3B9 - FR4NP, FR4PF, FR4PM, FR5CB and FR5FC will be active as 3B9RUN from Rodrigues Island (AF-017) on 11-16 May. They will operate SSB and FT8 on 80-10 metres. QSL via EA7FTR.

9H - Jean-Marc, F5SGI will be active as 9H3JI from Malta (EU-023) on 5-12 May. He will operate CW only on 80-6 metres. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct QSLs via F5SGI. [TNX F6AJA]

E5_sc - Jim, KM7R will be active holiday style as E51KMR from Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cook Islands on 8-11 May. He will operate mostly SSB using E51JD's home station. QSL via LoTW and Club Log. [TNX NG3K]

HB0 - PD7YY, PG8M and PH0NO will be active as HB0/PG8M and HB0/PH0NO from at least six different nature reserves in Liechtenstein between 11 and 14 May. They plan to operate mainly SSB and CW on 80-2 metres with two or three stations. QSL via PD7YY. See http://www.vnomy.nl for more information. [TNX NG3K]

JA - Look for 8J3XXIII/3 to be QRV from Tanga Island (AS-117) on 12-13 May. Activity will be on 80-6 metres SSB, CW and possibly digital modes (RTTY, JT65 and FT8). The special callsign celebrates the XXIII (23rd) edition of the Kansai Amateur Radio Festival, and is being used between 1 April and 15 July from various locations. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. [TNX JI3DST]

KH6 - Philip, N2HX will be active holiday style as KH6/N2HX from Maui, Hawaii (OC-019) from 2 May to 1 June. He will operate mostly SSB and RTTY. QSL via N2HX. [TNX NG3K]

OH0 - Ari, OH3KAV will be active holiday style as OH0KA from Eckero, Aland Islands (EU-002) on 6-11 May. He plans to "focus on CW and FT8 operation on 5 MHz". QSL via LoTW or via OH3KAV, direct or bureau.

ON - Celebrating the 70th anniversary of UBA, the Belgian IARU society, several special callsigns will be active on 1-31 May. All starting with the OT70 prefix, the callsigns will have 3-letter suffixes representing the various local branches of UBA: OT70ACC, OT70ALT, OT70ARA, OT70AST, OT70ATH, OT70ATO, OT70BDX, OT70BFA, OT70BSE, OT70BTS, OT70BUX, OT70CLR, OT70CPN, OT70CRD, OT70DIG, OT70DST, OT70EKO, OT70ERA, OT70GBN, OT70GDV, OT70GNT, OT70GMT, OT70HCC, OT70HRT, OT70KTK, OT70LGE, OT70LIR, OT70LLV, OT70LUS, OT70LW, OT70MCL, OT70MLB, OT70NBT, OT70NBV, OT70NV, OT70N1, OT70N2, OT70N3, OT70N4, OT70N5, OT70N6, OT70N7, OT70N8, OT70N9, OT70O1, OT70O2, OT70O3, OT70O4, OT70O5, OT70O6, OT70O7, OT70O8, OT70O9, OT70P1, OT70P2, OT70P3, OT70P4, OT70P5, OT70P6, OT70P7, OT70P8, OT70P9, OT70Q1, OT70Q2, OT70Q3, OT70Q4, OT70Q5, OT70Q6, OT70Q7, OT70Q8, OT70Q9, OT70R1, OT70R2, OT70R3, OT70R4, OT70R5, OT70R6, OT70R7, OT70R8, OT70R9, OT70S1, OT70S2, OT70S3, OT70S4, OT70S5, OT70S6, OT70S7, OT70S8, OT70S9, OT70T1, OT70T2, OT70T3, OT70T4, OT70T5, OT70T6, OT70T7, OT70T8, OT70T9, OT70U1, OT70U2, OT70U3, OT70U4, OT70U5, OT70U6, OT70U7, OT70U8, OT70U9, OT70V1, OT70V2, OT70V3, OT70V4, OT70V5, OT70V6, OT70V7, OT70V8, OT70V9, OT70W1, OT70W2, OT70W3, OT70W4, OT70W5, OT70W6, OT70W7, OT70W8, OT70W9, OT70X1, OT70X2, OT70X3, OT70X4, OT70X5, OT70X6, OT70X7, OT70X8, OT70X9, OT70Y1, OT70Y2, OT70Y3, OT70Y4, OT70Y5, OT70Y6, OT70Y7, OT70Y8, OT70Y9, OT70Z1, OT70Z2, OT70Z3, OT70Z4, OT70Z5, OT70Z6, OT70Z7, OT70Z8, OT70Z9. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. Direct cards via Club Log's OQRS; SWLs should request their cards.
via email (70[@]uba.be). See http://70.uba.be/ for information on the award certificates available for working these callsigns.

P4 - Johannes, DF5AU will be active as P4/DF5AU from Aruba (SA-036) on 8-13 May. Activity will include participation in the CQ-M International DX Contest (http://cqm.srr.ru/) as P40AU. QSL via DF5AU. [TNX NG3K]

S7 - Michael, VK4EF is working on the islands of Mahe and La Digue (both count for IOTA AF-024), Seychelles until 31 May. In his spare time he operates SSB, JT65, FT8 and QRS CW as S79LD. QSL direct to home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

TA - DX World team members Col MM0NDX, Max IK8LOV and Bjorn ON9CFG will undertake their inaugural DXpedition to Buyukada (AS-201), Turkey on 7-11 May. They will be QRV on 80-2 metres as TC0AX. QSL via M0SDV, LoTW and Club Log. [TNX DX World]

UA - A very large number of Russian stations using special prefix RP73 (where the letter P stands for 'pobeda', i.e. 'victory') will be active on 5-9 May to celebrate the 73rd anniversary of the end of World War II. See https://pobeda.srr.ru/ for more information and the list of participating stations.

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3Y0Z ---> "There have been several important milestones reached and decisions made in the last few weeks", the ill-fated 3Y0Z team posted to qzr.com on 26 April. "We have received a partial reimbursement on our payments made to DAP, our transportation contractor. In our view, this is a fair settlement with them. Our vessel, Betanzos is now back in Punta Arenas and we believe the container with our personal gear and equipment are intact. We will be arranging to transport the container back to the US, arriving in a few months. Originally, we felt if we could organize a return trip to Bouvet quickly, we could redeploy the balance of our bank account along with some additional funds to cover costs. Virtually none of our investors (DX Foundations, DX Clubs of Individual contributors) had asked for a pro-rata return of their contribution. They wanted to get Bouvet on the air, as did we. However in recent weeks, it has become apparent that the chance of finding a suitable and affordable vessel for the 2018-19 Austral season is becoming less and less likely. It appears that the very earliest that we could mount a second attempt to activate Bouvet would be the 2019-20 season or possibly beyond.
Thus, we have made the decision to offer a pro-rata return of the remaining 3Y0Z DXpedition funds in our account. This will occur only after the container has arrived here and we have paid all our bills. Only then, will we know the net balance to be distributed. As you may have concluded, this
is going to be an enormous task with 137 DX Clubs and Foundations and 3700 individual DXers. The process will take some time. We ask that you be patient as we complete this. After the return of the funds is completed, we will close the accounting books and bank account of 3Y0Z. This is always our procedure as each DXpedition must stand on its own. We all are unhappy and extremely disappointed that the project was not completed due to the mechanical failure of our vessel. This left the Captain no choice but to abort the mission for safety reasons. We believe this is the proper way to wrap up the DXpedition. Thanks for your understanding!"

DXCC NEWS ---> The recent 4B4B operation from Socorro Island, Revillagigedo has been approved for DXCC credit.

FT8 DXPEDITION MODE: THIRD PUBLIC TEST ---> The third public test of FT8 DXpedition mode will be conducted on 5 May, and all radio amateurs are invited to participate. The goal is to simulate a rare-DXpedition pileup by having many stations ("Hounds") calling and trying to work a designated pseudo-DXpedition station ("Fox"). Participants in the test MUST USE the NEW Release Candidate version of WSJT-X (v1.9.0-rc4). Installation packages for Windows, Linux, Macintosh and Raspian Jessie are available on http://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/bsjtx.html. In addition, participants in the test MUST READ the latest revision of the "FT8 DXpedition Mode User Guide" dated 26 April (some details of the operating procedures are different from previous editions): http://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/FT8_DXpedition_Mode.pdf The scheduled test will take place as follows, with each session lasting one hour:

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If last-minute instructions are necessary, they will be announced on the "Ping Jockey Relief" chat page: http://www.pingjockey.net/cgi-bin/pingtalkB.

INTREPID SPIRIT AWARD ---> The Intrepid-DX Group is pleased to announce that Yuris Peterson, YL2GM and Kaspars Uztics, YL1ZF are the recipients of the 2018 "Intrepid Spirit Award" for their activations of Annobon Island and Equatorial Guinea as 3C0L and 3C1L. The awards will be presented in Dayton next month. In addition, Antonio Gonzalez (EA5RM) is the recipient of the "Intrepid Humanitarian Award" for his many years of volunteering in the Bolivian Rain Forest to help establish and maintain communications between remote villages and hospitals and medical clinics. [TNX N6PSE]

LOTW ---> Logbook of The World (LoTW) now has a full-time status monitor: https://status.lotw.arrl.org/. The system's status is displayed in real time and is available offsite, offering a single spot for all users to quickly check what's happening with the online repository of contacts and confirmations. At a glance, the LoTW status monitor shows if the system is up, paused, or down; overall uptime statistics, and quick stats. A green
status means all systems are go, a red status means the system is down, and a black status means the system has been paused. The monitor indicates overall uptime for the past 24 hours, the past 7 days, and the past 30 days, as well as the most-recent downtime occurrence. [TNX ARRL]

SWODXA DX DINNER ---> The 33rd DX Dinner, sponsored again by the SouthWest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) and held in conjunction with the 2018 Dayton Hamvention, will be on Friday, 18 May at the Marriott Hotel in Dayton. Gary Dixon (K4MQG) will be the keynote speaker. The newest inductee(s) into the CQ DX Hall of Fame will be announced, as well as the DXpedition of the Year. For more information, including a list of the door prizes, and to order dinner tickets, please visit http://swodxaevents.org/. [TNX W8GEX]

+ SILENT KEY + Rafik Dandji, F5CQ (ex F6EUX) passed away in his sleep during the night between 18 and 19 April. Born in Egypt in 1950, he and his family moved first to Lebanon and finally, in 1963, to France. He embraced the military career with the French Marine corps, and during his missions abroad he operated from Djibouti as FL8RD (1975-76) & J28EO (1986-88), Martinique as FM7BO (1978-80), Kerguelen as FT8XA (1984-85) & FT5XA (1989-90) and Mayotte as FH5CQ (1994-96), as well as from Germany (DA1HU) and England (M0VXA). He was an accomplished all-mode DXer with 334/339 (current/total) in the Mixed DXCC Honor Roll Standings, and 2719 DXCC Challenge points. [TNX F5NQL]

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