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3A - 3A90IARU is the special callsign for the Association des Radioamateurs de Monaco to use from 1 April to 30 June in celebration of the 90th anniversary of IARU. QSL via 3A2ARM, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX F6AJA & Les Nouvelles DX]

3A - Look for Gil, 3A/F4FET and Diego, 3A/F4HAU to be active from Monaco on 2-5 April. They will operate SSB and RTTY on 40-10 metres, with a focus on working North America and Asia especially on 10 and 12 metres, if propagation permits. QSL via home calls.

5W - Look for 5W0JY (QSL via JA1JQY), 5W0KJ (QSL via JA1KJW), 5W0MA (QSL via JA3MCA) and 5W0VE (QSL via JA8VE) to be active from Apia, Samoa (OC-097) on 9-15 April. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on all bands with a couple of stations. [TNX NG3K]

DL - DJ9MD, DK7JAN, DK8MIL and DL7MUK will be active as DF0TM from Usedom Island (EU-129) on 27-29 March. They will be QRV mainly on 20 and 40 metres SSB, hopefully with some PSK in the evening hours. QSL via DF0TM, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

ET - Dani, EA4ATI is visiting Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and has been granted permission to operate the ET3AA station during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. Operating time will be limited from 8am to 8pm (local time), and Dani is likely to be QRV on 10, 15 and 20 metres. [TNX NG3K]

FO - Alan, F6BFH will be QRV from Tahiti (OC-046) French Polynesia until 27-28 March, and as FO/F6BFH/p from Nuku Hiva, Marquesas Islands (OC-027) "around 5 April". Look for him on CW (14045, 18085, 21045, 24895, 28045 kHz) and SSB (14270, 18145, 21270, 24970, 28470 kHz). QSL via home call, direct or bureau (email requests for bureu cards can be sent to f6bfh[at]f6bfh.ne). [TNX F6AJA & Les Nouvelles DX]

FW - Jean-Gabriel, F4CIX is now active as FW1JG from Uvea (Wallis Island, OC-054) through the end of November 2016. He operates SSB and digital modes on 40, 20, 15, 12, and 10 metres. Logsearch and OQRS on Club Log.

GM - Special callsign GB2SUM will be in use on 4-5 April during the Royal Air Force Amateur Radio Society's "Airfields On The Air" event (http://www.qsl.net/g4dqp/Activations.html). The location is the former WWII RAF airfield at Sumburgh on the Shetland Islands (EU-012). QSL via MM5PSL, direct only.

GM - The Camb-Hams will be active as GS3PYE/p from the Isle of Mull (EU-008) on 15-21 May. A large group of operators will be QRV with multiple stations on 80-10 metres SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK; VHF activity will be on 50 MHz, 70 MHz and 144 MHz (see http://dx.camb-hams.com for exact details). They may do very short side trips to Iona (EU-008) and the Treshnish Islands (EU-108),

and will announce these nearer the time on the website. Please use the OQRS provided by Club Log for direct or bureau cards. [TNX G3ZAY]

HB0 - A team from the PI4RAZ Radio Club will be active from Liechtenstein on 11-18 April. Look for HB0/PA2HGJ, HB0/PA2HW, HB0/PA2RDK, HB0/PA3CNO, HB0/PA3DFR, HB0/PA3HK, HB0/PE0MGB and HB0/PE1FLO to be active on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and PSK31. QSL via PE1FLO.

JD1_oga- Once again Makoto, JI5RPT (www.ji5rpt.com/jd1/) will be active as JD1BLY from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara from 29 April to 5 May. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 40-6 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau; logsearch on Club Log. [TNX JI5RPT]

KH0 - Mami, JP3AYQ will be active again as AH0YL from Saipan (OC-086) from 29 March to 1 April. She will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 40-6 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau (OQRS on Club Log), LoTW and eQSL. [TNX NG3K]

PY - PS7AB (SSB) and PP1CZ (CW and digital modes) will be active as PS70FEB on 1-30 April. This is the fourth of a series of twelve special callsigns; the suffix stands for Forca Expedicionaria Brasileira, the Brazilian Expeditionary Force that fought alongside the Allied powers in Italy during World War II. QSL via PS7AB (direct or bureau), LoTW and eQSL. See www.qrz.com/db/ps70feb for further information. [TNX PS7AB]

TK - Alex, IW5ELA will be active holiday style as TK/IW5ELA from Calvi, Corsica (EU-014) on 4-9 April. He will operate mainly CW on 40-10 metres. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. [TNX NG3K]

UA - Vasily R7AL and Vasily R6AL have announced their plans to be active as R7AL/0 from the rare Malminskiye Islands (AS-172, activated only once, by RI0CM back in July 2004) for three days between 8 and 16 August. The place is "located far away from civilization, the nearest and only one settlement is Ayan, 40 Km away", they say. "Since there is no any vessel available, the only one way is a small fishing motorboat. Two trips, 80 Km each needed to deliver all the equipment and operators to the island. Flights to Ayan are not regular and depend on weather conditions", but if "the weather is unfavorable, we'll wait as long as we can". Plans are to operate SSB and CW on two bands only, possibly 20 and 17 metres, with 500 watts. QSL via R7AL, direct or bureau (OQRS on Club Log). Bookmark http://as172.yolasite.com/ for updates and further information. [TNX DX World]

UR - Special callsigns with UW31-UW39 prefixes and OA-OZ suffixes will be used for the 3rd Ukrainian Radio Sport Championship (www.ozchu.org.ua), to be held in the rural area near the city of Zhytomyr on 6 June, during the first 6 hours of the IARU R1 Field Day CW (15.00-20.59 UTC). QSL via UY5XE. [TNX UY5XE]

VE - David, VY0/VE3VID is about going QRT from Igloolik Island (NA-174), after being active thrice a year since March 2013. He plans to be QRV on 20 metres RTTY on 28-29 March and 4 April, and hopefully also on 11-12 April. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

VE - Pierre, VE3KTB might be active as VE3KTB/VY0 from the McGill Arctic Research Station on Axel Heiberg Island (NA-043) "sometime in the

first week of April". [TNX The Daily DX]

VK - The Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) was a First World War army corps of the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force that was formed in Egypt in 1915 and operated during the Battle of Gallipoli. Special callsign VK100ANZAC will be in use between 25 April and 20 December "for significant event dates covering all conflicts where Australian forces have been involved from WW1". State and Territory special callsigns (VI1ANZAC, VI2ANZAC, VI3ANZAC, etc) are available on a roster basis until the conclusion of the WIA Remembrance Day contest (15-16 August). Complete information on the ANZAC centenary commemoration can be found on the Wireless Institute of Australia's website (http://www.wia.org.au/newsevents/anzaccentenary/about/).

VK9N - Four Oceania DX Group members (namely Chris VK3QB, Luke VK3HJ, Roy VK3GB and Oly VK3XDX/5) will be active as VK9NT from Norfolk Island (OC-005) from 24 April to 4 May. They plan to operate SSB and CW on 160-10 metres, with two stations "as often as possible". QSL via VK2CA, direct or bureau, preferably through the OQRS provided by Club Log. Logs will uploaded to LoTW as soon as possible. See http://vk9nt.odxg.org/vk9nt2015/index.html.

YB - Adhi, YB3MM had to cancel his trip to OC-250 [425DXN 1245] due to circumstances beyond his control. However, he will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as YB3MM/p from Gili Genting (OC-237). See see www.yb3mm.com or qrz.com for QSLling options. Meanwhile, Din YB8RW has been active as YB8RW/3 from Masalembu Besar (OC-250) since 24 March and will be there until the 27th. He has extended his trip and will go and be QRV also from Karamian Island (OC-250) on 28-29 March and Masalembu Kecil (OC-250) from 30 March to 1 April. See qrz.com for the link to Club Log's OQRS. [TNX YB3MM]

YB - Special callsign YE533KC will be in use on 2-3 April to commemorate the 533rd anniversary of Cirebon Regency, West Java. Expect activity on 15 metres SSB, CW and RTTY, as well as on 40 and 80m SSB. QSL direct (see qrz.com) and LoTW.

YB - Special event station YB200T will be active on 5-11 April to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Mount Tambora's eruption. Mount Tambora is an active volcano on the island of Sumbawa (OC-150), whose 1815 catastrophic explosive event is the largest volcanic eruption in recorded history. QSL via W2FB.

ZD8 - Steve, G3ZVW will be active again as ZD8N from Ascension Island (AF-003) on 9-21 April. He will be QRV in his spare time (during his early morning and evening hours, and over the weekends) on the HF bands CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via G3ZVW, direct or bureau. [TNX NG3K]

ZL7 - John ZL1ALZ, John ZL1BYZ and David ZL1DK will be active as ZL7E from Kaingaroa, Chatham Islands (OC-038) on 3-15 April. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 40-10 metres with two stations. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (for both direct and bureau requests) and LoTW. Traditional direct cards should be sent to ZL1ALZ. [TNX NG3K]

CQ WW WPX SSB CONTEST ---> The following stations have announced their participation in this year's event (28-29 March):

Call	Category	Country	QSL

3G1B	M/S	Chile	HA1AG
3V8SS	SOAB LP	Tunisia	LX1NO/LotW
3Z6V	SO	Poland	SP6DVP
4L8A	SOSB	Georgia	K1BV/LoTW
4U5F	SOAB	Italy	S57DX
4X7R	M/S	Israel	4X6OM
4Z0DX	SO	Israel	4Z4DX/LoTW
5E5E	M/2	Morocco	W7EJ
5J0B	SO	San Andres	LU1FM
6Y4W	SOAB	Jamaica	LoTW
7QAA		Malawi	N7RO
8P5A	SOAB HP	Barbados	NN1N/LoTW
9A73A	SOAB HP	Croatia	9A2RD
9K2GS	SOAB	Kuwait	9K2GS/LoTW
9K2HN	M/2	Kuwait	9K2HN/LoTW
9M2M	M/S	West Malaysia	direct
BP0P	M/S	Taiwan	qrz.com
CE3WW	M/2	Chile	XQ4CW
CQ3L	SO	Madeira	DJ6QT
CT9/UA9CDC	SO	Madeira	G3SWH/LoTW
E2X	M/S	Thailand	E20GMY
ED1B	M/S	Spain	LoTW
EE5T	M/S	Spain	LotW
EF8S	SOSB 20m	Canary Isls	OH2BYS
EI1A	SO2R	Ireland	PA3249/LoTW
ET3AA	SO	Ethiopia	
H27A	SO	Cyprus	RW3RN
HC0E	M/2	Ecuador	HC1JQ
HI0UD	M/S LP	Dominican Republic	W2CCW
HI3K	M/S LP	Dominican Republic	KB2MS
HI3TEJ	SOAB LP	Dominican Republic	HI3TEJ/LoTW
HO1C	M/S	Panama	HP1CQ
HR2WW	SOAB HP	Honduras	KD4POJ
J42T	M/2	Greece	LotW
JD1BOW	SO	Ogasawara	JA0JHQ
KP4RV	SOSB 15m	Puerto Rico	AI4U/LoTW
L47H	M/S	Argentina	EA5KB
LQ4D	M/S	Argentina	bureau
LY4A	M/2	Lithuania	LY4A
NP2P	SOAB	Virgin Isls	LoTW
NR7DX		USA	N9RV
OG9X	M/2	Finland	LoTW
OH0B	SOSB 15m	Aland Isls	OH0B
OZ90IARU	M/2	Denmark	LoTW
P3N	SOAB HP	Cyprus	RW3RN
PA6V	M/S	Netherlands	PA6V
PD9X	M/2	Netherlands	LotW
PJ4Z	M/S	Bonaire	K4BAI
PJ7PL	SO LP	St Maarten	WA1ZAM
PR70FEB	SO HP	Brazil	PS7AB
PV7M	SOAB	Brazil	PT7ZT
R35MWC	SOAB HP	Russia (EU)	R9XC
RQ3R	SOAB LP	Russia (EU)	LotW

SV5DKL	SOSB 10m HP	Dodecanese	SV5DKL/LoTW
SX9C	M/2	Crete	SV9COL/LoTW
T71DX		San Marino	I4ZQS
TO4C	SO	Martinique	M0OXO
V6Z	M/2	Micronesia	N3SL
VR2HKS	M/S	Hong Kong	direct
YB0NDT	SOSB 40M	Indonesia	LotW
YB2DX	SOAB	Indonesia	YB2DX/LoTW
YB3MM/p	SO	Indonesia	qrz.com
YC8ROP	SOSB 15m	Indonesia	LoTW
YE2C	M/M	Indonesia	LoTW

Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, at http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/wpxs2015.html. Good contest to you all!

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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ARRL CENTENNIAL QSO PARTY ---> The window to apply for ARRL Centennial Points Challenge and W1AW Worked All States awards is now open: https://centennial-qp.arrl.org. Certificates will be available for the Centennial Points Challenge Award, while W1AW WAS Award participants will have the option of a certificate or a plaque. Certificates are $16, and plaques are $60.
As for QSLling, US stations that worked W1AW/p and W100AW during the Centennial may request QSL cards via the Incoming QSL Service on the Centennial QSO Party web page (www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party#QSLs). Cards destined for stations outside the US will be sent via the QSL Bureau. Direct cards should be sent to W1AW, 225 Main St., Newington CT 06111, USA. W1AW/p and W100AW will not confirm every contact on the traditional paper QSL cards, but will confirm QSOs for each mode and on most bands on a single card for each weekly operation.

CASS AWARD ---> Presented annually, the Cass Award honours the wisdom and spirit of Cass WA6AUD (SK) and encourages DXpeditions to maximize the number of DXers worked with a $1000 prize for the Single-Operator DXpedition that works the most unique callsigns over a two-week interval. The 2014 Cass Award has been won by Nigel Cawthorne, G3TXF: "While QRV from the island of Tristan da Cunha as ZD9XF in September 2014, Nigel G3TXF worked 9314 unique stations during the first 14 days of his one-man DXpedition, demonstrating an outstanding effort to log as many DXers as possible and setting a new Single-Operator Cass Award record". Club Log founder Michael Wells, G7VJR presented Nigel with his plaque and prize at the CDXC Annual Dinner is on 21 March. If you are interested in competing for - or contributing to - the 2015 Cass Award, please visit www.cassaward.com. [TNX AA6YQ]

DX0P ---> The website for the 14-20 April DXpedition to Pagasa, Spratly Islands [425DXN 1246] is now up and running at www.dx0p.org. Eight operators will be active on 160-10 metres ("may include WARC bands") SSB,

CW, RTTY and JT-65. QSL via WA6LOS; logsearch on Club Log.

IOTA DINNER ---> The 20th Annual Islands On The Air (IOTA) Dinner will be held on 17 April at the Visalia Conference Center in conjunction with the 66th International DX Convention. Details can be found at www.dxconvention.com/pages/dinners-iota.html. There will be IOTA card checking available and a IOTA/IREF table in the Convention Center promoting the IOTA program and the IREF. Registration for the IOTA Dinner closes on 31 March. If you have any questions, please contact Ray, N6VR (rayn6vr[@]cableone.net). [TNX N6VR]

IOTA HONOUR ROLL ---> The 2015 Honour Roll and Annual Listings have been posted on the IOTA website (www.rsgbiota.org/info/) and on the IOTA Manager's website (www.g3kma.dsl.pipex.com). It is noticeable how scores are now beginning to bunch, closing in on the top position at 1110 groups. 168 record-holders have scores over 1000 and 484 over 750 which is the number required for the IOTA Plaque. [TNX G3KMA]

QSLs received direct or through managers: 1A0C, 3A2MD, 3B8/HB9ARY, 3B9FR, 3G5JA (SA-070), 4M5W, 4W/G3ZEM, 4W/N1YC, 5N4EAM, 5R8M, 5Z4/DJ4EL (AF-040), 5Z4LS, 6V1A (AF-045), 6Y5WJ, 6Y6N, 7O2A, 7Q7GIA, 7Q7VW, 7X2JV, 8P9NX, 9J2T, 9M2OUT, 9M6XRO, 9V1YC, 9Y4/AI5P, 9Y4/VE3EY, A25DX, A25TQ, A61E, A71AM, A71ME, AM03EGB, B5A, B9/BY9GA, BA5AG, BG9XD, BY4IB (AS-146), C6ARU, C6AUM, CE0Z/UA4WHX, CO2WL, CP6XE, CR2A,D3AA, DS5USH, E20AS (AS-125), E41MT, EA9/DL2RNS, EP2MKO, EP6T (AS-166), ER3GS, ER4DX, EX8M, FK8CE, FK8IK, FM1AG, FM5DN, FM5FJ, FO/K8PGJ, FO5RH (OC-066), FR/F8AAN, FR4NT, FT4TA (AF-031), FW5JJ, HB0/DL2SBY, HB0/DL5YL, HB0/HB9LCW, HC2AO/8, HC2RCT/8, HC8ART, HH5/KC0W, HI2DX, HI8JQE, HK0/UA4WHX, HO100CANAL, HV0A, J3/AI5P, JT1CO, JT5DX, KG4HF, KG4HI, KG4LB, KH6/K1YR, KL7RA, KP2/AG1LE, KP2/AG2J, KP2/K3TEJ, KP2/W7AUM, KP2AD, LX9DX, LY10NATO, MC0SHL, MX0LDG, NP3XF, OA1F, OF9X, OJ0AM, OY3JE, P3F, P4/W1XP, PJ4DX, PJ6/G4IUF, PJ7/N0TG, PJ7/WJ2O, PT0F, PY0FM, RI0F, RK10WZ/P (EU-153), S79AC, S9TF, SU1HZ, SV2ASP/A, T6T, TA0/LZ3ND (AS-099), TC0MI (AS-201), TG9AHM, TK5EL, TM0O, TO2TT, TO4FM, TX4A (OC-218), TX5W (OC-114), UK8ZC, UN1O, V31AT, V51WW, V63DX (OC-010), V73TM, VK6ISL (OC-294), VK9DLX, VK9LM, VK9MT, VP2ERJ, VP2V/SP9FIH, VP8LP, VP9/W3PV, VU2VID, VU4CD, VU4KV, W8A, XE2CQ, XT2AW, XV2RZ, XX9TYT (AS-075), YJ0X, YN2AA, YW5D (SA-044), ZA/Z35T, ZB2R, ZC4VI, ZD7FT, ZD9ZS, ZF2LC, ZX0F.

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