3DA - Charles/K5LBU (3DA0CF), Chuck/W4GMY (3DA0CG), Don/W0DM (3DA0DM),
Paul/NOAH (3DA0AX) and Andre/ZS6WPX (3DAWPX) will be active from
Swaziland on 12-22 March. They plan to have up to four stations up
and running on most bands, with an emphasis on the low bands. On
17-19 March they will take a break for a photo safari in Kruger
Park, where they might operate portable ZS6. QSL via home calls.
[TNX The Daily DX]

5V - The pilot stations for the current 5V7C operation from Togo [425DXN
669] are:
- Bruno/F5AGB (Europe and French speaking countries: 5v7c@free.fr),
- Floyd/N5FG (Americas: floydgee@datasync.com),
- Mike/UA0MF (Asia: ua0mf@mail.ru),
- Toshi/JA1ELY (Japan: ja1ely@bb.mbn.or.jp) and
- Lee/ZL2AL (Oceania: leejen@paradise.net.nz).
The team's plan for working 160 and 80 metres is as follows:
- 18.00-21.45 UTC Pacific and East Asia;
- 21.45-23.00 UTC Central Asia + Africa /Indian Ocean;
- 23.00-02.00 UTC Europe, West Asia + Africa;
- 02.00-04.00 UTC South and North America;
- 04.00-05.00 UTC North America (West Coast);
- 05.00-06.00 UTC KL7 and Pacific.
QSL via F5TVG (Franck Savoldi, P.O. Box 92, 94223 Charenton Cedex,
France). [TNX QRZ-DX]

7Q - Steve, G4EDG has joined the existing team (G4AXX, GU4CHY, M5RIC and
G4JVG) for the 18 April-1 May DXpedition to Malawi [425DXN 663].
Following numerous requests, they have decided to add 160 metres
(CW only) to the bands on which they will operate. The 7Q licenses
have been issued and are awaiting to be collected in Malawi. The
callsign will be announced on the expedition web site
(http://www.malawi.digital-crocus.com) shortly before the operation
commences. Donations continue to be requested (please contact
Steve, G4JVG at g4jvg@ntlworld.com), as those promised so far will
cover about 50% of the cost of printing QSL cards only.

9M & V8 - Derek/G3KHZ and Maury/IZ1CRR will be joining Ian, 9M2/G3TMA for the
IOTA trip [425DXN 657] to Pulau Muara Besar, (OC-184, Brunei) and
Pulau Satang Besar, (OC-165, East Malaysia). Operation from Muara Besar is expected to commence on 21 April with Satang Besar following a few days later. They plan to use two transceiver with beam, vertical and dipole for CW and SSB modes to satisfy as many IOTA chasers as possible. The callsigns will be announced later; QSL via G3KHZ, direct or bureau. Surveys of both islands have already been carried out. Muara Besar is uninhabited and they have identified a site with good takeoff to Europe, Japan and North America. Satang Besar has a resident population of two warden whose job it is to protect the turtles. Unfortunately this island consists of a couple of hills which plunge steeply into the sea. One corner of the beach has a reasonable takeoff for Europe, but things are going to be tough for Japan and North America. The website for the operations is at http://www.425dxn.org/dxped/borneo/

9M2 - Keith, GM4YXI will be active again as 9M2/GM4YXI from Kuala Lumpur, West Malaysia on 7-30 March. He also plans one or two IOTA trips on 13-14 and 20-21 March: target destinations are AS-073, AS-046 and/or AS-097, but it will depend on finding accommodation. When in Kuala Lumpur he will operate mostly on 20 and 18 metres, when on the islands he will be QRV on 20-12 metres CW and SSB. QSL via N3SL. [TNX GM4YXI]

CE - Fred/HB9AAQ, Gusti/HB9AZA and Andy/HB9JOE will be active as CE8/home call on 12-16 March. Plans are to be QRV on 10-80 metres CW, SSB and PSK31 and they hope to operate from one of the IOTA groups in that call area. QSL via home calls. [TNX HB9AAQ]

F - Look for Michel F5OA/p and Christophe F5UBH/p to be active from Cap Levi (Fermanville) lighthouse (DPLF PB-086, ARRLHS FRA-719) on 6-7 March. QSL via operators' instructions. [TNX VA3RJ]

GJ - Pete/K8PT and Craig/K3PLV will operate on all HF bands SSB, CW and RTTY as MJ/K8PT and MJ/K3PLV from Jersey (EU-013) on 10-17 March. QSL via home calls. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

GM - Jim, MM0BQI plans to operate as MM0BQI/P from Lunga, the largest island in the Treshnish group (EU-108) from 30 April to 3 May. Jim expects to be active on 80-6 metres SSB, CW and RTTY with verticals and wire dipoles. QSL via home call, direct (Jim Martin, 3 Lismore Avenue, Edinburgh, EH8 7DW, Scotland) or through the bureau. All surplus money from direct QSLs will be donated to the Hebridean Trust, who own and work to preserve the islands and whose permission to land and operate is gratefully acknowledged. Updates will be posted at http://www.qsl.net/mm0bqi/eu108.htm [TNX MM0BQI]

HK(0) - Gerd, DL7VOG will operate as HK0GU/1 from Isla Palma (SA-078), Colombia on 14-18 March and as HK0GU from Providencia (NA-049) from 19 March to 5 April. Updates will be posted on http://www.qsl.net/hk0gu on a daily basis. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

SM - Special calls SC0AG, SC1AG (Gotland Island, EU-020), SC2AG, SC3AG, SC4AG, SC5AG, SC6AG and SC7AG will be aired throughout the year to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Scandinavian CW Activity Group (SCAG). QSL via operators' instructions. A special award will be issued, information will be available at http://www.scag.se [TNX SM1TDE]

V2 - Zig, KM9M will operate as V26CW from Antigua (NA-100) until 9
March, and again on 20-28 March. QSL via home call. [TNX KM9M]

VE - Special event call VB5C will be aired through 30 March. To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Canadian Curling Brier. QSL via VA5DX (Doug Renwick, P.O. Box 50, Clavet, Saskatchewan S0K 0Y0, Canada) [TNX VE5RA]

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VK - Six members of the VK6 DX Chasers Club (namely VK6NE, VK6NU, VK6APK, VK6YEL, VK6KTN and VK6ZPP) will be active from Woody Island (OC-170) from around 6 UTC on 21 March to around 16 UTC on the 27th. They plan to operate on 10-40 metres with up to three stations. Callsign TBA, QSL via VK6NE. [TNX VK6APK]

VK - Wally/VK6YS [425DXN 669], Dan/VK8AN and Bruce/KD6WW will be active from Viney Island in the Bonaparte Archipelago, Western Australia State (North Coast) Centre group (OC-???) on 22-27 April. Then they will go and operate from Long Island (OC-071) for about four days. They are still looking for two more operators to join the team; if interested please contact Wally at vk6ys@iinet.net.au [TNX The Daily DX]

XV - JP3AZA (XV3AZA) and JA9BV (XV3BV) will be active (on 15, 20, 40 and 80 metres SSB and CW) from Vietnam on 6-14 March. QSL via the bureau or direct to JA3DYU. [TNX VA3RJ]

YV - Mike, K3UOC (ex-7Z500) is back living and working abroad again, this time in Ojeda, on the Eastern shore of Lake Maracaibo. He operates mostly CW as XVI/K3UOC in the local afternoons as time allows and occasionally on weekends. QSL via W1AF. [TNX K3UOC]

ZA - IK0OKY is going to operate (SSB and CW on the HF bands, and soon on 6m, 2m and 70cm) as ZA/IK0OKY from Tirana, Albania. QSL direct to IW0BET. [TNX IW0BET]

PACIFIC TOUR ---> Rolf, DK2ZF [425DXN 668] is currently active as 3D2ZF from Fiji. His next stops will be Nauru as C21ZF (9-15 March), Western Kiribati as T30ZF (15-30 March), Majuro (Marshall Islands) until 8 April, Pohnpei (Micronesia) as V63ZF until 17 April and finally Guam as KH2/DK2ZF for three days before returning home on 21 April. QSL direct to home call. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

ARRL DX Phone Contest (6-7 March) ---> The following stations have announced their participation in this year's event:
  * SP8AJC as 3Z8Z (SOAB) from Poland. QSL via home call.
  * Kevin/WN9O, Mike/W9Z and Don/W9IU as 6Y8Z from Jamaica. QSL via W9IU.
  * Tom, W2SC as 8P1A (SOAB HP) from Barbados. QSL via NN1N.
  * Chad, WE9V as 9Y4ZC (SOAB HP) from Tobago Island. QSL (for this operation only) via WE9V.
  * CT3DZ (SOSB 80m), CT3KY (SOSB 10m) and CT3IA (SOSB 15m) from Madeira.
  * Piero, W1NA (I8CZW) as EA8AK (80 metres) from the Canary Islands.
* The Gran Canaria DX Group as EA8ZS (Multi-Single). QSL via bureau.
* Gilbert, FM5FJ as SOSB (15m) from Martinique. QSL via KU9C.
* FY5PY, F1HAR, F5HRY, F5MZN and F6FVY as FY5KE (Multi-Two) from French Guiana. QSL direct or bureau.
* Harry, AC8G as J37K from Grenada. QSL via home call.
* Glenn/W0GJ and Paul/W0PJ as KP2A (Multi/Single) from the Virgin Islands. QSL via W3HNK.
* Philippe, LX2AJ as LX7I (SOSB 80m) from Luxembourg. QSL via home call.
* NW0L, AE9B, W0CG, K8ND and WB9Z as PJ2T (Multi-Two) as PJ2T from Curacao, Netherland Antilles. QSL via N9AG.
* The UA2 Contest Club as RW2F (Multi-Multi) from Kaliningrad. QSL via DK4VW.
* TI2KAC, K4UN, W4BD, K4WPM, N5VI and NA4BW as TI8M (Multi-two) from Costa Rica. QSL via TI2KAC, direct or bureau.
* Albert, F5VHJ/NH7A as TO5A (SOAB) from Martinique. QSL via F5VHJ.
* W2OX and K3NM as V47KP from St. Kitts. QSL via K2SB.
* VP2V/K1NSS from the British Virgin Islands. QSL via home call.
* K4ISV and K4CN as VP5B (Multi-?) from North Caicos. QSL via N2AU.
* WE3C, N3FTI and KQ3V as VQ5A (Multi-Multi) from the Turks & Caicos Islands. QSL via KQ3V.
* Tony, N2TK as WP2Z from the Virgin Islands. QSL via KU9C.
* Tom, ZP5AZL as ZP6Y (probably an all band entry). QSL via W3HNK.

Do not forget to give a look to the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at http://www.ng3k.com

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GITMO: The web site for the Guantanamo Bay Amateur Radio Club can be found at http://members.visi.net/~verb [TNX N8CH]

LOGS: On-line logs for Kas, YI9ZF (including around 15,000 QSOs made since 15 January through 27 February) can be found at http://dx.qsl.net/logs/ [TNX SM1TDE]

XF4IH: The web site for the DXpedition to Socorro (Revillagigedo) is at http://xf4ih.xedx.net

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