9M0 - Originally announced for December, the 9M0W DXpedition to the Spratly Islands [425DXN 1345] has been postponed to 10-20 March next year, owing to the unavailability of the resort on Layang Layang. Plans are for Hrane, YT1AD and a large group to be QRV on 160-6 metres CW, SSB and digital modes. The team has two vacant positions. [TNX YT3W]

9U - Antonio IZ8CCW, Gabriele I2VGW and a large multi-national team of Mediterraneo DX Club's members will be active as 9U4M from Bujumbura, Burundi on 6-17 November. They will operate on all bands and modes with five stations. More information is expected in due course. [TNX Mediterraneo DX Club]

A4 - A41MS, A41OF, A41RN and A41ZZ will be active as A41ZZ/p from Suwadi Island (AS-112) on 14-15 April. QSL via A41ZZ. [TNX rsghbiota.org]

D4 - Tony, CT1FFU will be active as D4T from Ilha do Sal (AF-086), Cape Verde on 18-25 April. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on the HF bands, 6m and 4m. QSL via CT1FFU, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

E3 - Zorro, JH1AJT will visit Eritrea again on 19-29 May. He will be joined by Franz DJ9ZB, Champ E21EIC and Dima RA9USU, with planned activity as E31AA on 160-10 metres CW, SSB, RTTY. Zorro also plans to be QRV as E39DI from the Dahlak Archipelago (AF-038) "for a few days" and with a focus on the low bands. This IOTA group was last activated in 1999. QSL for both callsigns via JH1AJT. [TNX NG3K]

EW - Special callsign EV145O will be active from the city of Rechytsa from 24 April to 22 June to mark the 145th anniversary of the creation of the Water Rescue Society in Belarus. QSL via the bureau or direct to address on qrz.com.

F - Andy F4ELK, Christophe F4ELI and Stephane F5UOW will operate SSB and CW as TM65EU from IOTA group EU-065 on 28-29 April. Islands mentioned are Quemenes (aka Kemenez, DIFM AT-039), Balanec (DIFM AT-038), Trilien (DIFM AT-040), Ledenes de Molene (aka Ledenez Vraz, DIFM AT 042) and Ledenes de Quemenes (aka Ledenez Kemenez, DIFM AT-044). QSL via F4ELK, direct or bureau. [TNX F5NQL]

GM - Ian, G8ZLL will be active from the Scottish island of Islay, Inner Hebrides (EU-008) on 22-28 April. He will operate mainly CW on 80, 40 and 20 metres.

GM - John, 2E0GUA will operate holiday style as 2M0GUA from the Isle of Mull (EU-008) from 22 April to 2 May. He hopes to be active "on HF, 2m & 70cm from various locations". QSL via home call (direct or bureau), eQSL and LoTW. [TNX rsghbiota.org]

HB9 - Special callsign HB600NVF will be active until 31 December to commemorate the 600th anniversary of the birth of Niklaus von Flue, the patron saint of Switzerland. QSL via LoTW (preferred); paper QSLs via HB9JOE. See https://www.qrz.com/db/hb600nvf for
information on the award program.

I      - ARI Torino will be active as IQ1TO from the submarine 'Andrea Provana' on 22-23 April. Launched in 1918, she was decommissioned in 1928, and her central section with the conning tower has been located in Torino, on the bank of the river Po, since then. QSL via bureau. [TNX IK1MTX]

J5     - The Italian DXpedition Team will be active as J5T from Bubaque Island (AF-020), Guinea-Bissau in mid-November (exact dates TBA). Eight operators (I1HJT, I2YSB, IK2CIO, IK2CKR, IK2DIA, IK2HKT, IK2RZP and JA3USA) will be QRV on 160-10 metres CW and SSB with four stations; RTTY will be used on one band only, to be selected depending on propagation. QSL via I2YSB and LoTW 6 months after the DXpedition. More information, including a band & mode survey, real-time logsearch and OQRS for direct cards, can be found at http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/. Updates will be posted to a dedicated forum on www.hamradioweb.net. [TNX IK7JWY]

JA     - Look for JA4GXS to be active as JA4GXS/5 from Naka Island (AS-200) on 23-24 April. He will operate CW and SSB on 40, 30, 20 and 17 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

JA     - Take, JI3DST will be active as either JS6RRR and JI3DST/6 from Miyako Island (AS-079) from 26 April to 9 May. He will be QRV on 80-6 metres SSB, CW, RTTY, JT65 and FM. QSL via bureau (preferred) or direct. [TNX JI3DST]

OE     - Special station OE17ATOM will be active from the power plant in Zwentendorf ("the world's only nuclear power plant to have been completed but never put into operation") on 21-22 April. QSL via bureau.

SM     - Special callsign SC90SM will be active until 31 December to mark the 90th anniversary of the longwave broadcasting station in Motala. Inaugurated in 1927 and closed in 1962, it was one of the most powerful BC stations in Europe. QSL via bureau, or direct to SM5ELV.

TG     - Dwight, VE7BV and Doug, VE7VZ will be active as TG9BBV and TG9/VE7VZ from Guatemala from 21 April to 15 May. They might also operate a few days from HR5. QSL for all operations via VE7BV (direct or bureau), LoTW and eQSL. [TNX The Daily DX]

UA     - Special stations R1961GP and R1961AG are active until 30 April to commemorate the first manned space flight made on 12 April 1961 by Yuri Gagarin. QSL R1961GP via Club Log's OQRS or R4CR, QSL R1961AG via RA4DR. [TNX RW4CLF]

UA     - Special callsign RA36GS will be active from 23 April to 22 May to commemorate the 140th anniversary of the birth of Russian Arctic explorer Georgy Y. Sedov (1877-1914). IOTA enthusiasts might note that the Sedova Archipelago, part of Severnaya Zemlya (AS-042), has been named after him. QSL via RN3FY.

V4     - Alex, W1CDC will be active holiday style as V4/W1CDC from St. Kitts (NA-104) from 24 April to 7 May. He will operate mainly CW. QSL via home call, direct only. [TNX The Daily DX]

V5     - Stefan, HB9JAB will be active as V51/HB9JAB while touring Namibia on a campervan between 18 April and 8 May. QSL via eQSL and LoTW. [TNX DX World]

W      - Nelson, NE4LS (CW QRP) and John, KE4IDW (SSB with 20 watts) will be active as N4T from Garden Key, Dry Tortugas (NA-079) on 21-24
April. QSL via NE4LS, direct or bureau. [TNX rsrgbiota.org]

XV - Jesus, JP7MBO (WP4JBG) will be active as XV9G from Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam between 19 April and 9 May. He will operate mainly CW with some SSB on 40, 20 and 15 metres.

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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 Plaque for the Single-Operator DXpedition that works the most unique callsigns within a specified interval. The 2016 Cass Award has been won by Jeff Martin, K5WE: "By working 7040 unique stations during his one-man DXpedition to Easter Island as XR0YS, Jeff demonstrated an outstanding effort to log as many DXers as possible". If you are interested in competing for - or contributing to - the 2017 Cass Award, please visit http://www.cassaward.com/.

DXCC YEARBOOK ---> The 2016 ARRL DXCC Yearbook, which includes the Clinton B. DeSoto Challenge top scorers and the Annual Listing, can be found at http://www.arrl.org/files/file/DXCC/DXCCYearbook/DXCC%20YEARBOOK%202016.pdf. The Annual Listing of DXCC membership contains the call signs and credited totals for new awards and endorsements during the calendar year period from 1 January through 31 December 2016. The DXCC Honor Roll includes those who are within 9 entities of the "current" Entity count for Mixed, Phone, CW, and Digital modes. As of 31 December 2016, there were 339 Entities on the DXCC List, and entry level DXCC Honor Roll was achieved at level 330.

H44MS ---> Bernard, H44MS [425dxn 1335] has moved to a new QTH "in square RI01" (most likely Malaita Island, OC-047), and will remain there until around 10 May. His new location is next to the sea and less noisy than his previous QTH in Honiara, but there is no access to the Internet. European stations who need the Solomon Islands on 80 metres should call Bernard around 3755 kHz between 18.50 and 19.30 UTC: "I am confident I can hear them then, and come back", he says. QSL via DL2GAC, direct or bureau.

INTERNATIONAL MARCONI DAY ---> Organized by the Cornish Radio Amateur Club, the International Marconi Day (IMD) is a 24-hour amateur radio event held annually to celebrate the birth of Guglielmo Marconi (25 April 1874). It is not a contest, but an opportunity for amateurs around the world to make contacts with historic Marconi sites using HF communications techniques. This year's event will be held on 22 April, from 00.00 UTC to 23.59 UTC. Details, including information on the Award Certificates and the listing of participating stations, can be found at http://gx4crc.com/.

KC0W WORLDWIDE DXPEDITION ---> "My next multi continent DXpedition will start 17 April, 2017", KC0W reported on qrz.com [425DXN 1351]. "Full information" is expected to be posted to https://www.qrz.com/db/kc0w on 15 April.
R71RRC ---> The IOTA DXpedition to Arakamchechen Island (AS-071) is expected to QRT around 00.30 UTC on 15 April. [TNX EU7A]

QSL VIA IK7JWX ---> Alfredo, IK7JWX reports that all direct cards for the November 2016 6V1IS and 6V1IS/p (AF-045) operations have been mailed out. Bureau cards requested through Club Log's OQRS will be sent in the next coming days.

+ SILENT KEY + Randy Johnson, W6SJ passed away on 27 March of complications from heart valve replacement surgery. Born in 1937, he was the driving force behind the DX Code of Conduct ([http://www.dx-code.org/](http://www.dx-code.org/)).
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