



Long Path



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Hi All,

First off, I want to thank everyone for coming to the meetings and keeping this club alive. Without all of you, we don't have a club! I want to wish everyone a very safe and enjoyable summer. This is our last meeting until September. Enjoy the summer, get the new antennas up, get all your outside work done for the hobby while it's nice out.

Here is the latest update on Peter 1. We plan to activate Peter I Island in February 2027 with a team of 19 operators. We will go to Peter I with a large vessel and two helicopters, and the DXpedition will be led by an external expedition leader from an Antarctica Expedition company – Spirit of Sydney. The capacity of the expedition leader and the vessel have been reviewed and approved by Norwegian Polar Institute and is the basis for the landing permit we received in April 2024. Our expedition leader has supported more than 80+ expeditions to Antarctica and has previously landed on Peter I three times. With the landing permit and external resources involved, we're ready to move forward signing the contracts. It should be noted that the total cost of this expedition is approximately \$2,000,000, including all logistics, marine, aviation, insurance, safety and rescue, and Antarctica permits. Our website will be updated to reflect the changes. At the time of activation in 2027 it will be 21 years since the last DXpedition to this island.

Someone replied to the comments with the following - We can offer an ICE class vessel 45m+ with a R44 helicopter for any trip to Peter One or any other locations for half of this budget incl. 6 ex Navy seals crew who will do the landing job and setting camp for your group. We can also provide landing permit and all important documents for your activity to any sub Antarctic location. Deal incl. 6 x 5.5kw generators, 14 Yaesu radios, 6 amplifiers, 3km of coax and Antarctic camping equipment supported.mood. (cont'd Page 2...)

NEXT Meeting:

In-Person

June 12th, 2024 at 7 PM

Fork n' Pint in Waterford

Program

Ted, K8NA

presenting

**Receive antennas
and auxiliary
equipment to re-
duce noise & better
S/N Ratio**

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Just bring your a s s and your good mood. All other things will be supported.

My Journey to DXCC

I have made progress on countries/entities that I have made contact with. Last reported I was at 278 contacts to different countries/entities. 253 are confirmed. I am now at 279 (but I think 280 with FT4GL but can't upload to LOTW) with 257 confirmed. Even more progress!! I need to send a few cards out or get on Club Log and get some of these rarer entities confirmed!

The Prez – 73's

Meeting Minutes

May 2024

The May SEMDXA meeting was chaired by our president Fred, KD8ZYD. The meeting started at 7:10 PM. There were 14 in attendance and zero zoomed.

Treasurers report was presented by Brad, N8SNM. Pete, K8PGJ motioned to accept and 2nd by Al, K8SIX. Accepted by all.

OLD/NEW Business

There was no business discussed.

Guest Speaker

Out guest speaker for the evening was Bernie McClenney, W3UR (editor/publisher of The Daily DX and The Weekly DX). His presentation was "The top 25 Most Wanted".

The meeting ended at 8:37

Hamvention

All time record attendance at Hamvention was experienced this year with 35,877 tickets sold.

Your editor only saw one SEMDXA member, but I'm sure there were more in attendance. I spent most of my time in the mud field looking for treasures.

ZOOM MEETINGS

In person meetings have resumed. We are getting better at presenting ZOOM meetings. Really hope you can join us in person, but if you can't, please join our ZOOM meeting.

For those not familiar with ZOOM, please refer to the 2020 October or November issues of The Long Path which are accessible online on the SEMDXA Website for details on how to setup your computer for a ZOOM meeting.

Use the one step process and just click on the link below to join upcoming meetings.

<https://umich.zoom.us/j/91352970493?pwd=N0t3N1RpUFZjVGQzZHZwTnU0bHpuUT09>

6M Grid DL88

June 9-14, WM5L and K7BWH will activate rare grid DL88 from Big Bend National Park in Texas. They will be at the "Talley-2" campsite on six meters, with full power and a good antenna. They say it's a "big antenna". They expect to be on the air from 7 AM to 8 PM Central Time, using K7BWH callsign, primarily on FT8 "first sequence". If the band really opens up they'll go to SSB on 50.135. They will run on batteries and solar. They will do EME at their moonrise and moonset, without elevation. You can look up moon times on their DL88jx78pm, they say.

TF/OY Activity

WT8P, Jim will be QRV five days in the Faroe Islands, he hopes to active FO- 0001. His calls are TF/WT8P and OY/WT8P, and the dates are August 17 to September 3.

HD8G - Galapagos

19 ham radio operators will activate Galapagos from Apr 18th to 27th, 2025. The team is formed by HC5VF, PY2DV, PY2EL, PY2MC, PY2PT, PY2WAS, PY3MM, PY4RGS, PY5CC, PY5HSD, PY5KD, PY6HD, PY6RT, PR7AB, PY7XC, PS8RV, PV8DX, VU2RS and YT1AD.

Our official advisors are NE8Z – Rick and OK1BOA – Petr.

We have the support of Araucaria DX Group, DX Group, Mediterraneo DX Club and LABRE (Brazilian Amateur Ham Radio League).

FT4GL - Glorioso

Latest Update:

After consultation, and given the number of requests for ATNOs, the team and Marek have decided to give LITTLE PISTOLS and more modestly equipped stations the chance to contact the Glorieuses at least once. Two days of activity will be scheduled, to be announced at a later date. The operation will be carried out in SSB, so we're asking the international community to play along and give this unique opportunity to those who aren't yet in the log. We're counting on you to share as much information as possible, so that the community is informed and the operation can be a success.



Hamfests

- 6/15/24 - MARC Hamfest. Midland MI
- 6/16/24 - Monroe Hamfest. Monroe, MI
- 8/03/24 - U.P. Hamfest. Rapid River, MI
- 9/07/24 - Branch County ARC Fall Trunk Swap. Cold water, MI
- 9/07/24 - Grand Rapids Area Hamfest. Wyoming, MI
- 9/14/24 - GMARC Trunk Swap at the PPG. Shelby Twp, MI
- 9/14/24 - OAARS Ham Swap. West Branch, MI
- 9/15/24 - Adrian Hamfest. Adrian, MI

A25 - Botswana

Look for Elvira, IV3FSG to be active from Niamey, Niger as 5U5K during June 7-20, 2024. QRV on SSB & FT8/FT4 (MSHV) + some RTTY & CW; 160-6m. Francesco, IK0XBX is pilot station.

BAND	BAND PLAN 5U5K										
	160	80	60	40	30	20	17	15	12	10	6
CW		3.510	5.353	7.020	10.120	14.010	18.085	21.010	24.901	28.010	50.105
SSB				7.150		14.240	18.150	21.265	24.975	28.520	50.115
RTTY						14.084		21.084		28.084	
FT8	1.843	3.570	5.357	7.077	10.145	14.084	18.090	21.084	24.911	28.084	50.313
FT4		3.570	5.357	7.077	10.145	14.084	18.090	21.084	24.911	28.084	50.333

CW RX UP 1-3
 SSB RX UP 5-10
 RTTY RX UP 1-2
 FT8 MSHV RX 200-3000 Khz

The DX Mentor

The latest episode of The DX Mentor, number 43, NE8Z (HD8MD), Rick, has been posted and is now available wherever you get your podcasts.

3Y _ Peter Island

LA7GIA says they are still looking for more operators for the 2027 DXpedition. So far planning to go are: LA7GIA, KO8SCA, VE3LYC, AD5A, AB5EB, DL6KVA, K6VHF, LA7QIA, EY8MM, JH4RHF, VK3FK and WB2MFU.

CW WW WPX

AA3B, Bud, has resigned as director of the CQ WW WPX Contest. K3LR announced that the WWRF board of directors has accepted and thanked him for his contributions. K5ZD, Randy, has been appointed the new WW WPX interim director, to serve "until a permanent solution is identified."

ARRL Attack

Updated 6/4/2024

On or around May 12, 2024, ARRL was the victim of a sophisticated network attack by a malicious international cyber group. ARRL immediately involved the FBI and engaged with third party experts to investigate.

This serious incident was extensive and categorized by the FBI as "unique," compromising network devices, servers, cloud-based systems, and PCs.

ARRL management quickly established an incident response team. This has led to an extensive effort to contain and remediate the networks, restore servers, and staff are beginning the testing of applications and interfaces to ensure proper operation.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as our staff continue to work through this with an outstanding team of experts to restore full functionality to our systems and services.

This story will be updated with new developments.

HC 6M Diploma

The Ecuador DX Club, with the purpose of encouraging tourism and show our natural and tourist options offers the 6M The Magic Band Diploma.

GENERAL RULES:

In order to receive the 6M The Magic Band Diploma, it is necessary to contact or receive (SWL) Ecuadorean Amateur Radio people in 6M 50 MHz band, from any of the call sign prefix areas allocated to Ecuador: HC1/HD1 through HC8/HD8 and HC0/HD0. Please note that HC8/HD8 Galápagos Islands is a Province of the Republic of Ecuador. Call signs with the prefix of HC9/HD9 are typically assigned to /MM stations.

APPLICATION:

The diploma are free of charge to amateur radio operators and short wave listeners. A list of contacts should be emailed

to: awards@ecuadordxclub.org, the list should include your call sign, your name as you want it printed on the diploma, your email address, the call signs of the stations worked/heard, dates, UTC, 6M band, and RS(T) signal report.

3Y0K - Bouvet Is.

Existing sailboat contract have been cancelled and there will be no January 2025 DX-pedition. We're now working on securing a large vessel and helicopter for the 3Y0K Bouvet DX-pedition anticipated for 2025/2026. We're currently negotiating those contracts and we will make an announcement for Bouvet when we're ready.

PERIODIC TABLE OF MAJOR AMATEUR RADIO CONTESTS

by Chet VE3CFK

Start Day (UTC) → 11 12 ← End Day (UTC)
 Start Time (UTC) → 2200Z 1800Z ← End Time (UTC)

Contest Name

2024

Multimode	CW	Digital
Off-the-air	SSB	VHF/UHF

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1 0900Z 2359Z HAPPY NEW YEAR	4 2300Z 0300Z NA Sprint CW	5 0000Z 2400Z ARRL DX SSB	6 1500Z 1900Z SP Polish DX	7 VARIES VARIES 7QP/IN/DE New England QSO Parties	8 1800Z 2359Z ARRL Int'n'l Digital	1 0000Z 2359Z RAC CANADA DAY	3 1800Z 0600Z NAQP CW	4 0000Z 2359Z CW Ops CW Open	7 0000Z 0600Z Oceania PHONE	2 2100Z 0300Z ARRL SS CW	6 2200Z 1800Z ARRL 160 CW
6 0800Z 2359Z ARRL RTTY Roundup	7 0000Z 2359Z CQWW WPX RTTY	10 0000Z 0359Z NA Sprint RTTY	11 0700Z 1300Z JIDX CW	12 1200Z 1159Z CQ-M DX	8 1800Z 0300Z ARRL June VHF	10 1400Z 1400Z MARCONI MEMORIAL HF	6 0000Z 2359Z WAE CW	7 0000Z 2359Z WAE SSB	14 0000Z 2359Z Oceania CW	15 0800Z 0600Z WAE RTTY	14 0000Z 2359Z ARRL 10 Meter
13 0800Z 0559Z NAQP CW	14 0559Z 2400Z ARRL DX CW	17 0000Z 2400Z Russian DX	18 1200Z 1200Z Michigan QSO Party	20 1800Z 0400Z Contest University	16 1200Z 2100Z All Asian CW	15 0000Z 2400Z IARU HF	13 1200Z 1200Z NAQP SSB	14 1800Z 0600Z WA/NJ/NH QSO Parties	17 VARIES VARIES Worked All Germany	18 1500Z 1459Z ARRL SS SSB	24 2100Z 0300Z Happy Holidays
20 1800Z 0559Z NAQP SSB	21 0559Z 2200Z CQ 160 SSB	23 2200Z 2200Z NA SSB SPRINT	24 0000Z 2359Z SP DX RTTY	27 1200Z 1200Z Hamvention	17 1300Z 1700Z ARRL Field Day	19 1800Z 2100Z CQ WW VHF	20 1800Z 2100Z WW Digi	21 1200Z 1200Z CQWW RTTY	24 0000Z 2400Z CQ WW SSB	25 0000Z 2359Z CQ WW CW	28 0000Z 2359Z RAC Winter
26 2200Z 2200Z CQ 160 CW	28 2200Z 2359Z CQWW WPX SSB	30 0000Z 2359Z CQ WPX CW	31 0000Z 2359Z RSGB IOTA	25 0000Z 2359Z CQ WPX CW	26 0000Z 2359Z RSGB IOTA	27 1200Z 1200Z RSGB IOTA	28 1200Z 1200Z RSGB IOTA	27 1200Z 1200Z RSGB IOTA	28 1200Z 1200Z RSGB IOTA	27 1200Z 1200Z RSGB IOTA	28 1200Z 1200Z RSGB IOTA

Rev 1

Cezar, VE3LYC inducted to CQ Hall of Fame

VE3LYC, Cezar Trifu of Bath, Ontario, Canada; W3UR, Bernie McClenny of Glenwood, Maryland, U.S.A.; and the late K2MGA, Richard A. Ross, have been inducted in the CQ DX Hall of Fame. Their enshrinement was announced May 17th during the Southwest Ohio DX Association dinner at the Dayton Marriott at the University of Dayton during the 2024 Dayton Hamvention.

SEMDXA Elections to be held at the June 12th meeting

The DX Mentor

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Thank you to Bernie, W3UR, The Daily DX, The Weekly DX, ARRL and DX World, NG3K, CLUBLOG, Dales Tales and DX News.com for their contributions

CLUBLOG

Most wanted - Top 25

1. **P5** DPRK (NORTH KOREA)
2. **BS7H** SCARBOROUGH REEF
3. **CE0X** SAN FELIX ISLANDS
4. **BV9P** PRATAS ISLAND
5. **KH7K** KURE ISLAND
6. **KH3** JOHNSTON ISLAND
7. **FT/G** GLORIOSO ISLAND
8. **3Y/P** PETER 1 ISLAND
9. **FT5/X** KERGUELEN ISLAND
10. **YV0** AVES ISLAND
11. **3Y/B** BOUVET ISLAND
12. **ZS8** PRINCE EDWARD & MARION ISLANDS
13. **KH4** MIDWAY ISLAND
14. **VK0M** MACQUARIE ISLAND
15. **PY0S** SAINT PETER AND PAUL ROCKS
16. **KP5** DESECHEO ISLAND
17. **VP0S** SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS
18. **KH5** PALMYRA & JARVIS ISLANDS
19. **ZL9** NEW ZEALAND SUBANTARCTIC ISLANDS
20. **FK/C** CHESTERFIELD ISLANDS
21. **VK0H** HEARD ISLAND
22. **FT/T** TROMELIN ISLAND
23. **EZ** TURKMENISTAN
24. **YK** SYRIA
25. **ZL8** KERMADEC ISLAND

S21 - Bangladesh

'Karl (G0SKW) will be QRV as S21ZI from Dha-ka, Bangladesh from about 9th to 16th June 2024. His licence is valid for 7 days only and so he plans to operate as much as possible on 10, 12, 15, 17, 20 and 40m.

He will operate CW/FT8 (no SSB). He is not a high Speed CW Op so please QRS. Karl will listen up on CW (1-5), and fox/hound mode on FT8. Equipment is a Yaesu FTDX10, an SPE Expert PA and a DX Commander antenna. As this is so last minute, if possible, he will attempt live-stream through Clublog

May 10 Auroras

WOW! Simply amazing. Hope you All got a chance to go outdoors and witness the auroras of May 10th and 11th. Below is one of many pictures I took on the evening of May 10th with my cell phone. The bands were dead, so I decided to see what I could see. I saw NOTHING! Well at least I didn't see any color, but I could tell there was something in the sky. Looked like vertical clouds from the horizon stretching up to the north star. Even my smart phone didn't register any color until I took a time lapse photo and then the colors popped out.



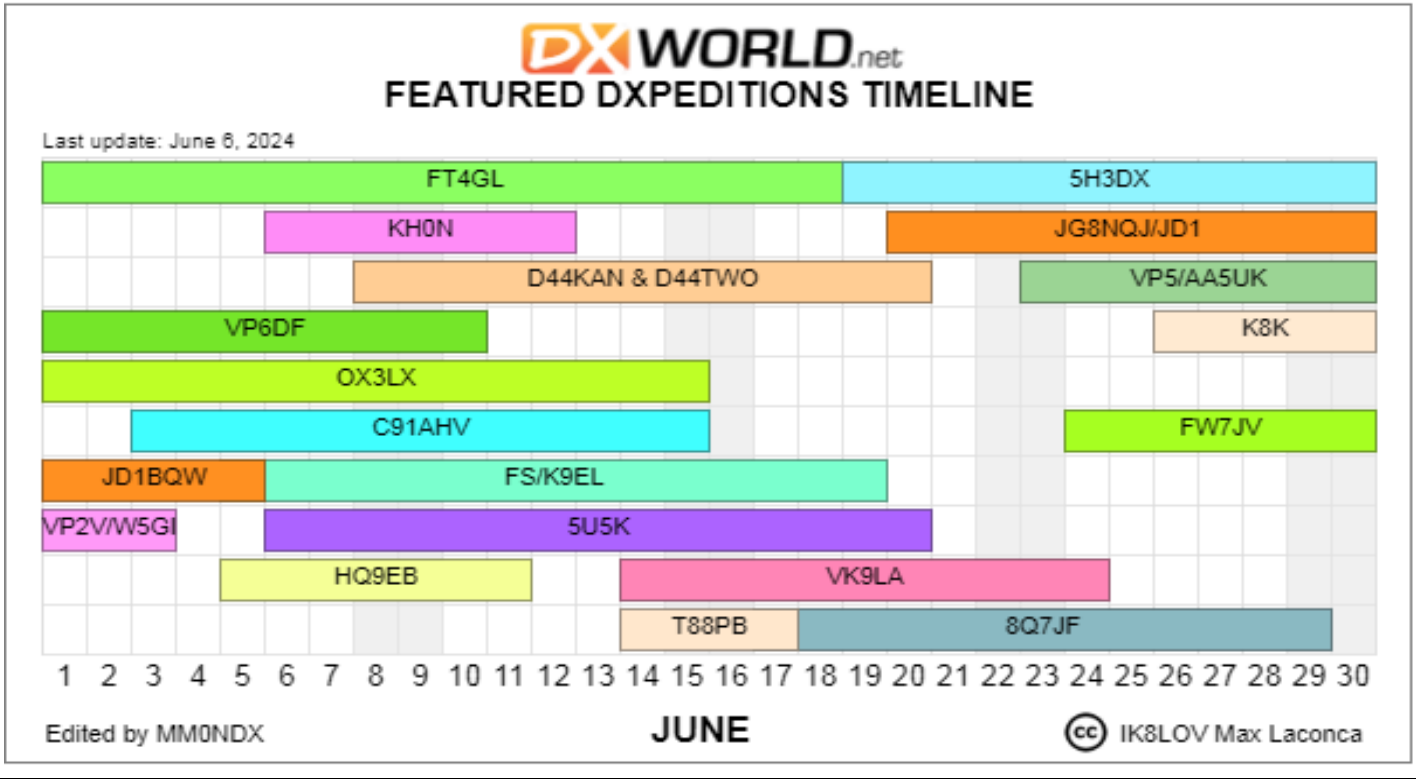
The above photo was shot north off of Canatara Beach in Sarnia at the bottom of Lake Huron. The lights at the lower right are two freighters anchored in the lake awaiting transit down the St. Clair River located at the bottom left of the photo.

This solar cycle is certainly better than the previous one. Hopefully it will continue to generate more solar activity. I can hardly wait till F2 6M propagation arrives.

For the lucky SEMDXA club members who worked Rick, HD8MD on 6M - congratulations! I missed the opening by 15 minutes. Luigi had me tied up with family activities. He's evil!

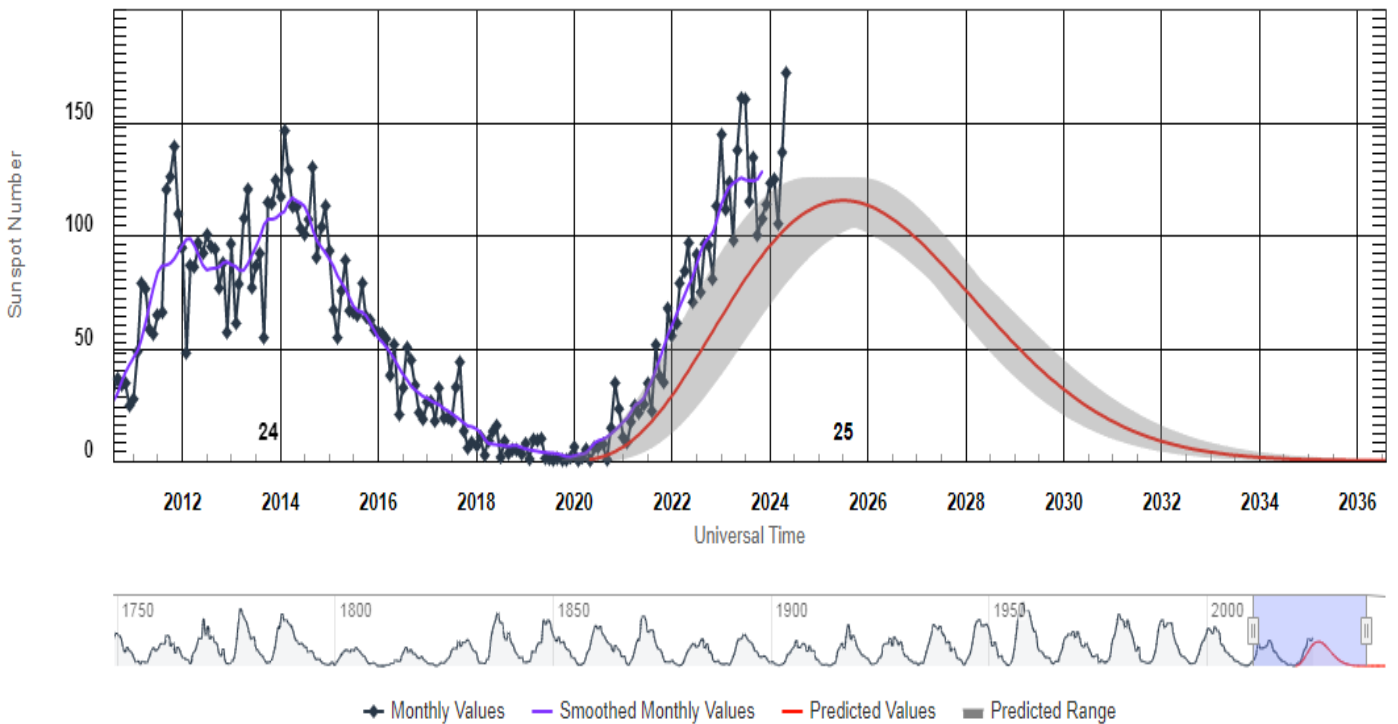
Upcoming DX

Credit to DX World



SOLAR CYCLE 25

NOAA/SWPC



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Editors NOTE:

I've intentionally left a wide
margin here for your notes on
band and mode fills required.

Start Date	End Date	DXCC Entity	Call	QSL via	Reported by
2024					
May					
2024 May24	2024 Jun19	Glorioso Is	FT4GL [spots]	LoTW	DXW.Net 20240315
2024 May28	2024 Jun13	St Kitts & Nevis	V47JA [spots]	LoTW	W5JON 20240124
2024 May30	2024 Jun10	Pitcairn	VP6DF [spots]	LoTW	DXW.Net 20240422
2024 May30	2024 Jun20	Crete	SV9 [spots]	DK5EW Direct	TDDX 20240419
June					
2024 Jun01	2024 Jun15	Greenland	OX3LX [spots]	OZ0J	TDDX 20240521
2024 Jun01	2024 Jun15	Mozambique	C91AHV [spots]	LoTW	DXW.Net 20240403
2024 Jun05	2024 Jun11	Honduras	HQ9EB [spots]	AB5EB	DXW.Net 20240525
2024 Jun05	2024 Jun19	St Martin	FS [spots]	LoTW	DXW.Net 20240413
2024 Jun06	2024 Jun12	Mariana Is	KH0N [spots]	JA6CNL (B/d)	TDDX 20240528
2024 Jun06	2024 Jun22	Cape Verde Is	D4 [spots]	See Info	425DXN 20240603
2024 Jun08	2024 Jun20	Niger	5U5K	IK2DUW Direct	425DXN 20240524
2024 Jun09	2024 Jun12	Br Virgin Is	VP2V	LoTW	TDDX 20240528
2024 Jun14	2024 Jun24	Lord Howe I	VK9LA	LoTW	DXW.Net 20240515
2024 Jun16	2024 Jun29	Maldives	8Q7JF	LoTW	DXW.Net 20240227
2024 Jun18	2024 Jun30	Tanzania	5H3DX	LoTW	DXW.Net 20240507
2024 Jun20	2024 Jul20	Minami Torishima	JD	LoTW	TDDX 20240523

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2024 Jun23	2024 Jul05	Turks & Cai- cos	VP5	LoTW	DXW.Net 20240514
2024 Jun24	2024 Jun30	Wallis & Fu- tuna	FW7JV	LoTW	DXW.Net 20240528
2024 Jun26	2024 Jul09	American Sa- moa	K8K	LoTW	TDDX 20240515

July

2024 Jul01	2024 Jul12	Maldives	8Q7EC	OE3DEC Buro	TDDX 20240405
2024 Jul02	2024 Jul15	St Pierre & Miquelon	FP	LoTW	TDDX 20231024
2024 Jul04	2024 Jul18	Reunion	TO7PX	IK2DUW	TDDX 20240309
2024 Jul20	2024 Aug01	Lord Howe I	VK2	Club Log OQRS	W7BRS 20240519
2024 Jul21	2024 Aug05	South Cook Is	E51	See Info	DXW.Net 20240429

[RSGB IOTA Contest \(Jul 27-28, 2024\) Check here for pericontest activity](#)

August

2024 Aug01	2024 Aug04	Scotland	MM0UKI	M0OXO	DXW.Net 20240513
2024 Aug01	2024 Aug13	Palmyra Jar- vis Is	N5J	TBA	DXW.Net 20240304
2024 Aug03	2024 Aug09	Botswana	A25UX	LoTW	TDDX 20240429
2024 Aug10	2024 Aug17	St Lucia	J6	LoTW	DXW.Net 20240226
2024 Aug10	2024 Aug22	St Pierre & Miquelon	TO8FP	Club Log OQRS	DXW.Net 20230910
2024 Aug17	2024 Aug30	Timor Leste	4W	LoTW	DXW.Net 20240131
2024 Aug23	2024 Sep30	Tristan da Cunha	ZD9GJ	LoTW	DXW.Net 20231123
2024 Aug26	2024 Sep05	St Paul I	CY9C	LoTW	WA4DAN 20240315

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September					
2024 Sep02	2024 Sep16	American Samoa	KH8T	M0URX	TDDX 20240530
2024 Sep03	2024 Sep13	Zimbabwe	Z22AO	HA5AO OQRS	DXW.Net 20240304
2024 Sep05	2024 Sep09	Monaco	3A	EB7DX	DXW.Net 20240418
2024 Sep05	2024 Sep15	Pitcairn	VP6WR	TBA	DXW.Net 20240123
2024 Sep12	2024 Sep21	St Vincent & Grenadines	J88PI	GW4DV B Direct	DXW.Net 20240501
2024 Sep13	2024 Sep22	Greenland	OX0J	LoTW	OZ0J 20240331
2024 Sep14	2024 Sep23	Zambia	9J2AO	HA5AO OQRS	DXW.Net 20240304
2024 Sep17	2024 Sep21	French Polynesia	FO	TBA	DXW.Net 20240123
2024 Sep24	2024 Oct04	Botswana	A25AO	HA5AO OQRS	DXW.Net 20240304
October					
2024 Oct03	2024 Oct10	Samoa	5W0TE	TBA	DXW.Net 20240521
2024 Oct05	2024 Oct14	Namibia	V5	HA5AO OQRS	DXW.Net 20240304
2024 Oct09	2024 Oct14	Svalbard	JW5X	LA5X	DXW.Net 20240114
2024 Oct16	2024 Oct30	Vanuatu	YJ0VV	LoTW	DXW.Net 20240109
2024 Oct23	2024 Nov06	Jamaica	6Y	eQSL	TDDX 20240429
2024 Oct24	2024 Nov05	Cape Verde	D44OA	LoTW	DXW.Net 20240507
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2024 Oct31	2024 Nov11	Burkina Faso	XT2MD	TBA	I8KHC 20240521

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November					
2024 Nov15	2024 Dec04	Rotuma	3D2Z	TBA	DXW.Net 20240501
2024 Nov30	2024 Dec13	St Martin	TO9W	LoTW	TDDX 20240506
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW (Nov 23-24, 2024) Check here for pericon-					
December					
2024 Dec20	2024 Dec31	French Gui- ana	TO0J	LoTW	OZ0J 20240331