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9A - Radio Club Libertas 9A4J will be active as 9A22RBM 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]

A5 - Zorro JH1AJT, Jin JP1IST and Champ E21EIC will be active again as A5A from Bhutan on 4-11 April. Activity will be on 160-6 metres CW SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via JH1AJT; logsearch and OQRS on Club Log. [TNX DX World]

D4 - Mike, CT1IUA will be active as D4IA from Sal Island (AF-086), Cape Verde on 1-9 April. He will operate mainly CW on the HF bands. QSL via home call (direct or bureau) and LoTW.

G - Celebrating the centenary of the Royal Air Force, special callsign GB100RAF will be in use from various locations in England and Elsewhere between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019. QSL direct to G8FC. See https://www.rafars.org/raf100/ for more information.

GI - The Grey Point Fort ARS will be active as GB106TBC on 2-29 April to commemorate the 106th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic. QSL via MI0MOD.

OA - Daniel, IK2SGL will be relocating to call area 9 in the Peruvian Amazon rainforest in a couple of weeks. In his spare time he will be QRV as IK2SGL/OA9; follow his activities on Twitter (@IK2SGL). QSL via LoTW and eQSL.

RI1F - Evgenij, UA4RX has had his RI1FJ licence renewed until 1 September. He is stationed at the Ernst Krenkel Observatory on Heiss Island (EU-019), Franz Josef Land and operates CW on 40 and 30 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW, or direct to UA2FM. [TNX DX News]

UA - Special event stations R108M (QSL via RK3LC), R12APR (QSL via R3LO), UE12APR (QSL via R3LO) and UE57G (QSL via R3LD) will be active on 1-15 April to commemorate the 57th anniversary of Yuri Gagarin's first manned flight into outer space (12 April 1961). See https://gagarin.ga/ for online logs and certificates. [TNX R3LO]

VK - Tim, NL8F will be active as VK4COF from Hamilton Island (OC-160) on 3-13 April. He will operate FT8 and SSB on the HF bands. QSL via N7RO. [TNX The Daily DX]

ZB - Special callsign ZB2RAF will be active from 1 April to 29 July to celebrate the centenary of the Royal Air Force. QSL direct to G8FC.

ZL - 1968 was a tragic year for New Zealand shipping, with the loss of the ferry Wahine and the grain ship Maranui, plus a fire at sea aboard the liner Gothic. Sixty-seven people died in these events. Fifty years later, those disasters will be commemorated by three special callsigns: ZM50GW in April, ZM50LA in June and ZM50MAUQ in August. Operations will be based at ZL1NZ in Auckland, New Zealand. Look for activity on 80, 40 and 20 metres CW and SSB. The logs will
be uploaded to Club Log. See http://maritimeradio.org/2018 for more details and QSL information.

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PIRATE ---> Francois Botha, ZS4X has notified the SARL Office that his old call sign, ZS6BUU, is being pirated using the FT8 mode. ICASA (the South African Regulator) has confirmed that ZS6BUU has not been reissued. [TNX ZS4BS]

VP6D ---> CW enthusiast Ken Karr, NG2H has joined the VP6D DXpedition to Ducie Island (20 October–3 November) [425DXN 1397]. He participated in the VK0EK expedition to Heard Island (2016). "Providing an All Time New One (ATNO) is a key objective of VP6D", the organizers say. "We will keep stations on 20m SSB and CW as propagation permits. Additionally, FT8 may also provide DXers an ATNO opportunity during periods of poor conditions". The fundraising campaign continues. See https://www.vp6d.com/ for the latest information from the team and details on how to contribute.

Z60A LOTW AND QSL RELEASE ---> "It is now 10-days from the last QSO made at Z60A, the Republic of Kosovo's first activation", OH2BH reported on 23 March. "Because this is an overall new DXCC entity, it has resulted in many requests for checking missing QSOs due to pirates, a variety of logging errors and busted calls. We have extended this period for another week as we try to enter the cleanest possible QSO data to LoTW. The magic day for the complete LoTW upload will be 1 April 2018. We will continue processing log errors for another 7-days prior to the upload. Queries can be made at z60a[@]sral.fi". The paper QSL cards are being printed, and "we expect to have them here around 1 April as well. We will proceed with mailing as fast as we can". The Mission Goodwill Kosovo has been invited to present the story of "The Republic of Kosovo and Z60A" at the Visalia International DX Convention; Z61VB, OH2BH and K9JF will be the Saturday evening Banquet speakers.
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