3D2_r - Eddie, VK4AN (3D2A) says that a team of Pacific DXers (http://pacific-dxers.com) "have all permits in place" and are planning operate from Rotuma for three weeks in June. The callsign has not been assigned yet, but they expect to be issued with either 3D2P or 3D20R, with 3D2A/R as an alternative. Current operators include VK4AN, 3D2DD and VK4FW; they are seeking expressions of interest from experienced CW, SSB and digital mode operators and possibly a 6m enthusiast. [TNX DX World]

5W - An advance party of three T31A team members is currently in Apia, Samoa to inspect the equipment shipped from California. They operate as 5W0JK (QSK via W2IJ), 5W0QQ (QSL via N7CQQ) and 5W0X (QSL via W9IXX) as time allows. The entire team will leave Apia on 13 April; the voyage to Kanton (T31) will take about four days.

9A - Look for 9A/HA5AUC, 9A/HA5BWW and 9A/HA7PC to be active from Rab Island (EU-136) on 11-18 April. They will operate mainly CW with some SSB on 80-6 metres. QSL via home calls, bureau preferred. [TNX HA0HW]

9N - Dov, 4Z4DX (9N7DX) and his wife Anat (9N7YL) will be active from Nepal on 13-30 April. Dov plans to operate mainly on 20, 12, 15, 10 and 6 metres CW, RTTY and PSK31, with some SSB. QSL via 4Z4DX. The website for the operation is at www.9n7dx.com

A2 - Filip, ON4AEO and other seven operators from Belgium and South Africa will be active as A25FC from Botswana on 14-18 April. They plan to operate SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK on 80-10 metres. QSL via ON4CJK. [TNX NG3K]

DL - DJ9MD, DK8MIL, DK7JAN and DK9BTX will be active as DF0TM from Sylt Island (EU-042) on 15-18 April. QSL via bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

F - Special event call TM26UFT will in use on 10-24 April for the 26th annual general meeting of the Union Francaise des Telegraphistes, the French CW Society (www.uft.net). All of the QSOs will be confirmed by the bureau and LoTW. Direct cards should be sent to F6ICG. [TNX F5NQL]

FJ - Anne, OH2YL will be active as FJ/OH2YL from Saint Barthelemy (NA-146) on 15-27 April. She will operate CW only on 160-10 metres. QSL via home call, bureau or direct, and LoTW. Further information and QRZs for bureau cards can be found at www.fjoh2yl.com [TNX DX World]

G - Celebrating 45 years of the Havering & District ARC, GX4HRC/A is active (CW only) from the QTH of Fred, G3SVK. QSL via G3SVK (who still has the complete logs of the 3V8DX DXpedition in 1982). [TNX G3SVK]

HI - The Radio Club Dominicano will be active as HI1RCD from Isla Beata (NA-122) from around 14 UTC on 9 April until 14 UTC on the 10th. Five operators will be QRV on 80-10 metres SSB. QSL via bureau.
KP4 - Special event station N4S will be active on 80-10 metres SSB from Puerto Rico on 11-12 April to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first manned space flight by Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin (12 April 1961) and the 30th anniversary of the first flight of the Space Shuttle Columbia (12 April 1981). QSL via WP3GW. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

LA - The 8-11 April LA6Q activity from IOTA group EU-079 [425DXN 1039] has been postponed to a later date.

SM - Fred, SM7DAY will be active as SM7DAY/p from Senoren Island (EU-138) on 16-23 April. He will operate CW and/or SSB on the HF bands. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX SM7DAY]

T6 - The Intrepid-DX Group continues to move forward with their plans to conduct the T6PSE DXpedition [425DXN 1017] to take place from Afghanistan during ten days in May. Due to security concerns, the exact dates and location of the DXpedition will not be announced until the eve of their activation. Their primary objective is to provide as many DXers as possible a "new one" with this rare DXCC entity and, as a secondary objective, to give as many band-slots as possible. "We anticipate that we will be working EU amateur stations nearly around the clock", they say, "but we will ask for their cooperation to allow us to work North and South America during those brief periods each day when propagation will permit us to work those far away regions". The website for the expedition can be found at www.intrepid-dx.com/t6pse/index.php [TNX N6PSE]

VE - The "NA-128 Contest Group" (www.qsl.net/na128cg/) will be active as XM2I from Isle-aux-Grues (NA-128, C.Is.A QC-038) on 29-31 July. They will be operate SSB, CW, RTTY, PSK31 on 80-6 metres with "many stations", including an entry in the IOTA Contest. A short activity from Isle-aux-Oies (C.Is.A. QC-038) might take place after the contest. QSL via VE2CQ. [TNX VE2EBK]

AUSTRALIAN POSTAL RATES ---> Effective 4 April, the new rates for airmail letters are AUD 1.55 for destinations in the Asia/Pacific zone, and AUD 2.25 for destinations in the rest of the world. Postage calculator and currency converter on-line services are provided by Australia Post (http://auspost.com.au/)

BRITISH POSTAL RATES ---> Stamp price rises in the United Kingdom took effect on 4 April. The new rates for airmail letters are as follows:

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QSL NAVASSA 1993 ---> Jun, OE1ZKC (JH4RHF) reports that the original logs for the 1993 DXpedition to Navassa Island have been retrieved from the widow of Vance LePierre (N5VL/W5IJU), the team leader and QSL manager.
Should you still need a card for KH2S/KP1, KH2W/KP1, KH2Y/KP1, NF6S/KP1 or W5IJU/KP1, you can send your request to Jun Tanaka, P.O. Box 1200, 1400 Wien, Austria. "I will try to put all of log data into electric format", Jun says, "and upload to LoTW. He can be contacted at jh4rhf[at]arrl.net"

QSL SU1SK ---> Hawk, SM5AQD is the QSL route for SU1SK, but he has neither the logs nor the blank QSL cards. He simply collects the QSLs (direct only, see qrz.com) and forwards the information to Said, who checks his log and mails the cards from Egypt. "I am very sorry", Hawk says, "but a QSL card via bureau is impossible to arrange for me and him". [TNX NG3K]

QSL V31JP ---> Lon Miller, KA9WON is no longer the QSL manager for V31JP. According to qrz.com, cards should be sent direct to Joseph L. Pontek Sr., P.O. Box 280, Dangriga, Stann Creek District, Belize. Joe also uses LoTW.

QSL ZL8X ---> "Nearly 4,000 letters are out now", DL1MGB reported on 4 April, "All direct OQRS requests until end of February were sent. Mario [DJ2MX] will continue now with the direct mail he received". Please refrain from sending emails about your cards' status, as they will go unanswered. "Please be patient until we sent out ALL QSL cards".

+ SILENT KEYS + Lothar Wilke, DL3TD (ex DM2DUK and Y24UK) died at 58 years of age in his house fire in the early hours of 7 April. He was DARC DX and Contest manager, and the driving force behind the successful DF0HQ/DA0HQ contest station.

Gerard LeDrean (F6IJW) passed away a few days ago after a long illness of heart complications. Gerard was also active in the 1980s as FH8CL from Mayotte and FR5ER from Reunion Island.

Dianna R. Killeen (KB6NAN) passed away on 6 April at 62 years of age. "K6KLY, Russ, will be taking over QSLing chores as Dianna was a QSL manager for several stations", The Daily DX reports. "He expects to have the logs after April 23rd".

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