



Long Path



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SEMDXA NEWSLETTER

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PREZ Sez

Hi all,

The DX season is off to a good start! Many of us were able to make contact with Crozet FT8WW (ATNO of me). Next on the list to get is the number 2 all time wanted location, Bouvet Island 3Y0J which will be another ATNO for me, can't wait to make as many contacts as possible on different modes and bands.

We have a sponsorship request for Rockall DLK8JJ - One of the World's most Wanted IOTA's EU-189 (Per the person requesting the sponsorship). Rockall is an uninhabitable granite islet situated in the North Atlantic Ocean. The United Kingdom claims that Rockall lies within its exclusive economic zone (EEZ)[1] and is part of its territory, but this claim is not recognized by Ireland.[2][3] It and the nearby skerries of Hasselwood Rock and Helen's Reef are the only emergent parts of the Rockall Plateau. The rock was formed by magmatism as part of the North Atlantic Igneous Province during the Paleogene. The one question I have is this considered a valid entity for ARRL for DXCC? I couldn't find it on the list.

And we can't forget about the Periodic Table of Major Amateur Radio Contests for the contesters out there that Chet put together!!

I have made progress on countries/entities that I have made contact with. Last reported I was at 211 contacts to different countries/entities. 195 are confirmed. I am now at 215 with 198 confirmed. Even more progress!! Who knows how much longer until I pass 200 confirmed countries but I'm getting close!

The Prez – 73's

NEXT Meeting:

In-Person

February 8th, 2023 at 7 PM

Fork n' Pint in Waterford

Program

TBA

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VUCC Checker: Jim Sanford, **K8ZZU**

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SEMDXA Meeting Minutes of January 11th 2023

The meeting started at 6:57 PM and was led by our President Fred, KD8ZYD.

Acceptance of meeting minutes for the November meeting as presented in the December issue of the Long Path was requested by Chet, VE3CFK. With no comments or corrections, acceptance was motioned by Brad, N8SNM and seconded by Pete, K8PGJ.

Treasurers report was presented by Brad, N8SNM. Motion to accept by Chet, VE3CFK and seconded by Stan, AC8W.

Old Business:

- At the November SEMDXA meeting there was a discussion about TN8K DXpedition request for sponsorship. The attending membership denied the sponsorship since it did not meet the clubs top 10 criteria. Meanwhile SEMDXA solicited its membership to fill out "Most Wanted Survey". Doug, N8VY updated us that the survey did not result in a meaningful survey. At the January meeting, it was suggested (suggestor unknown—maybe Brad) that our SEMDXA survey be replaced with ClubLogs top 25. Motion was proposed by Alan, WD8PKF and seconded by Stan, AC8W. Those present unani- mously favoured the motion.

New Business:

- Chet, VE3CFK thanked the ham radio volunteers that make our hobby such a great hobby. He singled out Stan, AC8W our SEMDXA ARRL DXCC Checker for recently travelling to Port Huron to check Chets, VE3CFK cards for his 6M DXCC submission for DXCC and follow-up emails with the DXCC desk at ARRL to check on Chet's application. (Chet was awarded certificate #2,167 on December 30, 2022 and is only one of 24 in Canada to be awarded a 6M DXCC). Thank you again Stan!
- Brad, N8SNM pointed out that The University of Michigan has graciously permitted SEMDXA to

use their ZOOM license to conduct SEMDXAs ZOOM meetings. Brad suggested that SEMDXA investigate the cost of purchasing their own license for future meetings. Brad indicated that he would report back to the club at the next meeting with respect to cost and availability.

- Alan, WD8PKF 's XYL highlighted the need of the ham radio community to contact Bill Johnson, (Representative for Ohio's 6th congressional district Republican) the sponsor "To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit the application of certain private land use restrictions to amateur station antennas, and for other purposes" at (Tele #202 225 5705). Details of the Bill H.R. 9670 (117th): Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act can be found [here](#).

Evenings Presentation:

The evenings presentation was by Ted, K8NA, our program director. Ted showed 3 videos by VE6WZ on "Shunt Loading Your Tower for 160 and 80M". These videos are timely as Ted is in the process of installing a new tower and antenna setup.

Meeting ended about 8:30 PM. Motion to end meeting by AL, K8SIX and seconded by Stan, AC8W.

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>

FT8WW - Crozet

Thierry, FT8WW has gone QRT as of January 14th. He is awaiting an extension of his operation to re-start on the HF bands. He is hoping that the scientists on Crozet Island that are responsible for the magnetic measurements taken on the island have written a favourable report to the director of TAFF stating he did not cause any unintentional interference to the scientific instruments and he may resume his activity. Let's keep our fingers crossed.

I find DX World a good source of daily information, and they will probably be the first or second to find out that Thierry can continue his operation. Here's a link to [DX World](#).

FT4YM - Antartica

According to F5PFP (QSL manager), here is the latest operating schedule for FT4YM:

- FT4YM/P Base Concordia until February 6.
- FT4YM/Mobile Raid#3-ICORDA from February 7-14.
- FT4YM Base Robert Guillard (aka Cap Prud'homme) from 14-16 to 19-20 February 14-16 & 19-20.
- FT4YM Base Dumont d'Urville from February 21-27.
- FT4YM/Maritime Mobile aboard L'Astrolabe P800 from February 28 to March 5.

Hamcation

Come to one of the world's largest hamfest. Join us February 10-12, 2023 in beautiful Orlando, Florida for HamCation 2023. Your editor is going. Are you?

NOT CANCELLED YET

Some things to look forward to:

- SEMDXA February in-person meeting at Fork n' Pint in Waterford on Wednesday, February 8th at 7:00 PM
- Orlando Hamcation - Feb 10-12
- 2023 Hamvention
- March issue of The Long Path
- Thanksgiving, Christmas
- IDXC in Visalia, CA April 21-23

Hamfests

- 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

H40 - Temotu

The Intrepid -DX Group plans to go to Temotu Province October 31 to November 14. Eight operators are planning to go: N7QT, Rob; N6PSE, Paul; VE7NY, Sandro; OE1JUN/JH4RHF, Jun; DJ9RR, Heye; HA0NAR, Laci; W7XU, Arliss; and N6XG, Walt. Temotu ranks 45 on ClubLog most wanted list. They plan on running 1500 watts on 160 and 80 meters. Modes will be SSB, CW and F/H FT8. They are still looking for sponsorship.

3Y0J - BOUVET

By the time you receive this issue of The Long Path, The Bouvet DXpedition should have arrived at the island and are setting up the camp.

I have found several sources which have kept me up-to-date as to the progress of the Marama ship carrying the DXpeditioners as well as their health and activities. Probably the most valuable has been:

DX World [WEB Site](#) and

Facebook [3Y0J—The Bouvet island DXpedition](#)

Here's an interesting table I came across that lists the

Year	Time	Call	QSOs	Operation
1962	Nov	LH4C	5000	Gus Browning, W4BPD, QRV but not on Island
1968		3Y0AB		Don Miller, W9WNV, no go
1977		3Y1VC	27	John Snuggerud, LA1VC
1977		3Y3CC	5	Audun Hjelle, LA3CC
1978	Dec/Jan	3Y5DQ	550	Thore Winsnes, LA5DQ
1979	Jan/Mar	3Y1VC	1930	John Snuggerud, LA1VC
1981		3Y0A		Hans Hannapel, DK9KX, no go
				Kent Larsson, SM7DSE/7S8AAA, QRV 05-10 March. Operation cancelled due to bad WX that prevented a helicopter landing.
1988	Mar	3Y0FP		
1988		3Y0B		W9RF & Group, no go
1989	Dec/Jan	3Y5X	49091	HB9AHL-Willy, F2CW-Jacky
1993	May	3Y/R0L		Not Approved
1994	??	KC4/N4GCK		Not Approved
1997	Feb	3Y2GV	200	Kare Pedersen, LA2GV
2001	Dec/Mar	3Y0C	8000	Chuck Brady, N4BQW
2007	Dec	3Y/ZS6GCM		Petrus Kritzinger, ZS6GCM
2007	Dec/Jan	3Y0E	1500	Petrus Kritzinger, ZS6GCM
2009	May	3Y0Q		Pirate, said QSL via LA7AF
2017		3Y0G		Mark Demeuleneere, ON4WW, not enough funds
2017		3Y0F		Alex Lebedev, UN7PCZ
2017		3Y0I		Dom Grzyb, 3Z9DX, no go, lack of operators
2018		3Y0H		Dmitri Zhikharov, RA9USU
2018		3Y0Z		20 Operators

various Bouvet Island DXpeditions and attempts to visit the island and operate from Bouvet.

IDXC will host Kenneth Opskar, LA7GIA as their Saturday night banquet speaker! This will be the first opportunity to hear about The Bouvet Island DXpedition from beginning to end.

Ken, LA7GIA informs that Team 3Y0J have updated their band plan.

This will be their initial setup and will work closely together with all pilot stations, and if they see that something is not working, adjustments will be made.

Note the following:

160m will be CW only.

80m will be CW/SSB

So no FT8 on 160/80m.

Special permit up to 1500W on CW/SSB.

Will always keep lowest 10 kHz on regular bands and lowest 5 kHz on WARC bands clear to allow regular DX traffic.

CW split will be limited to 15 kHz spectrum and Phone 30 kHz spectrum.

RTTY will be on 1-2 bands 14125 and 21125 kHz.

CW/SSB will have priority over digital modes.

FT8 will be F/H only, 4 stations aimed running 24/7 with 100W. The 4 FT8 stations can be controlled by 1 operator, or each FT8 station can be controlled individually by an operator running SSB/CW (SO2R) mode.

FT8 will be on 40-10m running 100W, but focus on using 7 x yagis 20-10m.

They have chosen FT8/RTTY frequencies that gives better in band separation, and also to avoid the most public frequencies that might be occupied by others DXpeditions in F/H mode.

60m frequencies have been updated, potentially 60m for last few days. There is no promise for 60m but if they can they will.

They have agreed with Crozet DXpedition that he runs FT8 on 10131 and Bouvet on 10140 kHz.

Team are also in process of updating station system diagram that will reflect the possible camp build up, ie how they plan to build the camp step by step.

7P - Lesotho

YI2GM, Yuris is on the air. He's got a Spider beam and working various bands and modes.

YJ - Vanuatu

N4VGE, WB4ZBR, KC5FM, W2FQ, K4QQG, WB2BXO, K3DNE and F1IXF plan on an October 2024 DXpedition. They plan to be on SSB, CW, RTTY and FT-8.

9U - Burundi

9U5R and 9U4WX plan to be on the air February 4-27 on 80-6M using SSB, CW and digital modes.

CY0 - Sable Island

Still planning for March 20-29. They are looking for sponsorship and have a unique opportunity where a unanimous donor will match all donations made to the DXpeditions. Kudos to this generous donor!

T8 - Palau

JH7IPR, Ichi, and JF6CHA will operate as T88UW and T88CH respectively from February 24 to March 2.

JR3QFB, JO3LVG and JM1LIG will operate as T88JH, T88MK and T88FM respectively from September 12 - 18.

Pirate ALERT

Here are some pirate calls being used - ZL7CN, KG4JO, 4U1VIC, ZL1CJH on 20M and YI1RZ recently!

VK0 - Antarctica



Allan, VK0AW to be active from Davis Station, Antarctica around February 11th. After a few weeks he aims to be QRV using simple wire antennas and 400 watts.

OJ0 - Market Reef

Bjørn, LA1UW; Tor, LA3WAA; Kris-tofer, LB0VG; Stian, LB5SH plan to be QRV May 20th to May 27th. 80 to 4M SSB, CW, FT8/FT4.

4W - East Timor

4W/JH2EUV, Satoshi is on 80 to 10M using various digital modes including FT8 F/H. He'll be there until March 3.

SEMDXA Most Wanted Survey

It has been suggested that SEMDXA use the TOP 25 from ClubLog as their criteria for DXpedition sponsorship. What's your view? Come out to our February meeting and express your opinion.

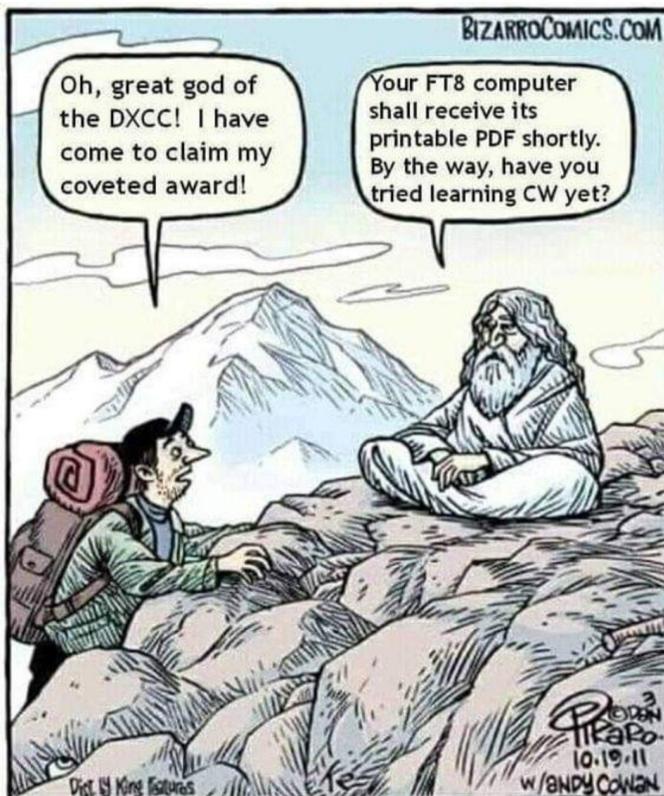
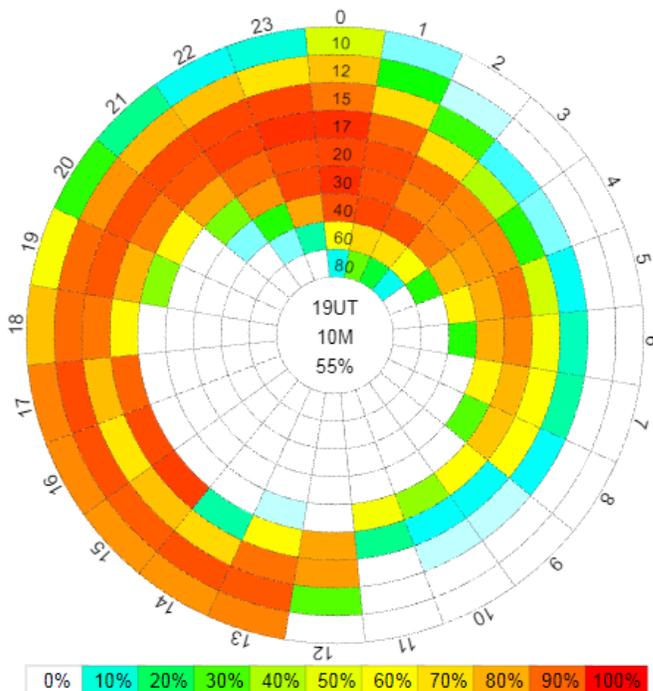
CLUBLOG Most wanted

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.

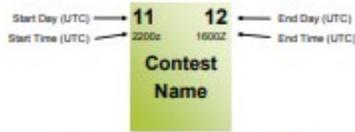
3Y0J - Bouvet Is.

Here's a VOACAP prediction for Bouvet:



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	21 Worked All Germany	18 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	23 Family Time	24 WW Digi	26 CQWW RTTY	27 CQ WW SSB	28 CQ WW CW	24 Happy Holidays
27 CQ 160 CW			29 UK/EI DX CW	30 CQ WPX CW		29 RSGB IOTA					

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Credits for the Periodic Table of Major Amateur Radio Contests

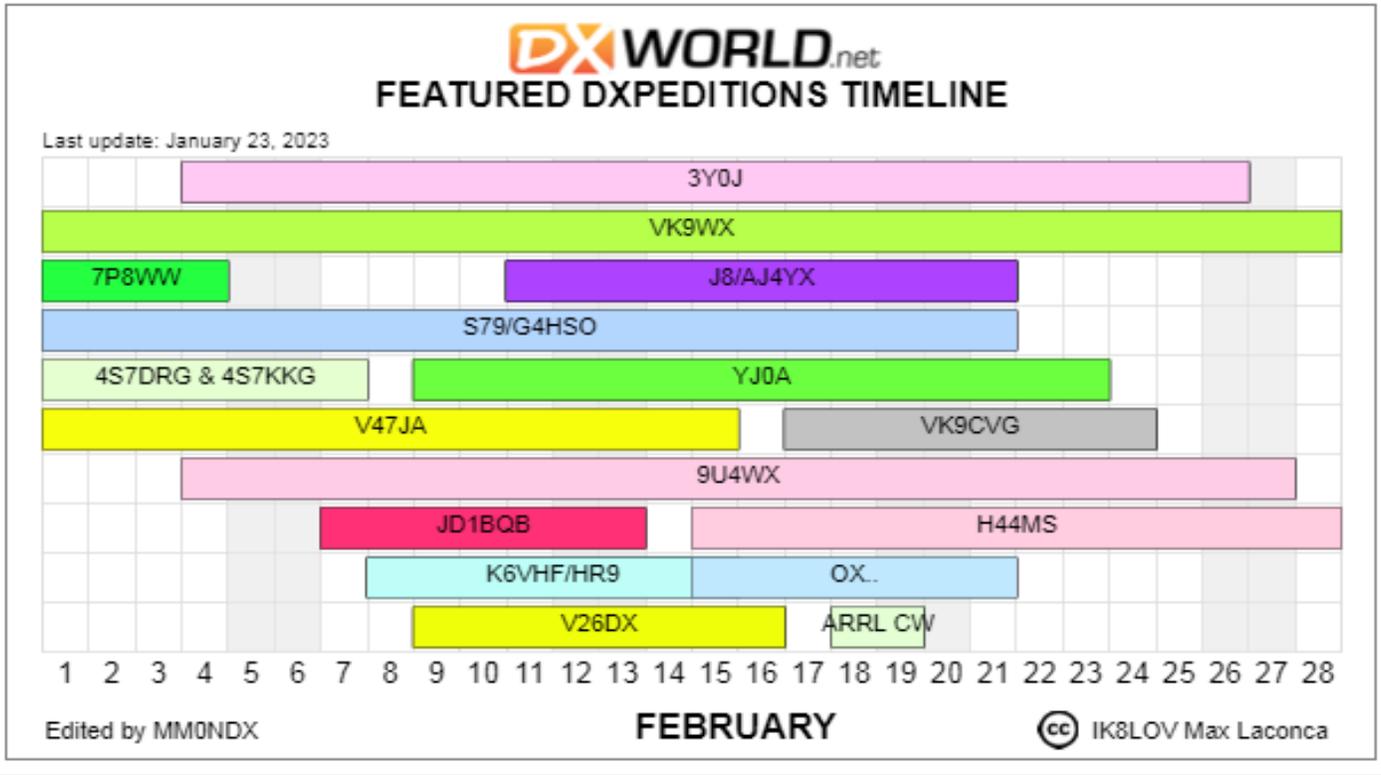
In 2021 your editor found the 2021 Calendar created by EA3O on the internet . In 2022 the search was reinstated, but a suitable calendar was not found. The closest match was by Tim Gennett, K9WX. Tim was gracious enough to share his template with me. Thank you Tim! Tim also directed me to “ [WA7BNM Contest 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.

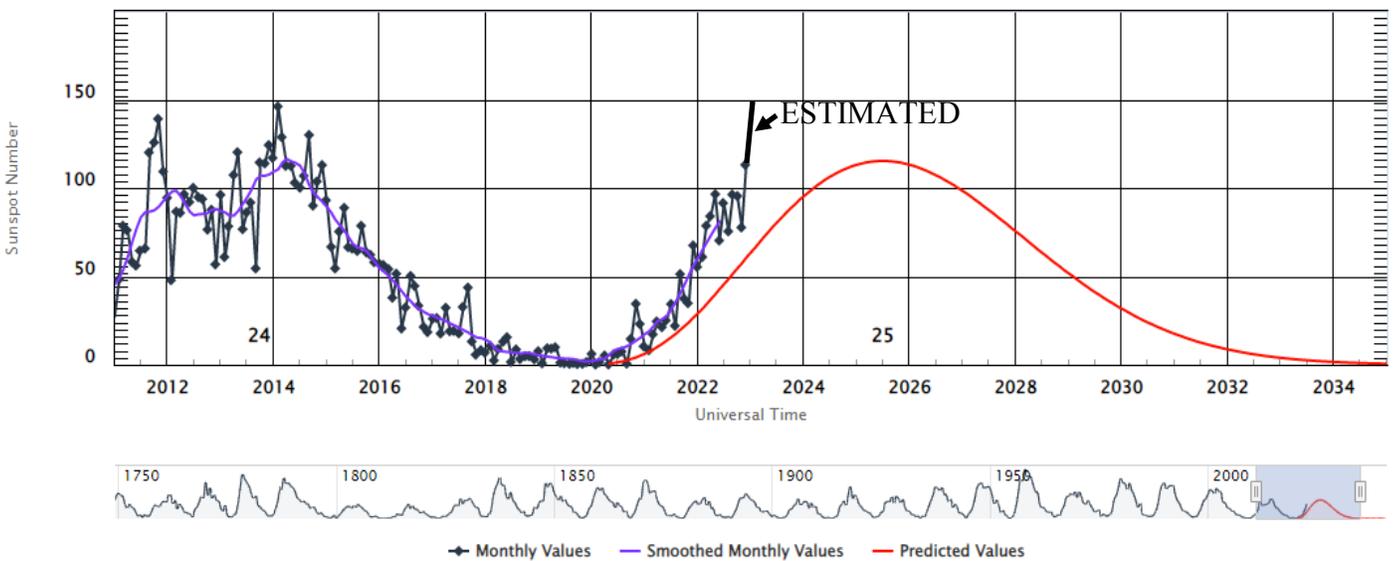
Upcoming DX

Credit to DX World



SOLAR CYCLE 25

NOAA/SWPC



Upcoming DX

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Start Date	End Date	Dxcc Entity	Call	QSL via	Reported by
2023					
January					
2023 Jan01	2023 Mar15	Gabon	TR8CR [spots]	F6AJA (B/d)	TDDX 20221110
2023 Jan10	2023 Feb08	Aruba	P4 [spots]	VA3QSL B/d	DXW.Net 20221231
2023 Jan14	2023 Feb02	Guadeloupe	FG [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20230109
2023 Jan15	2023 Feb21	St Vincent	J8NKI [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20230116
2023 Jan15	2023 Mar15	Martinique	FM [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20221013
2023 Jan18	2023 Feb02	Aruba	P4 [spots]	DL4MM	DL4MM 20221116
2023 Jan20	2023 Mar03	Timor Leste	4W [spots]	LoTW	DXW.Net 20230123
2023 Jan21	2023 Feb04	Seychelles	S79 [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20230123
2023 Jan23	2023 Feb28	Bouvet I	3Y0J [spots]	LoTW	DXW.Net 20210809
2023 Jan26	2023 Feb04	Lesotho	7P8WW [spots]	LoTW	DXW.Net 20230121
2023 Jan29	2023 Feb07	Sri Lanka	4S7	LoTW	TDDX 20230110
2023 Jan31	2023 Feb15	St Kitts & Nevis	V47JA	LoTW	W5JON 20220530
February					
2023 Feb01	2023 Feb21	Seychelles	S79	LoTW	DXW.Net 20230121
2023 Feb04	2023 Feb27	Burundi	9U4WX	LoTW	DXW.Net 20221122
2023 Feb06	2023 Mar31	Senegal	6W	LoTW	TDDX 20230111
2023 Feb07	2023 Feb13	Ogasawara	JD1BQB	LoTW	TDDX 20230111

Editors NOTE:

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

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2023 Feb08	2023 Feb15	Honduras	HR9	LoTW	TDDX 20230106
2023 Feb09	2023 Feb16	Antigua	V26DX		TDDX 20230112
2023 Feb09	2023 Feb23	Vanuatu	YJ0A	LoTW	DXW.Net 20230107
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	M0OXO	G0VJG 20221114
ARRL International DX Contest, CW (Feb 18-19, 2023) Check here for pericontest activity too.					
2023 Feb20	2023 Feb26	Dominica	J79BH	Club Log OQRS	FM5BH 20221229
2023 Feb20	2023 Mar03	Curacao	PJ2	LoTW	TDDX 20221118
2023 Feb24	2023 Mar02	Palau	T8	See Info	EA1CS 20230119
2023 Feb24	2023 Mar05	Agalega & St Brandon	3B7M	LoTW	TDDX 20221117
2023 Feb27	2023 Mar05	San Andres & Providencia	HK0	LoTW	DXW.Net 20220902
March					
2023 Mar01	2023 Mar08	Sint Maarten	PJ7	LoTW	TDDX 20221226
2023 Mar01	2023 Mar11	Galapagos	HD8M	See Web	TDDX 20220627
ARRL International DX Contest, Phone (Mar 4-5, 2023) Check here for pericontest activity too.					
2023 Mar04	2023 Mar22	Curacao	PJ2	LoTW	DK5ON 20221120

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2023 Mar04	2023 Apr01	St Martin	PJ7AA	LoTW	TDDX 20220711
2023 Mar08	2023 Mar22	Turks & Cai- cos	VP5	Club Log OQRS	TDDX 20230112
2023 Mar12	2023 Mar19	Dominican Republic	HI0LT	EB7DX	DXW.Net 20221019
2023 Mar19	2023 Apr01	St Kitts & Nevia	V4	LoTW	DXW.Net 20230119
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 Eu- statius	PJ5	LoTW	W5JON 20220219
April					
2023 Apr04	2023 Apr11	Turks & Cai- cos	VP5	LoTW	TDDX 20230120
2023 Apr12	2023 Apr19	Austral Is	TX5XG	LoTW	TDDX 20230105
May					
2023 May28	2023 May31	Scotland	MM0UKI/p	M0OXO Direct	DXW.Net 20230105
June					
2023 Jun23	2023 Jun29	Br Virgin Is	VP2V	W9DR Direct	W9DR 20221218
2023 Jun27	2023 Jul11	St Pierre & Miquelon	FP	LoTW	DXW.Net 20221114
August					
2023 Aug31	2023 Sep14	Mariana Is	KH0	LoTW	DL2AH 20230116

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September					
2023 Sep12	2023 Sep18	Palau	T8	See Info	EA1CS 20230119
2023 Sep16	2023 Sep30	Guam	KH2	LoTW	DL2AH 20230116
October					
2023 Oct01	2023 Oct31	Vanuatu	YJ0TT	TBA	TDDX 20221222
2023 Oct03	2023 Oct15	Marshall Is	V7	LoTW	DL2AH 20230116
2023 Oct10	2023 Oct27	Niue	E6AM	LoTW	TDDX 20230105
2023 Oct18	2023 Oct30	Micronesia	V63AH	LoTW	DL2AH 20230116