



# Long Path



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## PREZ Sez

Hi all,

I hope everyone is doing well and getting things cleaned up outside now that we are starting to get warmer weather. As I mentioned in the last Prez Sez it's a good time to check your antennas. My 2-meter vertical (Comet GP 9) was leaning a little. I use a chimney mount with the metal bands that wrap around the chimney. One had loosened a little. When I got up on the roof to tighten it up, the nuts that are used to pull the straps tight had started to back off because the strap had loosened. When I checked it, only half of the threads of the nut were holding the top mount up! Boy did I dodge a bullet on that one. I made sure the straps won't come lose again, that's for sure! I mentioned this to Fred (W1SKU) and he suggested using a nut with the nylon in it to lock it so it won't back off. I will be doing that soon!

Dayton Hamvention is less than a month away! I can't wait to go again and see what's new in the ham world!!

I have made progress on countries/entities that I have made contact with. Last reported I was at 230 contacts to different countries/entities. 212 are confirmed. I am now at 239 with 219 confirmed. Even more progress!! I'm 11 away to 250 confirmed!!

The Prez – 73's

**NEXT Meeting:**

**In-Person**

**May 10th, 2023 at 7 PM**

**Fork n' Pint in Waterford**

**Program**

**Bob Allphin**

**K4UEE**

**“Past Major  
DXpeditions”**

### **SEMDXA OFFICERS**

*President:* Fred Goeckel, **KD8ZYD**

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

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*DXCC Checker:* Less Butler, **W8MSP**

*VUCC Checker:* Al Bailey, **K8SIX**

*VUCC Checker:* Jim Sanford, **K8ZZU**

*CQ Checker:* Mike Rudzki, **N8MR**

## SEMDXA Meeting Minutes of April 12th, 2023

The meeting started at 7:01PM and was led by our President Fred, KD8ZYD. There were 14 people present and 5 who ZOOMed in.

Acceptance of meeting minutes for the March meeting as presented in the April issue of the Long Path was requested by Chet, VE3CFK. With no comments or corrections, acceptance was motioned by Tom, KT8Y and seconded by Pete, K8PGJ.

Treasurers report was presented by Brad, N8SNM. Motion to accept by Fred, KD8ZYD and seconded by Fred, W1SKU.

### Old Business:

- Club DUES are due
- Stan, AC8W talked about the DXCC 2025 upcoming meeting to discuss the future of the DXCC program. Stan noted that the previous meeting in 2020 left no outstanding issues. Lets see what the next meeting presents. (editors note: See my comments from Visalia under "The Editor's Desk" in this issue of the Long Path)

### New Business:

- No new business

The evenings presentation was by Cesar Trifu, VE3LYC on the recent DXpedition to Bouvet, 3Y0J. There were many questions from the floor for Cezar.

Thank you Cesar for the excellent presentation!

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM with motion to close from Chet, VE3CFK and 2nded by Pete, K8PGJ.

## 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>

## Z68XX - KOSOVO



Rene, DL2JRM will again be active from Gjilan, Kosovo as Z68XX during May 25-29, 2023. QSL via DL2JRM. Logsearch NOTE: Rene also active recently or soon as: MJ0ISL (May 10-15),

## DXONE

Gil has decided not to operate for the moment on 40, 80 and 160, preferring to give a chance for others to make ATNO on 30-6m bands (one QSO is enough).

## FOR SALE

Pete, K8PGJ has a couple of rotators for sale. Recently rebuilt by Pete and asking \$1500 each.



## 5U - Niger

Giorgio 5UA99WS solved a problem with his PC and now is also active on FT8. Signals are good on 15/17/20 to and from EU.

He has some electrical blackouts on and off in Niamey. It could be possible that sometimes he will work with IK5SRF as NET CONTROL to minimize power consumption. Note, he can't reply to emails request for log info or skeds. Please send all inquiries to IK5SRF (email correct on QRZ.com).

## NOT CANCELLED YET

Some things to look forward to:

- SEMDXA May in-person meeting at Fork n' Pint in Waterford on Wednesday, May 10th at 7:00 PM
- 2023 Hamvention
- The June issue of The Long Path
- Thanksgiving, Christmas
- SEMDXA elections in June

## Hamfests

- 5/7/23 - Lucas County ARES Trunk Swap, Toledo, OH
- 5/13-17/23 - RV Radio Network Spring Rally (SP Event), Millersburg, OH
- 5/18-21/23 - ARCI Four Days in May, Fairborn, OH
- 5/19-21/23 - Dayton Hamvention & Great Lakes Convention, Xenia, OH
- 5/27/23 - Scioto Valley, Piketon, OH
- 6/3/23 - Fulton County, Wauseon, OH
- 6/3/23 - IRA, Hudsonville, MI
- 6/4/23 - Chelsea, Chelsea, MI
- 6/10/23 - Luce County, Newberry, MI
- 6/17/23 - Midland Hamfest, Midland, MI
- 6/18/23 - Monroe Hamfest, Monroe, MI
- 7/8/23 - Mansfield Mid Summer Trunkfest, Mansfield, OH
- 7/15/23 - GM ARC Trunk Swap, Shelby Twp, MI
- 7/15/23 - NOARS Fest, Elyria, OH
- 7/16/23 - Van Wert, Van Wert, OH
- 7/22/23 - Ashtabula County Hamfest, Pierpont, OH

## From the Editor's DESK



It's been a busy month for your editor resulting in this issue of "The Long Path" arriving late at the printing press.

I arrived at the Port Huron train station at 11:59 PM on Thursday, May 4th. Spent Friday recovering from sore butt train ride from Los Angeles which began Monday May 1st. My 2 week trip included the Visalia DX Convention, a visit with my friend Jess, AI9L in Kingman Arizona and a visit with my niece and her family in Burbank California.

### VISALIA

It was nice to rekindle friendships idled by Covid. But many were a no show. However the convention had over 400 registrants. The Saturday evening banquet had well over 250 attending with Adrian, KO8SCA and Dave, WD5COV speaking re Bouvet Island, 3Y0J DXpedition. The exhibit hall was attended by FlexRadio, Yaesu and Elecraft. DX Engineering sponsored free drinks prior to the banquet on Saturday, as well as Friday. As far as I could observe, everyone had a good time!

I attended the DX Forum - chaired by Paul, N6PSE. A discussion was had re "What Now?". Most attendees have worked all 340 and looking for something to do. It was suggested that the ARRL DX Committee reduce the 350 kilometer possession limit for entities to ? Say 175 kilometers? Which would expand the DXCC entity list from 340 to a larger

value generating more DXpeditions, activity on the bands and rekindling our DX excitement which has been reduced to embers. It was suggested that we solicit our DXCC local representative (eg. SEMDXA's Stan, AC8W) to support the motion to reduce the mileage limit.

Another hot topic was the cost of future DXpeditions. Maybe the rules could be changed so that a GPS validation of location would enable operation from a ship near shore or docked at the rare DX rather than trying to land on an inhospitable rock - eg Scarborough Reef or Bouvet Island?

Here's a picture of Don, N1DG and Adrian, KO8SCA standing in front of a radio in a box (RIB) which could be de-

ployed on shore with antennas and operated remotely thus eliminating the need to build a base camp.



Here's a pic of the business end of the RIB with the transceiver underneath the Northern California box and amplifier with cooling fans on the right.

## SEMDXA ELECTIONS

Yup. Its that exciting time of the year, when in June we elect our new executive for the 2023/2024 year.

The secretarial position has been vacant, with Chet VE3CFK standing in on an as needed basis over the last year. Consider stepping up and volunteering. If you cannot attend all the meetings, someone on the executive is willing to step in for you.

## 5Z - Kenya

Mark, VK3XB is QRV as 5Z4XB from Nairobi until May 8. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using mainly FT8 and some SSB.

## 9X - Rwanda

Harald, DF2WO is QRV as 9X2AW until May 15. Activity is on 40 to 6 meters using CW and FT8. QSL via M0OXO.

## DX0NE - Spratly Is.

4F2KWT, Gil will be on Spratly from April 30 to May 9 on 160-6M with 100 watts using a "horse fence" antenna for 160 and 80 along with SVDAs for the other bands. Gil will be solo with 2 radios. One operating FT8, the other on the other modes-signing DX0NE

## HK0 - San Andres

Operators PY8WW, PY7RP and PY7XC are QRV as HK0/home calls from San Andres, IOTA NA-033, until May 11. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8, with a focus on the higher bands and 6 meters. QSL to home calls.

## VK9L - Lord Howe

Doug, VK9LF has been QRV on 10 meters using SSB around 0200z, and then on 20 meters using SSB after 0300z. QSL direct to home call.

## RF Exposure

On May 3, 2021, new FCC rules governing RF exposure evaluations went into effect. While the exposure limits were not changed, the requirement to conduct an evaluation was made more broadly applicable to amateur licensees. A 2-year transition period was implemented to allow existing amateur licensees to conduct evaluations and make any changes necessary to ensure that their station complies with the exposure rules. On May 3, 2023, the transition period ended. All licensees must now conduct evaluations of their current station and reassess compliance when making changes to their stations that would affect exposure going forward.

The ARRL website features an RF Exposure landing page with resources, such as an RF exposure calculator, the entire RF Safety section from the 100th Edition of the ARRL The Handbook, a video explaining the topic, FAQs about the subject, and more. These tools and resources are available to the public without an [ARRL membership or website](#) account.

## 9Q - D.R. of Congo

The Italian DX Team have announced their plans to activate 9Q during the first half of September 2023. They will be operating as 9Q1AA on CW, SSB and RTTY while on FT8 they will be QRV as 9Q1ZZ

**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.**

## CLUBLOG

### Most wanted - Top 25

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

## P51BH



Unobtainium! When? Oh. When?

## GRID DM-02

Al, K8SIX has succeeded in getting the Elecraft ordered and beam antenna with replacement parts to the club station on the island.

We are all now patiently waiting for good propagation! Good luck all.

## T31TT - Kanton Is

After their T30UN DXpedition to Tarawa, W. Kiribati, the Rebel DX Group will be making a return visit to Kanton island and QRV as T31TT starting June 1st for approximately 10-12 days. Previously the Rebels were QRV from Kanton in 2016 as T31T

## DXcellence AWARD

In April 2021, NCDXF announced the creation of an award – “The DXcellence Award” – to be awarded to the outstanding DXpedition of the last 12 months, which received funding from NCDXF. The award is intended to recognize excellence in a DXpedition, exemplified by practices, ethics, management, transparency, impact upon the DXing community, and lastly exhibited FUN!

The winner of the award is determined by the NCDXF Board of Directors. The Board considers several factors, including performance, complexity of the DXpedition, and impact on Club Log’s most wanted ranking. Especially important are activities associated with humanitarian efforts and education.

On celebration of our 50th year of operation, NCDXF is proud to award its 2023 DXcellence Award to Thierry Mazel, F6CUK. Thierry is recognized for the outstanding performance of a well-organized DXpedition to Crozet, FT8WW, that had a significant impact on Club Log users’ totals from the #3 Most Wanted entity.

# 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	10 WAE SSB	14 Oceania CW	11 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	21 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	28 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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## Isle of Rockall

The MM0UKI DXpedition to the Isle of Rockall is soon approaching. In just 1 month from now, several intrepid souls, including radio hams Nobby GOVJG and Emil DL8JJ, will attempt to land and stay on the islet. While the main intention is to break the current world record for time spent on Rockall, and to raise as much as possible for military / navy charities, the focus of this post is more to do with the radio side of the expedition:

Nobby will be the SSB & FT8 op while Emil will run CW & FT8. Bands to be used: 40-10m (2m possibly). Radios: 2 x FT-857D (100w), back-up KX2 (10w), 2 x Spiderbeam poles (10m), generator / solar panels, MFJ-902 tuner + logging software (N1MM+ / WinTest).

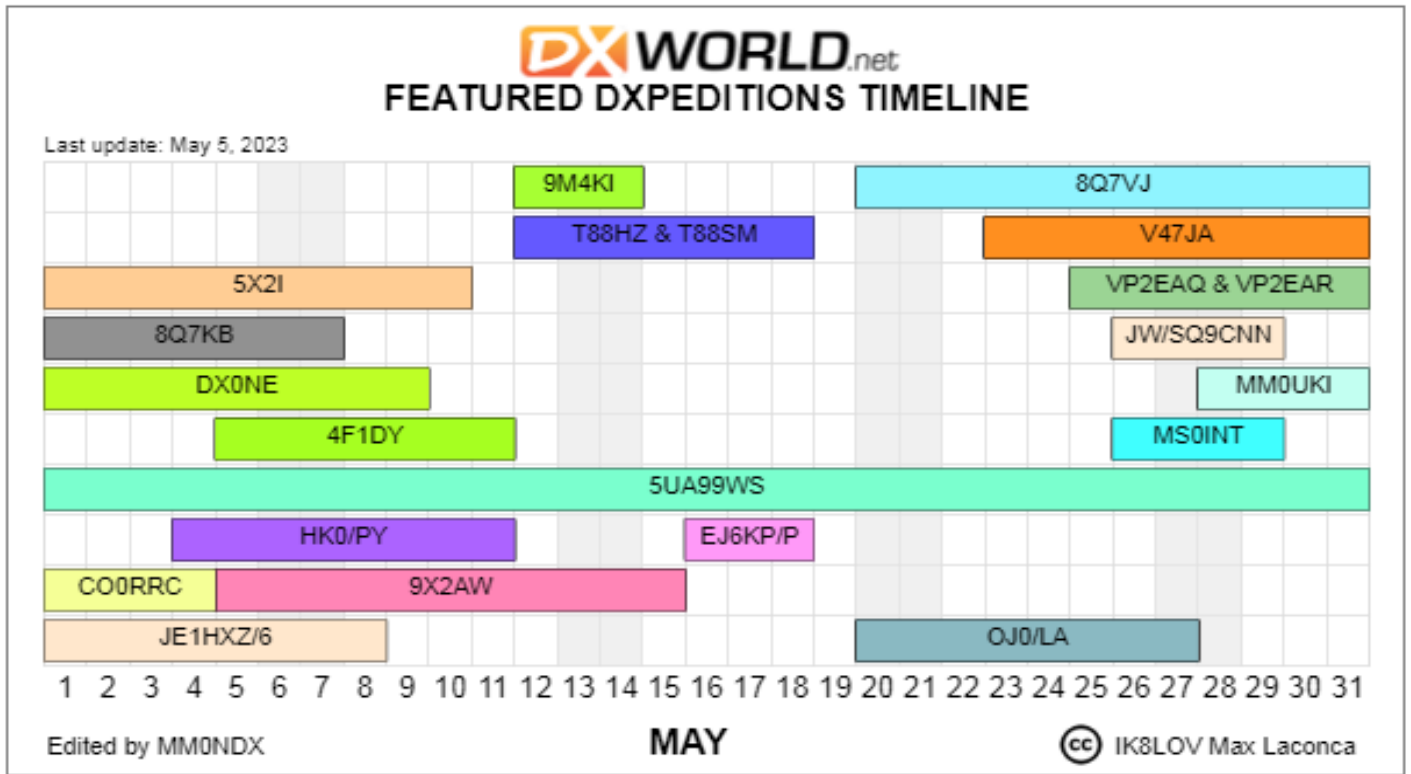
This will be only the third activation of Rockall – MS0IRC/P (2005), MM0RAI/P (2011) previously. Still under 11% of all IOTA chasers have Rockall confirmed, so demand will again be huge.



As the DXpedition gets underway, DX-World will update often on team progress, including pictures and video footage.

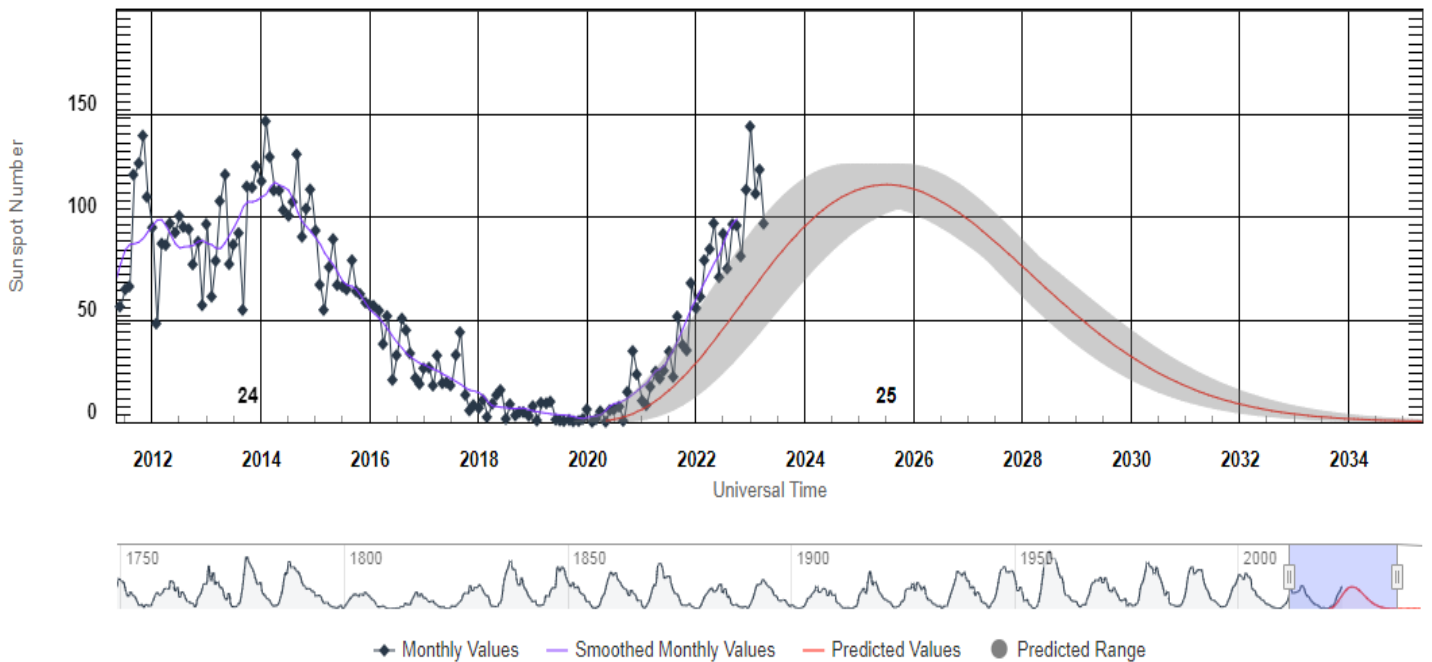
### Upcoming DX

### Credit to DX World



### SOLAR CYCLE 25

NOAA/SWPC





## Upcoming DX

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Contest/DX Page

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
<b>2023</b>					
<b>April</b>					
2023 Apr10	2023 May12	West Kiribati	<a href="#">T30UN</a> [spots]	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20230407
2023 Apr19	2023 May06	Guinea Bissau	<a href="#">J5JUA</a> [spots]	CT2GQA	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20230421
2023 Apr24	2023 May10	Uganda	<a href="#">5X2I</a> [spots]	LoTW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20230310
2023 Apr27	2023 May07	Maldives	<a href="#">8Q7KB</a> [spots]	LoTW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20230317
2023 Apr27	2023 May08	Kenya	<a href="#">5Z4XB</a> [spots]	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20230501
2023 Apr30	2023 May09	Spratly Is	<a href="#">DX0NE</a> [spots]	LoTW	N8WRL 20230418
<b>May</b>					
2023 May01	2023 Jun15	Niger	<a href="#">5UA99W</a> S [spots]	LoTW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20230421
2023 May03	2023 May07	Corsica	<a href="#">TK</a> [spots]	IS0JXO Buro	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20230427
2023 May04	2023 May11	San Andreas & Providencias	<a href="#">HK0</a> [spots]	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20230316
2023 May05	2023 May15	Rwanda	<a href="#">9X2AW</a> [spots]	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20230424
2023 May09	2023 May12	Isle of Man	<a href="#">GD</a>	LoTW	<a href="#">425DXN</a> 20230505
2023 May10	2023 May15	Jersey	<a href="#">MJ0ISL</a>	DL2JRM	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20230505
2023 May12	2023 May14	Liechtenstein	<a href="#">HB0</a>	Auto Bu- ro	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20230505
2023 May18	2023 May21	Liechtenstein	<a href="#">HB0</a>	DL2JRM	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20230505

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2023 May20	2023 May27	<b>Market Reef</b>	<b>OJ0</b>	EA5GL	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20230127
2023 May20	2023 Jun04	<b>Maldives</b>	<a href="#">8Q7VJ</a>	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20230317
2023 May23	2023 Jun07	<b>St Kitts &amp; Ne- vis</b>	<a href="#">V47JA</a>	LoTW	W5JON 20220530
2023 May23	2023 Jun14	<b>Rwanda</b>	<b>9X2AW</b>	M0OXO	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20230310
2023 May23	2023 May30	<b>Turks &amp; Cai- cos</b>	<b>VP5</b>	K4QPL Direct	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20230503
2023 May24	2023 May29	<b>Kosovo</b>	<b>Z68XX</b>	DL2JRM	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20230505
2023 May24	2023 Jun01	<b>Anguilla</b>	<b>VP2E</b>	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20230424
<b>June</b>					
2023 Jun01	2023 Jun10	<b>Central Kiri- bati</b>	<b>T31TT</b>	LoTW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20230425
2023 Jun21	2023 Jul03	<b>Malawi</b>	<b>7Q7WW</b>	W1IE	W1IE 20230426
2023 Jun23	2023 Jun29	<b>Br Virgin Is</b>	<a href="#">VP2V</a>	W9DR Direct	W9DR 20221218
2023 Jun25	2023 Jul05	<b>Faroe Is</b>	<b>OY</b>	LoTW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20230406
2023 Jun27	2023 Jul08	<b>Bermuda</b>	<b>VP9</b>	G4OSY	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20230426
2023 Jun27	2023 Jul11	<b>St Pierre &amp; Miquelon</b>	<a href="#">FP</a>	LoTW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a>  20221114
<b>July</b>					
2023 Jul06	2023 Jul18	<b>Saba &amp; St Eu- stadius</b>	<b>PJ5</b>	Club Log OQRS	PA8AD  20230219
2023 Jul23	2023 Aug04	<b>Guatemala</b>	<b>TG4</b>	LoTW	KT8X 20230222
<a href="#">RSGB IOTA Contest (Jul 29-30, 2023) Check here for pericontest activity</a>					
<b>August</b>					
2023 Aug31	2023 Sep14	<b>Mariana Is</b>	<b>KH0</b>	LoTW	DL2AH 20230116

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September					
2023 Sep01	2023 Sep15	DR Congo	<a href="#">9Q1AA</a>	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20230425
2023 Sep12	2023 Sep18	Palau	T8	See Info	EA1CS 20230119
2023 Sep15	2023 Sep21	Greenland	OX0J	LoTW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20230219
2023 Sep16	2023 Sep30	Guam	KH2	LoTW	DL2AH 20230116
October					
2023 Oct01	2023 Oct31	Vanuatu	YJ0TT	TBA	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20221222
2023 Oct02	2023 Oct10	St Vincent	J88PI	GW4DV B Direct	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20220216
2023 Oct03	2023 Oct15	Marshall Is	V7	LoTW	DL2AH 20230116
2023 Oct10	2023 Oct23	Niue	E6AM	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20230105
2023 Oct18	2023 Oct30	Micronesia	V63AH	LoTW	DL2AH 20230116
2023 Oct25	2023 Oct31	Saba & St Eustatius	PJ5	LoTW	W5JON  20230205
2023 Oct31	2023 Nov14	Temotu	<a href="#">H40WA</a>	LoTW	N6PSE 20230126
November					
2023 Nov03	2023 Nov10	Niue	E6AJ	DF8AN (B/d)	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20230406
2023 Nov04	2023 Nov19	Marquesas	FO	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20230306
<a href="#">CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW (Nov 25-26, 2023) Check here for pericon-</a>					
2024					
January					
2024 Jan17	2024 Feb03	Clipperton I	<a href="#">TX5S</a>	LoTW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20230321