



Long Path



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SEMDXA NEWSLETTER

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PRES Sez

Hi all,

Its with a heavy heart to report that Ted Pauck - K8NA has become a silent key. Ted was instrumental to our club. Many of you have known Ted for many many years. I have known Ted for maybe 5 or 6 years and he was always helpful to me. Ted always had great programming for our club. This is one of the reasons I like coming to this club. All the cool DXpeditions we got to see. Ted was invaluable for our club. He will be missed greatly. The club is looking for anyone that can come up with programs for our club meetings. Please email any requests to Chet and the board will review and get these on the schedule.

With Ted's passing we have a need (A Big Need) for a program manager. Maybe this position is covered by 2 or 3 people. Since I'm new in the hobby, I really don't know anyone to contact. The best I can do is find YouTube videos to show. Who will rise to occasion to help with program material for the club.

We have reached the Solar Maximum. As you all know its an 11 year cycle. The solar maximum will last about another year (which is about when I will retire). One thing I didn't know was that every 11 years, at the height of the solar cycle, the Sun's magnetic poles flip — on Earth, that'd be like the North and South poles swapping places every decade — and the Sun transitions from being calm to an active and stormy state. We all love solar maximum since the bands come alive! The first 3 – 5 year of my retirement will be good for playing radio. I'm sure there are many in this club that have been licensed for 5 or 6 of these cycles. I'm looking forward to retirement and having good bands to play with! The other cool thing about the Solar maximum are the Northern Lights!!

I have made progress on countries/entities that I have made contact with. Last reported I was at 284 contacts to different

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NEXT Meeting:

In-Person

**November
20th,**

2024 at 7 PM

Fork n' Pint in Waterford

Program

Mike Martin

Of

RFI Services

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CQ Checker: Al Bailey, **K8SIX**

Meeting Minutes

October 2024

The October SEMDXA meeting was chaired by our president Fred, KD8ZYD. The meeting started at 7:05 PM. There were 12 in attendance and zero zoomed.

Acceptance of September meeting minutes as published in the October issue of The Long Path was motioned by Brad, N8SNM and 2nd by Fred, W1SKU and accepted by all present.

Treasurers report was presented by Brad, N8SNM. Fred, KD8ZYD motioned to accept and 2nd by Fred, W1SKU. Accepted by all. Presently 11 paid members and 6 life members.

DUES ARE DUE.

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

Ted, K8NA is in the Regency Rehab Center near Telegraph and Dixie Highway. Is there anyone willing to pick up the "programs" position?

DXpedition sponsorship was discussed. Christmas Island VK9XU (#42 Club Log) and VK9C (#41 Club Log) will be operational next February and March. N8VY, Doug proposed a \$100 donation and was 2nd by Pete, K8PGJ. All were in Favor.

Should SEMDXA become a member of Club Log. It would take 10 members to confirm this position. All suggested that a separate Email go out to the membership asking if they are a member or would they be willing to join Club Log.

Guest Speaker for the evening was Fred, KD8ZYD. The topic was "My Journey to DXing".

Meeting ended at 8:00pm

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countries/entities. 260 are confirmed. I am now at 287 with 264 confirmed. Even more progress!! I'm 13 away to 300 contacts and only 36 away from 300 confirmed!!

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.

<https://umich.zoom.us/j/91352970493?pwd=N0t3N1RpUFZjV GQzZHZwTnU0bHpuUT09>

Ted K8NA SK

SEMDXA lost its founding father on October 23rd. Ted was member number 1. He had been president of the club for numerous years, and was SEMDXA's program Director when he became a silent key. Ted will be sadly missed, not only because of his position in the club, but because he was just a great guy.

Here's Ted's bio from QRZ:

Ted, K8NA has been an Amateur Radio Operator Since 1960, mostly as a DXer and Contester.

Novice Class License - 1960

General Class License - 1961

Advanced Class License - 1964

Commercial Second Class Radio License - 1966

Extra Class License - 1974

ARRL DXCC Mixed (340), SSB (340), CW (340)

ARRL Honor Roll Mixed, SSB, CW

ARRL 5BDXCC

ARRL Challenge (2950+)

CQ 5BWAZ Award (80m,40m,20m,15m,10m) - All 40 Zones (Mixed, SSB, CW)

CQ WAZ (30m,17m,12m) - ALL 40 Zones

IOTA (1117)

CWops - THE CW OPERATORS' CLUB - Charter Member No. 365

FISTS - Member No. 1415

South East Michigan DX Association - SEMDXA Member No. 1

Bay Area DXers Contest Club

INTERNATIONAL DX ASSOCIATION

Rest in peace Ted. Here's a link to his obituary:

[Ted, K8NA's Obit](#)

VK9 - Cocos Keeling



Team landed on Cocos Islands November 1st and all of their luggage arrived in one piece too. Although very tired with all the travelling, they started activity just before 1245z firstly on 28CW then 17SSB.

XT2 - Burkina Faso

Team member Vlad OK2WX reports that all antennas and stations at XT2MD are now up and running, except 160m which will follow. Nearly 7000 QSOs as at 1830z. November 1st



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	5 0600Z 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	6 1400Z 1400Z MARCONI MEMORIAL HF	7 0000Z 2359Z WAE CW	10 0000Z 2359Z WAE SSB	11 0000Z 2359Z Oceania CW	12 0800Z 0600Z WAE RTTY	13 0000Z 2359Z ARRL 10 Meter
13 0800Z 0559Z NAQP CW	14 0000Z 2400Z ARRL DX CW	17 1200Z 1200Z Russian DX	18 1600Z 0400Z Michigan QSO Party	20 1200Z 2100Z Contest University	21 1600Z 2400Z All Asian CW	13 1200Z 1200Z IARU HF	14 1800Z 0600Z NAQP SSB	17 VARIES VARIES WA/NJ/NH QSO Parties	18 1500Z 1459Z Worked All Germany	19 2100Z 0300Z ARRL SS SSB	20 0000Z 0300Z Happy Holidays
20 1800Z 0559Z NAQP SSB	21 2200Z 2200Z CQ 160 SSB	23 0000Z 2359Z NA SSB SPRINT	24 1200Z 1200Z SP DX RTTY	27 1300Z 1700Z Hamvention	28 1800Z 2100Z ARRL Field Day	17 1800Z 2100Z CQ WW VHF	19 1200Z 1200Z WW Digi	20 0000Z 2400Z CQWW RTTY	21 0000Z 2400Z CQ WW SSB	24 0000Z 2359Z CQ WW CW	25 0000Z 2359Z RAC Winter
26 2200Z 2200Z CQ 160 CW	28 0000Z 2359Z CQWW WPX SSB	30 0000Z 2359Z CQ WW CW	31 0000Z 2359Z CQ WPX CW	25 0000Z 2359Z RSGB IOTA	27 1200Z 1200Z RSGB IOTA	28 1200Z 1200Z RSGB IOTA					

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BOUVET Is

Bouvetoya by Rebel DX Group



Today – October 27th – the Rebel DX Group announce they have received a helicopter landing permit (from Norwegian Polar Institute) for Bouvet Island. They say this permit is a back-up plan for their preferred zodiac landing.

Future SEMDXA Meeting Guest Speakers/Presentations

- November - Mike Martin of RFI Services
- Zukey Lake Christmas Gathering
- January 2025 - TBA

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

AH2 - Guam

Chris, WR7B announces that he will be active from Guam as AH2/WR7B during November 10-13, 2024. Primarily active on 10 & 15m, CW using a Yaesu FT-710 at 50w powered by two 12ah batteries and a JNCRadio MC-750 vertical antenna. Mostly POTA work. QSL via LoTW.

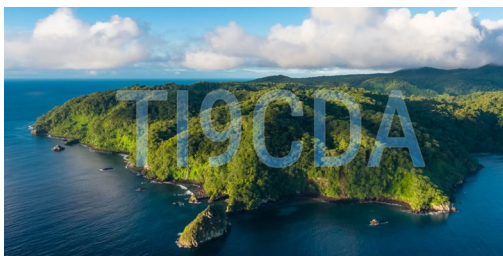
FT4YM - Antarctica

QSL manager F5PFP reports that David FT4YM is very busy currently at Concordia station but should be QRV initially with 100W and a 20m mobile antenna then eventually with a DX Commander antenna + IC-2KL amplifier all going well.

3D2Y - Rotuma

6 meter terrestrial operations will be manned by a mix of local and remote operators. We will monitor PSK reporter the ON4KST chat room for openings. We are able to receive notifications of potential openings in real-time. Our primary terrestrial FT8 frequency of operation on 6 meters is 50.313. We will QSY as needed.

TI9 - Cocos Is



Pending approval from all relevant authorities, Charlie TI5CDA plans an HF

and EME DXpedition to Cocos Island sometime in 2025.

Hamfests

- 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

SEMDXA Christmas Gathering

Ho Ho Ho!

It's that time of the year again.

This years SEMDXA Christmas gathering will again be at our old watering hole - Zukey Lake Tavern.

It will be held on Wednesday December 11th, 2024 at 12 NOON.

RSVP required before November 30th. Please RSVP to Chet VE3CFK at VE3CFK@gmail.com with number of attendees.

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Ho Ho Ho!

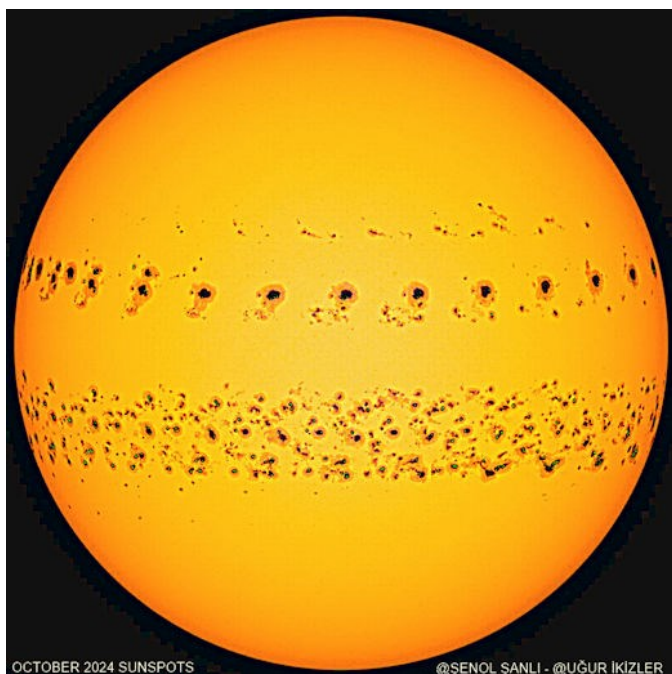
DUES are Due

6M Activity

6 meter F2 propagation has club members decoding and working Alaska, VK9CA, 3B8FA,. Others have decoded India, ZLs, VKs. What a great season. Almost better than Santa Claus.

SOLAR MAX

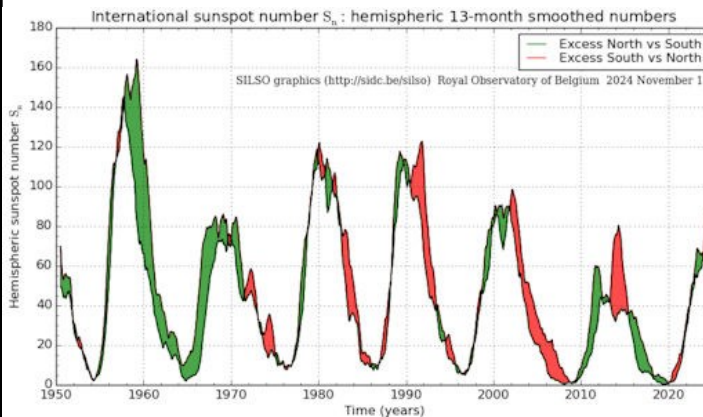
SOLAR MAX IN THE SUN'S SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE: At the end of October, amateur astronomer Senol Sanli made a composite 31-day image of the month's sunspots. Take a look. Notice anything?



The two hemispheres of the sun are not the same. There's a lopsided distribution of sunspots, with three times more in the south compared to the north. According to hemispheric sunspot data from the Royal Observatory of Belgium (WDC-SILSO), October was the fifth month in a row the sun's southern hemisphere significantly outperformed the north. You can see the same pattern visually in composite images from September, August, July, and, to a lesser extent, June 2024.

What's going on? Solar physicists have long known that the two hemispheres of the sun don't always operate in sync. Solar Max in the north can be offset from Solar Max in the south by as much as two years, a delay known as the "Gnevyshev gap." The assymetry is illustrated in this graph of north-vs-south sunspot numbers from the last 6 solar cycles:

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Is the sun's southern hemisphere experiencing its Solar Max right now? Maybe. We won't know for sure until years from now when we can look back and see the final shape of Solar Cycle 25. Meanwhile, stay tuned for more southern sunspots.

(Thank you spaceweather.com from Nov 5, 2024)

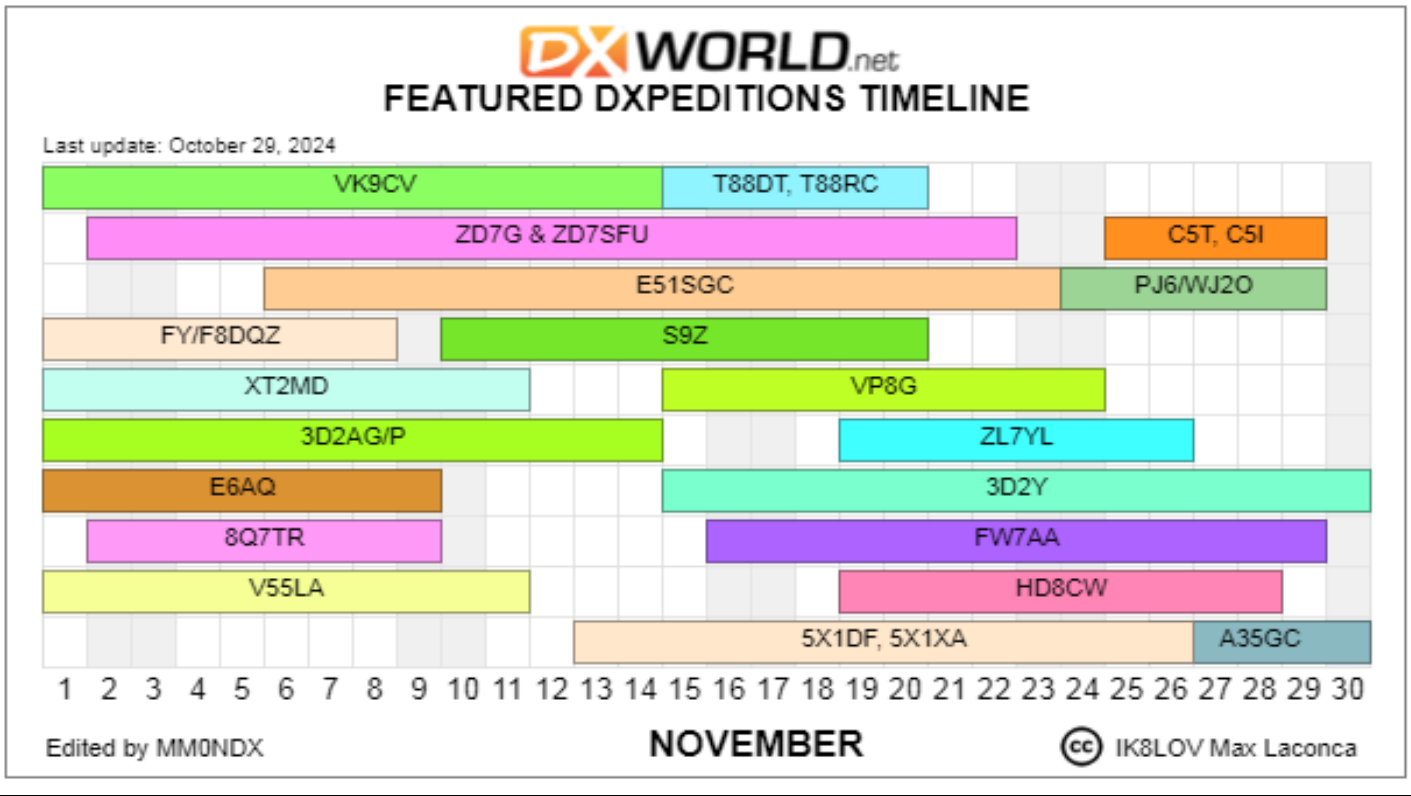
CLUBLOG

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

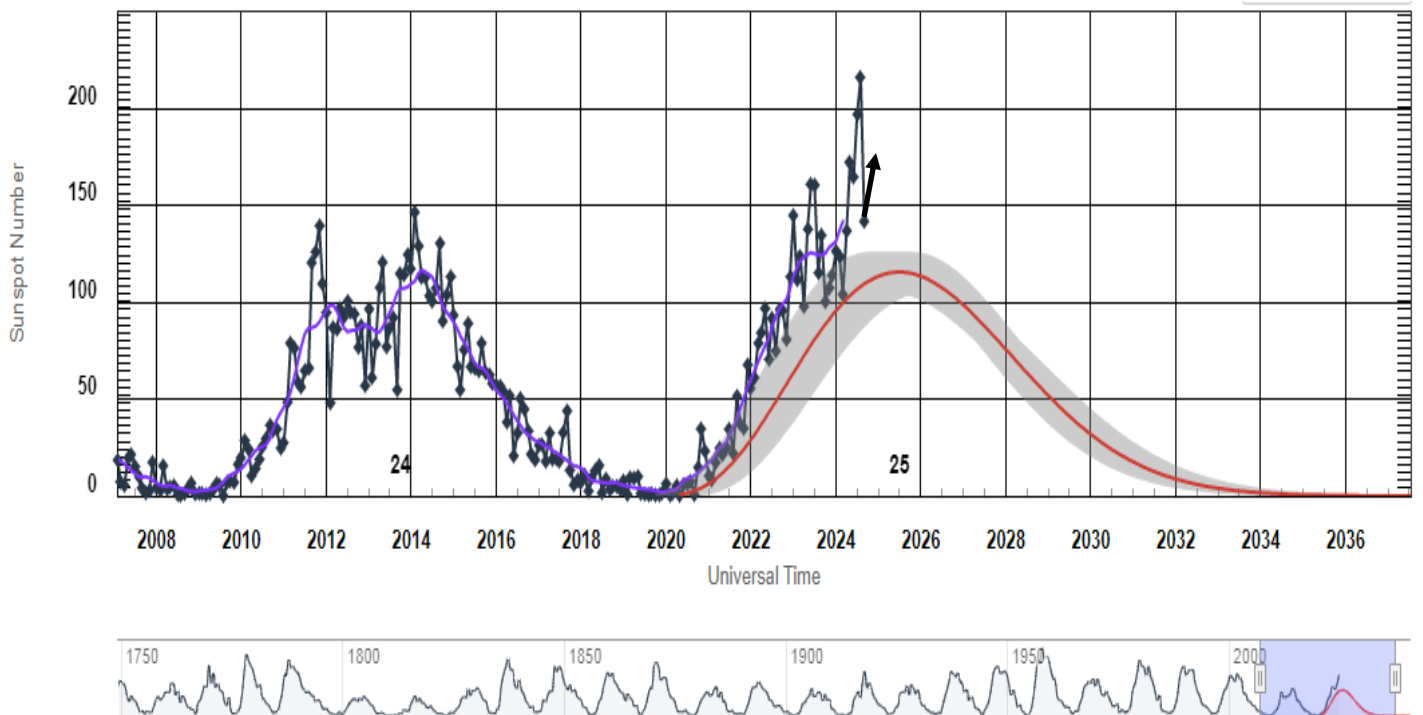
Upcoming DX

Credit to DX World



SOLAR CYCLE 25

NOAA/SWPC



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Editors NOTE:

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margin here for your notes on
band and mode fills required.

Start Date	End Date	DXCC Entity	Call [spots]	QSL via	Reported by
2024					
September					
2024 Sep19	2024 Nov12	Namibia	V51WH [spots]	DK2WH (B/d)	TDDX 20240819
October					
2024 Oct09	2024 Nov15	Cocos I	T19 [spots]	EA7FTR	425DXN 20241011
2024 Oct09	2024 Nov24	Guyana	8R1TM [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20240909
2024 Oct10	2024 Nov11	Tanzania	5H3MB [spots]	LoTW	425DXN 20240915
2024 Oct17	2024 Nov21	Albania	ZA [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20241014
2024 Oct22	2024 Nov05	Wake I	KH9 [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20241001
2024 Oct23	2024 Nov06	Jamaica	6Y [spots]	eQSL	TDDX 20240429
2024 Oct23	2024 Nov06	Madagascar	5R8 [spots]	Club Log OQRS	DXW.Net 20240917
2024 Oct24	2024 Nov02	Malawi	7Q1 [spots]	EA7FTR	DXW.Net 20240630
2024 Oct25	2024 Nov09	eSwatini	3DA0DL [spots]	LoTW	DXW.Net 20240909
2024 Oct25	2024 Nov30	Rotuma	3D2AG/p [spots]	LoTW	DXW.Net 20241023
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB (Oct 26-27, 2024) Check here for pericon-					
2024 Oct26	2024 Nov02	Turks & Caicos	VP5 [spots]	LoTW	DXW.Net 20241020
2024 Oct28	2024 Nov08	French Guiana	FY [spots]	F5OZC	DXW.Net 20241020
2024 Oct30	2024 Nov11	Namibia	V55LA [spots]	M0OXO	DXW.Net 20241030
2024 Oct31	2024 Nov04	Mariana Is	KH0 [spots]	LoTW	425DXN 20241031

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2024 Oct31	2024 Nov11	Burkina Faso	XT2MD [spots]	IK2VUC	I8KHC 20240521
2024 Oct31	2024 Nov11	Canary Is	EA8 [spots]	DF8AN (B/d)	425DXN 20241031
2024 Oct31	2024 Nov30	Gabon	TR8CR [spots]	F6AJA (B/d)	TDDX 20241010
November					
2024 Nov01	2024 Nov06	St Barthelemy	FJ [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20241030
2024 Nov01	2024 Nov15	Cocos Keeling	VK9CV [spots]	OK6DJ	DXW.Net 20240630
2024 Nov02	2024 Nov22	St Helena	ZD7	LoTW	DXW.Net 20241004
2024 Nov02	2024 Nov09	Maldives	8Q7TR	OE1TRI	DXW.Net 20240925
2024 Nov03	2024 Nov09	Honduras	HR9	LoTW	TDDX 20241017
2024 Nov05	2024 Nov12	Cayman Is	ZF2KM	LoTW	OPDX 20240911
2024 Nov06	2024 Nov13	Guam	KH2	LoTW	DXW.Net 20241023
2024 Nov06	2024 Nov16	St Kitts & Nevis	V47JA	LoTW	W5JON 20240124
2024 Nov07	2024 Nov18	Reunion	FR	LoTW	TDDX 20241010
2024 Nov07	2024 Nov24	South Cook Is	E51SGC	LoTW	LZ1GC 20240816
2024 Nov08	2024 Dec12	Fiji	3D2TP	PA3CBH	DXW.Net 20240905
2024 Nov11	2024 Nov16	French Polyne- sia	FO	LoTW	DXW.Net 20240925
2024 Nov11	2024 Nov20	Sao Tome & Principe	S9Z	LoTW	TDDX 20240709
2024 Nov14	2024 Nov20	Palau	T8	LoTW	DXW.Net 20240909

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2024 Nov15	2024 Nov23	French Guiana	FY	LoTW	DXW.Net 20240926
2024 Nov15	2024 Nov25	Falkland Is	VP8G	LoTW	DXW.Net 20241013
2024 Nov15	2024 Dec04	Rotuma	3D2Y	M0OXO	DXW.Net 20240501
2024 Nov16	2024 Nov29	Wallis & Futuna	FW7AA	LoTW	DXW.Net 20240920
2024 Nov19	2024 Nov26	Chatham Is	ZL7YL	LoTW	OPDX 20240824
2024 Nov19	2024 Nov28	Galapagos	HD8CW	M0OXO	NE8Z 20241023
2024 Nov19	2024 Nov29	St Martin	FS	LoTW	TDDX 20240905
2024 Nov25	2024 Nov29	Gambia	C5T	LoTW	DXW.Net 20241024
2024 Nov25	2024 Dec06	Tonga	A35GC	LoTW	LZ1GC 20240816
2024 Nov30	2024 Dec02	Fiji	3D2NB	LoTW	DXW.Net 20240920
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 Dec02	2024 Dec07	India	AU2K	Club Log OQRS	VE3LYC 20241020
2024 Dec08	2024 Dec18	Br Virgin Is	VP2VMM	LoTW	TDDX 20240726
2024 Dec13	2024 Dec19	Bangladesh	S21DX	LoTW	OPDX 20240818
2024 Dec20	2024 Dec31	French Guiana	TO0J	LoTW	OZ0J 20240331
2024 Dec26	2025 Jan04	Dominica	J75K	LoTW	DXW.Net 20240804
2024 Dec30	2025 Jan03	Mariana Is	KH0	LoTW	TDDX 20240722

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2025					
January					
2025 Jan04	2025 Jan05	Gambia	C5RK	EA7FTR	DXW.Net 20231014
2025 Jan10	2025 Oct16	Palau	T8	Home Call (B/d)	OPDX 20241007
2025 Jan10	2025 Jan31	Benin	TY5C	LoTW	DXW.Net 20241023
2025 Jan11	2025 Jan12	Senegal	6W1RD	EA7FTR	DXW.Net 20231014
2025 Jan12	2025 Jan27	Marquesas	TX7N	LoTW	TDDX 20240902
2025 Jan17	2025 Feb02	Mozambique	C8K	LoTW	425DXN 20240906
February					
2025 Feb02	2025 Feb28	Senegal	6W7	Club Log OQRS	DXW.Net 20230914
2025 Feb08	2025 Feb15	St Helena	ZD7KYD	KY8D	TDDX 20240925
2025 Feb11	2025 Feb23	Marshall Is	V7	LoTW	TDDX 20240923
2025 Feb12	2025 Feb16	Bahamas	C6ADA	LoTW	425DXN 20241030
2025 Feb18	2025 Mar04	Christmas I	VK9XU	LoTW	DL2AWG 20240911
2025 Feb19	2025 Feb27	St Martin	FS	DF8AN	TDDX 20241031
March					
2025 Mar01	2025 Mar01	Antigua & Barbu- da	V26MN	DF8AN	TDDX 20241031
2025 Mar01	2025 Mar09	Montserrat	VP2MM N	DF8AN	TDDX 20241031
2025 Mar04	2025 Mar12	Cocos Keeling	VK9C	LoTW	DL2AWG 20240911
2025 Mar09	2025 Mar10	Antigua & Barbu- da	V26MN	DF8AN	TDDX 20241031

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2025 Mar09	2025 Apr05	Sint Maarten	PJ7AA	LoTW	TDDX 20240725
2025 Mar10	2025 Mar11	St Martin	FS	DF8AN	TDDX 20241031
2025 Mar10	2025 Mar25	Andaman Is	VU4X	M0URX	DXW.Net 20240723
2025 Mar23	2025 Apr04	Rodrigues I	3B9DJ	LoTW	DXW.Net 20240919
April					
2025 Apr09	2025 Apr15	French Polyne- sia	TX7XG	LoTW	TDDX 20240923
2025 Apr18	2025 Apr27	Galalagos	HD8G	LoTW	DXW.Net 20240609
2025 Apr25	2025 May07	Austral Is	TX9A	DK8ZZ	DXW.Net 20240927
June					
2025 Jun01	2025 Jun10	Faroe Is	OY	LoTW	DXW.Net 20240619