A3 - Dave, W6ZL will be active as A35KL from Vava'u (OC-064), Tonga from 25 April to 6 May. He will operate mainly CW on 40-17 metres with 100 watts and a vertical dipole; QSL via home call or LoTW. Also expect Paul, A35RK to operate CW and SSB as A35RK/p from the same location until at least 1 June; QSL via W7TSQ or LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

A5 - Hisa, JA1DOT will be active as A52DT from Bhutan from 24 April to 6 May. He plans to operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-10 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

CN - Darouf, CN8VO will be active as 5F1ROM from 26 April to 10 May for the FIA Touring Car Grand Prix that will be held in Marrakech on 1-3 May. QSL via EA7FTR. [TNX F8REF]

CY0 - The expedition to Sable Island (NA-063) [425DXN 925] is now scheduled to take place on 19-26 October. Look for N0TG/CY0, WA4DAN/CY0 and AA4VK/CY0 to be active on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and RTTY with three stations (one station will be operated during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest). QSL for all call signs via N0TG. The website for the expedition is at http://www.cy0dxpedition.com/. On 30 April-2 May the team will conduct a "CY0 simulation test" from Core Banks (NA-067, see below).

DL - Look for Juergen, DL1IAI/p to be active from Borkum Island (EU-047) between 27 April and 18 May. He also plans to operate from DL0BRF, the club station on the lightvessel "Borkumriff", during that time frame. QSL via bureau. [TNX DXNL]

F - F4EKT, F5SL, F6GCP, F6GCT and F6ICX will be active as TM6KBK from 25 April to 10 May to celebrate the 40th anniversary of their radio club (F6KBK). Expect activity on all of the HF bands CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via F6GCP. [TNX F6GCP]

F - Johann, F4FEP will be active as F4FEP/p from Saint-Nicolas Island (EU-094) on 1 May (13-16 UTC) and again on 19 May (9-16 UTC). He plans to operate with 100 watts battery powered into a vertical antenna on the beach. Look for him on 20 metres SSB (+/- 14260 kHz). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org] [TNX F4FEP]

G - On 7th May 1909 the Admiralty began a process that was to lead to the formation of the Fleet Air Arm. Celebrating the centenary year of Naval Aviation, the Royal Naval ARS (www.rnars.org.uk) will operate special event station GB100FAA on 1-15 and 19-21 May. Expect activity on 80-10 metres CW and SSB. QSL via operator's instructions. [TNX VA3RJ]

GD - Mark/M0MJH, Kevan/2E0WMG, Matt/2E0XIS and James/M0ZZO will be active from the Isle of Man (EU-116) from 26 April to 1 May. They will operate SSB on the HF bands (mainly 80, 40 and 20 metres) from most locations across the island, with the addition of
VHF/UHF during SOTA activities. Look for them to sign MD0MJH, 2D0WMG, 2D0XIS and MD0ZZO, as well as GT3CO and GT7SRA. Updates will be posted to http://m0mjh.blogspot.com/ [TNX www.rsibiota.org]

I - Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Nobel Prize in physics awarded to Guglielmo Marconi, ARI Frosinone (IQ0FN) will be active as IY0NGM between 25 April and 20 July. [TNX IZ2EWMJ]

I - The 24-26 April activity form Linosa Island (AF-019) [425DXN 937] has been postponed and is now scheduled to take place on 1-3 May. IT9OJW, IT9ZIR, IT9ZZO, IW9EJP, IW9FRB, IW9GVP and IW9HSK plan to operate as IG9/homecall on 10-80 metres SSB, PSK and RTTY. QSL via home calls. [TNX IT9EJW]

I - Celebrating the 20th anniversary of the local ARI branch, special callsign I2ERBA will be aired on the HF bands SSB, CW and digital modes from Erba (Como) on 1-25 May. QSL via I2QER. [TNX IZ2DPX]

I - Members of ARI San Dona di Piave will be active as IL3T from Torcello Island (EU-131, IIA VE-011) between 1 and 31 May. QSL via I3QSD, direct or bureau. Log search at http://www.arisandona.it/il3t.html [TNX I5JKI]

I - IW4BDG, IW4CEZ, IW4EKS, IW4ELT, IZ1JKW, IZ4FUA, IZ4IPU and IZ4OSA will operate special event station II4CRI from Piacenza on 2-8 May for the World Red Cross Day and to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Solferino, whose terrible aftermath (some 40,000 soldiers died or were wounded) eventually led to the establishment of the International Red Cross. QSL via IZ1JKW, direct or bureau. [TNX IZ1JKW]

LU - The Bahia Blanca DX Group will be active as L21D from Ariadne Island (SA-021) on 1-3 May. Seven operators (LU1IEUU, LU4DBP, LU4DBT, LU4ETN, LU5DEM, LU7DSY and LU8DWR) will be active on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres SSB, CW and PSK31. QSL via LU7DSY, direct or bureau. [TNX LU7DSY]

SP - Seven operators from Poland and Germany will be active as 3Z0LH from Chelminek Island (not IOTA) and several lighthouses from 30 April to 9 May. QSL via SP1TMN. [TNX The Daily DX]

UR - Commemorating the 64th anniversary of the end of World War II, UU2JQ, UU5DX and UU5WW will operate special event station EO64JM on 1-15 May. QSL via K2PF. [TNX K2PF]

VE - Steve, VE2TKH will be active as X00ICE/2 from Quebec City (CQ Zone 5) until 3 May and again on 14-31 May to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the entry in service of the St. Lawrence Seaway. QSL via LoTW only (paper QSLs will not be available). [TN The Daily DX]

W - N0TG, WA4DAN and AA4VK will be active from Core Banks (NA-067) from 23 UTC on 30 April through 15 UTC on 2 May. The island is similar in environment (terrain, sand, sea, remoteness, etc.) to Sable Island, and the purpose of the operation will be a "test" of seven potential antennas for use at CY0 in October. AA4VK will also test the feasibility of including operating FM satellites (SO-50, AO-51, and AO-27) in the CY0 operations. Frequencies and modes of operation from NA-067 will be posted to http://www.cy0dxpedition.com/.

W - The Fall River Amateur Radio Club will be active as W1ACT/p from Martha's Vineyard (NA-046) on 1-3 May, including the New England QSO Party. QSL via N1JOY. [TNX VA3RJ]
W – Randy, AJ4RW and a couple of other operators will be active for a few hours from Cumberland Island (NA-058) on 2 May. They plan to be QRV on 20 and 40 metres SSB from around 15 UTC until around 19 UTC. [TNX AJ4RW]

YJ – Kaku, JA6REX will be active as YJ0KS from Vanuatu between late April and early May. He will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31 on 160-6 metres from Espiritu Santo (OC-035) on 28 April-3 May and from Tanna Island (OC-035) on 5-7 May. QSL via home call. [TNX JA6REX]

A65 ---> The Daily DX reports that a few A65 callsigns have been issued to foreign residents in the United Arab Emirates (A61 is for UAE nationals, A62 for clubs and A60 for special event stations): G4BWP is A65BD (QSL via G5LP), G3XHZ is A65BE (QSL via G3XHZ), G4THN is A65BF, PA5M is A65BG (QSL via PA7FM), F8CUP is A65BH (QSL via F8CUP), F5LTB is A65BK (QSL via SM5DJZ).

HZ1FS/P ---> A photo gallery of the 19-26 March operation from Hibar Island (AS-192) can be found at http://www.laselki.net/vb/showthread.php?t=3680

MDXC DX CONVENTION ---> The 4th DX Convention organized by the Mediterraneo DX Club will take place on 23-24 May at the San Luca Hotel & Congress Centre, Battipaglia (Salerno). Details can be found at www.mdxc.org/meeting.asp

NEW IRCS ---> The new International Reply Coupons (the "Nairobi model", see www.dailydx.com/images/2008-08-08_irc.jpg) will go on sale on 1 July 2009, and are expected to remain valid until 31 December 2013. They will replace the current IRCs (see www.dailydx.com/images/irc2007.jpg), which must be redeemed before the end of the year, as they will expire on 31 December 2009.

QSL A61BK ---> Effective immediately, NI5DX is the QSL manager for Kahlid, A61BK. Kahlid has send his log file already, but there will be a delay in replying until the new cards arrive from the printer. [TNX K1XN and The Golist]

QSL HG1S ---> MTTOSZ Radio Club of Gyor ((http://www.mttosz.t-online.hu/) is receiving a large number of cards for QSOs made with HG1S that cannot be confirmed as they are not-in-logs. Since HG1S is a "direct only" station, you'd better check the on-line log and/or e-mail the Radio Club before running the risk of wasting your money. Also please note that local postage stamps cannot be used in Hungary! [TNX HA1DAE]

S04R ---> The expedition to Western Sahara went QRT around 5 UTC on 18 April, after five days and 37,005 QSOs (20274 CW, 14342 SSB and 2389 RTTY). The most productive bands were 20m (7650 QSOs), 17m (6914) and 30m (6389
QSOs); 1332 contacts were made on 160 metres. A log search can be found at http://www.dxfriends.com/s04r/index.php

USA POSTAL RATES ---> Effective 11 May, the postal rates in the US will increase. First-Class Mail for a letter up to one ounce (28.3 grams) will cost USD 0.44; First-Class Mail International for a letter up to one ounce to Canada will cost USD 0.75, to Mexico USD 0.79 and to all other countries USD 0.98.

VK9GMW: QSO DATA LOST ---> While on Mellish Reef, the VK9GMW team realized that there was "some issue" with the WriteLog file for the period between 20.20 UTC on 9 April and 09.20 UTC on the 10th. They hoped to fix it later, but unfortunately their "support team's efforts to recover the WriteLog QSO data have not produced results yet" and they are now "seeking help from WriteLog". In the meantime, please refrain from sending any QSLs or OQRS requests for any contact that took place during those 13 hours: "we apologize, understanding how this may disappoint those who have made the QSOs, but as long as we can not recover the data, we will not be able to QSL these QSOs".

+ SILENT KEY + Franz Brechtken, DL3PS (HB9EHQ) died of heart attack on 10 April, at 45 years of age. He operated from many locations in the past, including TF/DL3PS from EU-071 and EU-168 (July-August 2008) and D44TXS (11-25 March 2009). A group of his friends will try to confirm the outstanding QSL requests, especially those for the most recent activity from Cape Verde.

Other recently reported Silent Keys include Robert J. Hajek, Sr. (K9LTN), David C. Zulawski (KA5TQF) and Jivanlal N. Adiecha (VU2JF).

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