



Long Path



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SEMDXA NEWSLETTER

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PREZ Sez

Hi all,

I hope everyone was able to enjoy the holidays (Christmas, Hanukkah, Boxing Day, etc.) and celebrate how you and your family enjoy celebrating and that everyone had a safe and relaxing new year's! On to 2023 and more DX'ing!

Let's all congratulate Brad N8SNM on achieving DXCC #1!!! Crozet was the last one he needed, he made the contact (both FT8 and CW) and is confirmed in Clublog! Congratulations Brad!

I hope everyone in the club has been able to make contact with Crozet. I was able to make an FT8 contact after trying for almost a week, and on 12/30/2022 I made the contact, it's in the log and confirmed via Clublog! Very excited. I'm going to try and get him on 20 FT8 and I hope phone if he ever does that.

What is great about this club is how club members help each other out when a rare DX comes on the air. Chet sent out the initial email letting everyone know he was setting up. I am fortunate to have a few of our club members who I have become friends with over the last few years let me know when Crozet was on the air transmitting. I was in front of my station as much as possible but sometimes life gets in the way...but getting that text or email, I put life on hold and fired up my station and tried to make the contact. Without this club, I'm not sure how things would have gone! That is what makes this club great is we are all about DX'ing!

I have made progress on countries/entities that I have made contact with. Last reported I was at 207 contacts to different countries/entities. 185 are confirmed. I am now at 211 with 195 confirmed. Even more progress!! Who knows how much longer until I pass 200 confirmed countries! I did apply for DXCC and was awarded for Phone, Mixed, Digital, 10, 15 and 20 meters. 40 meters should happen soon. 80 meters will take some time, I only have 36 contacts and just 27 confirmed. That is my first goal, a DXCC 5 band!

The Prez – 73's

NEXT Meeting:

In-Person

January 11th, 2023 at 7 PM

Fork n' Pint in Waterford

Program

TBA

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SEMDXA Christmas Gathering

We held our annual Christmas gathering at Zukey Lake again last year on December 15. This being the 2nd time since the pandemic. It was certainly nice to see so many faces of our DXers and their XYs. Here's some pictures taken by your editor.



ZOOM MEETINGS

We had a decent turnout of 25. A few who would have loved to attend were either house bound, on vacation or out of country or down with the flue.



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>

FT8WW - Crozet



Thierry, FT8WW has been on the air for 7 days now. His license is good for 21 days, leaving 14. So get in there and work him.

From their [web site](#), here are some snippets of information:

The installation is done in a sustained way, a big thank you to the logistics team of the base for their precious help, and according to a capricious weather which often upsets the provisional schedule.

The first QO-100 QSOs has been made. The station is operational! He will do, for the moment, SSB only on satellite.

As a reminder, the traffic interruption period in order to take measurements of the Earth's magnetic field is 5 hours between 05:00 UT and 10:00 UT. Any appearance of FT8WW on HF bands during this period should be considered suspicious.

The vertical will be installed soon depending on the weather conditions.

NOT CANCELLED YET

Some things to look forward to:

- SEMDXA January in-person meeting at Fork n' Pint in Waterford on Wednesday, January 11th at 7:00 PM
- 2023 Hamvention
- February issue of The Long Path
- Thanksgiving, Christmas
- IDXC in Visalia, CA April 21-23

Hamfests

- 1/15/23 - SCARF Hamfest, Shade, OH
- 1/22/23 - Hazel Park Hamfest, Royal Oak, MI
- 2/11/23 - Cherryland, Traverse City, MI
- 2/18/23 - Livonia Swap, Livonia, MI
- 3/5/23 - Cave City Hamfest, Cave City, KY
- 3/11-23 - MOVARC Hamfest, Bidwell, OH
- 3/11/23 - Crossroads Hamfest, Kalamazoo, MI
- 3/19/23 - Toledo Mobile Radio Assn, Perrysburg, OH
- 3/26/23 - USECA Hamfest, Troy, MI

C5C – The Gambia

Team C5C will again be active from Gambia during **February 14 to March 14, 2023**. Ops: F5RAV & F5NVF. QRV on HF Bands and possibly QO-100 satellite.

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Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse...

Christmas day, I was awoken by the sound of silence. No RF signal of any sort coming from Crozet. A sad face transgressed onto to my smiling face and all was sad in my ham shack. Upstairs, I found the Christmas tree was virtually bare of any Christmas presents, but save one for me.

Upon closer examination it was a stupid NFL trivia game with a dumb desk bell on top. What a dumb present. I don't even like NFL football!



Christmas day dragged on. Family and guests came and went. And still no RF signals from Crozet. The evening drew near and....What is that I hear?... Some faint

RF?... Could it be?... Could it be?... It was. It was. It was Crozet using FT-8. BUT!!!! I couldn't hear him. I could see many calling. But where was he? I listened and listened. I cursed myself for not putting up that 2 element yagi for 30M. It was too late now. I gotta hear him!!! Where is he?... The blood is pumping hard. The blood pressure is rising. I can feel it in my skull. Where is he?... FINALLY at 8PM I finally got a decode. But the band is packed. I'll wait. I'll let the big guns get their first bite... Oh the waiting. I could jump in now, but I know my chances are slim to non with a vertical.

And so I waited. I decided not to hold my breath, because that would be defeating the purpose. You can't work'm from the dead.

The second day, about the same time, a little earlier (7PM) I could decode Thierry. For 4 hours I called and called and called. I went to bed that night frustrated, disenchanted with DXing, disenchanted with my stupid vertical (why didn't I put up that 30M yagi like I meant to?). Sleep came slowly. All I could think of, was why, why, why? I gotta work him!!!

The third day. Again about 7PM we were decoding Thierry. The band was still packed!!! After 2 hours of calling...he came back. He came back to me! Back to me! I must be dreaming. No he came back the second time. Why wasn't I transmitting? TIME OUT!!!! What! Not now!!!! Stupid computer. Hit the "Enable TX". RR73 was his final transmission to me. I must be dreaming! I sat there staring. Gotta take a picture, because in dreams you don't take pictures. This way I'll have proof of working Crozet. I sat there. And sat there. Just starring at the screen. Then a light went off in my head. I dashed upstairs and ran straight to the Christmas tree. I grabbed that stupid NFL trivia game and started banging on the desk bell on top of the game. What a racket I made! I went on and on and on until my XYL finally came down and asked if I needed a ride to the hospital. What is all that racket? Can't you please stop that insentient ringing? I did eventually. And then proceeded to explain to my XYL that that is what testers do when they work a new multiplier in a contest...they ring the bell. So that's what I was doing...announcing to the world that I worked number 339 for my DXCC standings.

My XYL smiled at me and said "Well I guess Santa Claus knew all along that you would work Crozet for number 339. He knew you'd need a bell. Merry Christmas Chet"

(editors note: I do really like NFL football. It just sounded better for the story that I didn't. And yes Virginia. I really did work Crozet for #339).

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone. May 2023 be filled with more DX for us all.....

OJ0 - Market Reef

LB5SH, Stian is planning on going to Market Reef. He will be going with 3 other guys. Plans are to have 2 stations on the air 24/7 for a week with power and good antennas. They plan to also do 6M. Dates have not been announced as yet.

RI1/A - Antarctica

UG1A Alex, is on his way to the Russian Vostok base station on Antarctica. There will soon be three operators at the RI1ANC station. In addition to Alex will be UB1AQB, Ivan; and ex UH4NAE, Zahar. Activity will be in their spare time. Also to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Russian Robinson Club (RRC) they will be operating as RI30ANT.

VK2NOW/9 – Norfolk

Rob, VK2NOW is currently active from Norfolk Island as VK2NOW/9. Activity so far on 40SSB. QSL via H/c. Length of stay unknown.

ZF2PG - Cayman

Pete is on the move again. He'll be in the Caymans as ZF2PG January 16 thru 20th and will participate in the NAQP contest on January 21, 2023.

ET3AA Ethiopia

ET3AA Team will be active from Ethiopia, 14 - 21 January 2023.

TN8K - Congo



The CDXP group is organizing another DXpedition, this time to the Republic of Congo – callsign TN8K. Dates: Arrival: January 6th, Departure: January 21th 2023 On air approx: limited/building up January 7-9; full operation planned from 10th till 19th .

Propagation Enhancement Accessories



SEMDXA Most Wanted Survey

SEMDXA's most wanted survey is being extended beyond January 14th. To obtain a more representative "wanted" list please retake the survey and include band fills or least worked entities or ? Try to include 25 or so wants.

CLUBLOG Most wanted

1. P5 DPRK (NORTH KOREA)
2. 3Y/B BOUVET ISLAND
3. FT5/W CROZET ISLAND
4. BS7H SCARBOROUGH REEF
5. CE0X SAN FELIX ISLANDS
6. BV9P PRATAS ISLAND
7. KH7K KURE ISLAND
8. KH3 JOHNSTON ISLAND
9. 3Y/P PETER 1 ISLAND
10. FT/G GLORIOSO ISLAND
11. FT5/X KERGUELEN ISLAND
12. YV0 AVES ISLAND
13. VK0M MACQUARIE ISLAND
14. ZS8 PRINCE EDWARD & MARION IS.
15. KH4 MIDWAY ISLAND
16. PY0S SAINT PETER AND PAUL ROCKS
17. PY0T TRINDADE & MARTIM VAZ IS.
18. KP5 DESECHEO ISLAND
19. VP8S SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS
20. KH5 PALMYRA & JARVIS ISLANDS
21. ZL9 NEW ZEALAND SUBANTARCTIC IS.
22. FK/C CHESTERFIELD ISLANDS
23. EZ TURKMENISTAN
24. VK0H HEARD ISLAND
25. YK SYRIA

Thank you to Bernie, W3UR, The Daily DX, The Weekly DX, ARRL and DX World, NG3K, CLUBLOG, Dales Tales and CQ magazine for their contributions to this newsletter.

3Y0J - Bouvet Is.

From the Bouvet Island [web site](#):

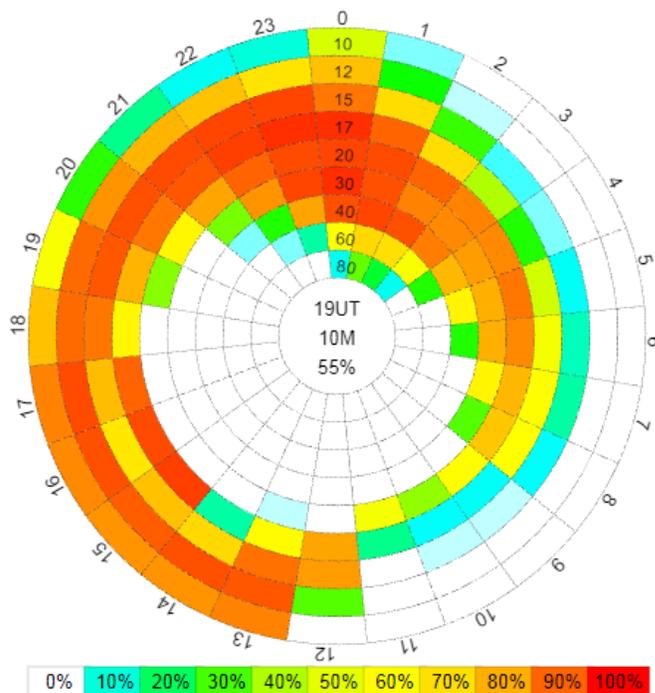
In less than 10 days we start departing to Falkland island! The team will first assemble in London where we meet our club sponsors CDXC and RSGB for sponsor dinner in the evening!

On Jan 11th we depart from Brize Norton with RAF military flight to Port Stanley where we arrive evening Jan 12th.

We spend 2 days packing and will do a safety course. Departure estimated January 14th.

Arrival Bouvetøya estimated 11 to 14 days later, so depending on WX expect to be QRV late January for 22 days.

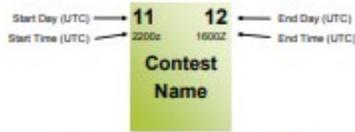
Here's a VOACAP prediction for Bouvet:



Following on from yesterday's info about very limited activity from Bouvet by [3Y7GIA](#) & [3Y7THA](#), now we can report that [3Y/LB5GI](#) & [3Y0/LB1QI](#) may also QRV from there. Co-leader Ken LA7GIA says: This will be the first ever transmission from Bouvet by a LB licensed Norwegian – so very exclusive/rare!!

PERIODIC TABLE OF MAJOR AMATEUR RADIO CONTESTS

by Chet VE3CFK



2023

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

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	4 NA Sprint CW	5 ARRL DX SSB	1 SP Polish DX	2 7QP/IN/DE New England QSO Parties	3 ARRL Int'l Digital	4 RAC CANADA DAY	5 NAQP CW	6 CW Ops CW Open	7 Oceania PHONE	8 ARRL SS CW	1 ARRL 160
7 ARRL RTTY Roundup	8 CQWW WPX RTTY	11 NA Sprint RTTY	12 JIDX CW	13 CQ-M DX	10 ARRL June VHF	8 IARU HF	12 WAE CW	13 WAE SSB	14 Oceania CW	15 WAE RTTY	9 ARRL 10 Meter
14 NAQP CW	15 ARRL DX CW	18 Russian DX	19 Michigan QSO Party	18 Contest University	17 All Asian CW	18 CQ WW VHF	19 NAQP SSB	20 WA/NJ/NH QSO Parties	16 Worked All Germany	17 ARRL SS SSB	16 RAC Winter
21 NAQP SSB	22 CQ 160 SSB	24 CQWW WPX SSB	25 SP DX RTTY	22 Hamvention	19 ARRL Field Day	21 Family Time	23 WW Digi	24 CQWW RTTY	26 CQ WW SSB	27 CQ WW CW	24 Happy Holidays
27 CQ 160 CW			29 UK/EI DX CW	30 CQ WPX CW		27 RSGB IOTA					

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Credits for the Periodic Table of Major Amateur Radio Contests

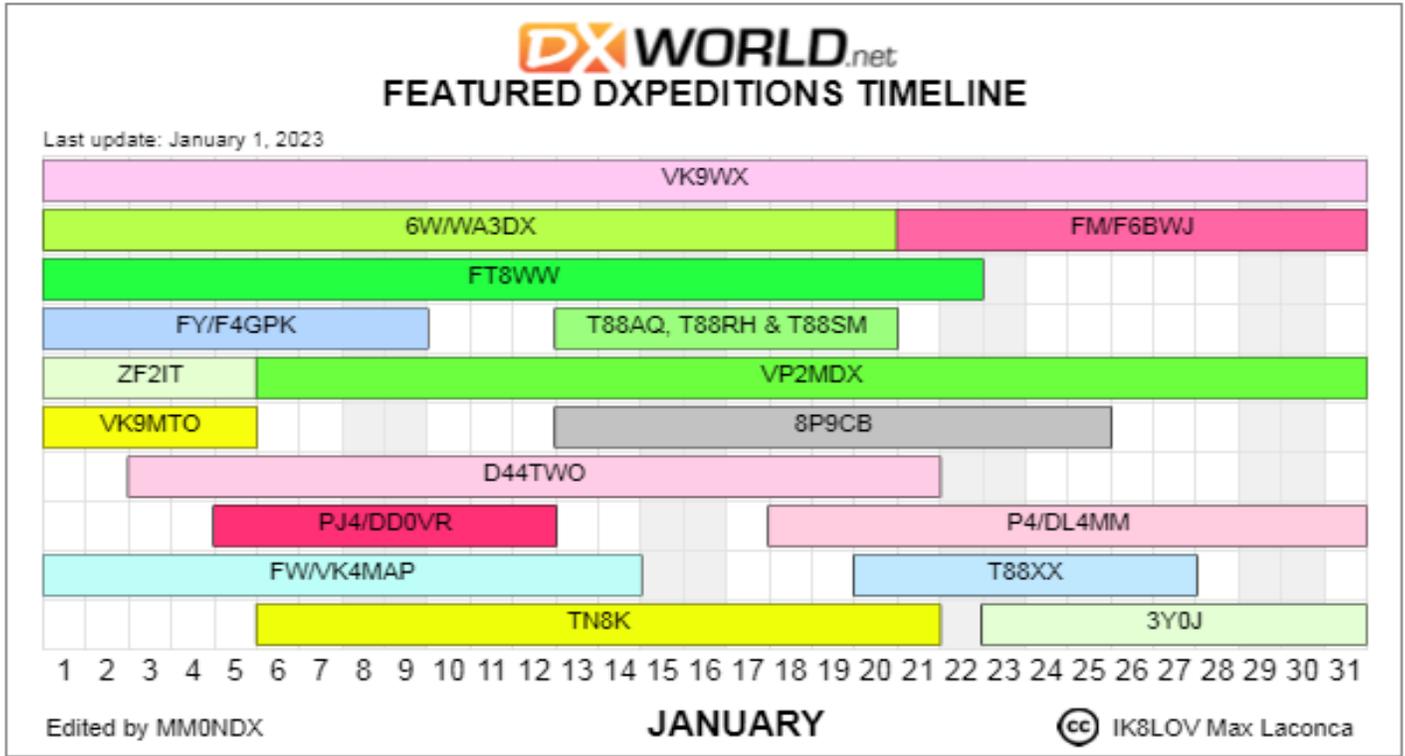
In 2021 your editor found the 2021 Calendar created by EA3O on the internet . In 2022 the search was reinstated, but a suitable calendar was not found. The closest match was by Tim Gennett, K9WX. Tim was gracious enough to share his template with me. Thank you Tim! Tim also directed me to “ [WA7BNM Contest Calendar](#)” website, where the information contained in the above calendar was extracted. Again. Thank you Tim and WA7BNM.

Without the help from the amateur radio community, the above calendar would not have been possible.

A better quality copy of the above calendar is available from the SEMDXA website. Here is a direct [LINK](#) to the calendar.

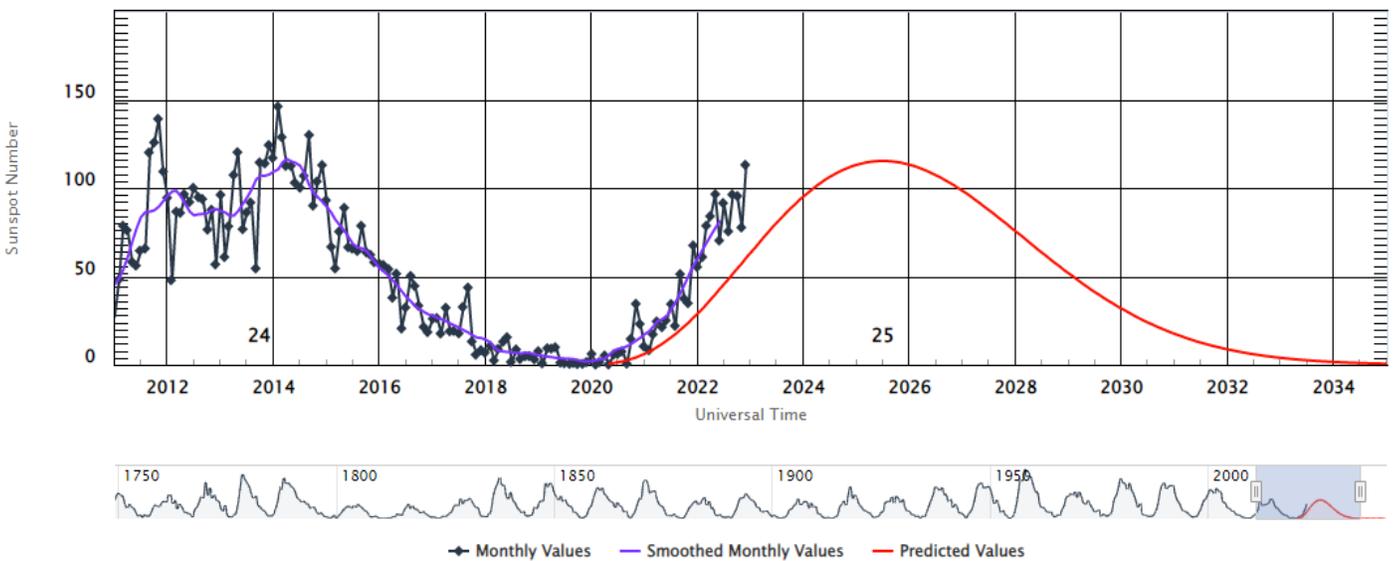
Upcoming DX

Credit to DX World



SOLAR CYCLE 25

NOAA/SWPC



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Start Date	End Date	DXCC Entity	Call	QSL via	Reported by
2022					
December					
2022 Dec22	2023 Jan20	Senegal	6W [spots]	WA3DX Direct	TDDX 20221205
2022 Dec23	2023 Jan03	Costa Rica	TI7 [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20221128
2022 Dec23	2023 Jan05	Curacao	PJ2 [spots]	DD0VR	425DXN 20221209
2022 Dec24	2023 Jan02	Ogasawara	JD1BMH [spots]	JD1BMH Buro	DXW.Net 20221212
2022 Dec24	2023 Jan14	Crozet	FT8WW [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20211028
2022 Dec26	2023 Jan08	French Guiana	FY [spots]	eQSL	DXW.Net 20221213
2022 Dec29	2023 Jan05	Cayman Is	ZF2IT [spots]	LoTW	DXW.Net 20221205
2022 Dec29	2023 Jan05	Norfolk I	VK9MTO [spots]	ZL1MTO	DXW.Net 20221023
2022 Dec29	2023 Jan22	Ecuador	HC1FIT [spots]	N9EAJ Direct	TDDX 20221224
2022 Dec29	2023 Mar15	Gabon	TR8CR [spots]	F6AJA (B/d)	TDDX 20221110
2023					
January					
2023 Jan01	2023 Jan15	Wallis & Futuna	FW [spots]	VK4MAP Direct	DXW.Net 20221227
2023 Jan02	2023 Jan31	Montserrat	VP2MDX [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20220508
2023 Jan03	2023 Jan21	Cape Verde Is	D44TWO	LoTW	TDDX 20221013
2023 Jan05	2023 Jan13	Bonaire	PJ4	DD0VR	425DXN 20221209

Editors NOTE:

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

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2023 Jan06	2023 Jan21	Congo	TN8K	LoTW	DXW.Net 20220916
2023 Jan10	2023 Feb08	Aruba	P4	VA3QSL B/d	DXW.Net 20221231
2023 Jan12	2023 Jan24	Banaba I	T33	TBA	DXW.Net 20221111
2023 Jan13	2023 Jan20	Palau	T8	See Info	DXW.Net 20220706
2023 Jan13	2023 Jan25	Barbados	8P9CB	LoTW	TDDX 20221107
2023 Jan15	2023 Mar15	Martinique	FM	LoTW	TDDX 20221013
2023 Jan18	2023 Feb02	Aruba	P4	DL4MM	DL4MM 20221116
2023 Jan20	2023 Jan27	Palau	T8	Home Call	DXW.Net 20221010
2023 Jan23	2023 Feb28	Bouvet I	3Y0J	LoTW	DXW.Net 20210809
2023 Jan27	2023 Jan29	Jersey	MJ5E	LoTW	GU4YOX 20221220
2023 Jan31	2023 Feb15	St Kitts & Nevis	V47JA	LoTW	W5JON 20220530
February					
2023 Feb04	2023 Feb27	Burundi	9U4WX	LoTW	DXW.Net 20221122
2023 Feb11	2023 Feb26	Bonaire	PJ4	LoTW	NE9U 20221208
2023 Feb15	2023 Feb21	St Vincent	J8	LoTW	PA2LO 20220911
2023 Feb15	2023 Apr30	Solomon Is	H44MS	DL2GAC	DXW.Net 20221029
2023 Feb17	2023 Feb24	Cocos Keel- ing	VK9CVG	M00XO	G0VJG 20221114
ARRL International DX Contest, CW (Feb 18-19, 2023) Check here for					
2023 Feb20	2023 Feb26	Dominica	J79BH	Club Log OQRS	FM5BH 20221229

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2023 Feb20	2023 Mar03	Curacao	PJ2	LoTW	TDDX 20221118
2023 Feb24	2023 Mar05	Agalega & St Brandon	3B7M	LoTW	TDDX 20221117
2023 Feb27	2023 Mar07	San Andres & Providencia	HK0	LoTW	DXW.Net 20220902
March					
2023 Mar01	2023 Mar08	Sint Maarten	PJ7	LoTW	TDDX 20221226
2023 Mar01	2023 Mar11	Galapagos	HC8M	See Web	TDDX 20220627
ARRL International DX Contest, Phone (Mar 4-5, 2023) Check here for					
2023 Mar04	2023 Mar22	Curacao	PJ2	LoTW	DK5ON 20221120
2023 Mar04	2023 Apr01	St Martin	PJ7AA	LoTW	TDDX 20220711
2023 Mar12	2023 Mar19	Dominican Republic	HI0LT	EB7DX	DXW.Net 20221019
2023 Mar20	2023 Mar29	Sable I	CY0S	LoTW	DXW.Net 20220710
2023 Mar21	2023 Mar28	Martinique	FM	LoTW	EA1BP 20221226
2023 Mar23	2023 Apr02	Montserrat	VP2MEI	LoTW	DXW.Net 20221108
2023 Mar28	2023 Apr04	Saba & St Eustatius	PJ5	LoTW	W5JON 20220219
June					
2023 Jun23	2023 Jun29	Br Virgin Is	VP2V	W9DR Direct	W9DR 20221218

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2023 Jun27	2023 Jul11	St Pierre & Miquelon	FP	LoTW	DXW.Net 20221114
October					
2023 Oct01	2023 Oct31	Vanuatu	YJ0TT	TBA	TDDX 20221222