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Hi all,

I hope everyone is enjoying the change from summer to fall. So far the weather has been very nice. As a reminder, this is the best time of the year to go do a antenna checkup. How is the condition of your antennas doing? How are the guy wires or support lines that hold up your antennas? Do you have lines that need to be replaced? How are your coax feed lines doing? When was the last time you dropped your dipole to inspect it? Have little critters been chewing on your support lines? The moral of the story now is the time to check everything outside or you may get a visit from Mr. Murphy's Law! Plus the weather is nice. Nothing worst then having to fix an antenna when its cold out...I know from experience.

I was sent an email from ARRL that my license was going to expire this November. I clicked on the link to renew my license, logged in and paid the \$35.00 Fee. One thing I didn't know was this is another service that being a member of ARRL that they provide notice via email when your license is coming up for renewal. To be honest I'm not sure if the FCC sends an email or you just need to know but looking through my emails, I don't have one from the FCC saying I need to renew. Nevertheless, I did renew and received from the FCC an email that stated "recent grant of your application" which I take means it was approved. They provided a link to my license and yes, I am now license until 2034! Next license renewal I will be 75 years old! Imagine if I was denied, I wouldn't be able to be President of the club! LOL

I have made progress on countries/entities that I have made contact with. Last reported I was at 284 contacts to different countries/entities. 260 are confirmed. I am now at 284 with 263 confirmed. Even more progress!! I'm 16 away to 300 contacts and only 37 away from 300 confirmed!!

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NEXT Meeting: In-Person October 16th,

2024 at 7 PM Fork n' Pint in Waterford

Program Fred Goeckel, KD8ZYD Presenting:

My Journey to DXing

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Meeting Minutes

September 2024

The September SEMDXA meeting was chaired by our president Fred, KD8ZYD. The meeting started at 7:03 PM. There were 20 in attendance and two zoomed.

Acceptance of June meeting minutes as published in the September issue of The Long Path was motioned by Doug, N8VY and 2nd by Pete, K8PGY and accepted by all present.

Treasurers report was presented by Brad, N8SNM. Lee, N8LJ motioned to accept and 2nd by Al, K8SIX. Accepted by all.

OLD Business

Shirts are available with your name, call sign and Club logo. Many types of shirts and colors are available. Contact Fred, KD8ZYD our president for details.

New Business

DUES ARE DUE.

DXpedition sponsorship was discussed. So far in 2024, \$750 has been forwarded to various DXpeditions seeking sponsorship. \$100 to each of the following was approved by the membership at large: 3D2Y, C21MM and S9Z. Various members motioned for each and others 2nded, with the balance approving. Those interested in who nominated and seconded, please contact Chet VE3CFK for details.

Wes, AC8JF thanked SEMDXA for moving their meeting nights from the 2nd Wednesday to the 3rd Wednesday of the month to eliminate the conflict of two local clubs meeting on the same night.

Ted, K8NA is in hospital. I'm sure he would appreciate visitors or a phone call. He's at Ascension Providence Rochester hospital room 560.

Stan, AC8W announced hat he is stepping down from the ARRL DX Advisory committee.

Guest Speaker for the evening was Rick, NE8Z talking about the 6M hams of Ecuador and his recent Galapagos Is. DXpedition. **Prez Sez**

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Shirts!! Below are 2 website you can pic your shirt, coat, really anything they sell my friend can embroider our logo, etc on. At the last meeting of the year in the spring I wore my new shirt. I stepped up and got a Nike shirt which I love. Shirts will be around \$50 if you want a Nike shirt. She has shirts that cost less. Just let me know what your looking for and I'll get it ordered. Please let me know if you have any questions. She can add your call, name, anything you want on the shirt.

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The Prez – 73's

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.

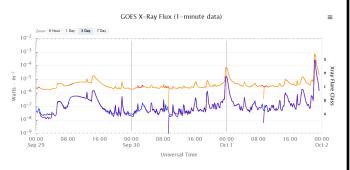
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Meeting ended at 8:30 PM.

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Solar News

As I write this issue of The Long Path, we are experiencing an X7.1 solar flare!



Solar maximum is still hopefully a year away. I was on 10M FT8 the other day and NA, SA, EU, Australia and the Pacific rim were all coming in at the same time, and you could work them all with 20 watts (and a beam).

With the SFI above 200, it should be real easy to work the great DXpeditions coming up in October and November.

Good DX de Chet VE3CFK

KH9 - Wake Is.

Tom, NL7RR will again be active from Wake Island as NL7RR/KH9 during October 22 to November 5, 2024. QRV on 20m SSB when time permits.

5W0TE - Samoa

Pete, ZL4TE says trip planned for 7 days from 3rd October 2024 until 10th October. I hope to operate CW, FT8 and D-STAR, holiday style. In anticipation of this latest trip, I have joined POTA and WWFF. I intend to activate at least one of the parks (more if I get time). C21 - Nauru



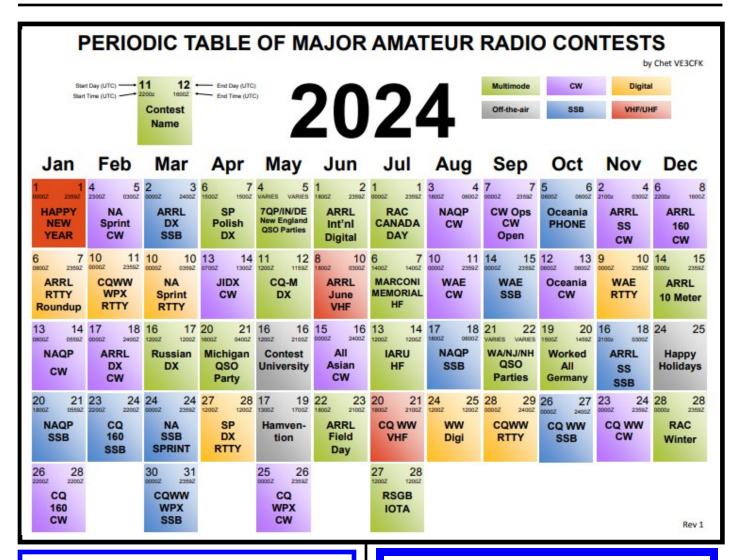
The C21MM team is looking forward to its next adventure. This DXpedition to Nauru is already the most expensive and complicated expedition ever for us. Hopefully we won't encounter any more nasty surprises.

In a few days, on October 7, the first six team members will leave Germany and plan to arrive on Nauru on October 10, after an overnight stay in Brisbane, Australia. After their arrival there are still some things to organise, so limited operation (high bands only) will take place. Full operation with 5 stations 24/7 can be expected starting October 15 in the evening (local time, UTC +12). We will pay special attention to our sunrise and sunset for low band openings.

The whole team is grateful for the generous donations from early supporters. Thank you! Our QSL manager has received the LoTW certificate for C21MM. QSLs and LoTW confirmations will be sent out after our return in November.

9M6 - Labuan Is.

Saty, JE1JKL will again be QRV as 9M6NA from Labuan Island (OC-133) during October 23 to November 25, 2024. Participation in the CQWW SSB & CW contests (SOAB, LP). QSL via LoTW. THE LONG PATH



FT8 Super Fox

WSJT-X_IMPROVED 2.7.1-devel 240930-RC7 is available for download. Everyone is recommended to update to this version as soon as possible. As always, you can download the various installation packages from my SourceForge page. The direct links for the 64-bit Windows installers are as follows:

wsjtx-2.7.1-develwin64_improved_PLUS_240930-RC7.exe (version with WSJ-X GUI)

wsjtx-2.7.1-develwin64_improved_AL_PLUS_240930-RC7.exe

Future SEMDXA Meeting Guest Speakers/Presentations

- October Fred, KD8ZYD TBA
- November to June 2025 Open

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

VU4 - Andaman Is

Team consisting of ON4AMX, ON4HIL, ON5UR, ON5RA, ON5TN, ON6CC, ON7FT, ON7USB, ON7RU, ON8AZ, PA9M and PA3EWP have announced that they will be on the air as VU4X from Andaman Islands during March 10-25, 2025. QRV on HF bands; CW, SSB and DIGI.

8Q7 - Maldives

Francesco, IK0FUX will be active from Drift Thelu Veliga, South Ari Atoll as 8Q7UX during October 6-14, 2024. QRV mainly on CW with some FT8. Possible participation in the CW Oceania DX Contest. QSL via H/c, LoTW.

Fernando de Noronha

Five experienced contesters from DL, OE and PY will operate as PX0FF in October 2024.

SSB, CW and FT8 (MSHV) only as PX0FF

All bands from 160m thru 6m, including 60m.

QSL via DJ4MX, Club Log OQRS.

5X - Uganda

Don, G3XTT (as 5X1DF) will be returning to Uganda in November with Alan G3XAQ (as 5X1XA). They will be there from 13 to 27 November but primarily to take part in the CQWW CW contest. Both will enter as a single-band category – in Don's case 40m and in Alan's probably 15 or 10m. Also likely to QRV prior to the contest on various bands; CW and probably some FT8. QSL 5X1XA via G3SWH and 51XDF via G3XTT.

Hamfests

- 10/05/24 Kalamazoo Hamfest, Kalamazoo, MI
- 10/06/24 USECA Hamfest, St.Claire Shores, MI
- 10/12/24 Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest, Muskegon, MI
- 12/01/24 LCARC Amateur Radio Swap/Hamfest, Troy MI
- 02/22/25 Livonia ARC Annual, Northville, MI
- 03/23/25 Lowell Amateur Radio Youth Club Hamfest, Lowell, MI

YJ - Vanuatu

Four hams will be there from October 16 through 29

The hams are John Schroeder, K4QQG / YJ0JS, from Hilton Head, SC; Nick Maslon, K1NZ / YJ0NZ, from Monson, MA; William "Savo" Savacool, K2SAV / YJ0SA from Schenectacy, NY; and Van Herridge, the team leader, N4VGE / YJ0VV from Charleston, SC. Planning for this DXpedition started in 2022 with plans to concentrate on SSB and participate in the 2024 CQ WW SSB Contest on October 26-27 as a high power M2 designation using the callsign YJ0VV. In addition to operating from their main stations on the beach they will be activating up to three POTA locations. VU0003, VU0005, and VU0021 none of which have ever been activated before. The original cost estimates have been overshadowed and with the latest expense total of over \$35,000 US. Team have set up a Go Fund Me page to help defray some of the costs.

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wsjtx-2.7.1-develwin64_improved_widescreen_PLUS_240930-RC7.exe (Widescreen version)

Release Candidate 7 brings for both WSJT-X and wsjt-x_improved significant improvements for the new SuperFox mode. It introduces a new verification system which replaces the previous one, and works for both the SuperFox mode and for old-style Fox and Hound operation. All code for SuperFox operation is now open source.

You may find this video tutorial informative.

Fernando de Noronha

More than 47K QSOs in the log, with almost 13K different callsigns.

The electric company didn't come today, again, so we still have noise on many bands during nighttime. That's one reason why we haven't spent much time on 20m SSB+CW yet.

The local authorities asked us to file a new request for the 80m/160m antenna. The 60m Inverted-V is up and working well.

CLUBLOG

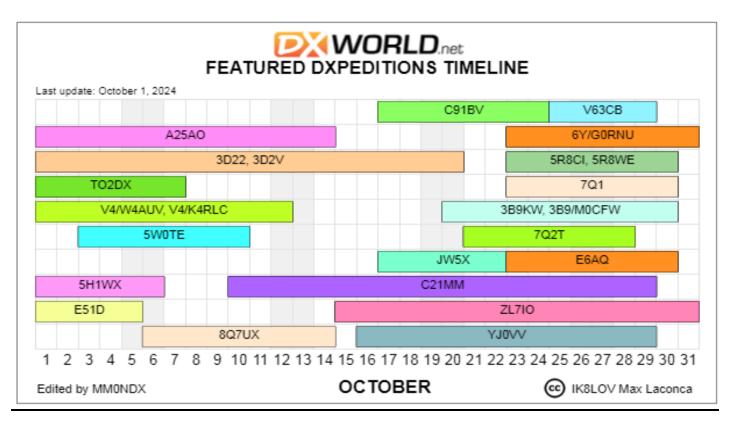
Most wanted - Top 25

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. PYOS SAINT PETER AND PAUL ROCKS 16. KP5 DESECHEO ISLAND 17. VP0S SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS 18. KH5 PALMYRA & JARVIS ISLANDS **19. ZL9 NEW ZEALAND SUBANTARCTIC IS-**LANDS 20. FK/C CHESTERFIELD ISLANDS 21. VK0H HEARD ISLAND 22. FT/T TROMELIN ISLAND 23. EZ TURKMENISTAN 24. YK SYRIA 25. ZL8 KERMADEC ISLAND

JW - Svalbard

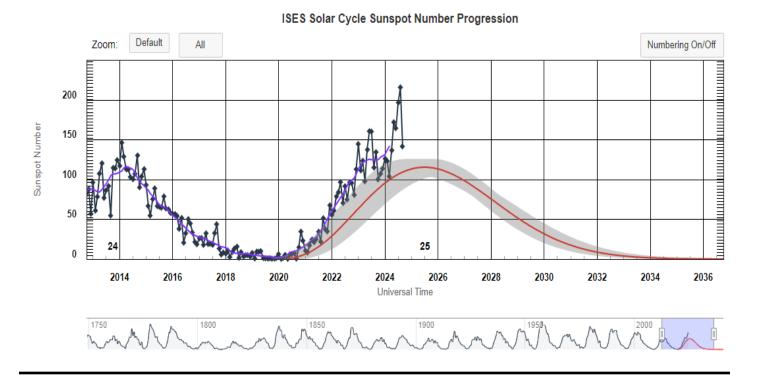
LA6VM, LA7XK & LA9DL will again be active from Svalbard between October 9-14, 2024. QRV as JW6VM, JW7XK & JW9DL. Activity as JW5X during the SSB Scandinavian Activity Contest (Oct 12/13). QSL via H/cs. JW5X via LA5X.

Credit to DX World



SOLAR CYCLE 25

NOAA/SWPC



SEMDXA Web Site: www.semdxa.org

Start	End	DXCC	Call	QSL	Reported	
Date	<u>Date</u>	<u>Entity</u>	<u></u>	via	by	
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2024 Sep18	2024 Oct01	St Kitts & Ne- vis	<u>V47JA</u> [spots]	LoTW	W5JON 20240626	
2024 Sep18	2024 Oct06	Tanzania	<u>5H1WX</u> [spots]	I8KHC	<u>DXW.Net</u> 20240621	
2024 Sep19	2024 Nov12	Namibia	V51WH [spots]	DK2WH (B/d)	<u>TDDX</u> 20240819	
2024 Sep27	2024 Oct04	Greenland	OX3LX [spots]	OZ0J	<u>TDDX</u> 20240924	
2024 Sep28	2024 Oct07	Reunion	TO2DX [spots]	OM2DX	<u>DXW.Net</u> 20240813	
2024 Sep29	2024 Oct01	Guam	KH2 [spots]	JH3DJX Buro	<u>TDDX</u> 20240909	
2024 Sep29	2024 Oct14	Botswana	<u>A25AO</u> [spots]	HA5AO OQRS	<u>DXW.Net</u> 20240304	
2024 Sep30	2024 Oct11	Namibia	<u>V55LA</u> [spots]	MOOXO	<u>OPDX</u> 20240823	
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2024 Oct03	2024 Oct10	Samoa	5W0TE	LoTW	<u>TDDX</u> 20240911	
2024 Oct04	2024 Oct11	French Poly- nesia	FO	DH5FS	<u>DXW.Net</u> 20241001	
2024 Oct06	2024 Oct14	Maldives	8Q7UX	LoTW	<u>DXW.Net</u> 20240929	
2024 Oct09	2024 Oct14	Svalbard	JW5X	LA5X	<u>DXW.Net</u> 20240114	
2024 Oct09	2024 Oct27	Reunion	FR	LoTW	DXW.Net 20240925	
2024 Oct10	2024 Oct29	Nauru	<u>C21MM</u>	Club Log OQRS	DXW.Net 20240729	
2024 Oct10	2024 Nov11	Tanzania	5H3MB	LoTW	<u>425DXN</u> 20240915	

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Editors NOTE:

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

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2024 Oct11	2024 Oct14	Bermuda	VP9	W9HT Direct	DXW.Net 20240925		
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2024 Oct12	2024 Nov24	Guyana	<u>8R1TM</u>	LoTW	<u>TDDX</u> 20240909		
2024 Oct15	2024 Oct31	Chatham Is	ZL7IO	LoTW	<u>OPDX</u> 20240824		
2024 Oct16	2024 Oct30	Vanuatu	YJ0VV	LoTW	<u>DXW.Net</u> 20240109		
2024 Oct17	2024 Oct23	Svalbard	JW	DK1VK	<u>DXW.Net</u> 20240817		
2024 Oct17	2024 Oct24	Mozambique	C91BV	EB7DX	<u>DXW.Net</u> 20240814		
2024 Oct20	2024 Oct25	Cayman Is	ZF2XX	LoTW	<u>DXW.Net</u> 20240904		
2024 Oct22	2024 Nov05	Wake I	КН9	LoTW	<u>TDDX</u> 20241001		
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2024 Nov08	2024 Dec12	Fiji	3D2TP	РАЗСВН	DXW.Net 20240905		

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2024 Nov16	2024 Nov29	Wallis & Fu- tuna	FW7AA	LoTW	DXW.Net 20240920
2024 Nov19	2024 Nov26	Chatham Is	ZL7YL	LoTW	<u>OPDX</u> 20240824
2024 Nov19	2024 Nov29	St Martin	FS	LoTW	<u>TDDX</u> 20240905
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CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW (Nov 23-24, 2024) Check here for pericon-					

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2024 Dec26	2025 Jan04	Dominica	J75K	LoTW	<u>DXW.Net</u> 20240804
2024 Dec30	2025 Jan03	Mariana Is	<u>КНО</u>	LoTW	<u>TDDX</u> 20240722

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