5V  - Baldur, DJ6SI as 5V7BD (CW) and Jan, DJ8NK as 5V7JH (SSB and RTTY) are active from Togo until 8 April. Plans are to be QRV on 160-10 metres. QSL via home calls. [TNX The Daily DX]

8Q  - Andy, LZ2HM will be active holiday style as 8Q7SA from the Maldives (AS-013) on 3-12 April. He will be QRV on 40-10 metres, and will also give 6 and 60 metres a try. QSL via LZ3SM.

9K  - 9K90IARU is the special callsign for the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society (9K2RA) to use until 30 April in celebration of the 90th anniversary of IARU. QSL via 9K2HN. [TNX IARU Region 1]

CT7 - Special callsign CS2015WARD will be active on 13-19 April from various locations around Portugal. QSL via CT1REP. The suffix stands for World Amateur Radio Day, which is celebrated every 18 April (the day when the International Amateur Radio Union was formed in 1925).

D4  - Alexander, HB9FDT will be active as D44TDK from Ilha do Sal (AF-086), Cape Verde on 16-24 April. He will be QRV on 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via home call.

HB9 - The Swiss national amateur radio society (Union Schweizerischer Kurzwellenamateure, USKA) joins the celebrations for IARU's 90th anniversary with special event callsign HB90IARU, which will be used until 31 December. QSL via LoTW, eQSL and via bureau to HB9JOE.

LX  - Also celebrating IARU's 90th anniversary are Radioamateurs du Luxembourg (RL) as LX90IARU until 30 April. QSL via LX2A.

PJ2 - Anja, PJ2/DH2AK and Torsten, PJ2/DL1THM will be active holiday style from Curacao (SA-099) on 3-23 April. They will operate mainly SSB and RTTY on the high bands. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX DX Newsletter]

PJ7 - Kevin, K4BDR will be active as PJ7/K4BDR from Sint Maarten on 12-17 April. He will operate SSB and digital modes on 40-10 metres. QSL via LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

PY  - Paulo, PY2WZR and others will be active as ZV2VS from Ilha da Vitoria (SA-028) on 11-12 April. The amateur radio activity is within a solidarity project aimed at providing basic necessities baskets for about twenty destitute families living on the island. QSL via PY2WZR.

UA  - On 7 May 1895 radio pioneer Aleksandr S. Popov gave a public demonstration of the receiving apparatus he had developed. Celebrating the 120th anniversary of Popov's accomplishments, R1895R, R2015R and other 26 commemorative Russian stations (from R120RA to R120RZ) will be active until 30 April. Details on the awards available for working them can be found at http://www.qrz.com/db/R2015R. QSL via UA3DX for all callsigns
Once again Steve, VE3OC will be active holiday style as VP5/VE3OC from Providencias (NA-002) on 11-16 April. QSL via home call (direct only), LoTW and eQSL.

Commemorating the 150th anniversary of the International Telecommunications Union, special callsign AT150ITU will be used until 31 December on a roster basis by various operators from different locations around India. Logsearch and OQRS on Club Log; traditional direct cards should be sent to VU2CDP. A special QSL card will be printed later in the year, and all QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW. More details will be published in due course on the Amateur Radio Society of India's website (www.arsi.info). [TNX VU2CDP]

Din YB8RW, who operated from IOTA group OC-250 from 24 March to 2 April, is now active as YB8RW/3 from Poteran Island (OC-237) until around 8 UTC on 5 April. This is the last stop of his trip. See qrz.com for the link to Club Log's OQRS. [TNX YB3MM]

Previously QRV from Lemukutan Island (OC-252), Imam, YB4IR/7 has extendend his trip and is now active from Serutu Island (OC-269) until around 23 UTC on 6 April. Along with him are YB7AM/p, YC7BOA/p and YC7CPN/p. See YB4IR on qrz.com for the direct links to Club Log's OQRS. [TNX W2FB]

Budi, YF1AR (www.yf1ar.com) will be active as YF1AR/4 from Enggano Island (OC-204) and lighthouse (ARLHS IDO-197) on 3-6 April. He will operate mainly SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via the OQRS on Club Log (preferred) or N2OO. [TNX YF1AR]

DXCC NEWS ---> TI9/3Z9DX, the February 2015 DXpedition to Cocos Island, has been accepted for DXCC credit.

POSTAL RATES (UK) ---> Postal rates in the United Kingdom have increased since 30 March. The new rates for standard airmail letters are as follows:

Europe    Rest of the world
up to 10 grams GBP 1.00 GBP 1.00
up to 20 grams GBP 1.00 GBP 1.33
up to 100 grams GBP 1.52 GBP 2.25

A Price Finder on-line tool is provided by Royal Mail (www.royalmail.com)

QSL VIA LY5W ---> Sam is the QSL manager for 6Y2M and 6Y5/VE8DX. Cards should be sent direct only to Saulius Zalnerauskas, P.O. Box 1081, LT-49006 Kaunas, Lithuania. See www.qrz.com/db/LY5W for a list of other callsigns he manages. [TNX LY5W]

VK0EK ---> The Northern California DX Foundation has announced a grant of $50,000 to VK0EK, the Heard Island DXpedition [425DXN 1237] planned for November 2015 (http://vk0ek.org/): "the grant is contingent on completing
the contract with the vessel, but this is considered a relatively straightforward process, probably complete by mid-April", the organizers say. "With that, the expedition has obtained its major components (team, transportation, finances), so preparations of facilities, equipment, and logistics will move forward".

VP8 2016 ---> VP8STI and VP8SGI are the callsigns issued for the Intrepid-DX Group to use during their DXpedition to South Thule Island (South Sandwich) and South Georgia Island [425DXN 1241]. In addition, the team will use VP8IDX (Intrepid DX Group) from Stanley, Falkland Islands and during their voyage to South Sandwich and South Georgia. The DXpedition will take place in January-February 2016. The team will be on each island for ten days, with eight full days of radio. "Our plans are moving forward in all aspects including our team's first $54,000 installment to the RV Braveheart being paid on April 1, 2015", they say. "To date, we have raised $90,000 towards our goal of raising $215,000. This puts us 40% of our target. We would welcome additional support from the many DX Clubs around the globe, particularly those in Europe and Asia who have not yet supported our efforts". See http://www.intrepid-dx.com/vp8 for complete details. [TNX N6PSE]
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