



Long Path



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SEMDXA NEWSLETTER

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From the Editor's DESK

This issue of The Long Path is late this month, but it's not the editors fault. 6M season is in full swing and your editor has been sitting attentively in front of his radio impatiently waiting for the "magical" openings that occur on 6M. In the past month there have been a couple of good openings into Europe, the Caribbean and the west coast of the USA. So far this season, 6 new entities have been added to your editors 6M tally. DXCC is in sight, but lots more radio time is required. Had to take precious time away from the radio to get this issue out.

June brings the last meeting of the 2020/2021 membership year, and with it elections. To date, these are the nominees and incumbents willing to serve the 2021/2022 membership year:

President: Chuck Houston W8GWS (nominated by Chet, VE3CFK)

Vice President: Dave DeRain, K8ESQ (incumbent)

Treasurer: Brad Nowak, N8SNM (incumbent)

Secretary: Chet Latawiec, VE3CFK (incumbent)

Program Directors: Ted Pauck, K8NA (incumbent)

Steve Culp, K8QKY, (incumbent)

Web Site Editor: Doug Basberg, N8VY, (volunteered)

LP Publisher: Chet Latawiec, VE3CFK (incumbent)

If you have an inclining that you would like to hold a position on the SEMDXA board, don't be afraid to make your interest known.

See/hear you at the June meeting. 73 and Good DX. Chet VE3CFK

Calendar

NEXT Meeting:

NEW

Virtual Meeting

June 10th, 2021 at 7 PM

PROGRAM

Rob Brownstein
K6RB

Speaking about

“CWops”

SEMDXA OFFICERS

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and Steve Culp, K8QKY

Directors: Ted, K8NA, and Lee, N8LJ

Club Appointees:

Web Site Editor: Larry Gauthier, K8UT

LP Publisher: Chet Latawiec, VE3CFK

ARRL and CQ Appointees:

DXCC Checker: Stan Arnett, AC8W

DXCC Checker: Bill Jones, N8KF

DXCC Checker: Less Butler, W8MSP

VUCC Checker: Al Bailey, K8SIX

VUCC Checker: Jim Sanford, K8ZZU

CQ Checker: Mike Rudzki, N8MR

CQ Checker: Al Bailey, K8SIX

Minutes of May Meeting

by Chet VE3CFK, Secretary

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM

A role call was taken and there were 29 participants in the ZOOM meeting.

April meeting minutes as published in the May issue of the Long Path were accepted. Motion to accept - Al, K8SIX and seconded by Dave, K8ESQ

A treasurers report was presented by Brad, N8SNM our treasurer. Motion to accept - Larry, K8UT and seconded by Al, K8SIX

OLD BUSINESS - NON

NEW BUSINESS - Discussion around whether the October (and subsequent) meeting, which could possibly be an in-person meeting, should be a ZOOM meeting. This was a continuation of the discussion from the April meeting. No firm decision was made as it would be a function of the internet bandwidth available at the restaurant.

SEMDXA elections are coming up in June. This is the slate of electables for the 2021/2021 year:

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At approximately 7:22. Bob Heil started his Zoom presentation on the topic of SOUND—How to improve your Station. Bob gave a very informative talk. Starting with his history as a young boy who developed a career playing the organ which led to a successful career in audio. Bob extended his audio expertise to rock n roll bands and ham radio.

Two main take aways from Bob's presentation were (in the editor's opinion) that audio at 2.5k frequency response is where intelligible audio is concentrated, and that your mouth should never be more than 2" away from the microphone. For more in-depth information, visit Bob's website at heilsound.com

The meeting ended about 9PM with motion to close the meeting by Rick, KB500 and seconded by Ted, K8NA

ZOOM MEETINGS

As most of our readership are aware, SEMDXA in-person monthly meetings have been replaced with virtual meetings, using ZOOM till September 2021 (and possibly later, depending on COVID-19 circumstances and how comfortable the membership is to meeting in person)

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.

PLEASE NOTE!

Zoom has made higher levels of security mandatory for all Zoom meetings on the University of Michigan account.

Please be aware that Meeting ID and password are required: See below...

Our link to the June10th ZOOM meeting is:

<https://umich.zoom.us/j/91352970493>

Meeting ID is 913 5297 0493

Passcode: **semdxa** (NOTE: all lowercase!)

The meeting begins at 7:00 PM

OR!

Your can use the one step process and just click on the link below:

<https://umich.zoom.us/j/91352970493?pwd=N0t3N1RpUFZjV GQzZHZwTnU0bHpuUT09>

CANCELLATIONS

- SEMDXA June **in-person** meeting cancelled. BUT! We're having a Virtual Meeting on Thursday June 10th!
- Friedrichshafen 2021 is cancelled.
- WRTC 2022 postponed to 2023

NOT CANCELLED YET

Some things to look forward to:

- Sun spot Cycle 25 and 26
- July issue of The Long Path
- 4th of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas
- 2021 W9DXCC

WSJT-X New Release

The General Availability (GA) release of WSJT-X version 2.4.0, which includes the new digital mode Q65 is now available -

<https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.physics.princeton.edu%2Fpulsar%2FK1JT%2Fwsjtx-doc%2Fwsjtx-main-2.4.0.html&data=04%7C01%7C%7C355f40a9c60d46bddb8208d91f7e2ebd%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637575449071196704%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6IklhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=GzCEJikvONe61Yp6xbddj%2FWFotF UcqQxQv9BebeZ9Os%3D&reserved=0>

3D2ZK - Fiji BUSTED ?

If you recall, in the May issue of The Long Path, I highlighted, Joanna who joined the Rebel DX group.



Well, in the interim a Russian DXer has uncovered some interesting facts questioning the validity

of Joannas license and the Rebels operation on Fiji. More of the story is available here: http://3z9dx-busted.com/?page_id=142

The story gets even more interesting as my Club Log entries for my Fiji QSO's with Joanna were changed to the following:

AMERICA					
WB5XX	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	2021-05-09 20:31:00	2021-05-12 11 28:39	6M Data	
3D2ZK	INVALID	2021-05-11 21:31:15	2021-05-12 11 10:25	17M Data	17M Data
KG6THG	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	2021-05-09 15:58:15	2021-05-12 11 10:25	6M Data	
EABDO	CANARY ISLANDS	2021-05-09 20:38:45	2021-05-12 11 10:25	6M Data	
KP4SE	PUERTO RICO	2021-05-09 18:19:30	2021-05-12 11 10:24	6M Data	6M 6M Data
VE3WVN	CANADA	2021-05-08 14:43:45	2021-05-12 11 10:24	6M Data	
3D2ZK	INVALID	2021-05-09 11:47:15	2021-05-12 11 10:24	30M Data	
WE3M	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	2021-05-07 11:28:00	2021-05-12 11 10:24	40M Data	
KF3QL	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	2021-05-05 13:11:00	2021-05-12 11 10:24	6M Data	

where I would have expected the entity "Fiji" to be shown had been replaced with "Invalid".

I'm sure there will be more to the story. Stay tuned!

Editors Note... The above link "3z9dx-busted.com/" worked on June 5th, but did not work on June 6th. This story is getting even more intriguing!

Hamfest Calender

- 6/6/2021 - Chelsea Hamfest, Chelsea, MI
- 6/12/2021 - Luce Co Yooper Hamfest, Newberry, MI
- 6/19/2021 - GMARC Trunkfest, Shelby Twp, MI
- 6/20/2021 - Monroe Hamfest, Monroe, MI
- 7/10/2021 - Mansfield Mid Summer Trunkfest, Mansfield, OH
- 7/10/2021 - Cave City Hamfest - Cave City, KY
- 7/17/2021 - GMARC Trunkfest, Shelby Twp, MI
- 7/17/2021 - NOARS Fest, Elyria, OH
- 7/18/2021 - Van Wert Hamfest, Van Wert, OH
- 8/7/2021 - Columbus Hamfest, Columbus, OH
- 8/14/2021 - Central Kentucky Hamfest, Lexington, KY
- 8/21/2021 - GMARC Trunkfest, Shelby Twp, MI
- 8/28/2021 - Cincinnati Hamfest, Cincinnati, OH
- 9/11/2021 - Greater Louisville, Shepherdsville, KY
- 9/11/2021 - GRAHamfest, Grand Rapids, MI
- 9/18/2021 - Cadillac Hamfest, Cadillac, MI
- 9/18/2021 - Richmond Hamfest, Richmond, KY
- 9/18/2021 - GMARC Trunkfest, Shelby Twp, MI
- 9/18/2021 - CMARC Hamfest, Okemos, MI
- 9/19/2021 - Adrian Hamfest, Adrian, MI
- 9/26/2021 - Cleveland Hamfest, Berea, OH
- 10/25/2021 - USECA Hamfest, Madison Hgts, MI
- 12/4/2021 - Fulton Co Winterfest, Delta, OH
- 12/5/2021 - L'anse Creuse Swap, Madison Hgts, MI

VK9X - Christmas Is.

VK6SJ, Steve, will be active as VK9XX starting on May 28th. He plans to be there "between two and three weeks" working and QRV in his spare time. He'll have a Yaesu FT-857D transmitting into either a Sotabeam or ATAS mobile vertical, running barefoot. Steve emphasizes he will be operating "mostly outside working hours and focused on the night time bands and mainly FT8".

Drafted by - EA3O

PERIODIC TABLE OF MAJOR AMATEUR RADIO CONTESTS



2021

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

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2 1800Z ARRL RTTY Roundup	3 2400Z NA Sprint CW	7 0400Z ARRL DX SSB	7 2400Z SP Polish DX	3 1500Z 7QP/IN/DE New England QSO Parties	4 1500Z SEANET Contest	1 varies Marconi Memorial HF	2 varies NAQP CW	5 1200Z CWops CW Open	6 1200Z California QSO Party	3 2100Z ARRL SS CW	8 2200Z ARRL 160
9 1800Z NAQP CW	10 0600Z WPX RTTY	13 0000Z NA Sprint RTTY	14 2400Z JIDX CW	14 0400Z CQ-M DX	10 0700Z ARRL June VHF	11 1300Z IARU HF	8 1500Z WAE CW	4 2359Z WAE SSB	2 1600Z Oceania CW	3 2100Z WAE RTTY	6 2200Z ARRL 10
16 1800Z NAQP SSB	17 0600Z ARRL DX CW	20 2400Z Russian DX	21 1200Z CQMM DX	17 0900Z King of Spain	18 2359Z All Asian CW	15 1200Z CQ VHF	16 1200Z NAQP SSB	19 varies WA/NJ/NH QSO Parties	18 1500Z Worked All Germany	20 2100Z ARRL SS SSB	18 2359Z RAC Winter
16 1800Z ARRL January VHF	18 0359Z CQ 160 SSB	26 2200Z WPX SSB	27 2200Z Florida QSO Party	24 1600Z Contest University Dayton Hamvention	25 2159Z ARRL Field Day	20 1100Z RSGB IOTA	23 1700Z WW Digi	26 2400Z CQWW RTTY	24 2400Z CQWW CW	27 0000Z CQWW CW	25 HAPPY HOLIDAYS
29 2200Z CQ 160 CW	31 2159Z			29 0000Z WPX CW	30 2400Z				30 0000Z CQWW SSB	31 2400Z	

HC8 - Galapagos Is.

WB2REM, Jim, and his team are heading to HC8 in early March 2022. There may be some FT8 activity.

HC8 - Faroe Is.

LB5SH, Stian, is planning a one weekend activity from Torshavn as OY/LB5SH "sometime mid- to late Autumn 2021". This will be mainly on SSB and FT8.

DXer's Handbook

K7UA, Bryce Anderson, has rewritten his "The New DXer's Handbook". This is the third edition. The "still free" online booklet has been updated and expanded. <https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.k7ua.com%2F&am p:data=04%7C01%7C%7C4c81abf8f2b64974702a08d9205115de%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637576354897061770%7CUnkn own%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWlloiMC4wLjAwMD AiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6IjEhaWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&am p;sdata=Qa%2FUlngvku mskSCIPJuAQSPYm%2FxFxGJ4BUIZ7KtUOCiV8%3D&am p;reserved=0>

New Hotel for Hamvention 2022

In May 2022, official Contesting activities will be at the Hope Hotel, including four nights of the Contest Super Suite, Contest University, The Top Band Dinner, The Contest Dinner and the KC DX Club CW copying competition. There may be additional related events as well.

Room reservations will be taken by the Hope Hotel starting on Tuesday June 8, 2021 at 9 AM EDT. Do not call them before that time. You can get room reservations by phone only. If you try to book on line you will see that there are no rooms for those dates. Every room in the Hope Hotel has been blocked for Contesters and DXers for Hamvention week. Starting Tuesday June 8, 2021 at 9 AM EDT, you can call 937-879-2696 and ask for a reservation in the Contest University 2022 room block. There is no minimum night commitment. The room rate is \$143 per night plus tax and that includes a hot buffet breakfast each day of your stay. The room rate is the same for a single queen, two queens or a single king with a pull out.

If you have 2022 reservations at the Crowne Plaza (now the Radisson Hotel Dayton) you can contact the Radisson at (937) 224-0800 to cancel and obtain any refunds. The Radisson is aware of the venue change for our activities. Here's the link to the Hope Hotel

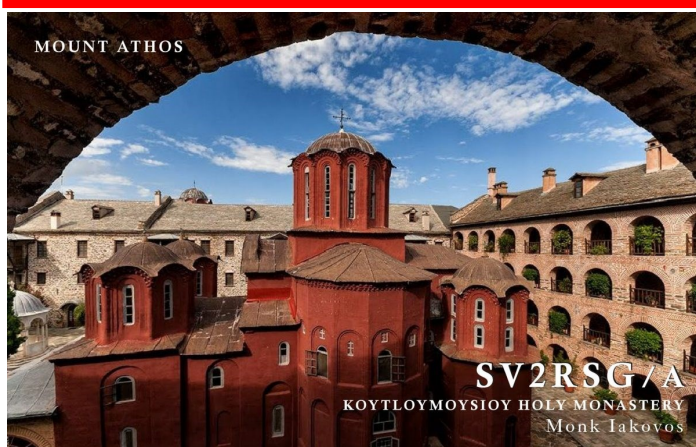
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CTU and Hamvention Forums

In case you missed the Contest University 2021 on May 20th, and the Hamvention Forums on May 21st, they are now available online.

The complete program on Youtube is about 8 hours and 15 minutes long.

Mount Athos



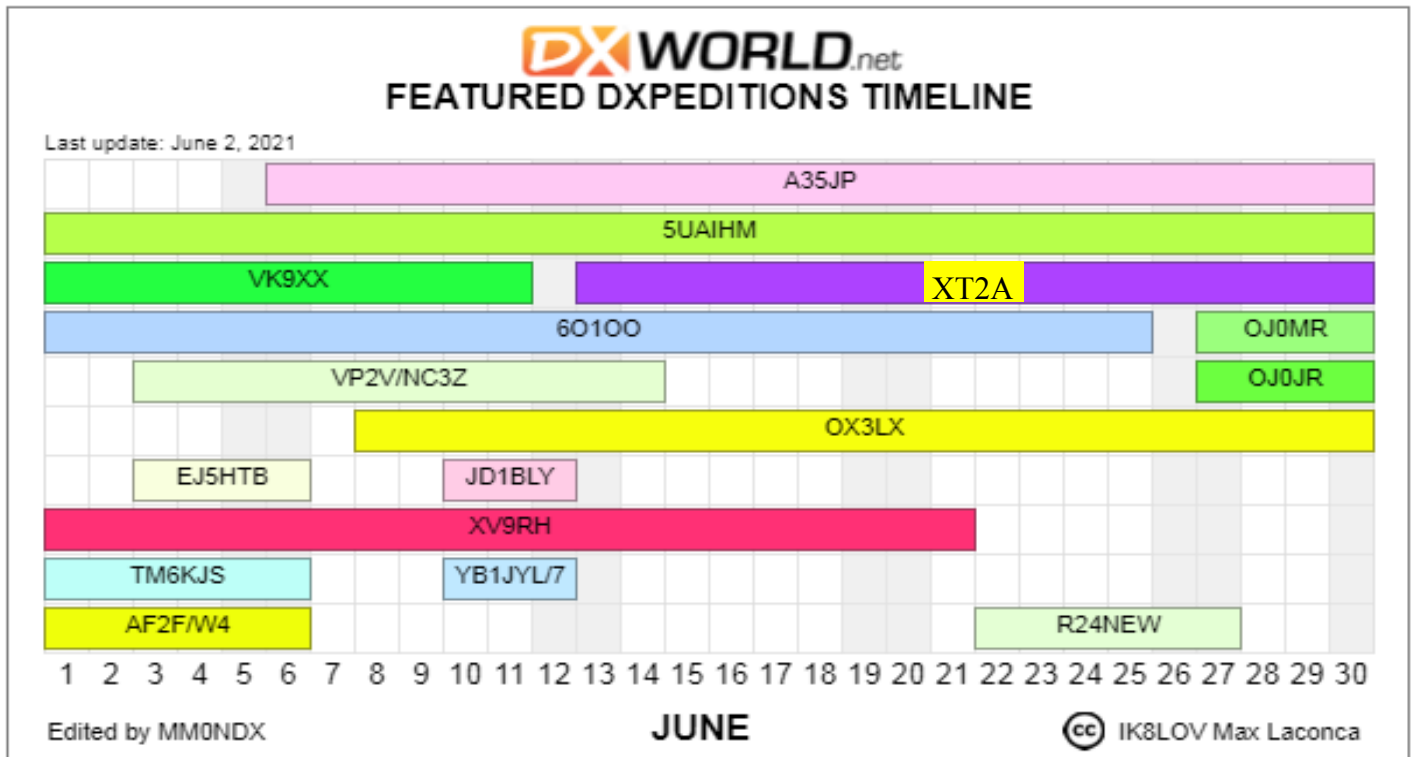
Due to many and important monastic obligations, but also due to daily forced changes in his schedule because of Covid-19, Monk Iakovos (SV2RSG/A) assigns me the QSL duties.

Please – those radio amateurs who have confirmed contact with SV2RSG/A (Mount Athos) but also those who will be able to contact him in the near future – send their QSL cards to SV1RP via QRZ.com. For any other information, please refer to the SV2RSG/A page in QRZ.

Thank you in advance for your good cooperation and patience and be ready to contact the Monk Iakovos in the future.

Upcoming DX

Credit to DX World

**XT– Burkina Faso**

DF2WO, Harald, give us more details on his June 13 to 28 trip to Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso as XT2AW. He will have a Yaesu FT-991A running 100 watts into a hex beam, vertical, all band dipole and 80 cm offset for QO-100. Activity will be on FT8, CW and SSB on 160, 80, 60, 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10 and 6 meters.

SV5 - Dodecanese

DL3DRN, Wolf, is back in Kolymbia and QRV as SV5/DL3DRN from May 29 to June 21. Listen for him on CW, SSB and RTTY on all bands.

JW - Svalbard

LA7GIA, Ken, says two of his ops withdrew for personal reasons but they were replaced and six ops depart for the island in July. This is Prins Karls Island. The trip necessitates an expensive dedicated ship from Longyearbyen. The island is in the nature reserve on the west side. It was last on the air in 2001. The landing will be by dinghy. Prospective 3Y0J team members will do some practice landings. They will all concentrate on the RSGB IOTA Contest weekend but the other days will focus on North America and Asia and will do all modes, CW, SSB and FT8/4. The antennas will be VDAs and vertical on the beach at the ocean's edge with good takeoff in all directions. Polar bears on the island are a danger; they will be alert for them 24 hours a day. The ops are doing some firearm training (not joking). The budget for this is 13,000 USD.

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
2021					
April					
2021 Apr25	2021 Jun25	Somalia	6O1OO [spots]	See Info	425DXN 20210416
May					
2021 May10	2021 Jun27	Niger	5UAIHM [spots]	F4IHM	TDDX 20210416
2021 May15	2021 Jun15	Haiti	HH2JA [spots]	LoTW	OPDX 20210523
2021 May20	2021 Jun20	Nigeria	5N7MSF [spots]	eQSL	TDDX 20210517
2021 May23	2021 Jun05	Martinique	FM [spots]	ON4RU Direct	ON4RU 20210314
2021 May28	2021 Jun11	Christmas Is-land	VK9XX [spots]	EB8DX	DXW.Net 20210415
CQ WW WPX Contest, CW (May 29-30, 2021) Check here for pericontest					
2021 May29	2021 Jun21	Crete	SV9 [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20210601
2021 May30	2021 Jun30	Tonga	A35JP [spots]	LoTW	JA0RQV 20210404
2021 May31	2021 Jun21	Vietnam	XV9RH [spots]	OE1JUN	TDDX 20210602
June					
2021 Jun03	2021 Jun14	British Virgin Is	VP2V [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20210517
2021 Jun08	2021 Jul10	Greenland	OX3LX	LoTW	TDDX 20210521
2021 Jun10	2021 Jun12	Ogasawara	JD1BLY	J15RPT	J15RPT 20210422
2021 Jun13	2021 Jul05	Burkina Faso	XT2AW	M0OXO	DXW.Net 20210602
2021 Jun27	2021 Jul04	Market Reef	OJ0	LoTW	TDDX 20210531

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2021 NEW Jun30	2021 Jul03	Alaska	KL7RRC	N7RO	TDDX 20210420
2021 Jun30	2021 Jul04	Liechtenstein	HB0	EB7DX	TDDX 20210518
July					
2021 Jul04	2021 Jul17	British Virgin Is	VP2V	K3TRM	DXW.Net 20210603
2021 Jul07	2021 Jul12	Alaska	KL7RRC	N7RO	TDDX 20210420
2021 Jul07	2021 Jul14	Aruba	P4	ND7J	ND7J 20190722
2021 Jul14	2021 Jul16	Alaska	KL7RRC	N7RO	TDDX 20210420
2021 Jul14	2021 Jul21	Bahamas	C6AHA	LoTW	DXW.Net 20210305
2021 Jul23	2021 Aug03	St Vincent	J88PI	GW4DVB Direct	DXW.Net 20200727
2021 Jul21	2021 Jul26	Svalbard	JW0W	LoTW	DXW.Net 20210422
RSGB IOTA Contest, SSB (Jul 24-25, 2021) Check here for pericontest					
2021 Jul25	2021 Sep04	Azores	CT8	LoTW	TDDX 20210519
August					
2021 Aug01	2021 Aug30	Dominican Republic	HI9	eQSL	TDDX 20200206
September					
2021 Sep20	2021 Sep30	Tanzania	5H1IP	ClubLog OQRS	DXNews 20210227
2021 Sep21	2021 Oc- t05	St Pierre & Miquelon	FP	LoTW	DXW.Net 20191126
CQ WW DX Contest, RTTY (Sep 25-26, 2021) Check here for pericontest					
2021 Sep29	2021 Oc- t13	Maldives	8Q7CQ	M0OXO	DXW.Net 20201025

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October					
2021 Oct01	2021 Oct30	Mellish Reef	VK9HR	TBD	TDDX 20210128
2021 Oct09	2021 Oct23	Surinam	PZ5GE	LoTW	DXW.Net 20210323
2021 Oct16	2021 Nov12	St Kitts & Nevis	V47JA	LoTW	W5JON 20201209
2021 Oct25	2021 Nov01	St Eustatius	PJ5	LoTW	W5JON 20201209
CQ WW DX Contest, SSB (Oct 30-31, 2021) Check here for pericontest					
November					
2021 Nov03	2021 Nov13	Willis I	VK9W	TBD	DXW.Net 20210215
CQ WW DX Contest, CW (Nov 27-28, 2021) Check here for pericontest					
December					
2021 Dec01	2021 Dec10	St Martin	TO9W	LoTW	TDDX 20210527
2021 Dec16	2021 Dec22	Bangladesh	S21DX	LoTW	DXW.Net 20210319
2021 Dec25	2022 Jan25	Bouvet I	3Y0I	TBA	DXW.Net 20210405
2022					
2022 Mar02	2022 Mar11	Galapagos	HD8M	LoTW	TDDX 20220423
2023					
January					
2023 Jan15	2023 Feb05	Bouvet I	3Y0J	LoTW	N6PSE 20210404