9V - Alan, G0RCI will be in Singapore and hopefully Malaysia on 1-12 April. He plans to operate as 9V1/G0RCI and 9M2/G0RCI "as much as the XYL allows". QSL via home call (direct). [TNX G0RCI]

C6 - Chuck, KG9N will be active as KG9N/C6A from Grand Bahama (NA-080) from 28 March to 4 April, including an entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

CT8 - Frank, PA4N and Dervin, PD9DX will be active as CT8/PA4N and CS8/PD9DX from Sao Miguel (EU-003), Azores from 26 March to 3 April. They will operate SSB and CW on the HF bands and maybe on 6 metres. Look for CS8/PD9DX to participate in the CQ WPX SSB Contest. QSL via home calls. [TNX NG3K]

DU - Dindo, DV1UD will visiting the islands of Bongao (OC-174), Tawi Tawi (OC-174) and Taganak (OC-225) in early April. He expects to leave Manila on 2 April, to reach Bongao by the 4th or 5th and to stay on each island for 2-3 days. This is not a DXpedition, but Dindo "will grab this opportunity to activate these rare IOTAs between his work commitments". He expects to be signing DX8DX on SSB and CW, running 100 watts into a loop antenna. QSL via M0OXO. Bookmark www.m0oxo.com/dx8dx.html for updates. [TNX The Daily DX]

GM - Graham, MM0GHM will be active as MM0GHM/m from the Isle of Barra (EU-010) on 24-29 March. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX rsqbiota.org]

H4 - The tentative dates for the H4 IOTA Tour [425DXN 1141] are as follows:

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Actual dates may vary due to the nature of the tour. Activity will be on 80-10 metres SSB and CW. Bookmark http://h44iota.com/ for updates.

KH2 - AH6KY (JA1MFR), NY8A (JG1ITH), W3JH (JR3QFB), W6LJ (JA1OZK) and AI2K will be active as NH2KY (QSL via JR3QFB) from Guam (OC-026) from 29 March to 2 April. They will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as KH2KY (QSL via JA1MFR). [TNX NG3K]

P4 - Helmut, DF7ZS will be active again from Aruba (SA-036) from 26 March to 3 April. He will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as P40Z; outside the contest he will be casual operating on the WARC bands. QSL via W3HNK [TNX NG3K]

PJ4 - Steve, W1SRD and Dean, N6DE will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB
Contest as PJ4D (QSL via LoTW or direct to W1SRD) from Bonaire (SA-006). Outside the contest, between 26 March and 1 April, they will be QRV as PJ4/homecall with a focus on RTTY. QSL via home calls. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

SV - Markus, DJ4EL will be active from IOTA group EU-158 between 25 and 29 March. He plans to operate as SV8/DJ4EL from both Proti (25-26 March) and Sapientza (28-29 March), using battery power on 15 metres only. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

VE - David, VE3VID is QRV in his spare time as VY0/VE3VID from Igloolik Island (NA-174) until 29 March [425DXN 1141]. Ray, N6VR has arranged a sked with him this Sunday, 24 March at 16 UTC (during David's lunch break), on 14260 and up. "I am looking for guys to email before the schedule so that I can have a list ready to run", Ray says. You can email him at rayn6vr[@]cableone.net

VK9C - Chris, GM3WOJ and Keith, GM4YXI will be active as VK9CZ from the Cocos-Keeling Islands (OC-003) from 30 March to 13 April [425DXN 1139]. They will operate SSB, CW and some RTTY on 160-10 metres. They hope to have a real-time logging system and to upload to Club Log and LoTW on a daily basis. QSL via N3SL. Further information and updates at www.vk9cz.com.

VP9 - Kei, KG2A will be active as KG2A/VP9 from Bermuda (NA-005) from 29 March to 1 April. His main focus will be the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest, with limited activity (mainly CW) before and after the contest. QSL direct to KG2A.

XW - Steve, 9M6DXX will be active as XW8XZ from near Vientiane, Laos between 30 March and 3 April. He will operate holiday style on SSB only, using 100 watts (the maximum power permitted by the licence) to a Butternut HF6V-X antenna with 12/17m kit. QSL via M0URX, direct or bureau (OQRS at www.m0urx.com). Logs will be uploaded to LoTW as quickly as possible after the operation. [TNX 9M6DXX]

YB - Hajar YB8HZ and Ram YB8BRI will be active (SSB, CW and RTTY) as homecall/p from Balang Lombo (OC-236) on 27-31 March. They will run two stations using a dipole for 40m and a hex beam for 30, 20, 17, 15 and 10 metres. Electricity will be available only between 10 and 16 UTC, and they will use battery power at other times. [TNX JN6RZM]

DXCC NEWS ---> 9X0ZM (Rwanda, 2013 operation) has been approved for DXCC credit. [TNX NC1L]

OC-245 ---> Logsearch and OQRS for the recent IOTA DXpedition to Pulau Breueh can be found at www.mdxc.org/oc-245/log-on-line/.

ITALY: NEW PREFIX ---> All of the possible callsigns in the IZ prefixes (IZ#AAA-IZ#ZZZ) have been issued; newly licensed amateur radio operators in Italy will get callsigns with the IU prefix.
SILENT KEY + The DX community mourns the loss of Luis Chartarifsky, XE1L, who was stricken with a major heart attack shortly after returning to San Diego after the TX5K Clipperton Island DXpedition. A DXer, a contester and a DXpeditioner, over the years he participated in several major operations, such as XF4L (1989), 3Y0PI (1994), XROY & XR0Z (Easter Island & Salas y Gomez 1995), XZ0A (2000), 9MOM (Spratly Islands 2001), S07L (2002), T26RD (2003) and 9N7MD (2011). He was also involved in several IOTA activations, notably from three Mexican "new ones" back in 1993. An on-line condolences book, set up by the Radio Club Satelite, can be found at http://www.xe1rcs.org.mx/xe1l.

Other recently reported Silent Keys include Petras Mikalajunas (LY1PM, ex UP2BBB), Vladimir E. Sviridov (UA6AGK), Aleksandr P. Denisov (UR5FEL) and Jayant Bharamgonda Patil (VU2JBP, ex VU2JCX).

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