3B - Rachid, 3B8FQ reports that his working trip to St. Brandon Island (3B7) may be rescheduled for February. His earlier 3B7FQ operation was cancelled due to transportation problems. He is also planning a personal holiday with ham gear to Rodriguez Island (3B9FQ) in July, and a return trip to Agalega Island (3B6FQ) in November. Details will be provided as they are available. Meanwhile, Rachid is often QRV on 40-10 metres, CW and SSB. QSL via K5XK. [TNX K5XK]

3V - The TS7C [425DXN 912] multi-national team now includes 25 operators (namely DL1BDF, F1HRE, F2VX, F4AJQ, F4EGD, F4EVR, F5EOT, F5PED, F5UFX, F6AXX, F6BIV, F6CTT, F6ENO, FBBJI, F8IJV, F9IE, FM5CD, G0OPB, I2VGW, N2WB, N6OJ, OE8KDK, OE8SKQ, OE9AMJ and ON7RN). They will leave Paris on 8 January and expect to be QRV with the first station from Chergui Island, Kerkennah (AF-073) in their late afternoon or early evening hours. They will be active until around 18-19 UTC on 18 January, as they will depart the island in very early morning of the 19th. They plan to have six stations active on 160-10 metres CW, SSB, FM and digital modes (RTTY, PSK31, BPSK, SSTV), with special attention to be paid to 160 and 80 metres. The antenna farm will consist of verticals and wires for the low bands and Spiderbeams from 40 to 10m. QSL via F4EGD, direct or bureau. Please visit http://www.ts7c.net/ for further information, suggested frequencies, updates, QSLling instructions and on-line logs. [TNX F5NQL]

8Q - Andy, G7COD will be active again as 8Q7AK from Embudu, Maldives (AS-013) on 11-27 January. He plans to operate SSB and CW on 40-12 metres (suggested frequencies and operating schedule at www.qrz.com/8q7ak). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX G7COD]

9A - Seven special event stations will be active until 1 February from the host cities of the Men's World Handball Championship that is going to be held in Croatia (http://www.croatia2009.com/). Look for 9A2009OS (Osijek), 9A2009PO (Porec), 9A2009PU (Pula), 9A2009ST (Split), 9A2009VZ (Varazdin), 9A2009ZD (Zadar) and 9A2009ZG (Zagreb). QSL via bureau. [TNX VA3RJ]

C6 - Karney/W2AFC, Dave/N1EMC and Bill/NE1B will operate from Nassau (NA-001, Grid Square FL15), Bahamas with Tom/C6ANM during the following contests: CQ WW 160M CW (23-25 January), ARRL DX CW (21-22 February), CQ WW 160M SSB (27 February-1 March), ARRL DX SSB (6-8 March). Additional C6ANM DX activity on 160-6 metres will be from 1 January through 1 April. QSL C6ANM via LOTW (preferred) or direct to WA2IYO. [TNX NE1B]

CE - Esteban, XQ7UP and other seven operators from Chile and France will be active as XR5L from Santa Maria Island (SA-070) and lighthouse from 28 January to 4 February. They plan to operate SSB
and CW on all bands. QSL via CE6AMN. Further information can be found on the Three Stars DX Group's website at [http://www.3stardxgroup.cl/](http://www.3stardxgroup.cl/) [TNX Q07UP]

**E4** - Salvador, C31CT has joined the team (Vinicio/IK2CIO, Simone/IZ0BTV, Aurelio/IZ0EGM, Giorgio/IZ4AKS, Pasquale/IZ8IYX and Les/SP3DOI) that is currently active as E44M [425DXN 918] from Palestine. Operations started on 2 January and will continue until the local evening of the 10th, as the team is expected to leave on the 11th at 10h. Arturo, IK7JWY liaises with the team and the amateur radio community through the forum which can be found at [http://www.hamradioweb.org/forums/forumdisplay.php?f=39](http://www.hamradioweb.org/forums/forumdisplay.php?f=39). QSL via SP3DOI (bureau) or IZ0BTV (direct); further information, including QSLling instructions and on-line logs, at www.dxcoffee.com/e44m/

**EA** - Adolfo, EA7TV will be active as ED7TV from the two Rota lighthouses (ARLHS SPA-085 and SPA-339) on 9-11 January. He plans to operate on 20 and 40 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX EA7TV]

**FW** - Eli/HA9RE, Laci/HA0NAR and Sara/HA9SDA will be active as FW5RE from Wallis Island (OC-054) starting on 27-28 January until 17 February. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-10 metres with two stations. QSL via HA8IB. Donations will be gratefully accepted (please contact ha9re@freemail.hu if willing to help). [TNX HA8IB]

**G** - Founded in 1969 by the late John Morris, G3ABG, the Worked All Britain Awards Group celebrates its 40th anniversary. GB40WAB will be aired for the entire anniversary year from different locations, and it may be used from any of the seven British DXCC Entities. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. Further information on the event and the relevant award can be found at [http://www.worked-all-britain.co.uk/](http://www.worked-all-britain.co.uk/)

**HI** - Simone, IZ5JNQ will be active as HI7/IZ5JNQ from the Dominican Republic (NA-096) between 5 January and 5 February 2009. He also plans to go and operate as HI2/IZ5JNQ from the coastal islands (NA-122) of Saona and Catalina during that time frame. [TNX IZ5MMB]

**HK** - Cody, KC2LSD will be active as HK3/KC2LSD from Colombia on 9-15 January. He plans to be QRV mainly around 23 UTC on 20, 30 and 40 metres, with some day time operation as well. [TNX K1XN and The Golist]

**KH2** - Yoshi, JE2EHP will be active as K1HP/KH2 from Guam (OC-026) on 16-19 January. He plans to operate SSB, CW and RTTY on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via JE2EHP, bureau preferred. [TNX JE2EHP]

**PA** - Look for Raymond, PA6FUN to be active on various bands and modes from Schiermonnikoog Island (EU-038) and lighthouse on 2-6 January. QSL via PE1GUR.

**P4** - Peter, EA5GVH will be active as P40PZ from Aruba (SA-036) on 12-28 January. He will operate digital modes (PSK, Olivia, FeldHell, SSTV, RTTY and others) and SSB on 80-6 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]

**S2** - The expedition to St. Martin's Island (AS-127) [425DXN 916] is now expected to take place on 16-22 January. Six operators will be active as S21DX on 10, 12, 15, 17, 20, 40 and 80 metres SSB and RTTY. QSL direct to EB7DX. Please visit [http://s2iota.eb7dx.com/](http://s2iota.eb7dx.com/) for further information and updates.

**S7** - Jan, DL7JAN will be active as S79JP from Praslin Island (AF-024),
Seychelles from 22 February to 6 March. He plans to operate CW, SSB, RTTY and maybe PSK31 on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX DL7JAN]

TL - Chris (ex-5U5U) expects to start activity from the Central African Republic (requested call TL0A) around 15 January. He will operate in his spare time, with an amplifier and a 6-band yagi, plus dipoles and a long wire. QSL to Christian Saint Arroman, Chemin de Mouteguy, 64990 Urcuit, France. [TNX The Daily DX]

UA - A few activities for the World Flora Fauna Award are expected to take place between 3 and 8 January. Look for UE1RFF/4 and UE9WFF/4 to operate from five different locations. QSLs via UA1RJ. [TNX RW3GW]

VK - VI2BV90 is the special callsign issued to the Waverley Amateur Radio Society (www.vk2bv.org), the oldest continuously licensed amateur radio club in Australia, to celebrate its 90th anniversary. The special callsign will be in use by the club station from 24 January to 1 February. Expect SSB activity on on or near 3590, 7090, 14190, 21190 and 28490 kHz. [TNX VK3FM]

W - Wade, AA8LL will be active as AA8LL/4 from Cedar Keys (NA-076) from around 22 UTC on 17 January to around 17 UTC on the 20th. Holiday style operating will be mostly CW and RTTY on 80-17 metres with 100 watts and wires. QSL via AA8LL, direct or bureau. He will upload his log to LoTW. [TNX AA8LL]

PACIFIC TRIP ---> Udo, DL9HCU is currently active as 3D2HC from the Fiji Islands. Starting around 8-9 January he will be on Banaba Island, possibly signing T33HC. After that he plans to go and operate from Western Kiribati as T30HC. QSL via DL9HCU. [TNX The Daily DX]

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425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The latest issue (December 2008) is now available at http://www.425dxn.org/monthly/index.html. Articles and pictures should be sent to Nicola Baldresca, IZ3EBA.

I2UIY MEMORIAL PLAQUE PROGRAMME ---> Two plaques will be sponsored annually by CQ Magazine for the CQ WW WPX RTTY Contest and the CQ WW RTTY Contest in memory of Paolo Cortese, I2UIY. The recipients will be chosen by the CQ RTTY Contest Committee from among all single-operator entries from DXpeditions in that year's contest. Final score is only one aspect considered in determining the recipient: difficulty of the endeavor, rarity of location, contribution to the local environment, etc. are all factors that are important in determining the winner.

CQ DX MARATHON ---> The CQ DX Marathon is a year-long DX hunt, with participants competing to see who can work the greatest number of countries ("entities") and CQ zones during the calendar year. The 2009 edition started at 00.00 UTC on 1 January and will end at 23.59 UTC on 31 December.
Complete rules and submission information can be found at www.dxmarathon.com - and remember to submit your 2008 scores by 31 January 2009. [TNX K9EL]

CQ WW WPX CONTEST ---> The new rules for the 2009 CQ WPX Contest are now available (http://www.cqwpx.com/rules.htm). There are changes throughout the rules and, even though most of them are administrative and should have little impact on the competitive and fun aspects of the contest, participants are encouraged to read the complete rules carefully. The SSB event will be held on 28-29 March, followed by the CW event on 30-31 May.

DX SOUND CLIPS ---> Tom's (K8CX) DX sound clips for 2008 can be found at http://hamgallery.com/dx2008/; the collection of 120 streaming Real Audio DX clips covers all the major DXpeditions, plus rare and semi-rare DX.

HOGWASH FOR HAMSTERS ---> Jerry Spring, VE6CNU is the author of "Hogwash for Hamsters: A Light-hearted Look at the Hobby of Amateur Radio", a 111-page book that casts a humorous look at the hobby of amateur radio: "When we take ourselves less seriously, we become even better ambassadors to the world". Complete information can be found at http://www.trafford.com/08-1259

QSL BX2AAL ---> As of 28 December 2008, NI5DX is the QSL manager for Jack, BX2AAL. Buzz will be able to answer all requests for cards as soon as the logs are transferred and QSL cards are printed. [TNX K1XN and The Golist]

QSL II5EME ---> Direct and bureau cards for the 13th International EME Conference's special event station are being sending out. The Conference papers and a few photo galleries are available at http://www.eme2008.org/ [TNX IW5EIJ]

QSL RA1QKI/1 ---> The new QSL route for RA1QKI/1 (EU-102 and EU-160, August 2007) is via UA1RJ. [TNX UA1RJ]

QSL VIA UA1RJ ---> The "World Flora Fauna" (www.wff44.com) is an award programme for contacts made with amateur radio stations operating from national parks and nature reserves worldwide. UA1RJ is the QSL manager for the following operations conducted by the WFF Russian Team in 2008: RA3AAU/3 (July), RW3GW/3 (July), UE1RFF, UE1RFF/1 (December), UE1RFF/3 (September-November), UE1TFF (July), UE1ZFF (July), UE3FFF/3 (July) and UE9WFF/1 (August). [TNX RW3GW]

QSL GALLERY ---> The large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's web site has been updated. Twelve different galleries include cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (234 QSLs), the 58 deleted DXCC entities (927 QSLs), obsolete prefixes (2475 QSLs), stations from Magreb from 1947 to 1962 (292 QSLs), Antarctic bases (719 QSLs) & TAAF (Terres Australes and Antarctiques Francaises, 245 QSLs), the various French DXCC island Entities in the Pacific Ocean (228 QSLs) & the Indian Ocean (95 QSLs), pre-1945 countries (511 QSLs), French Departments (508 QSLs) and USA (49 QSLs) plus a gallery for cards not accepted by DXCC (104 QSLs). Several cards are still needed and your participation is encouraged - please visit http://LesNouvellesdx.fr and send your comments to
QSL.NET ---> After 13 years of providing the amateur radio community with no cost web space, e-mail forwarding and mailing list services through QSL.net and QTH.net, Al Waller (K3TKJ) has decided to retire. All QSL.net and QTH.net servers and Internet connections at his home QTH are being turned down, while Scott, KA9FOX is in the process of migrating all services to new hardware. Please check http://www.qsl.net/ for updates on server migration.

TOP LISTS ---> The latest Topband, Topmode and Toplist listings are now available at http://www.425dxn.org/awards/toplist/index.html. Please note that QSOs confirmed through LoTW or included in on-line logs are eligible for listing. Send send your scores, as well as any request for further information, to Erminio Pandocchi, I2EOW (i2eow@fastwebnet.it)

VISALIA 2009 ---> Sponsored this year by the Northern California DX Club, the 60th Annual International DX Convention will take place on 17-19 April at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center in Visalia, California. Please visit www.dxconvention.org for further information and registration forms.

ZL DX HALL OF FAME ---> The newly established New Zealand DX Hall of Fame honours those outstanding ZL DXers who have excelled in our radio sport hobby over many years. After much deliberation the judges (ZL1AIH, ZL3JT and ZL3NB) were unanimous in their selection and have elected the first three ZL radio amateurs to the New Zealand DX Hall of Fame for 2009: Roy Jackson (ZL4BO), Ron Wright (ZL1AMO) and Jock White (ZL2GX, SK). Details can be found at http://www.southgatearc.org/

+ SILENT KEYS + Recently reported Silent Keys include Rev. Padraic O'Kelly (EI5DA), Birgit Nilsson (SM7DBI, wife to Arne Nilsson, SM7AED) and Stanley A. Goldin (W2DNO).

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