



Long Path



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PRES Sez

Hi all,

I'm sorry I missed the last meeting (1st fall meeting). End up in the hospital but I'm back and ready to resume my role! It looks like a few new DX entities are popping up (for me anyways). I have picked up a few ATNOs this summer so happy about that.

Its that time of the year where you will want to check your antennas, coax, towers, etc. to make sure everything is in good shape for the winter. Too many times I'm out in the middle of winter fixing something...not much fun for sure!

I have made progress on countries/entities that I have made contact with. Last reported I was at 252 contacts to different countries/entities. 222 are confirmed. I am now at 254 with 227 confirmed. Even more progress!! I finally made over 250 contacts! I need to send a few cards out or get on Club Log and get some of these rarer entities confirmed! And I need to get on 80 meters so I can get 100 counties on that band. I have over 100 on all other bands!!

The Prez – 73's

NEXT Meeting:

In-Person

October 11th, 2023 at 7 PM

Fork n' Pint in Waterford

Program

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WC3W

Presenting:

**CQ DX Marathon
Program**

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CQ Checker: Al Bailey, **K8SIX**

Meeting Minutes

The September SEMDXA meeting was chaired by our president Fred, KD8ZYD. The meeting started at 6:55 PM. There were 13 in attendance and 2 zoomed.

Acceptance of meeting minutes for the May and June meetings as presented in the July issue of the Long Path was requested by Chet, VE3CFK. With no comments or corrections, acceptance was motioned by Stan AC8W and 2nded by Dave, K8ESQ.

Treasurers report was presented by Brad, N8SNM. Motion to accept by Mike, WD8S & 2nd by Keith, KB1SF.

New Business:

- Steve, K8QKY is selling Larry K8MU's (SK) equipment. List of equipment to be forwarded to Chet, VE3CFK and then distributed to the membership.
- ARRL Great Lakes Division Directorship is coming up for election. Keith, KB1SF expounded on Dave Kalter, KB8OCP intent to run and Dave's background.
- SEMDXA and The Fork n' Pint Tavern would like to increase the size of the TV in the meeting room. The cost would be split 50/50 between the two with a maximum contribution from SEMDXA of \$500. Motion to proceed by Mike, WD8S and 2nded by Dave, N8VY.
- Fred, KD8ZYD motioned that SEMDXA sponsor the upcoming Swains DXpedition. 2nded by Doug. All agreed by show of hands.

The evenings presentation was by Adrian, KO8CSA. Adrian talked about Bouvet Is which was his 30th DXpedition. He also informed us how he got involved in DXpeditioning and the majority of those DXpeditions he participated in. Very informative talk. Thankyou Adrian.

Motion to close the meeting at 8:20 by Fred, KD8ZYD and 2nded by Al, K8SIX.

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>

Silent Keys

Sadly, two SEMDXA members have recently become Silent Keys.

Joe, K8JP became a silent key on September 23rd.

He was a long time member of SEMDXA. He was also active as V31JP.

Many will remember that Joe let SEMDXA members use his call sign K8John Paul when Pope John Paul II came to Hamtramck in the 1980s. Also many SEMDXA members met the Pope because they provided 2M communications in Hamtramck when the Pope arrived.

Steve Hart, K8EJ was a long time member of SEMDXA. He moved from Troy, MI to Tennessee after his retirement. Here's a link to his obituary: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/stephen-hart-obituary?id=53076024>

TX6D - Fr. Polynesia



The group landed at Tahiti airport around 5 a.m. local time (October 2) after a travel time of 36 hours. The stations are warming up in the meantime. With each antenna erected, they will be heard and worked on more bands. As of October 3rd they had 7K QSOs in the log.

T32AN - Christmas Is

Bert, CX3AN (most recently active as 8Q7HU) will be active from Christmas Island (E. Kiribati) as T32AN during October 4-11, 2023. QRV on 40-6m; CW & SSB. QSL via EB7DX.

NOT CANCELLED YET

Some things to look forward to:

- SEMDXA November in-person meeting at Fork n' Pint in Waterford on Wednesday, November 8th at 7:00 PM
- 2024 Hamvention
- The November issue of The Long Path
- Thanksgiving, Christmas

Hamfests

10/7/23 - Central Kentucky, Lexington, KY
 10/7/23 - Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo, MI
 10/14/23 - Muskegon Color Tour, Muskegon, MI
 10/28/23 - Hazard, Hazard, KY
 10/29/23 - Massillon, North Canton, OH
 12/3/23 - Fulton County Winterfest, Archbold, OH
 12/3/23 - L'Anse Creuse, Troy, MI
 1/15/24 - SCARF Hamfest, Shade, OH

CE0Z - Jan Fernandez

The CB0ZA (Robinson Crusoe Island DXpedition) team continues preparations for their February 13-20 operation, with ops XQ1KZ, XQ3SA, XQ3SK, AB5EB, HI3R, NP4G, HA1AG, N5KO, W8HC and team leader CE1EW. They will have four stations on 160-6, including 60M. EME on 6. AB5EB has received one of two, maybe both, BuddiHEX antennas they will use. He is practicing setup of it at his Texas QTH before shipping it to Chile in December. Both antennas will be packed in a container, the total weight less than 50 pounds. One antenna itself weighs about 10 pounds.

TX5S - Clipperton

TX5S Clipperton Island Press Release #6

Clipperton Island:

Clipperton is #28 most wanted in Europe and #37 most wanted globally. FT-8 and 60m have never been activated from Clipperton. We expect the pileups to be deep and energetic, we will do our best to meet the demand.

Campsite Design:

The campsite design was finalized, there will be two operating locations separated by approximately 500 meters. CW/Satellite/EME/Digital will operate from the main campsite. SSB/Digital will operate from the distant campsite. Each will have a full complement of antennas for their designated bands. The main campsite includes the dining (kitchen) tent, Starlink / local area network HQ and sleeping tents, the camps will be linked by Wi-Fi. A toilet and shower will be located close to the main camp. Each camp will have a generator shed, a supply of fuel, and drinking water.

Marine Protected Area:

Since the last major DXpedition in 2013 a “Marine Protected Area” (MPA) was established around Clipperton. In 2016 the French government enacted legislation to further restrict and protect Clipperton and its surrounding waters. While the government recognizes amateur radio as a legitimate endeavor, the legislation does not explicitly identify amateur radio as an approved activity – see here. The landing permit process is long, and of significance is the requirement for bona fide scientific content, with French representation. DX-peditions combined with sufficient scientific content will be considered. Our team includes two French scientists and one French environmentalist who each will conduct studies on the island.

Equipment Plan Finalized:

Our HF transceivers are the Elecraft K3 line and

K4D for 8 operating positions, plus a satellite position. The amplifier plan includes Elecraft KPA-500 and KPA-1500, OM Power OM-2000+, SPE 1.3, Flex PGXL and the Gemini DX-1200 (from the UK.) The satellite and 6m EME station will include Icom HF and satellite transceivers and several amplifiers. HF antennas include monoband VDAs, NA4RR hex beams, verticals for 30m and 40m, and a vertical for 60m. For 160 we'll use the same Inverted-L antenna we used at South Orkney, VP8PJ. Rounding out the antenna inventory are Yagi antennas for the satellite station and an M2 6M7JHV for 6m EME.

OY - Faroe Islands

Bodo, DF8DX plans to be QRV as OY/DF8DX from October 9 to 12. Activity will be on the HF bands.

V7 - Marshall Is.

Lisa, KJ6GHN is QRV as V73ML from Kwajalein Island, IOTA OC-028. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using mostly SSB. She hopes to include various digital modes later. She is here for the next 3 to 4 years. QSL direct to home call.

ZD9 - Tristan da Cunha & Gough Is.

Yuris, YL2GM is QRV as ZD9W from Tristan da Cunha, IOTA AF-029, until October 22. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

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
13	KH4	MIDWAY ISLAND
14	VK0M	MACQUARIE ISLAND
15	PY0S	SAINT PETER AND PAUL ROCKS
16	PY0T	TRINDADE & MARTIM VAZ
17	KP5	DESECHEO ISLAND
18	VP8S	SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS
19	KH5	PALMYRA & JARVIS ISLANDS
20	ZL9	NEW ZEALAND SUBANTARCTIC
21	FK/C	CHESTERFIELD ISLANDS
22	VK0H	HEARD ISLAND
23	EZ	TURKMENISTAN
24	FT/T	TROMELIN ISLAND
25	YK	SYRIA

PY0/F - Fernando de Noronha

PY0F will be in the CQ WW DX Contest Phone October 28-29, a single op all band low power, PY7RP operating. QSL to his home QTH, PY7RP. He, Renner, says it is primarily a contest operation but he may be on the air some in the days leading up to the weekend, FT8 and 6M. He will upload the whole log to Logbook of the World when he is back home.

H40WA - Temotu

The Intrepid-DX Group is pleased to announce that all of our plans to activate H40 Temotu Province are going well.

We are happy to report that all of our equipment is with Customs in Honiara, Solomon Islands. Our local agent will then arrange ferry transport to Lom Lom, Temotu Province. We had intended to ship our gear via Ocean Cargo however unplanned delays forced it to go via Air Cargo. As you can imagine, this is very costly! We have purchased additional generators in the Solomon Islands to add redundancy to our Dxpediton equipment. We are very serious about this operation and pledge to make the best activation possible.

We are also coordinating frequencies with the TJ9MD Team that recently announced their plans to coincide with H40WA. We will be regularly updating our website.

We have assembled a team of eight operators to make a fifteen-day activation of this entity. Temotu Province ranks #43 on Clublog's most wanted DXCC list.

We will make a significant effort on the low bands during this activation. We will use 1500 watts on the 80/160 meter bands. We will use CW/SSB and FT8 Fox/Hound modes. We plan to be active during the CQ WW SSB Contest October 28th-29th.

T32TT

Dom 3Z9DX announces the next planned trip for the Rebel DX Group is to Kiribati (Christmas Island) as T32TT in December 2023. He mentions 2-3 ops in total running mainly FT8 and some CW & SSB. Dom also mentions he is waiting on the 5N5N Nigeria callsign confirmation, with trips to Africa starting early 2024.

PERIODIC TABLE OF MAJOR AMATEUR RADIO CONTESTS

by Chet VE3CFK

Start Day (UTC) → 11 12 ← End Day (UTC)
 Start Time (UTC) → 2200z 1600z ← End Time (UTC)

Contest Name

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	1 RAC CANADA DAY	5 NAQP CW	6 CW Ops CW Open	7 Oceania PHONE	4 ARRL SS CW	1 ARRL 160
7 ARRL RTTY Roundup	8 CQWW WPX RTTY	11 NA Sprint RTTY	8 JIDX CW	9 CQ-M DX	10 ARRL June VHF	8 IARU HF	9 WAE CW	12 WAE SSB	13 Oceania CW	14 WAE RTTY	9 ARRL 10 Meter
14 NAQP CW	15 ARRL DX CW	18 Russian DX	15 Michigan QSO Party	16 Contest University	17 All Asian CW	15 CQ WW VHF	19 NAQP SSB	20 WANJ/NH QSO Parties	16 Worked All Germany	18 ARRL SS SSB	16 RAC Winter
21 NAQP SSB	22 CQ 160 SSB	24 CQWW WPX SSB	22 SP DX RTTY	19 Hamvention	24 ARRL Field Day	23 Family Time	26 WW Digi	23 CQWW RTTY	24 CQ WW SSB	25 CQ WW CW	24 Happy Holidays
27 CQ 160 CW			29 UK/EI DX CW	27 CQ WPX CW		29 RSGB IOTA					

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W8S - Swains Is



They are on their way after being delayed by weather. Should be on island October 5th or 6th and operating on the 7th. They hope to have Starlink for internet.

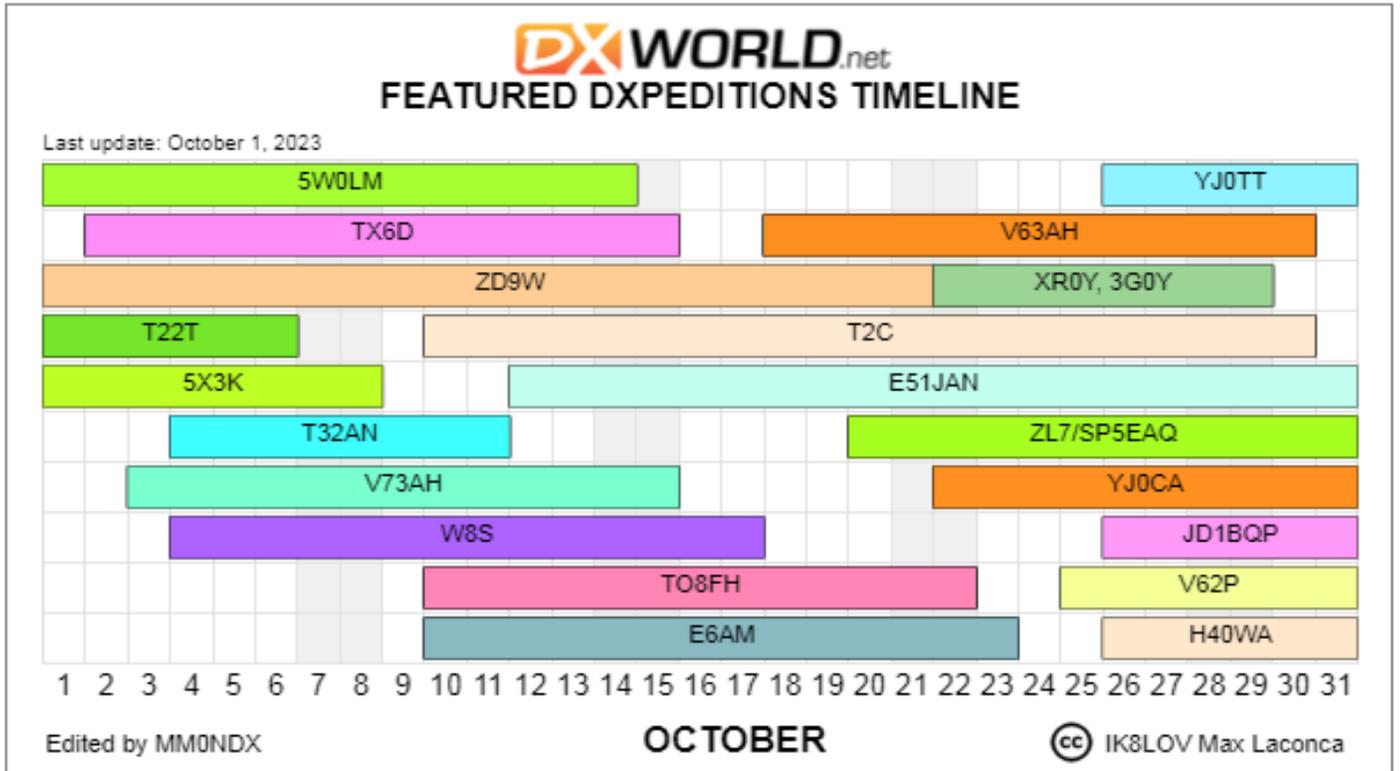
VK9LAA - Lord Howe Island

Flights from Lord Howe cancelled. DXpedition extended to October 8th. Limited operation, one station on 40-10m. VK9LAA is not QRT !

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

Upcoming DX

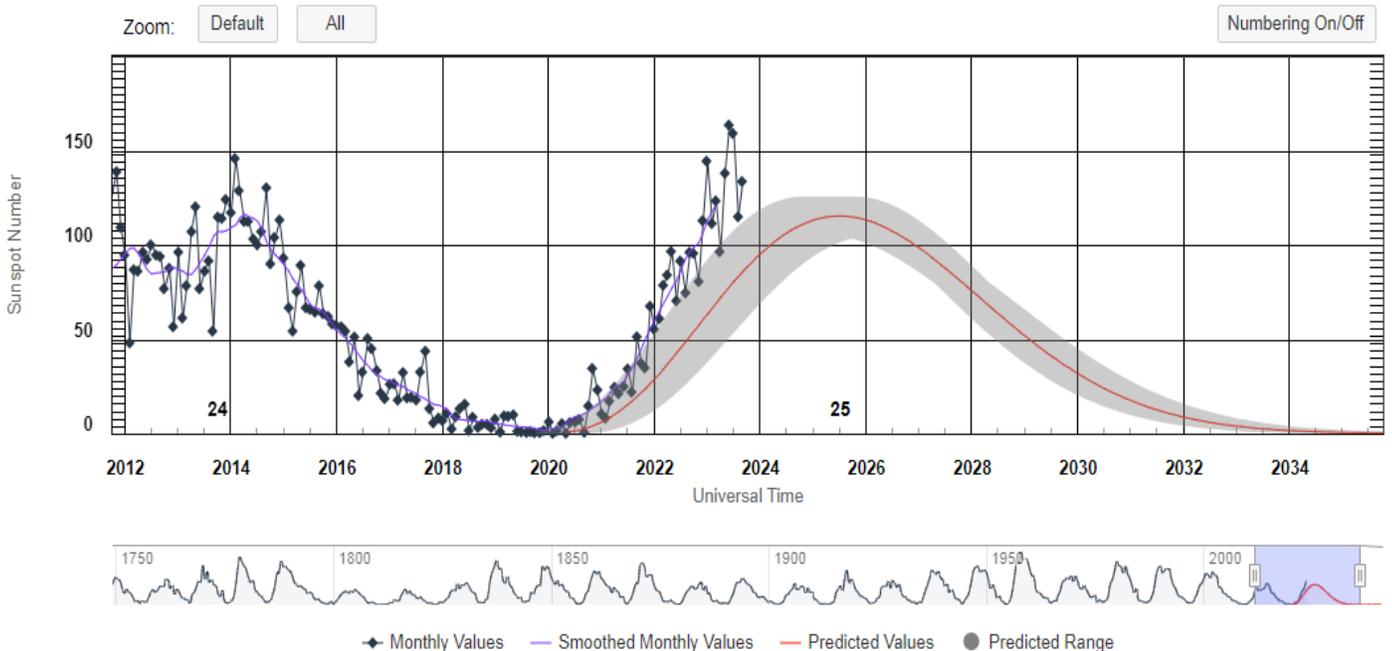
Credit to DX World



SOLAR CYCLE 25

NOAA/SWPC

ISES Solar Cycle Sunspot Number Progression



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Editors NOTE:

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

Start Date	End Date	DXCC Entity	Call	QSL via	Reported by
2023					
September					
2023 Sep01	2023 Oct17	East Kiribati	T32AZ [spots]	KH6QJ (B/d)	TDDX 20230716
2023 Sep09	2023 Oct13	Timor Leste	4W [spots]	LoTW	DXW.Net 20230910
2023 Sep16	2023 Oct08	Botswana	A22EW [spots]	eQSL	425DXN 20230908
2023 Sep21	2023 Oct06	Lord Howe I	VK9LAA [spots]	LoTW	DXW.Net 20230801
2023 Sep21	2023 Oct09	Tuvalu	T22T [spots]	LoTW	DXW.Net 20230831
2023 Sep26	2023 Oct16	Senegal	6W [spots]	Club Log OQRS	425DXN 20230922
2023 Sep28	2023 Oct08	Iceland	TF [spots]		TDDX 20230926
2023 Sep28	2023 Oct08	Uganda	5X3K [spots]	LoTW	DXW.Net 20230805
2023 Sep28	2023 Oct22	Tristan da Cunha	ZD9W [spots]	LoTW	DXW.Net 20230811
2023 Sep29	2023 Oct08	Montenegro	4O1OK [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20230927
2023 Sep29	2023 Oct23	Uganda	5X7W [spots]	LoTW	DXW.Net 20231002
October					
2023 Oct01	2023 Oct08	Malta	9H [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20231002
2023 Oct01	2023 Oct09	Belize	V31DN [spots]	KM4DY R Direct	425DXN 20230922
2023 Oct01	2023 Oct14	Samoa	5W0LM [spots]	9A3MR	DXW.Net 20230529
2023 Oct01	2023 Oct31	Vanuatu	YJ0TT [spots]	TBA	TDDX 20221222
2023 Oct02	2023 Oct10	St Vincent	J88PI [spots]	GW4DV B Direct	TDDX 20220216

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2023 Oct02	2023 Oct10	St Vincent	J88PI [spots]	GW4DV B Direct	TDDX 20220216
2023 Oct02	2023 Oct06	French Poly- nesia	FO [spots]	LoTW	425DXN 20230915
2023 Oct02	2023 Oct15	French Poly- nesia	TX6D [spots]	LoTW aft 6 mos	DXW.Net 20230623
2023 Oct04	2023 Oct11	East Kiribati	T32AN [spots]	EB7DX	OPDX 20230820
2023 Oct04	2023 Oct15	Marshall Is	V73AH [spots]	LoTW	DL2AH 20230116
2023 Oct05	2023 Oct17	Swains I	W8S [spots]	M0OXO OQRS	DXW.Net 20230517
2023 Oct10	2023 Oct22	Mayotte	TO8FH	LoTW	425DXN 20230818
2023 Oct10	2023 Oct23	Niue	E6AM	LoTW	TDDX 20230105
2023 Oct10	2023 Oct30	Tuvalu	T2C	LoTW	TDDX 20230630
2023 Oct12	2023 Nov06	North Cook Is	E51JAN	Club Log OQRS	SP9FIH 20230823
2023 Oct18	2023 Oct24	Malta	9H	LoTW	TDDX 20231004
2023 Oct18	2023 Oct30	Micronesia	V63AH	LoTW	DL2AH 20230116
2023 Oct20	2023 Nov04	Chatham I	ZL7	LoTW	DXW.Net 20230616
2023 Oct22	2023 Dec05	Vanuatu	YJ0CA	See Info	VK2YUS 20230925
2023 Oct24	2023 Oct31	Cayman Is	ZF2RD	LoTW	TDDX 20231004
2023 Oct25	2023 Oct31	Micronesia	V6SZ	LoTW	DXW.Net 20230716
2023 Oct25	2023 Oct31	Saba & St Eu- statius	PJ5	LoTW	W5JON 20230205
2023 Oct26	2023 Nov09	Temotu	H40WA	LoTW	N6PSE 20230126

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2023 Oct27	2023 Oct31	Micronesia	V63CB	LoTW	TDDX 20230716
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB (Oct 28-29, 2023) Check here for pericon-					
November					
2023 Nov02	2023 Nov15	Cameroon	TJ9MD	(IK2VUC B/d)	DXW.Net 20230901
2023 Nov03	2023 Nov07	Cocos (Keeling)	VK9QO	JI1LET	OPDX 20230927
2023 Nov03	2023 Nov10	Niue	E6AJ	DF8AN (B/d)	DXW.Net 20230406
2023 Nov04	2023 Nov19	Marquesas	TX7L	LoTW	TDDX 20230306
2023 Nov05	2023 Nov10	Bahamas	C6A	LoTW	TDDX 20230821
2023 Nov06	2023 Dec05	Timor Leste	4W8X	LoTW	TDDX 20230722
2023 Nov08	2023 Dec08	Tanzania	5H3MB	LoTW	DXW.Net 20230920
2023 Nov09	2023 Nov22	Chatham Is	ZL7A	LoTW	TDDX 20230802
2023 Oct10	2023 Oct22	Mayotte	TO8FH	LoTW	425DXN 20230818
2023 Nov15	2023 Nov29	Solomon Is	H44WA	M0URX	DXW.Net 20230513
2023 Nov16	2023 Nov27	Laos	XW4DX	LoTW	DXW.Net 20230907
2023 Nov16	2023 Nov30	Namibia	V51WH	DK2WH	DXW.Net 20230913
2023 Nov21	2023 Dec05	Christmas I	VK9XGM	LoTW	DXW.Net 20230506
2023 Nov21	2023 Nov28	Honduras	HR9	LoTW	TDDX 20230927
2023 Nov23	2023 Dec06	Sierre Leone	9L5M	LoTW	DXW.Net 20230828
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW (Nov 25-26, 2023) Check here for pericon-					
2023 Nov26	2023 Dec08	St Martin	TO9W	LoTW	K9EL 20230508

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December					
2023 Dec04	2023 Dec16	Micronesia	V6EU	LoTW	DL2AWG 20230707
2023 Dec26	2024 Jan05	St Vincent & Grenadines	J87TT	LoTW	DXW.Net 20230905
2023 Dec27	2024 Jan06	Rodrigues I	3B9AT	LoTW	DXW.Net 20230807
2024					
January					
2024 Jan11	2024 Jan30	Montserrat	VP2MDX	LoTW	DXW.Net 20230807
2024 Jan12	2024 Jan18	Palau	T8	See Info	DXW.Net 20230922
2024 Jan17	2024 Jan24	Dominica	J79	Club Log OQRS	FM5BH 20230908
2024 Jan18	2024 Feb01	Clipperton I	TX5S	LoTW	DXW.Net 20230321
February					
2024 Feb13	2024 Feb20	Juan Fernandez	CB0ZA	HA1AG	DXW.Net 20230605
2024 Feb14	2024 Feb24	Guyana	8R	LoTW	DK6SP 20230611
ARRL International DX Contest, CW (Feb 17-18, 2024) Check here for					
2024 Feb20	2024 Feb27	Mauritius	3B8	LoTW	TDDX 20230725
2024 Feb25	2024 Mar04	St Kitts & Nevis	V4	K1ZN	K1ZN 20230925
March					
2024 Mar01	2024 Mar31	Benin	TY5C	LoTW	DXW.Net 20230920
2024 Mar02	2024 Mar30	Sint Maarten	PJ7AA	LoTW	TDDX 20230807
2024 Mar04	2024 Mar16	Grenada	J3	LoTW	ON4MA 20230622
2024 Mar25	2024 Apr03	Austral Is	TX5G	LoTW	DXW.Net 20230810

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2024 Mar29	2024 Mar31	Mayotte	T04VV	LoTW	DXW.Net 20230902
2024 Apr05	2024 Apr07	Mayotte	T04VV	LoTW	DXW.Net 20230902
2024 Apr12	2024 Apr14	Mayotte	T04VV	LoTW	DXW.Net 20230902