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Map and directions

HOLIDAY PARTY

Lunch at the Lake

December 11

**12:00 PM sharp -
2:30 PM ?**

Great food and 807's

**Replaces the night
meeting**

PRES Sez



Hi all,

I want to wish everyone a very safe and happy holiday and that I hope everyone can relax some, reflect on the past year and look forward to 2025!

Guess what, Santa Claus will be on the amateur radio airwaves again this year. If you have any young kids or Grand Kids, get them on the air so they can talk with Santa! I'm sure they would love it. And maybe, just maybe it will get them interested in amateur radio and they want to get their license.

The 3.916 Santa Net will be on the air every night at 7:00 PM CST from November 29 through December 24. Reserve a spot with Santa by making a pre-net check in. You can check in each night starting at 6:30 PM CST online at www.CQSanta.com.

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Calendar

NEXT Meeting:

WEDNESDAY

December 11, 2024

ZUKEY LAKE

Gathering starts at 12:00 for coffee and leads into lunch starting at 12:01. Ends when propagation dies out.

FIRST 2024 MEETING

January 10

SEMDXA OFFICERS

President: Fred Goeckel, **KD8ZYD**

Vice-president: Pete Gladysz, **K8PGJ**

Treasurer: Brad Nowak, **N8SNM**

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VUCC Checker: Al Bailey, **K8SIX**

VUCC Checker: Jim Sanford, **K8ZZU**

CQ Checker: Mike Rudzki, **N8MR**

CQ Checker: Al Bailey, **K8SIX**

Meeting Minutes

November 2024

The November SEMDXA meeting was chaired by our president Fred, KD8ZYD. The meeting started at 7:00 PM. There were 13 in attendance and two zoomed.

Acceptance of October meeting minutes as published in the November issue of The Long Path was motioned by Al, K8SIX and 2nd by Fred, W1SKU and accepted by all present.

Treasurers report was presented by Brad, N8SNM. Fred, W1SKU motioned to accept and 2nd by Fred, W1SKU. Accepted by all.

DUES ARE DUE.

OLD Business

In the October meeting a suggestion was made for SEMDXA itself become a member of Clublog. Chet, VE3CFK volunteered to sign up SEMDXA as a club with Clublog.

New Business

No new business.

The evenings entertainment was a video by Mike Martin, K3RFI of RFI services. Mike's video was about RFI from power lines and specific electrical hardware failure.

Meeting ended at 8:30 pmish.

HC - Equator

NE8Z, Rick, operating his HC1MD/2 station will be mostly active on 6 meters over the next month. "I am watching daily in all directions for 6m openings", says Rick. He'll be mostly on FT8 but if the F2 is good he will try SSB on 50.110 MHz and CW on 50.097 MHz. He is running 500 watts into a 5 element LFA on 50 MHz.

Prez Sez

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Santa and Mrs. Claus will also be on the air, together, thanks to special arrangements with the Cowley (KS) County Amateur Radio Club. They will be on the air on the 147.000 repeater and the Sunflower Net system, between 10 a.m. and noon on November 30 and beginning at 10 a.m. on December 14 and 21. In addition to the local repeater, the Sunflower Net offer connection options to Allstar, DMR, Dstar, Echolink, Fusion, Hamshack Hotline, M17, and P25. The club is also setting up a radio link at the local library to talk to Santa.

Are you thinking about getting a new radio...bigger antenna? Now is the time to get something very nice for the XYL so she won't notice that new shiny radio or bigger antenna. Just a thought.

I have made progress on countries/entities that I have made contact with. Last reported I was at 287 contacts to different countries/entities. 264 are confirmed. I am now at 288 with 268 confirmed. Even more progress!! I'm 12 away to 300 contacts and only 32 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. Justst 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. [WEBSITE 1](#) and [WEBSITE2](#)

The Prez – 73's

ZOOM MEETINGS

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

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

Inovato

Dear Fellow Hams,

I have been fighting pancreatic cancer in recent months, which has now spread to my lungs. The treatment schedule and my energy level require me to close Inovato in a few weeks. My family is helping get final Quadras built and orders shipped.

I wanted to let as many people as possible know as this will be the last opportunity to purchase Quadras and accessories before it closes. As long as the store accepts your order, they will get shipped. I apologize in advance if I am a bit slower than normal getting orders out.

I can only directly email customers who have opted in to receive emails, so please let other hams who have Quadras or might want one know.

It has been an honor and pleasure to help bring the fantastic HamClock by Elwood Downey to more hams. I am sorry this plug-and-play HamClock appliance will come to an end. But remember you can always make your own using a Raspberry Pi. See the excellent tutorial by G6NHU for step by step instructions.

73,

Michael



IDXC

Traditional DXpedition methods are being challenged by rising costs, prohibitive environmental constraints and growing restrictions on transportation services. As a result, many DXCC entities that perpetually sit at the top of the DXCC Most Wanted list will retain their position at the top of the list, denying access to DXCC Honor Roll for many until forward-thinking teams develop some novel solutions to address some tough problems.

In the past few years, there have been some risk-taking hams who have used modern station design concepts and remotely controlled DXpedition stations to create massively successful DXpedition operations using new approaches to the DXpedition game.

At the 2025 International DX Convention, the convention team will be offering an all-day event on Friday, 4 April, of the 3-day convention. A series of panel discussions and demonstrations will be provided to DXers, DXpeditioners, contest station designers and hams of all interests that will provide insights to where things are likely to be heading in amateur radio.

Speakers/panelists will include George Wallner (AA7JV), Bart Janke (W9JJ), Don Greenbaum (N1DG), Gerry Hull (W1VE), Bill Fehring (W9KKN), Gregg Marco (W6IZT), Ned Stearns (AA7A), Glenn Johnson (W0GJ) and possibly others. The following topics will be the focus of a series of 45-minute panel discussions that will be completely open to audience participation. We are pleased to report that all plans for IDXC 2025 are going well.

- 1) Mission analysis
- 2) Search for solutions
- 3) Distributed team building
- 4) Data networks for amateur radio
- 5) Managing user experiences
- 6) Station integration and test
- 7) Pulling it all together and executing at a high level.

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 HAPPY NEW YEAR	4 2300Z NA Sprint CW	5 0300Z ARRL DX SSB	6 1500Z SP Polish DX	7 VARIES 7QP/IN/DE New England QSO Parties	1 1800Z ARRL Int'n'l Digital	1 0000Z RAC CANADA DAY	3 1800Z NAQP CW	4 0600Z CW Ops CW Open	5 0600Z Oceania PHONE	2 2100Z ARRL SS CW	6 2200Z ARRL 160 CW
6 0800Z ARRL RTTY Roundup	7 2359Z CQWW WPX RTTY	10 0000Z NA Sprint RTTY	10 0359Z JIDX CW	11 0700Z CQ-M DX	12 1300Z ARRL June VHF	6 1400Z MARCONI MEMORIAL HF	7 1400Z WAE CW	10 0000Z WAE SSB	11 2359Z Oceania CW	12 0800Z WAE RTTY	13 0600Z ARRL 10 Meter
13 0800Z NAQP CW	14 0559Z ARRL DX CW	17 0000Z Russian DX	18 2400Z Michigan QSO Party	20 1200Z Contest University	21 0400Z All Asian CW	16 1200Z IARU HF	16 2100Z NAQP SSB	13 1200Z WA/NJ/NH QSO Parties	17 0800Z Worked All Germany	18 2100Z ARRL SS SSB	24 0300Z Happy Holidays
20 1800Z NAQP SSB	21 0959Z CQ 160 SSB	23 2200Z NA SSB SPRINT	24 0000Z SP DX RTTY	24 2359Z Hamvention	27 1200Z ARRL Field Day	17 1300Z CQ WW VHF	19 1700Z WW Digi	20 1800Z CQWW RTTY	21 2100Z CQ WW SSB	24 0000Z CQ WW CW	25 2359Z RAC Winter
26 2200Z CQ 160 CW	28 2200Z CQWW WPX SSB	30 0000Z CQ WW CW	31 2359Z CQ WPX CW	25 0000Z RSGB IOTA	26 2359Z RSGB IOTA	27 1200Z RSGB IOTA	28 1200Z RSGB IOTA				

Rev 1

FOR SALE

Chet, VE3CFK has the following for sale:

Flex MAESTRO Model "C" new in box - \$1200

Hi-Z stuff—8 antenna boxes, 4 old 4 new style, one 4 element phasing box, 1 new 8 element phasing box. No controller. Lot \$500

Collins 30S-1. 700 watts output. Cabinet needs attention. \$1100

DX Engineering Time Variable Sequence Unit Model DXE-TVSU-1B. New. Never used \$150

Yaesu SP-9000 speaker for the FTdx9000, but looks great beside the FTdx5000. \$150

Future SEMDXA Meeting Guest Speakers/Presentations

- 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

8Q7RL - Maldives

Reiner DL2AAZ will be active as 8Q7RL from the Maldives, AS-013 during December 9-17, 2024. QRV on 40-10m; SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Note: 8Q7RL previously active by IZ5EBL way back in 2003.

Rebel DX Group



Rebel DX Group plans (info via Facebook)
 T30TTT Tarawa. Date unknown but 2025.
 T31TTT Kanton Island. April – May 2025.
 T32TTT Kiritimati. December 2024 January 2025.
 T33TTT Banaba Island. Date unknown yet but 2025.

YJ0 - Vanuatu

Chris, VK2YUS will again be active from Port Vila, Efate Island, Vanuatu as YJ0CA during December 10-16, 2024. QRV on SSB only. Participation in the ARRL 10m Contest. He uses a 1/4 wave vertical with elevated radials for 40m, and various dipoles & verticals for other bands. QSL via H/c, no LoTW.

Hamfests

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.

We have 21 folks who have RSVP'd. See you all there.

73

Ho Ho Ho!

DUES are Due

S21 - Bangladesh

Today (Dec 4) the team received their official S21DX license from the regulator - see below: A reminder this IOTA DXpedition starts on December 13th.

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



From the Desk of the Editor

From my family to yours, my XYL Vera and I wish you all Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. May your travels be safe and your homes warm. Hope the new year brings you all prosperity, good health and many a good cheer.

See you all in 2025!



OA - Peru

HC1MD/2 (aka NE8Z), Rick, has convinced OA1F, Carlos, to fix his 4 element 6 meter Yagi and is now QRV daily on the Magic Band. Carlos is running 100 watts on 6 meters FT8.

Southern California DX Club

Following up on the dissolution of the Southern California DX Club (SCDXC) it appears some of the details were "unfounded and premature", reports NCDXC past President K6BV, Tony Dowler. The Board of Directors for the Northern California DX Club (NCDXC) met prior to November 21st. NCDXC "has made no decisions or taken any actions as of this date (dissolution of the club due to no one willing to stand up for the board of directors positions)". NCDXC has open arms to any former members of SCDXC and currently have "no intention of changing the club's well-established name."

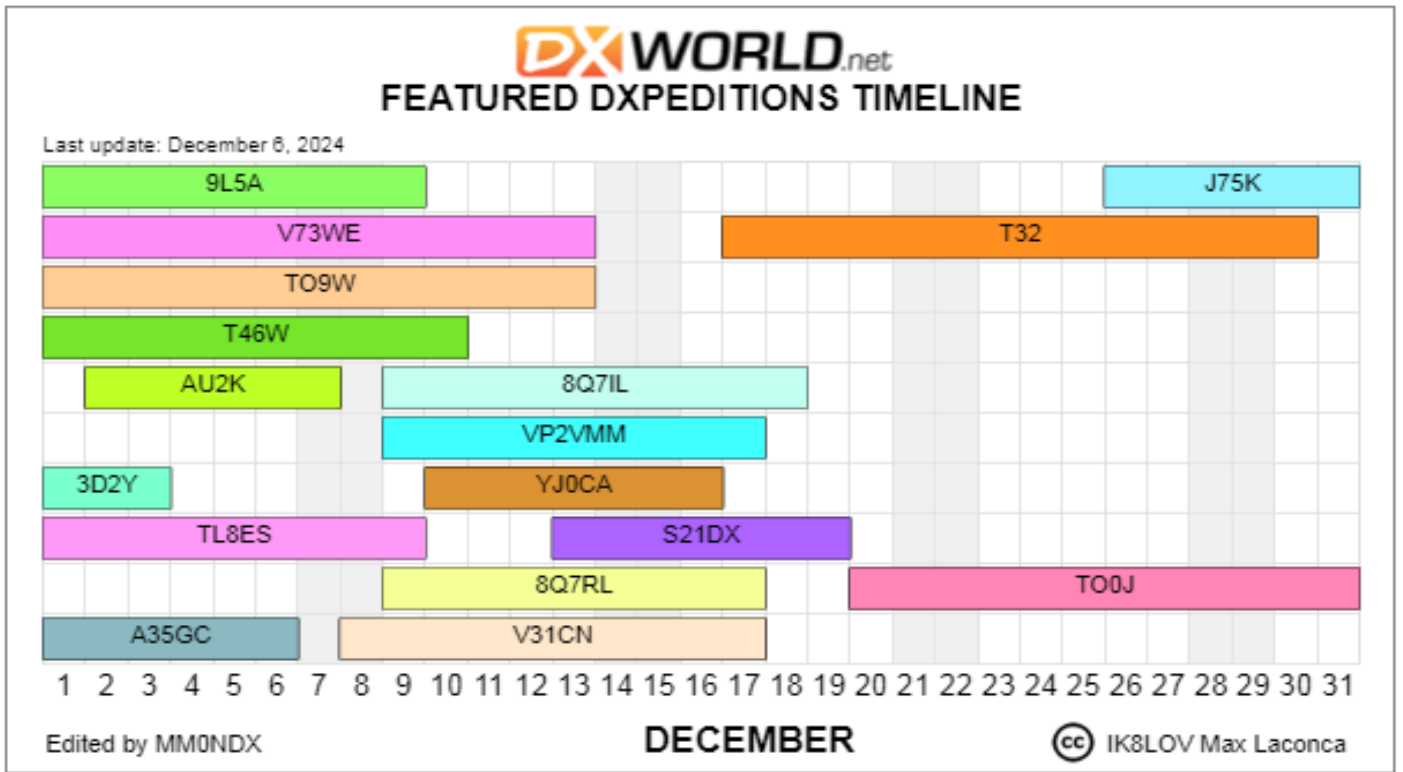
Happy Days are here again!

Yup. Happy days and happy dance. I finally worked Alaska on 6M FT8 for my 50th WAS award on 6M. (The dancing continued for about 3 minutes until I saw some more DX I needed to work). I'd been chasing Alaska for 3 years before I finally succeeded.

Chet, VE3CFK.

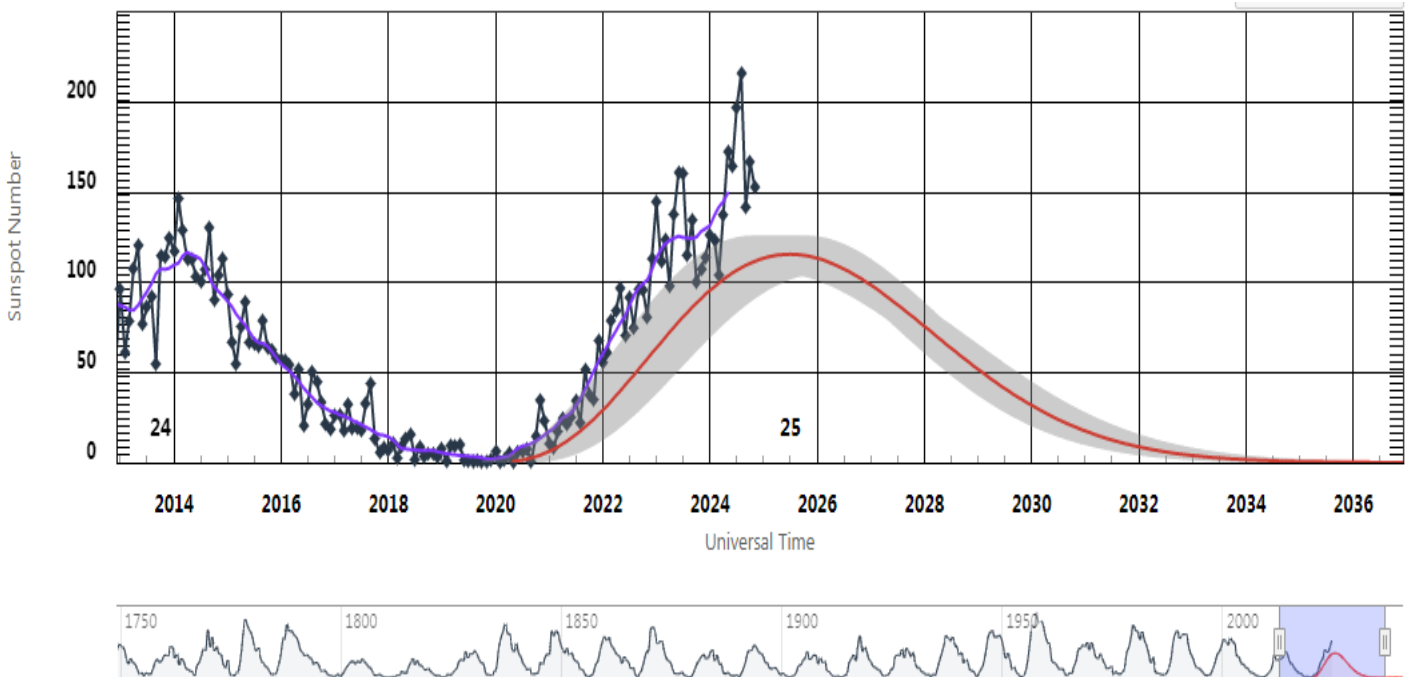
Upcoming DX

Credit to DX World



SOLAR CYCLE 25

NOAA/SWPC



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Start Date	End Date	DXCC Entity	Call	QSL via	Reported by
2024					
October					
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB (Oct 26-27, 2024) Check here for pericontest					
November					
2024 Nov08	2024 Dec12	Fiji	3D2TP [spots]	PA3CBH	DXW.Net 20240905
2024 Nov15	2024 Dec04	Rotuma	3D2Y [spots]	M0OXO	DXW.Net 20240501
2024 Nov25	2024 Dec06	Tonga	A35GC [spots]	LoTW	LZ1GC 20240816
2024 Nov25	2024 Dec09	Central African Rep	TL8ES [spots]	LoTW	DXW.Net 20241116
2024 Nov27	2024 Dec10	Singapore	9V1CF [spots]	OE3OGC	TDDX 20241118
2024 Nov27	2024 Dec11	Andaman & Nicobar	VU4A [spots]	Club Log OQRS	OH3LCH 20241125
2024 Nov29	2024 Dec13	Marshall Is	V73WE [spots]	Club Log OQRS	TDDX 20241105
2024 Nov30	2024 Dec08	Sierra Leone	9L5A [spots]	LoTW	KN7Y 20241130
2024 Nov30	2024 Dec13	St Martin	TO9W [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20240506
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW (Nov 23-24, 2024) Check here for pericontest					
December					
2024 Dec01	2024 Dec10	Cuba	T46W [spots]	LoTW	DXW.Net 20241121
2024 Dec02	2024 Dec07	India	AU2K [spots]	Club Log OQRS	VE3LYC 20241020
2024 Dec05	2024 Dec17	St Kitts & Nevis	V47NH	LoTW	425DXN 20241129
2024 Dec08	2024 Dec18	Br Virgin Is	VP2VMM	LoTW	TDDX 20240726

Editors NOTE:

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

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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
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

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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

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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	KHO	LoTW	TDDX 20240722

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March					
2025 Mar01	2025 Mar01	Antigua & Barbuda	V26MN	DF8AN	TDDX 20241031
2025 Mar01	2025 Mar09	Montserrat	VP2MMN	DF8AN	TDDX 20241031
2025 Mar04	2025 Mar12	Cocos Keel- ing	VK9CU	LoTW	DL2AWG 20240911
2025 Mar09	2025 Mar10	Antigua & Barbuda	V26MN	DF8AN	TDDX 20241031
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 Poly- nesia	TX7XG	LoTW	TDDX 20240923
2025 Apr17	2025 Apr27	Bonaire	PJ4CB	LoTW	OPDX 20241129
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