3X - 3XY3D is the callsign issued for Alain, F5OZC and Sebastien, F8DQZ to use during their operation from Kassa Island (AF-051), Guinea [425DXN 1344]. They expect to remain there until 26 February, with activity on 40-10 metres mainly CW. QSL via F5OZC. [TNX DX World]

5U - The 5U5R DXpedition team now includes EA2RY, EA1SA, EA5KM, EA5RM, EA7AJR, EA7KW, F9IE, HK6F, IK5RUN, IN3ZNR and K3LP. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-10 metres metres with at least four stations on 9-20 March. QSL via EA5RM and LoTW; logsearch and OQRS on www.dxfriends.com/5u5r.

5X - Jonathan, KK7PW will be active as 5X1O from Uganda from 21 February to 7 March. He will operate CW, SSB, WSJPR and possibly JT65 on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres, typically during the local early mornings and late evenings. QSL via EA5GL. [TNX DX World]

8P - Bob, G3PJT will be active as 8P9IF from Barbados (NA-021) on 7-13 March. He will operate mainly CW and will participate in the RSGB Commonwealth (BERU) Contest (11-12 March). Outside the contest he will be QRV holiday style especially on 30, 17 and 12 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS. [TNX NG3K]

9M0 - Hrane, YT1AD and a large team (AD6E, DU1UD, HL5FUA, K6MKF, K6SZR, K9JM, N6TQS, VK3FY, VK3GK, YT3W, ZL3WW and several 9M6 operators "from Kota Konibalu") will be active as 9M0W (requested callsign) from Layang Layang, Spratly Islands (AS-051) for 8-10 days during the "first part of December". More information is expected in due course. [TNX YT3W]

CE - A team from Radio Club de los Andes and the North Patagonia DX Group will be active as XR5M from the Chilean island of Mocha (SA-061) on 8-13 March. They will operate SSB and CW on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via IK2DUW and LoTW. See https://xr5m.blogspot.com for more information. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

CT9 - Once again Rosel, DL3KWR and Hardy, DL3KWF will be active as CT9/DL3KWR and CT9/DL3KWF from Madeira (AF-014) from 9 March to 5 April. They plan to operate mostly CW with a focus on 12, 17 and 30 metres. Look for them daily after 16 UTC. Also, they have got the permission to use 60m, and will be QRV there late in their evenings. QSL via home calls (bureau preferred), LoTW and eQSL. Email requests for bureau cards can be sent to dl3kwr[@]darc.de or dl3kwf[@]darc.de respectively. [TNX DL3KWF]

D4 - Girts, YL2KL will be active as D4Z from the Monteverde Contest Club's station (http://d4c.cc/) on Sao Vincente Island (AF-086), Cape Verde on 13-20 February. He will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest as D4C. QSL both callsigns via LoTW and eQSL, via bureau to IK2NCJ or direct to Monteverde Contest Club, 6963 Pregassona, Switzerland.

DU - Jacek, SP5APW will be active as DU9/SP5APW from Siargao Island
FG - Once again Philippe, F1DUZ will be active as FG4KH from Guadeloupe (NA-102) from 24 February to 26 March. He will operate SSB on the HF bands as well as JT65B on 2m EME. QSL via F1DUZ, direct or bureau.

FS - David, F8AAN will be active as FS/F8AAN from Saint Martin (NA-105) from 17 February to 10 March. He will operate CW only on 40-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS. [TNX DX World]

HB0 - A team from the Stirling District Amateur Radio Society (GM6NX) and the GMDX group will be active as HB0/GM4UYE from Liechtenstein on 1-6 June. Five operators will be active on 80-6 metres CW, SSB and Digital modes. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS (www.m0oxo.com/oqrs/); any money raised will be donated to charity. [TNX DX World]

HK0 - Will, AA4NC will operate CW, RTTY and SSB as 5K0N from San Andres Island (NA-033) from 12 February to 8 March, including participation in the ARRL DX CW and SSB contests with the 5J0NA team [425DXN 1341]. QSL 5K0N via LoTW or direct to AA4NC. During the first two weeks he will be joined by Ron, AA4VK, who will operate SSB as AA4VK/HK0. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

HL - Taka, JA8COE will be active as HL4/JA8COE from Cheju Island (AS-026) on 8-11 March. He will operate CW, RTTY and SSB mainly on 40-17 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau; OQRS on Club Log. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

JA - Look for JF3ELH/6 to be active from the Okimawa Islands (AS-017) on 23-28 February. He will be QRV from three different islands in the same IOTA group: Kume (23-24 February), Tonaki (25-26 February) and Okinawa Honto (27-28 February). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

JD1_oga- Once again Makoto, JI5RPT (www.ji5rpt.com/jd1/) will be active as JD1BLY from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara on 7-10 March. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau; logsearch on Club Log and updates via Twitter (@jd1bly). [TNX NG3K]

PJ2 - Look for PJ2/OE3GEA to be active holiday style from Curacao (SA-099) from 18 February to 1 March. He will operate CW only on 40-10 metres. QSL via OE3GEA, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

PJ6 - Jeff, NM1Y is on Saba Island (NA-145) and plans to participate in either the CQ WPX RTTY and the ARRL DX CW contests as PJ6T (QSL via LoTW). Outside the contests he will be active holiday style as PJ6/NM1Y (QSL via LoTW or direct to home call) on 80-10 metres SSB, RTTY and CW. [TNX The Daily DX]

SV5 - Stathis, SV5DKL and Panos, SV2DSJ will participate in the CQ WW 160 Meter SSB Contest (24-26 February) as SX5R from Rhodes, Dodecanese (EU-001). QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, eQSL or via SV5DKL. [TNX SV5DKL]

T8 - Noboru, JH1OLB will be active as T88DT from Koror (OC-009), Palau on 17-21 February. "Possible operation modes" are SSB, CW, RTTY, PSK31, SSTV and JT65A on 160-6 metres, depending on conditions. QSL via JH1OLB, direct or bureau. Neither eQSL nor LoTW will be used.

TI - Marta HA9WM and Chris HA5X (HA5X) will be active holiday style from Costa Rica between 15 February and 1 March. They will be QRV as TI6/HA9WM and TI6/HA5X from Puerto Viejo de Talamancan, and
TI7/HA9WM and TI7/HA5X from Tilaran. [TNX The Daily DX]

TU - TU7C is the callsign issued to the Radio-club de Provins' large team for their 9-19 March DXpedition to Grand Bassam, Cote d'Ivoire [425DXN 1341]. Fifteen operators will be QRV on 160-6 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK with five stations (one for CW, two for SSB, one for digital modes and one for 6m). QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW; traditional cards should be sent to FIULQ (direct or bureau). See https://tu2017dx.wordpress.com/ for more information and updates. [TNX F5NQL]

UA - The "Arctic's Legends" expedition is set to start on 14 February [425DXN 1333], but the IOTA activations are expected to begin in early March. Plans are for RT9K/9 to be QRV from Helland-Hansen Island (AS-054) on 1-5 March, Tyrtov Island (AS-121) on 6-9 March, Nansen Island (AS-104) on 10-14 March and the Scott Hansen Islands (AS-068) on 16-20 March. Actual dates will depend on weather and ice conditions. Three stations are expected to operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 40-10 metres. The expedition will end in late March. QSL via RX9KM; four separate Club Log entries have been created and the OQRS will be enabled in due course. Follow the expedition progress on http://yanaorgo.ru/s/02_17/page-18.html.

UA - Russian Robinson Club's members Aleksandr RA3AV, Yuri UA0KBG and Victor UA3AKO will be active as R71RRC from Arakamchechen Island (AS-071) for 5-7 days between 7 and 17 April. Dates are tentative and will depend on local conditions. Plans are to operate CW and SSB on 40, 30, 20 and 17 metres with two stations. QSL via UA3AKO, direct or bureau; OQRS on Club Log. See www.qrz.com/db/R71RRC for more information. This IOTA group was activated only twice, by 4K4/EK0AK (1990) and UA0KAP/A (1991).

UA_ant - Oleg, ZS1OIN has left the Russian Antarctic base Molodezchnaya (RI1ANA) [425DXN 1337] and is now expected to be active as RI1ANN from the Progress station until 22 February. QSL via ZS1OIN. [TNX qrz.ru]

VK - The Darwin Amateur Radio Club will be active as VI8BOD from 18 February to 28 March to mark the 75th anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin during World War II. QSL via M0URX's OQRS (www.mourx.com/oqrs/) for direct and bureau cards.

VK - Craig, VK5CE will be active as VK5CE/7 from Bruny Island (OC-233) on 22-23 April. "Based on current band conditions", he anticipates operating mainly on 40 and 20 metres SSB, with some activity on 30m PSK63 ("I find this better than RTTY for weak signals") and 17m SSB. QSL via Club Log's OQRS; traditional cards via VK5CE, direct or bureau. See https://oc233.wordpress.com/ for more information. [TNX VK5CE]

VP5 - Look for VP5/K0PC and VP5/ACOW to be active from Providenciales (NA-002), Caicos Islands on 15-22 February. QSL via home calls, Club Log's OQRS and LoTW. They will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest as VP5K (QSL via K0PC, LoTW and Club Log's OQRS). [TNX The Daily DX]

XE - Celebrating the spring equinox, which was important in Mayan culture, a group of operators will be active as 6E3MAYA on 18-21 March from different archaeological sites in the Mexican states of Yucatan, Campeche, Tabasco, Chiapas and Quintana Roo. The activity will be on 80-6 metres SSB, CW, digital modes and satellite. QSL
via XE3N and LoTW. [TNX XE3N]

ZF - Scott, KA9P as ZF2SC and Ron, W9XS as ZF2FB will be active from the Cayman Islands (NA-016) on 22-28 February. They will be QRV on 40-15 metres and satellite. QSLs via LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

AFRICAN TRIP ---> Eric, SM1TDE will be active as 9X2CW from Rwanda on 17-22 February, and as 5X8EW from Uganda on 23-26 February. He will operate CW only on 40-10 metres. QSL via SM1TDE and logsearch on Club Log. [TNX The Daily DX]

INDIAN OCEAN TRIP ---> Chris VK3FY, Lee VK3GK, Tony VK3TZ and Dindo DU1UD will be active as VK9XI from Christmas Island (OC-002) on 2-10 October (Oceania DX SSB Contest included), and as VK9CI from the Cocos (Keeling) Islands (OC-003) on 10-17 October (Oceania DX CW Contest included). They will operate SSB, CW and RTTY on 160-10 metres, with two stations and a focus on the lower bands. There may be some 6m activity as well. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS (www.m0oxo.com/oqrs/). [TNX M0OXO]

425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The January 2017 issue is now available for download at www.425dxn.org/monthly/index.html. [TNX IZ3EBA]

HAMALERT ---> Created by Manuel Kasper (HB9DQM), HamAlert "is a system that allows you to get notifications when a desired station appears on the Reverse Beacon Network, SOTAwatch or the DX cluster". You can receive alerts via Email, Push notification, SMS or URL GET/POST; spots can be filtered and the number of alerts can be limited. See https://hamalert.org/about for complete information.

LIGHTHOUSE WEEKEND ---> The 9th South American Lighthouses Weekend will be held on 17-19 February. Details, including a listing of participating stations, can be found at http://www.grupodxbb.com.ar/.

QSL 5A1AL & 5A1A ---> Abubaker (5A1AL) has announced that "the QSL process for both call signs 5A1AL and 5A1A will be taken over by myself starting from 11th of February 2017". Abubaker is going to upload his log to Club Log and enable the OQRS. W5UE will forward to Abubaker all direct QSL requests received after 10 February.

WRTC 2022 ---> Italy is stepping forward as a potential candidate country to host the World Radiosport Team Championship 2022: http://wrtc2022.it. The petition has gathered 350+ signatures from 25 different countries so far.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8/DJ7RJ, 3B9FR, 3DA0AY, 3W2R, 3W3MD, 4O/KC0W, 5H1WW (AF-032), 5T5TI (AF-050), 6Y4K, 7P8EUDXF, 8Q7SP,
9G5AM, 9H5BZ, 9M8K, A45WH, A70X (AS-088), BG5BWZ (AS-141), DU1IST, DU1UD/p (OC-126), E44CM, E51DWC, EK4JJ, ER4A, FJ/K08SCA, FP5BZ, FS/N9TK, FT4JA, H40GC, H44GC, HK1X, HP3SS, J3/VE7ACN (NA-147), JY9FC, KL7SB, LU1ZI, MD7C, OX/OZ1LXJ, OY/ON6NB, P29FR), PJ4/W0LD, PJ7TM, S9YY, SV2ASP/A, T31T, T32AZ, TK/S53F, TL0A, TM1LH (EU-094), TO5FP, TX8F, V63AVO, VP5/VE7ACN (NA-003), VP6AH, VP6J, VU2GSM, VU7MS, XT2AW, XU7MDC, XW1IC, YB16T (OC-237), YE1R, ZA/ZA1P, ZB2FK, ZF2LL, ZF2WE, ZM1A.

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