3W - Once again Retu, OH4MDY will be active as XV2RZ from Vietnam from 14 March to 16 April. He says that this time he will pay special attention to digital modes. QSL via home call, direct only. He will upload his log to Club Log.

4K - Axel, DL6KVA will be active as 4K0CW from Azerbaijan on 15-20 March. He will operate CW only and will take part in the Russian DX Contest. QSL via DL6KVA. [TNX NG3K]

6W - Mike, RA9FW and Igor, UA9CDC will be active as 6V7Z from Senegal on 16-28 March, including entries in both the Russian DX (17-18 March) and the CQ WW WPX SSB contests. QSL via RA9FW, direct or bureau.

7P - Once again Peter, EI7CC will operate holiday style as 7P8PB from Lesotho from 15 March to 3 April. QSL via EI7CC, direct or bureau. He plans to upload his log to LoTW and Club Log on a daily basis. [TNX EI7CC]

9M0 - The 9M0L expedition to Layang Layang, Spratly Islands [425DXN 1085] is confirmed to take place on 10-24 April. Thirteen operators will be active on 160-6 metres SSB, CW and RTTY with four stations. Log search and further information can be found at [TNX 9M2TO]

A2 - Frosty K5LBU (A25CF), Joel N5JR (A25JR), Don VE7DS (A25DS) and Keith VE7MID (A25KW) will be active from Botswana on 18-27 March. QSL via home calls. They plan to be QRV on 160-10 metres and to take part in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest as A25HQ (QSL via K5LBU). [TNX NG3K]

CE - Esteban, XQ7UP will be QRV from Coyhaique (Patagonia) on 17-25 March. He will operate mainly SSB, RTTY and PSK31, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via home call. [TNX XQ7UP/3]

D4 - Rick, N6KT will be active as D44TRS from Cape Verde on 17-29 March. He will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as D4A (QSL via KU9C). [TNX NG3K]

DL - Enrico, DL2VFR and others will operate CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31 as DM50IOTA from Langeness Island (EU-042) on 16-18 March. QSL via DL2VFR, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

FO - Look for Hiro, FO/JI1JKW to be active from Rangiroa (OC-066), French Polynesia on 18-22 March. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX JELFX]

HR - Mike, DF8AN will be active as HR9/DF8AN from the islands of Utila and Roatan (both count for NA-057) on 9-26 March. His preferred mode is CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

J5 - Nine operators from the Verona DX Team (namely I3LDP, I3V JW, IK3ESB, IK3IUL, IK3RBE, IK3VVD, IK3VZJ, IZ3BUR, IZ3STA) will be active from the Franciscan mission at Cumura, Guinea-Bissau from
24 March to 6 April. The operation will concentrate on 144 MHz EME (callsign J52EME), but a couple of stations will be active on 80-10 metres (callsign J52HF), plus 6m. On the HF bands activity will concentrate on RTTY and CW, with SSB mainly during the CQ WW WPX Contest. QSL via I3LDP, direct or bureau. Logsearch and further information can be found at www.ari.verona.it/veronadxteam

PJ2 - Andy, DK5ON will be active as PJ2/DK5ON from Curacao (SA-099) on 12-30 March. He will operate SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK on 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

S7 - Claudia, DO5NEN and Tom, DL5NEN will be active as S79NEN from Mahe and La Digue (both count for AF-024), Seychelles on 12-28 March, CQ WW WPX SSB Contest included. QSL via DO5NEN.

V5 - Look for Mathias, DJ2HD to be active as V5/DJ2HD (QSL via home call, direct or bureau) from Namibia on 17-27 March, including a multi-operator entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as V55V (QSL via DJ8VC, direct or bureau). [TNX NG3K]

V5 - David GI4FUM, Gillian GI8MIV, Richard GI4DOH and Kalle DM3BJ will be active as V5/homecall from Namibia on 19-25 March. They will operate SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK31 from the QTH of Andre, V51B in Oranjemund, and will also participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as V55B. All QSLs for this operation should go via GI4FUM. [TNX GI4FUM]

VU - The website for the upcoming AT2DW IOTA expedition to Bet Dwarka (Bet Shankhodar, AS-175) [425DXN 1087] is now up and running at www.dxcoffee.com/at2dw. Seven operators (VU2SWS, VU2IZO, VU2NKS, VU2NXM, VU2LX, VU2CDP and VU2JHM) will operate SSB, CW and digital modes using 2-3 stations and vertical antennas. An advance party will reach the island on 15 March, followed by the rest of the team; they will remain there until the 23rd. QSL via VU2SWS. An OQRS for both direct and bureau cards will be provided by ClubLog. The logs will be uploaded to LoTW by 30 April.

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DXCC NEWS ---> 600M (Somalia 2011), 9U3TMM (Burundi, December 2011-January 2012) and T6BP (Afghanistan, current operation commencing in 2011), as well as AX/VK0TH (Macquarie Island), have been approved for DXCC credit. If you had either of these operations rejected in a recent application, send a note to bmoore[@]arrl.org to have your record updated. Once updated, this will be reflected in your LoTW account and/or in the live, daily DXCC standings on the website (www.arrl.org/dxcc).

LoTW ---> Jacques, F1VEV says he is in the process of uploading to LoTW his logs for TR8CJ (1988-90) and V85CJ (1990-94).

PYOS ---> Amateur radio activities have been banned from St Peter & St Paul Archipelago. The Brazilian Interministerial Commission for the Resources of the Sea's programme aimed at "the exploration, use, conservation and
management of natural resources in the archipelago and its surroundings" specifically excludes amateur radio expeditions as they "do not meet the objectives" of the programme itself (www.mar.mil.br/secirm/i-proarq.htm). LABRE and Brazilian DX groups are mobilizing the support of government representatives to try and reverse the decision. [TNX PY2YP]

RSGB COMMONWEALTH CONTEST ---> The 75th edition of the Commonwealth (BERU) Contest (www.beru.org.uk) will be held on 10-11 March, from 10 UTC to 10 UTC, on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres CW. Only operators located within the Commonwealth or British Mandated Territories are eligible to enter, so please check the list at www.rsgbcc.org/hf/information/codes.shtml before calling.

TZ5T CANCELLED ---> The 12-27 April expedition to Mali [425DXN 1087] has been postponed indefinitely for security reasons, as the country is in the midst of an uprising by separatist Tuaregs and the conflict is worsening.

+ SILENT KEYS + The DX community worldwide mourns the loss of Ron Wright, ZL1AMO, who passed away on 6 March at 75 years of age. A top-notch CW operator, for some 25 years he conducted countless DXpeditions throughout the Pacific, and was inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame in 1985. Other recently reported Silent Keys include Hiroshi Kuroda (JA1FRQ) and Wan Morisham bin Mokhtar (9W2GL), president of the Malaysian Amateur Radio Transmitters' Society (MARTS).

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3C0E        EA5BYP      EG7DCA      EA7URS      SN2B        SP3CGK
3G1D        EA5GL       EH7MDA      EA7URM      SN3R        SP6HEQ
3G12        CE1WNR      EI7M        EI6HB       SN9P        SQ9GAI
3G3M        VE7WY       EK6LP       RN4LP       SO4M        SP4MFG
3G3TV       CE3OEV      EK6TA       DJ0MCZ      ST2UK      EA7FTR
3G5L        CE5PHI      EM80L       US0LW       T48K        DK1WI
3W4JK       SP5APW      EO20RAN     U29RR       T6BP        9A6AA
3Z10ITA     SQ9NIS      ER4DX       RA4LW       T88XG       JA0EKI
4L5O        N3SL        FG4NN       NI5DX       T88XH       JA0EKI
4M5W        IT9DAA      FM5BH       W3HNK       TC2012KD   TA1HZ
4M6CQ       YV6BNX      G3V         G3VER       TG7/NC2N    W3HNK
5B4AIF      EB7DX       GB4R        MODOL      T18M        T12KAC
5H3MB       IK2GZU      G16K        G3SWH       TM0T        F4DXW
5N7Q        DF8DX       GW9T         GW6NL     TM1T        F5TRO
5R8UI       IZ8CCW      HB75FG      HB9FG       TM1W        F5HRY
6V7T        F5RAV       HC2SE       W7SE        TM210VH   F4GFE
6YOA        WA4WGT      HF8J         SQ8JLA    TM22P       F4EUG
6Y1V        OH3RB       HI3K         KB2MS       TM2B       F8CIL
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