3A - Andrea, IZ2LSC will be active as 3A/IZ2LSC from Monaco on 30 April and 1 May. He will be running 100 watts into a multiband vertical antenna, with planned activity on 40-10 metres SSB and QRS CW. QSL via home call (bureau preferred) and LoTW.

3A - Special callsign 3A2CWG will be in use on 1-31 May to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Monaco Telegraphy Group (3A-CW-G). QSL via 3A2LF.

4J - Special callsign 4JV3AM will be in use on 4-20 May to celebrate the 66th anniversary of the end of World War II and honour Azerbaijani hero Mamish Abdullayev. QSL via RW6HS (direct only). [TNX RW6HS]

5R - Giorgio, IZ4AKS will be active as 5R8KS from Nosy Be (AF-057) from 31 May to 6 June. He plans to operate holiday style on 40-10 metres CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via IZ8IYX. Further information at www.dxcoffee.com/5r8ks/

8P - Fred, PY2XB will be active as 8P9XB from Barbados (NA-021) on 8-21 May. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 80-6 metres (beacon on 50.099 MHz). QSL via PT7WA.

9M2 - VK6DXI's trip to Malaysia [425DXN 1041] has been delayed. He will be active as 9M8DX/2 from Kuala Lumpur, West Malaysia on 2-7 May, one week later than expected. This will a business trip, with some CW activity during the local evening hours. QSL via SP5UAF. [TNX VK6DXI]

DL - Thomas, HB9SVT will be active as DL/HB9SVT from Fehmarn Island (EU-128) from 22 May to 12 June. He plans to be QRV on 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and BPSK31, and to operate from several lighthouses. QSL via homecall, direct or bureau, plus LoTW and eQSL. Detailed information can be found at www.hb9svt.ch/dl-hb9svt [TNX HB9SVT]

GM - A group of Camb-Hams members will be active as GS3PYE/p and GS6PYE/p from the Isle of Arran (EU-123) on 1-8 May. They will be QRV on most HF bands SSB, digital modes and some CW, as well as on 6, 4 and 2m, plus 70cm via satellites. QSL via M0VFC, direct or bureau. Further information can be found at www.dx.camb-hams.com [TNX M0VFC]

HI - Ronny, ON4ARV will be active as HI7/OT4R from Punta Cana, Dominican Republic (NA-096) on 2-20 May. He will operate SSB on 10, 15 and 20 metres on a daily basis between 20 and 22 UTC. QSL via LoTW and eQSL only. [TNX NG3K]

HL - A group of eight operators will be active as HLOA from Kanghwa Island (AS-105) from 29 April to 1 May. QSL via HL2UVH.

HL - Han DS2GGO, Son DS3HWS, Chae DS5BSX and possibly others will be active from Pigum Island (AS-060) on 7-9 May. Plans are to operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 80-10 metres. QSL via home calls.
Log search at http://ds2goo.karl.or.kr/2011/Pigum_Island/ after the operation. [TNX HL1VAU]

I - The Extreme DX & Contest Group (www.extremegroup.org) will operate as IL3A from several different islands in Venice Lagoon between 30 April and 30 October. QSL via IK3HHX, direct or bureau. [TNX IZ3EBA]

I - Promoting the "Antonio Canova Award", special station II3AC will be active on 1-31 May. The award is issued by ARI Treviso (www.ariatreviso.it/Diploma Canova.html) to celebrate this famous Italian sculptor, who was born in 1757 in a village near Treviso. QSL via IK3GES, direct or bureau. [TNX IZ3EBA]

I - Lucio, IK8EJN and other operators from ARI Termoli will be active as IL7A from the Tremiti Islands (EU-050) in May. QSL via IK8EJN. [TNX IK8EJN]

JX - The website for the 6-14 July JX7VPA operation from Jan Mayen [425DXN 1029] is now up and running (http://janmayen2011.org/). Stan, SQ8X and other seven operators will be active on 40-6 metres with three stations. Their primary modes will be CW and RTTY, with some SSB and BPSK63 "when time and conditions permit". QSL via OQRS (direct and bureau) or SQ8X direct. Further information, including logsearch (after the operation) and details on how to contribute to this expensive project, can be found on the expedition's website. [TNX SQ8X]

KH0 - Kan, JJ2RCJ will be active as AH0/AB2RF from Saipan (OC-086) on 1-5 May. He will focus on RTTY and PSK. QSL via JJ2RCJ and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

OK - Members of Radio Club OK1KWN will operate special event station OL950CHEB will be active on 1-31 May to celebrate the 950th anniversary of the city of Cheb. QSL via OK1MO.

PA - Gerard, PD2GCM and Bertus, PD2GJS will be active as PD04ISLE from the nature reserve of Tiengemeten Island (EU-146) starting on 1 May. They will operate SSB and some RTTY and PSK on 20 and 40 metres. The activation will be continued throughout 2011. QSL via PD2GCM, direct or bureau. Further information can be found at http://pd04isle.webklik.nl

SP - Special station SQ100MSC will be active between 1 May and 31 July to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the second Nobel Prize awarded to Maria Sklodowska Curie. QSL via SP5XSL. Information on the relevant award can be found at qrz.com under SQ100MSC.

SV5 - Fred, PA1FJ will be active as SV5/PA1FJ/p from Karpathos Island (EU-001) on 8-14 May. He will operate SSB and CW on 40-6 metres. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

UA - Celebrate the 66th anniversary of the end of World War II, special callsign R1945HS will be in use on 1-31 May. QSL via RW6HS (direct only). [TNX RW6HS]

UN - Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first manned space flight, special prefixes UN50, U050, UP50 and UQ50 are in use from Kazakhstan until 31 May. The following stations are expected to be QRV: UN50SK (home call UN7GWC), U050G (home call UN2G), UP1ASTR (home call UN0GL), UP50ASTR (home call UN6GK), UP50F (home call UN7FW), UP50YG (home call UN72), UQ50G (home call UN6QC), UQ50L (home call UN7L2), UQ50P (home call UN7PL). Information on the relevant award at http://un-dx.ucoz.com/index/yuri_gagarin/0-36
V4 - Once again John, W5JON will be active as V47JA St. Kitts (NA-104) from 12 July to 2 August. He will operate SSB on 80-6 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW VHF Contest and the RSGB IOTA Contest. His wife Cathy, W5HAM will occasionally operate as V47HAM. All QSLs via W5JON. [TNX W5JON]

V8 - John, 9M6XRO will be active again as V85/9M6XRO from Brunei on 4-9 May. He plans to operate RTTY, CW and SSB on 80-10 metres. QSL via M0URX. [TNX The Golist]

VE - Special event callsign VC2CQ85 will be in use on 1-31 May for the 85th anniversary of the Club Radio Amateur de Quebec (CRAQ). QSL via VE2CQ. [TNX VA3RJ]

VE - John, VE8EV and Patrick, VE8GER will be active as XK1T from Tent Island (NA-193) on 16-19 June. They will operate mainly SSB with some CW on 20 metres; some activity on 30, 17, and 15 metres is also likely. Updates will be posted to http://ve8ev.blogspot.com/ [TNX VE8EV]

W - The HAMCOW (HAM Radio Communications On Wheels, http://hamcow.net) team will be active as W1ACT from Martha's Vineyard (NA-046) and Gay Head Lighthouse from 6-8 May. QSL via N1JOY, direct only. [TNX W1ACT]

XE - Special event station 6J5M will be active on 1-6 May for the Cinco de Mayo festivities, celebrating the anniversary of the Battle of Puebla (1862). QSL via XE1AMF. Information on the relevant award can be found at http://diploma.puebladx.org/

CARIBBEAN TOUR ---> Torsten, DL1THM and Anja DH2AK will be active as ZF2TH and ZF2AT from Grand Cayman Island (NA-016) on 6-13 May, and as DL1THM/C6A and DH2AK/C6A from New Providence Island (NA-001), Bahamas on 13-20 May. Activity will be holiday style and mostly on 20 meters SSB. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The March 2011 issue is now available for download at www.425dxn.org/monthly/index.html. [TNX IZ3EBA]

AZERBAIJAN ---> Frequency allocations on 40 and 80 metres have been expanded, and amateur radio operators from Azerbaijan (4J, 4K) are now allowed to use 7000-7200 kHz and 3500-3800 kHz. [TNX 4J5T]

DX DINNER ---> The Southwest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) announces that a limited number of dinner tickets are still available for the DX Dinner to be held in conjunction with the Dayton Hamvention. This year's event will be on 20 May at the Dayton Marriott. For programme details and to order tickets, go to www.swodxa.org or www.swodxa.blogspot.com [TNX W8GEX]

MT. ATHOS VISIT ---> "I have just returned from my 2 week visit to Greece and pilgrimage to Mt. Athos", Rick NE8Z reports. "Monk Apollo, SV2ASP/A
greeted me with open arms. I was able to make a donation of various pieces of radio equipment to his monastery which will allow him to operate from two or more portable hilltop locations.

SEMDXA members provided him with a new MFJ Keyer, LDG antenna tuner and a Heil BM-10 headset. Budd W3FF and his son Chris donated a complete Buddipole Antenna system. The ARRL donated 8 log books, band plan charts and a backpack for the portable equipment transportation. Both portable locations have clear 360 degree views to all directions unlike the Docheiariou Monastery which has a large mountain blocking signals to and from Asia.

Father Apollo is presently active on the radio daily between 1700-2100z on 160, 30, 17 and 12 metres CW, SSB and RTTY. He is building a new ham shack which will be ready in a few months. Once he is in the new QTH he will install his new 40 foot tubular tower and a Step-IR 3 element yagi that was donated to him by Dominik, DL5EBE". Slideshow on the SEMDXA website at http://live.semdxa.org/tiki-list_file_gallery.php?galleryId=24

RUSSIA JOINS CEPT ---> The Russian State Radio Frequencies Commission decided on 10 March 2011 that the Russian Federation shall join CEPT Recommendation T/R 61-01 and ECC Recommendation (05)06 (CEPT Novice), thus making it possible for every CEPT License holder to operate on the territory of the Russian Federation, within a limit of three months, without any additional permission. The call sign to be used shall be RA/Personal Call sign. [TNX IARU Region 1]

SILENT KEYS ---> James McLaughlin, WA2EWE (T6AF, ex YI9EWE) was one of the nine Americans killed on 27 April in a shooting at Kabul airport. He had been serving in Afghanistan as a flight instructor since late 2008, and was regularly active on the bands, mainly RTTY and PSK.

Other recently reported Silent Keys include Angus "Gus" Duncan Taylor (G8PG), Petr A. Taranov (RK6ACM) and R. Neville Copeland (ZL2AKV).

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3DA0GF, 4L/UU0JM, 4L50, 4X4FR, 4Z5RT, 5B8AD, 5D5A, 5R8HL, 5R8X, 5X0CW, 600N, 6W/AA1AC, 6W/EI6DX, 6W/HA0NAR/p (AF-078), 7Z1TT, 8P6DR, 9L0W, 9M6XRO/8 (OC-165), 9M6XRO/p (OC-295), 9M8DX/2, 9Q500N, 9V1YC, A25SL, AP2NK, C37N, C41, C6ANM, CP4BT, CP6XE, CR2X, CS2C, CW3TD (SA-057), CX6VM, D2CQ, D44BS, DU1IST, E21EJC, E51CG, EP2MKO, ET3SID, FG5FR, FM4LY, FM5BH, FM5WD, FR52L, FS/K4UP, HC1MD/HC4, HI3TEJ, HK3CQ, HK3JJH, HR5/F2JD, HR9/WQ7R, IS0R, J37BO, J39BS, J5NAR, J5NAR, J6/VE3C2F, J68UN, J8/W9DR, J88DR, JT5DX, JW9VDA, JY4NE, JY5H, K6P9V/6 (NA-066), KHO/G3ZEM, KHO/KT3Q, KH2/WX8C, MJ/K3PLV, MU0FAL, ODS5NJ, OHO/OH7MM, OH0B, OH0BP, OH0X, OJ0B, OM3EY, OX/DL1RTL (NA-151), OX3XR, P40D, P40YL, PJ2DX, PJ2T, PJ4/K2NG, PJ5/AA4NC, PJ5/SP6EQZ, PJ5/SP6IXF, PJ6A, PJ7/KC0VKN, PJ7/VA3QSL, PJ7E, PZ5RA, R1AND/AT10BP, R1ANP, R1ANP/A, RI1FJ, S9DX, SV9/DJ7RJ, T300U, T6AF, T88ZM, TC4X, T15KS, T3JAY, T03A, TT8DX, UA0YAY, UA2FCB, UA2FR, V25OP, V47KP, V51AS, V85/9M6XRO, VK4LDP/x, VK9CF, VP5/W5CW, VP9GE, VX0RD, VR2XMT, VU2JBK/AT10, XE2WWW, XE2WWW, YB0NFL, YS3CW, Z22CW, ZA3HA, ZB2FK, ZD9T, ZF2AM, ZF2LC, ZL8X, ZW8B (SA-025).
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