3A - Carlos, EA1DVY will be active as 3A/EA1DVY from Monaco between 23 February and 3 March. He will concentrate on 160 metres SSB (look for him around 1843 kHz), and will participate in both the CQ WW 160M SSB and ARRL DX SSB contests. QSL via home call. [TNX EA1DVY]

5Z - Sigi, DL7DF will be active as 5Z4HW from Diani Beach, Kenya from 27 February to 11 March. He plans to operate "as often as possible" on all bands and modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Sigi's website is at http://www.dl7df.com [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

6W - Alessandro, IK4ALM will be active as 6W/IK4ALM from Senegal on 16-27 March. He plans to operate holiday style on 10-40 metres with 100 watts to a groundplane. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX IK4ALM]

BV - Expect BU2AI to operate again as BU2AI/9 from the Matsu Islands (AS-113) between 1 and 20 March. He operates CW and SSB in his spare time, and during his first activity (5-19 February) he made some 1200 QSOs. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Please visit Visit http://bu2ai.tripod.com/BU2AI-9-Matsu-2008.htm for updates.

C9 - Frosty/K5LBU (C91CF), Tom/NQ7R (C91TK), Jay/W5SL (callsign TBA), Bill/N2SN (callsign TBA) and Hal/ZS6WB (callsign TBA) will be active from Mozambique between 16 and 31 July. They plan to operate CW, SSB, PSK and RTTY on 160-6 metres with two stations. QSL via home call. If interested in joining the expedition, please contact K5LBU (frosty1@pdq.net) for more details. The web page for the operation is at http://www.tdxs.net/C9.html

FS & FJ - Yannick, F6FYD (HH2FYD) will leave Haiti early next month. Between 8 and 12 March he will be on St. Martin (FS) and St. Barthelemy (FJ) before heading back to France. [TNX F6AJA]

GD & GJ - Peter, K8PT and Craig, K3PLV will be active as MD/K8PT and MD/K3PLV from the Isle of Man (EU-116) on 19-21 March, and as MJ/K8PT and MJ/K3PLV from Jersey (EU-013) on 22-27 March. QSL via home calls. Check http://home.roadrunner.com/~crahill/ for additional information. "Since this is our first time on the Isle of Man", Peter says, "we would be interested as to what needs there are in the DX community (bands/modes). Please e-mail k8pt@arrl.net".

HK0 - Six members of the Texas DX Society (namely Bill/K5WAF, Jim/N4AL, Keith/NM5G, Paul/W5PF, Chuck/W5PR and Cal/WF5W) will operate from San Andres Island (NA-033) on 1-6 March, ARRL DX SSB Contest included. They plan to use two separate stations with beam and vertical antennas. After the contest, they will use individual callsigns on SSB, CW and digital modes on the major HF bands. Callsign assignments are pending. QSL for all via W5PF. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. The web page for the expedition is at www.tdxs.net/hk0.html

J8 - Dave, G3TBK will be active as J88DR from St. Vincent (NA-109) for
the ARRL DX SSB Contest. During the week after the contest he will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and SSTV on all bands. [TNX NG3K]

OH - Jukka, OH4MFA will be active as OH4MFA/1 from Kustavi Island (EU-096) on 23-24 February. He will participate in the CQ WW 160-Meter SSB Contest and will also operate CW on 20, 30 and 40 metres, with 100 watts and vertical antennas. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

OK - Back in March 1978 Vladimir Remek was the first Czechoslovak in space, as well as the first cosmonaut from a country other than the Soviet Union or the United States. To commemorate that event, special station OL30SPACE will be active on 1-30 March. QSL via OK1TIR. [TNX OK1TIR]

PJ7 - Look for Bil, PJ7/W8EB (and Dorothy, W8DVC) to be active from Sint Maarten (NA-105) from 24 February through 23 March. Plans are to operate CW, SSB, PSK31 and RTTY on 10-160 metres. W8EB will participate in the ARRL SSB DX Contest as PJ7B. All QSL via W8EB. [TNX Ng3K]

TI - Twelve members of the Southeastern DX Club will be operating TI50DX during the ARRL DX Phone contest (1-2 March). This activity is part of the celebration of the SEDXC's 50th anniversary. QSL via N4NX. Look for the operators using their individual call signs prior to the contest. [TNX NG3K]

V2 - Nobby, GOVJG (V25V) reports he will be back to Antigua (NA-100) on 28-30 March, for the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via G4DFI.

V3 - Michael, DF8AN will be active (on the HF bands mainly CW) as V31MN from Caye Caulker (NA-073) and Ambergris Caye (NA-073), Belize from 23 February to 9 March. QSL via home call. [TNX ARRL DX Bulletin]

V3 - John, W5JON and his wife Cathy, W5HAM will be vacationing on Ambergris Caye (NA-073), Belize on 26-31 March. John will be active again as V31FB on 160-6 metres SSB, including a SOAB entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via home call. [TNX W5JON]

VK - The VK6 DX Chasers Club (DXCC) will be active as VK6FAU from Faure Island (OC-206) from 26 March to 1 April, including a Multi-Single entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. The operators (VK6JX, VK6APK, VK6NU, VK6YEL, VK6EH, VK6TT, VK6HRC, VK6HTW and VK6XI) will be active on 80-6 metres SSB, CW and digital modes, and they will also give 160m a try. QSL via VK6NE, direct or bureau. They have a blog at http://vk6fau.wordpress.com/ [TNX VK6APK]

VP5 - Bill/KX4WW, Vic/W4VIC, Noll/W9RN and Bruce/W4OV will be active as VP5/homecall from 24 March to 1 April. QSL via home call. They will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as VQ59W (QSL via KX4WW, direct only; logs will be uploaded to LoTW). [TNX N1BAA]

VP8_fi - Ulli, DL2AH will be active from Pebble Island, Falkland Islands (SA-002) from 26 February to 13 March. He will operate mainly SSB with some RTTY on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX NG3K]

YN - Roberto, IV3IYH will be active as H7/IV3IYH from Nicaragua from 28 February to 11 March, including an entry in the ARRL DX SSB Contest as HT2N. Outside the contest activity will be mostly CW with emphasis on 12, 17, 30 metres and the low bands. QSL both callsigns via IK2ILH, direct or bureau. E-mail requests for bureau cards can be sent to ik2ilh@libero.it [TNX IV3IYH]

YN - Alex/YV5SSB, Jose/YV5TX and possibly others will be active as YN2YV
from Granada, Nicaragua on 17-21 March. Plans are to have at least two stations 160-10 metres, plus 60 and 6 metres. Experienced CW and/or RTTY operators who may be willing to join the team are invited to send an e-mail to 4m5dx@gmail.com; further information can be found at http://www.yn2yv.4m5dx.info. QSL via IT9DAA. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW.

CQ WW 160-METER DX CONTEST (SSB) ---> Object of the contest is for amateurs worldwide to work as many US States, Canadian provinces and countries as possible on 160 metres SSB (full rules can be found at http://cq-amateur-radio.com/NEW160_CntRules_200810207.pdf. The following stations have announced their participation in this year's event (from 00.00 UTC on 23 February through 23.59 UTC on the 24th):

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Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cq160s2008.html - good contest to you all!

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DXCC NEWS ---> The 3Y0E operation from Bouvet Island (December 2007-February 2008) has been approved for DXCC credit. If you had cards rejected for this operation, please send an e-mail to the ARRL DXCC Desk (dxcc@arrl.org) to have your DXCC record updated.

NOT THE MANAGER ---> Bill, K8ZBY says he is still getting cards for 9K2FM, but he is not and has never been the QSL manager for this station.

PROJECT GOODWILL KOSOVA ---> G3TXF, N7NG, OH2BH, OH2PM, ON8NC and W3UR were active from Kosovo with licences issued by UNMIK (the United Nations Mission In Kosovo) on 16-21 February, "in an effort to support and help revitalize
Amateur Radio locally”. QSL YU8/homecall via home calls, QSL YU8/OH2R via OH2BN. As for the DXCC status of Kosova, it will be added to the DXCC list (1) it becomes a member of the UN, or (2) if it receives a prefix bloc from the ITU. The date upon which either (1) or (2) occurs will be the event date (see https://www.arrl.org/blog/DXCC%20Dialog).

QSL HV50VR ---> Please note that the new address for the QSL manager (IW0GPN) is: Alessandro Carletti, P. O. Box 123, 33085 Maniago - PN, Italy.

QSL SU8BHI ---> Gab, HA3JB (http://www.qsl.net/ha3jb) has received the cards from the printer and direct requests are being answered. If you do not get your card, please feel free to e-mail him (ha3jb@t-email.hu)

QSL ZB2EO ---> John, ZB2EO (G4JTC) says that RW6HS is not his QSL manager. Cards should be sent direct only to John J. Bautista, 47 Valiant House, Varyl Begg Estate, Gibraltar.

QSL VIA K3IRV ---> Effective immediately, due to the illness of the former QSL manager (K3PD), Irv, K3IRV has taken over the QSL duties for the following calls: 5N0NAS, 5Z2ES, 9Z4DI, BX2/NE3H, C95WH, EL2JH, FM5WE, OX3SA, T32Z, T88RZ, TA3DD, VP2MNI, VP5FEB, ZL2MAT, Z21FO, Z21GC, Z21GX, Z22JE, ZS4U, ZS6CCY and ZS9X. Irv will answer all cards received either direct or by the bureau. Any cards received without sufficient return postage will be returned via the bureau. [TNX K3IRV]

+ SILENT KEYS + Recently reported Silent Keys include Harvey Hiller (K6QK), Bob Cheek (W3VT), John R. Beck (W4AI), Jordan Mash (WB2QLP) and Rod Dinkins (AC6V), the creator of the world-renowned "Amateur Radio and DX Reference Guide" (www.ac6v.com).

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B7C, 3C7Y, 3DA0ZO, 3Y0E, 4L/UD4JMG, 403A, 403B, 4S7NE, 4UI1WRC, 4X4BL, 5B4AGC, 5B4HA, 5B8AD, 5H1CM, 5L2MS, 5N8NHF, 5R8GZ, 6E4LM, 6W1J, 8PF5A, 9G5Z, 9H2O, 9J2VB, 9M2AX, 9X0VB, 9Y4AA, A45WD, A45XR, AALL8L (NA-076), AHOV, AH2L, BY1TX/4 (AS-146), C4N, C52C, C6AP, CE1/K7CA, CE1/VE7SV, CN3A, CN8IG, CO8LY, CP4BT, CT3FT, CU2A, CX7C, D2NX, DU1IVT, DU3XNE, E4/OM2DX, E51A, E51MM, EL2DX, EP2MKO, ES1QD, ET3JA, FM5BH, FS/EA5YH, GJ0KYZ, GM5CX, HC2AD, HC8AE, HK3BD, HK3O, HK6P, HP4/W4JKC (NA-088), HQ9R, HV50VR, HV5PUL, J280O, JD1BMH, JT1CO, KC4AAA, KG6DX, KL1V, LU2QC, LU7YS, MM0EAX (EU-009), OJ0B, OM4EX, OX/NA1SA, P3F, RAIQ, RW1L, S51V, S59A, S79A, S79U, ST2A, SV2ASP/A, SV9/DR6FL, T77NM, T88LY, T88RY, T88UY, TA3J, TN6X, TN9Z, T05FJ, TR5OR, TR8CA, UA02C, U8E1N/1 (EU-162), US5XD, V31BH, V631R, V73KN, V73NT, V8FWP, V8FWU, VI9NI, VK9AH, VK9NS, VK9WWI, VP2M2M, VP5/AE6XY, VP5/W3AVO, VP8D1Z, VU2SWS, WP3C, YB5AQB, YI9X, YL2SM, YL3FT, YM1907FB, YN2S, YN9H, YS3/12JIN, Z22JE, Z29KM, ZB2FK, ZC4LI, ZD7X, ZK2AH, ZL7/LD2AH.

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