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REPORT FROM FIJI ASSOCIATION OF RADIO AMATEURS 2002/2003.

Members. The number of members has decreased during the last two years, at least two of our active members Craig (TC), and Father Steve (SJ), have returned to their countries of origin. Antoine (AG) spends most of his time in Tahiti where he has at last obtained a FOS licence.

Our current roll call is,

Aisea (AA) Lautoka,	Antoine (AG) Suva,
Fred (CC) Muscat Cove,	Carol (CF) Suva,
Dick (CM) Suva,	Keith (CS) Suva,
Bill (DI) Suva,	Dick (DN) Pacific Harbour,
Raj (ER) Suva,	Harry (HN) Lami,
Joseva (JO) Suva,	Savenaca (LD) Suva,
Mike (MP) Suva,	Stephen (SC) Naitaba Island,
Jolanthe (AJ) Natuva.	

ACTIVITIES DURING 2002/3.

A number of overseas amateurs visited Fiji and conducted mini-Dxpeditions. Some had contacted us to get advice on how to get a licence, how to arrange to bring equipment into the country and various other problems. One or two were helped by lending them our ancient TS830 and a dipole antenna. This saved them the hassle of bringing equipment through Customs.

3D2CM was involved in May 2003 in the celebration of the first Trans-Pacific flight by Kingsford-Smith held at Oakland International Airport. The radio side of this was arranged by the East Bay Amateur Radio Club (W6CUS). There was also a celebration here in Suva where a video showing archival clips taken at the time were shown. Our Fiji Museum also displayed photographs of the "Southern Cross" about to land on Albert Park, the sports field in the centre of Suva. Amateurs played an important part in keeping in touch with Kingsford-Smith during this flight in 1928.

Those of us interested in six metres had a thin time, we could hear VKs and ZLs working many exotic countries but signals seemed to go right over our heads. Aisake (3D2AA) still keeps 3D2 on the air with PSK31 and one or two other exotic modes.

Well there is a brief summary of the highlights of FARA's activities in 2002/3.

Very best wishes for the Conference in Taipei in February. I am sure that we are all sorry that we wont be there.

Dick Northcott (3D2CM)

President FARA.

R. L. Northcott.

24th December 2003