A3 - Hiro, JA6WFM will be active as A31MM from Nuku 'alofa, Tongatapu (OC-049) until the end of 2017. He plans to be QRV on 160-6 metres, and to participate in various contests. QSL via EA5GL.

4J - Back in 1926, RA-29 was the first amateur radio callsign in Azerbaijan, issued to a station located at a secondary school in the city of Helenendorf (present-day Goygol). To mark the 90th anniversary, a number of special callsigns (4JRA29, 4KRA29 and calls prefixed by 4J90, 4K90, 4J1926 and 4K1926) will be active until 31 December. Email 4k4k[@]mail.ru for information on the award programme. [TNX UX5UO]

5H - Stan, WS5K will be active as 5H2SF from Tanzania from 26 January to 10 February. He plans to operate on HF bands during the local evening hours. The QSL route will be announced after the trip. [TNX The Daily DX]

5V - 5V7BD (CW only), 5V7GD (SSB only) and 5V7FMD (SSB and RTTY) are active from Togo until 26 January. QSL 5V7BD via DJ6SI, QSL 5V7GD via DF9TM, QSL 5V7FMD via DL2SWW.

CE - 3G9JA is the new callsign that Dagoberto, CE5COX will be using during his 1-6 February activity from Isla Hornos (SA-031) [425DXN 1288]. He will operate SSB and RTTY on 40, 20 and 10 metres. QSL via CE5JA.

E5_sc - Roly, ZL1BQD is active as E51RJR from Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cook Islands until 14 February. He will operate JT65 and CW mainly on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL direct to ZL1BQD. [TNX The Daily DX]

ET - Yarik, UW7LL and Andy, UR4LRQ are active in their spare time as ET7L from Mekanisa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. They will be there for the next 2-4 months. Logsearch on Club Log, OQRS to be enabled later. Traditional cards via US0LW; the logs will be uploaded to LoTW after the end of the operation. [TNX FBREF]

F - Special callsign TM39PVJ will be active from 24 January to 7 February for the annual "Percee du Vin Jaune" ("Opening of the Yellow Wine"), which this year will take place at Lons-Le-Saunier (Jura). QSL via F8GGZ, direct or bureau. [TNX FBREF]

FJ - Gene, N9SW will be active as FJ/N9SW from St Barthelemy (NA-146) from 28 January to 9 February. He will operate mainly CW on 40-10 metres, maybe also on 80 and 6m. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

FO/M - Ernoe DK2AMM, Hans DL6JGN, Tom GM4FDM and Ron PA3EWP will be active as TX7EU (www.marquesas2016.de) from Nuku Hiva, Marquesas Islands (OC-027) on 2-15 March. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 40-10 metres with two stations and a focus on the high bands. QSL via DK2AMM, direct or bureau; logsearch and OQRS on Club Log.
FS - Look for FS/K8EAB, FS/KB9AVO, FS/KC4VG, FS/W3FF, FS/W6HFP, FS/W7ZT, FS/WG0AT and FS/WZ1P to be active from St. Martin (NA-105) on 2-10 February. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 40-10 metres. [TNX DX World]

ISO - ARI Cagliari will be active as IQ0AG/p from the lighthouse at Capo Sant'Elia on 24 January. QSL via bureau. [TNX ISOAWZ]

ON - Established in 1937, the maritime coastal station Oostende Radio (OST) in Middelkerke in being decommissioned. A "last farewell" activity will take place on 22-23 January as OR0OST/p using Oostende Radio's aerials on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres CW and SSB. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau and LoTW; direct cards should be sent to ON4AGV. [TNX ON6CQ]

PY - PY1MT, PY1SB, PY1SG and PY1TI will be active as ZV1M from Ilha Grande (SA-029) on 19-21 February, including participation in the 8th South American Lighthouses Weekend. They will operate SSB, CW and PSK31 on 80-10 metres. QSL via PY1MT, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

T32 - T32CO, T32FS, T32LJ, T32MU, T32SB, T32TR and T32WW will be active from Kiritimati (Christmas Island, OC-024), East Kiribati on 1-16 March. A team of seven (KG8CO, N6FS, N8LJ, K8MU, K8QKY, K8AQM and AC8W) will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-10 metres with four stations. T32WW will be QRV for the ARRL DX SSB Contest. QSL for all callsigns via AC8JF (direct or bureau) and LoTW; logsearch and OQRS on Club Log.

V3 - Paul, VE3AXT will be active as V31AX from near Corozal, Belize from 2 February to 14 March. QSL via M0URX (please use the OQRS on www.m0urx.com for direct and above all bureau cards).

VK - Pavel,VK6NAX plans to be active again as VK6NAX/p from Garden Island (OC-164) on 23 January between 2 and 10 UTC. He will operate CW on 20 and 15 metres. QSL direct (QSLling instructions and updates on qrz.com).

VK - Andy, VK5MAV and Craig VK5CE will be active from Breaksea Island (OC-243) [425DXN 1286] from 29 February to 3 March. They will be QRV as VK5MAV/6 (CW) and VK5CE/6 (SSB) with two stations on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via home calls. Direct links to Club Log logsearch and OQRS, as well as propagation predictions and updates, can be found at http://oc243.blogspot.com.au/.

YU - Commemorating the 160th anniversary of the birth of Nikola Tesla, Radio Club Novi Beograd will be active as YU0TESLA from 1 February to 31 December. QSL via YU1FJK.

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DAYTON ANNUAL TOPBAND DINNER ---> The 27th Top Band Dinner will be held on 20 May at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Tickets can be purchased on http://topbanddinner.com

K5P ---> "If you worked us on 40m SSB on 14 January between 1109 UTC and
1415 UTC, please work us again, as these QSOs are invalid since we accidentally operated on an unauthorized frequency in this region". At 10.04 on 22 January the log search on Club Log included 57,154 QSOs with 14,876 unique callsigns. The last full day of operation from Palmyra will be 26 January.

QSL VIA W7YAQ ---> Bob, W7YAQ will handle the QSL cards for the callsigns held by his late friend Bill Vanderheide (SK on 31 December 2015): 3D2OU, 3D2RO, 5W0OU, E51MAN, E51NOU, E51PEN, N7OU, T27OU, T30OU, T32OU, VP5/N7OU, VP5OU, YJ0OU, ZK1NOU, ZK3OU and ZL7/N7OU.

VP8STI ---> After a difficult and perilous landing on 17 January, which involved the loss of one generator, the VP8STI team started operations from Southern Thule, South Sandwich Islands on 18 January around 11.50 UTC. They experienced harsh conditions and (on 21 January) a "severe black out on the high HF bands due to a solar storm". The logs are uploaded to Club Log, and the latest update (at 18.50 UTC on 21 January) showed 24,292 QSOs with 9,687 unique callsigns. Announced plans were for VP8STI to be on the island for ten days, including set up and tear down time, and to be QRV for "eight full days". Weather and sea conditions permitting, their "primary goal is to do a good job from South Sandwich" before moving to South Georgia, where they will be active as VP8SGI again for eight full days starting on or about 1 February.

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