfre, W2NDP, who became a Silent Key in 2006) from Honeymoon Island (NA-034) on 23 February, Expect activity from 14 UTC until 21 UTC on 20 metres and possibly 15 and 17 metres. QSL via N2MFT. [TNX The Daily DX]

ZS8 - Petrus Kritzinger, ZS6GCM (3Y0E) went QRT from Bouvet Island at 19.15 UTC on 9 February. However, a new adventure from a rare and remote DXCC location is just round the corner, as Petrus is expected to spend one year on Marion island (AF-021). The arrangements are in progress and a dedicated site is under construction. Further information is expected in due course. [TNX ZS6DXB]
ANTARCTIC ACTIVITY WEEK ---> The Worldwide Antarctic Program has announced that the fifth Antarctic Activity Week will be held from 18 to 24 February. The aim of this annual event is to promote worldwide interest in the Antarctic continent. Several special event calligns from around the world are expected to take part in this year's AAW. Participating stations (QSL via operator's instructions) are announced from the following countries:

Austria     OE3AGA/AAW, OE3AIS/AAW, OE3HM/AAW, OE3KKA/AAW, OE3RPB/AAW, OE3SGA/AAW, OE3WWB/AAW
Bulgaria    LZ05ANT
Canada      VA2WAP, VA3AAO, VA3WAP, VA7AAW
England     GB0ANT, GB4IPY
France      TM5ICE, TM8ANT
Germany     DA0ANT
Indonesia   YB4IPY
Israel      4Z4DX/ANT
Italy       IA0ANT, II1ANT, II2ANT, II2EFA, II3ANT, IOOANT, IO2ANT, IO4WAP, IPOANT, IP0WAP, IROANT, IR1ANT, IR2WAP, IR6ANT, IR8PS, IR8WAP, IU8ANT
Romania     YQ2ANT
Russia      RK3DSW/ANT, UE6ANT
Spain       AO1WAP
Switzerland HB9ICE
USA         K4A, N5T/ANT

Full information on the AAW can be found at [http://www.waponline.it](http://www.waponline.it)

ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST (CW) ---> Object of the contest is for W/VE amateurs to work as many stations in as many DXCC countries as possible on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 metre bands, while foreign amateurs (also including KH6, KL7, CY9 and CY0) work as many W/VE stations in as many of the 48 contiguous states and provinces as possible (full rules can be found at [http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2008/intldx.html](http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2008/intldx.html)). The following stations have announced their participation in this year's event (from 00.00 UTC on 16 February through 24.00 UTC on the 17th):

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LX7I         Luxembourg          LX2A
NP2S         US Virgin Islands   W3HMK
PJ4?         Neth. Antilles      N4GG
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VP6DX        Ducie Island        DL6LAU
VP9/W6PH      Bermuda             W6PH
T32OU        East Kiribati       N7OU
XW1B         Laos                E21EIC

Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained
by Bill, NG3K at http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxc2008.html - good contest to you
all!

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DXCC NEWS ---> The following operations have been approved for DXCC credit:
E4/OM2DX   Palestine      2007 Operation
J5C        Guinea-Bissau  2008 Operation
VK9WWI     Willis Island  2007 operation
YI9PT      Iraq           current operation
If you have had any cards rejected for these operations, send a note to
dxcc@arrl.org to have your DXCC record updated. [TNX NC1L]

QSL FJ/OH2AM ---> Due to a printing error on the front of the full-color
FJ/OH2AM card, the entire batch was rejected upon arrival in Finland. Another
batch of QSLs was printed, and the first cards were mailed on 11 February.
All direct requests should be out by 15 March, as the ARRL will start
processing St. Barthelemy cards on 1 April. [TNX OH2BN]

QSL VIA ON4RU ---> Mar, ON4RU can confirm contacts made only with 4L1MA,
SV9/ON4RU, YB1BAD and YE1AA. He is no longer the QSL manager for other
stations. [TNX K1XN and The Golsit]

TOP BAND DINNER ---> The Top Band Dinner at the Visalia DX Convention will
take place at the Holiday Inn Visalia on 25 April. Reservations on a first
come first served basis must be received no later than 7 April or until sold out. A Registration/Information form can be downloaded from http://www.dxconvention.org/download/Top_Band_Dinner.pdf [TNX WB6RSE]

US POSTAGE RATES --> Postage rates in the US will increase effective 12 May as follows:
- First-Class Mail letter (1 oz = 28 gr) $0.42
- First-Class Mail letter (2 oz = 56 gr) $0.59
- First-Class Mail International to Canada and Mexico (1 oz.) $0.72
- First-Class Mail International to all other countries (1 oz.) $0.94
Complete rates can be found at www.usps.com/prices.

VP6DX --> Operations from Ducie Island began at 5 UTC on 11 February, with a little "cooking session" (1034 QSOs in four hours and a half) to check out the stations and available antennas. Continuous operations began at 3 UTC on 12 February, with 10,000+ QSOs logged in the first 16 hours. Please have a look at the frequency table on the website, as some of them have been adjusted.
VP6DX will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest "in a limited fashion":
- Operators are likely to pick a frequency based on band conditions, so VP6DX might not be found on the "normal" CW frequencies on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres
- They will answer ALL callers (USA/VE and others)
- They will not be chasing multipliers and will not be able to handle pass requests
- Operations on non-contest bands/band segments will continue as they have the last few days: split operations, with priority to difficult propagation paths.
The Online Log now contains 47,534 QSOs with 14,398 unique callsigns (latest update 6.14 UTC on 15 February), and the first QSO Statistics based on the log database are now available. It could happen that not all QSOs are in the database, because of difficulties in transferring the data from the island to the server.
Bookmark www.vp6dx.com for complete details and regular updates.

WPX AWARD PROGRAMME: EXPANSION --> CQ magazine and WPX Awards Manager Steve Bolia, N8BJQ, have announced several changes to the WPX Award program in response to feedback from program participants. The changes, effective immediately, add new bands (60, 30, 17, 12, and 6 metres) and create a new Digital WPX Award. Details on these and other changes will be published in the March 2008 issue of CQ magazine and can be found on the CQ magazine website at http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/WPX_Award_Rules_Mar08221308.pdf

XR7W: ACCIDENT --> The XR7W team experienced horrible weather conditions on Wager Island (SA-053) They arrived around noon on 9 February and were forced to leave some 24 hours later, after a dreadful stormy night spent trying to operate, communicate with the Chilean Navy and fight against gale force winds and pouring rain. "I had a last frenetic hour on 17m running EU at 5q/min rates under a piece of plastic, hand keying on my knee and paperlogging until the captain gave the final order to leave", Zoli, HA1AG says. XR7W went QRT with some 2400 QSOs in the log.
Once on the mainland, the team had a serious car accident - their van "slipped of the gravel road and hit a rock frontally and turned upside-down".
Zoli and his friends (Vlad/RV1CC, Marco/CE6TBN and Yuri/RA0FU) were hospitalized at Coyhaique, were they were diagnosed with cuts, bruises and several broken bones. Their first priority at the moment "is to get out from Coyhaique", Zoli says. Damages and additional costs are estimated in excess of 11,000 euros, and "if you can and want to contribute to lessen these damages" please feel free to contact Zoli (halag@yahoo.com).

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