9A  - Radio Club Libertas 9A4J will be active as 9A21RBM on 1-15 April. The special 
callsign is a tribute for Ronald H. Brown, the US 
Secretary of Commerce who was killed, along with 34 others, in a 
1996 plane crash near Dubrovnik. QSL via 9A4J or 9A5AX. [TNX 9A2AA]

A2  - Nobby, G0VJG and a large group of operators will be active again as 
A25UK (http://www.a25uk.com/) from Botswana from 25 April to 5 May. 
They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-6 metres with up to 
five stations. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS (http://www.m0oxo.com/) and 
LoTW. [TNX DX World]

DU  - Marc, ON5SM will be active again as DU9/ON5SM from Cagayan de Oro 
on the island of Mindanao (OC-130), Philippines from 4 April to 24 
May. He will operate SSB, digital and SSTV on 80-6 metres. QSL via 
home call, direct or bureau. He will not use LoTW or Club Log. [TNX 
The Daily DX]

E5 nc - Cezar, VE3LYC plans to be active as E51LYC from Pukapuka Atoll 
(OC-098), North Cook Islands on 9-23 May. This IOTA group was last 
activated more than 22 years ago. He will operate CW and SSB on 
40-10 metres. More information is expected in due course. [TNX DX 
World]

F  - Fought in France in April 1917, the Battle of Vimy Ridge "awakened 
a sense of national identity in Canadians" which has been described as 
"the moment when Canada leapt in spirit from colony to nation". 
Commemorating the centenary of Vimy Ridge, special event station 
TM100VIMY will be active on 1-9 April. A multi-national team of 
seventeen operators will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-6 metres 
around the clock. QSL via N7RO, bureau, Club Log's OQRS and LoTW. 
See http://ve100vimy.ca/ for more information.

JW  - Kaare, LA8EKA (JW8EKA) and Morten, LA9BX (JW9BX) will be active from 
Longyearbyen (EU-026), Svalbard on 21-22 March. They will operate 
SSB and possibly some CW on 80-10 metres. QSL via home calls, 
direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

PY  - Look for PY2/LU9EFO, PU2KBD/p and PU7TDX/p to be active from Ilha 
de Sao Sebastiao (SA-028) on 24-26 March. They will operate SSB on 
various bands. QSL via operator's instructions. [TNX DX World]

S2  - S21ZED and S21ZEE (not S21GM and S21KW as previously announced) are 
the callsigns issued to the 15-27 March DXpedition to Bangladesh 
[425DXN 1346]: S21ZED will be the call for the seven days, followed 
by S21ZEE for the remaining five days. Please refrain from working 
the second callsign on the same bands and modes you have already 
worked the first one. Four stations will be active on 160-10 metres 
CW, SSB and RTTY. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS (direct and bureau) or 
via YL2GN (direct and bureau, email requests for bureau cards to 
yl2gn[@]ral.lv); the full logs will be uploaded to LoTW within 
three months after the end of the expedition. More information and

SM - Jef, DD2CW and Dirk, ON3UN will be active from SI9AM (the King Chulalongkorn Memorial Amateur Radio Society, www.si9am.com) in Ragunda on 22-29 March. Main activity will be during the CQ WPX SSB Contest. QSL via SM3TIR, direct or bureau.

UA - Special event station RY83HN will be active from 17 March to 2 April for the 83rd Festival of the North (the "Polar Olympics") to be held in Murmansk. QS via operator's instructions. [TNX qrz.ru]

UA - The website for the R71RRC IOTA expedition to Arakamchechen Island (AS-071) http://r71rrc.ru/en/ is now up and running: Plans are for three operators to be QRV on 40, 30, 20 and 17 metres CW and SSB with two stations. Depending on local conditions, activity is expected to take place for "at least 5-7 days" between 7 and 17 April. QSL via UA3AKO, direct or bureau; OQRS on Club Log.

VP5 - John, AF3K and Ross, W2TT will be active as VP5/AF3K and VP5/W2TT from Providenciales, Caicos Islands (NA-002) on 23-30 March. QSLs via LoTW or direct to W2TT. Activity will be holiday style except for operation in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as VP5P (QSL via LoTW or W2TT). [TNX NG3K]

VQ9 - Jim, ND9M is going to be active again from Diego Garcia (AF-006), Chagos. His VQ96JC license is valid until July, but he will try and get VQ917JC, as he has used "year-specific special calls every year starting in 2007". Plans are to be QRV for about three hours during his evenings, as he has to commute between his ship and his operating location on the island, then set up and break down each time. He operates mainly CW, with some SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

XE - XF2L http://r71rrc.ru/en/ is confirmed to be active from Isla de Lobos (NA-221) on 24-26 March. QSL direct to XE1SOV (or use PayPal: ricardoorozcoc[@]hotmail.com); logsearch on the Grupo Puebla DX's website: http://puebladx.org/spcall/XF2L_log.php.

ZF - Royce KE5TC as ZF2TC (QSL via home call and LoTW) and Fred K5QBX as ZF2FL (QSL via home call) will be active holiday style from the Cayman Islands (NA-016) on 21-26 March. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes.

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IOTA PLAQUE OF EXCELLENCE ---> "Islands On The Air (IOTA) Ltd has just completed a very successful first year", G3KMA reported on the IOTA website (https://www.rsgbiota.org/) on 16 March, "and has decided that this needs to be commemorated with a special offer to the IOTA Community. For one year it offers an enhanced opportunity to everyone who has put in the long time commitment and reached the 750 IOTA benchmark to purchase the beautiful 750 Islands Plaque of Excellence at the specially reduced price of GBP 90 (UK recipient), GBP 100 (EU) and GBP 110 (Rest of World). These prices include shipping and apply for purchases of the Plaque made between 1 January and 31 December 2017".
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