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From the Editor's DESK

Hope your summer has been as busy as mine. Family and friends, surprise birthday parties, pool parties and just having an 813 with a fellow ham monopolized my summer. It's so nice to have some plague social behaviour return into our lives. It seems like eternity.

Another thing that has changed just recently is the end of sporadic-E 6M activity. What a marvelous season we had this year. Personally I added 28 new ones to my DXCC 6M chase. I'm still a few short, but looks like I'll have to wait till 2022 to get a new piece of wallpaper. Many of our SEMDXA members were heard on the air chasing the choice DX on 6M this season as well.

The Canadian/USA border opened to non-essential travel USA persons on Sunday this week. Huge line ups at the border have been observed. But the border is still closed to non-essential travelling Canadians wanting to enter the USA.

DXpeditions announcements are still few and far between, and the ones that are being announced seem to be going to the same place! Covid still has an vicious grip on the world, and is throttling any DXpedition activity in the short term. It may still be a while (another 12 months?) before we see an up-tick in DXpeditions going to the rare entities.

Good DX

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Chet VE3CFK

SEMDXA Secretary and Long Path editor

Calendar

NEXT Meeting:

NEW

Virtual Meeting

September 9th, 2021 at 7 PM

PROGRAM

Esteban Romagni

YV5DTA/W4DTA

Speaking about

“TBA“

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The 3Y0J team are delighted to inform about our continued effort to activate Bouvet island. After cancellation of the previous attempt due to the ill-fated sale of the vessel Braveheart we decided to continue the effort and search for a suitable and affordable vessel.

Today we announce that we have signed a contract with an expedition vessel with a proven track record and experienced polar crew that will take us to Bouvet in November 2022. The vessel is MARAMA and is fully booked for the 2021/2022 season. The cost is significantly reduced compared to our previous Braveheart charter. With the signing of the vessel contract we will start fundraising immediately. On this journey to Bouvet we have assembled a team of 12 operators and we plan to spend 20 days around Bouvet. The QTH at Bouvetøya will be Cape Fie at the South East part of the island, the only feasible part where a DXpedition can safely setup the camp on rocky ground, we will not set camp on the glacier. We will have a wide area of 150 x 800 ft to setup the camp and the antenna farm.

Back in April 2020 we started our effort to activate Bouvetøya – a Norwegian DXCC in South Atlantic Ocean and also known as the world's most remote island. In close co-operation with NPI we received the needed permits in September 2020 to activate Bouvetøya, which also included a helicopter permit.

We also together with NPI researched and was provided photos that showed a beach landing was possible. In November 2020 we were approached by Intrepid and we joined our efforts. After the sale of Braveheart in June we informed Intrepid that we would continue our effort to activate Bouvetøya and search for a suitable and affordable vessel. Last week we were ready to launch the vessel news to the team members. As we sent out this information it was leaked to Intrepid group which caused Intrepid in a hurry to send out a press release the following day that they would go to Bouvet. The act of the team member came as a big surprise to us, the same did the announcement from Intrepid as they were informed we would continue the project.

As of today we still hold the only valid amateur radio team license specifically issued for the purpose of activating Bouvet (3Y0J). With the NPI permits, the license, the signed vessel contract and a new expedition vessel we're ready to move forward. The team of 12 operators will fund much of the budget but we also need the global DX Community to support our mission and help us make this important activation of the #2 most wanted DXCC entity. It is only through this kind of support that we can achieve our mission of making 120,000 contacts or more from Bouvet in November 2022. Without support there will be no activation.

In closing, we especially wish to thank our many Foundations, Clubs and Individual donors. Without this kind of support, operations to the world's rarest entities would not be possible.

You can soon follow our plans from our website 3Y0J.NO (please note change of website to .no) and [the 3Y0J Facebook group](#).

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 September 9h 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 September **in-person** meeting cancelled. BUT! We're having a Virtual Meeting on Thursday September 9th!
- WRTC 2022 postponed to 2023

NOT CANCELLED YET

Some things to look forward to:

- Sun spot Cycle 25 and 26
- September issue of The Long Path
- 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>

Bouvet Is.

Confused? The Bouvet Is. DXpedition mentioned 2 pages prior is the THIRD Bouvet Island DXpedition planned for the next 2 years! They are:

3Y0I by the Rebel DX Group, expected in late 2021

3Y0J in November 2022

Intrepid DX Group in early 2023

Bouvet Is.

Dear Global DX-Community.

On June 18th, we announced that we were continuing to seek new transportation to Bouvet in support of our Bouvet 2023 project. At the same time, we have refunded all donations as there was a high degree of uncertainty that we could move forward.

We are pleased to announce that we have found a suitable/affordable vessel willing to take us to Bouvet. We are negotiating the terms of that charter contract now.

We have submitted a new application to the Norwegian Polar Institute.

We have revised the Leadership of our team as follows:

David Jorgensen-WD5COV Co-Leader, Operations, Antennas.

Kevin Rowett-K6TD Co-Leader, Systems/Networks, Procurement, Logistics

Paul Ewing-N6PSE Co-Leader, Planning, Public Relations, Tents, Logistics.

Together, this leadership team will assemble 12 Operators to make this vision a reality

Bouvet Is. (cont'd)

We are revising our website and soon, we will begin fundraising for this renewed effort.

We are extremely grateful for all our past Sponsors and Donors and we hope that you can support this renewed effort.

Sincerely,
The Bouvet 2023 Team

Pete K8PGJ

On August 21, Pete will be ZF2PG in the NAQP SSB contest.

Hamfest Calender

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,

TZ - Mali

TZ4AM (K1MMB), Jeff, will remain in Bamako until September 22nd. He then plans to head home to Miami for three months.

Drafted by - EA3O

PERIODIC TABLE OF MAJOR AMATEUR RADIO CONTESTS



2021

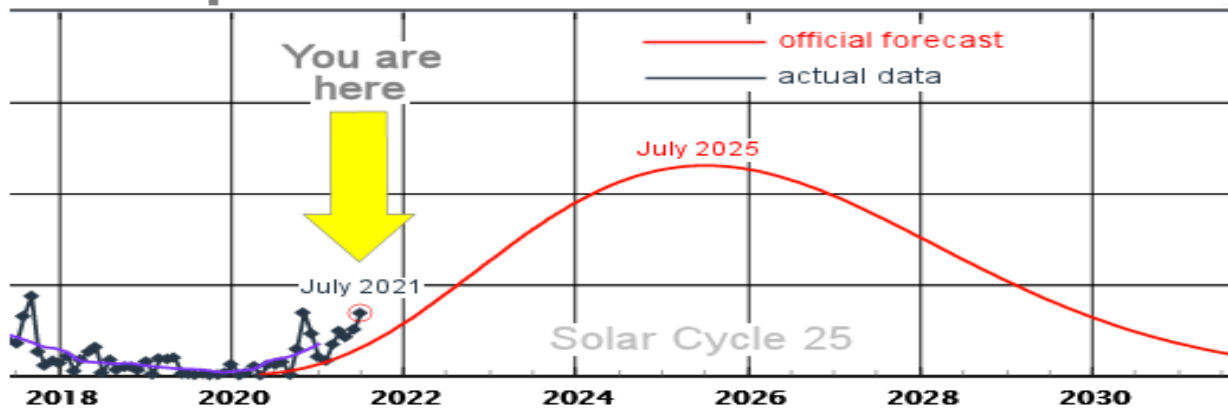
Multimode off-the-air CW SSB Digital VHF/UHF

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 0300Z 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 2359Z Oceania CW	6 2100Z WAE RTTY	3 0300Z 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 1600Z Worked All Germany	22 0300Z ARRL SS SSB	18 2359Z RAC Winter
16 1800Z ARRL January VHF	18 0359Z CQ 160 SSB	26 2200Z WPX SSB	27 0000Z Florida QSO Party	28 2400Z Contest University Dayton Hamvention	20 2159Z ARRL Field Day	23 1700Z RSGB IOTA	24 2100Z WW Digi	25 1200Z CQWW RTTY	26 2400Z CQWW CW	23 2400Z CQWW CW	25 2400Z HAPPY HOLIDAYS
29 2200Z CQ 160 CW	31 2159Z CQWW SSB			29 2900Z WPX CW	30 2400Z CQWW SSB				30 0000Z CQWW SSB	31 2400Z CQWW SSB	

Cycle 25

New sunspot data show that Solar Cycle 25 is heating up faster than expected. In fact, Solar Max could arrive in 2024 instead of 2025 as originally forecast. See the data and learn more @ Spaceweather.com.

Sunspot Counts: Predicted vs. Actual



Above: As Solar Cycle 25 gets started, sunspot activity is over-performing the official forecast.

SV5 - Dodecanese

After being away for the past two year's G2JL, Mort, is back in Kos and QRV as SV5/G2JL until November.

OY - Faroe Is.

OY/DF8AN is planned from Torshavn for July 31 to August 8. Op Michael Nortemann says it will mostly be CW "and some digi modes," 80-6M.

E5 - South Cook Is

ZL1AAO, Bruce, plans to be on from there August 7-19, a casual operation with 100 watts on SSB to a dipole. He will start from Atiu Island then go to Rarotonga.

KH9 - Wake Is

KK4WZI, Stacy, is going to the island to work, some weeks from now. He will have several days break from the job and wants to get on the air, and also expects to be back on Wake every six months or so. He will have a Yaesu FT-891 and ATAS-25 portable antenna and may make a vertical to cover 40-10 also. Saying his Morse skills are weak, he thinks he'll stick to FT8 and FT4.

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

3X2021 - Guinea

Jean-Philippe, F1TMY (ex-J28PJ) will soon be active from Conakry, Guinea. He has been issued with the callsign 3X2021 (although this callsign may change through time). He'll be staying in Guinea for up to 5 years. Follow him on [Twitter](#).

OH0 - Aland Is



SP1EG, SP1F, SP1IVL, SP3VAX, SP1Z and SQ1WO will be active from Aland Islands EU-002 as OH0KRF during August 23-29, 2021. QRV on 80-10m; CW, SSB, FT8/4, RTTY.

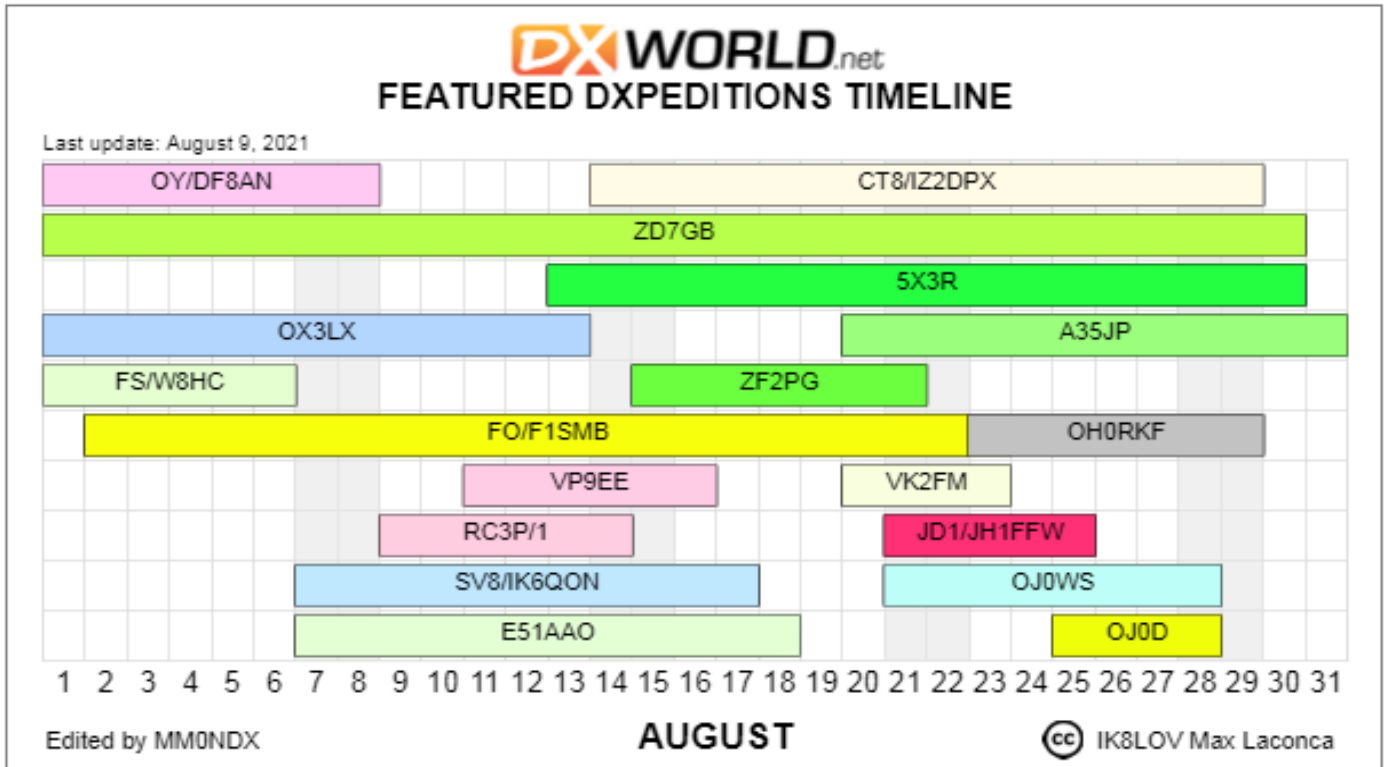
Grids vs DXCC entities

A list of DXCC entities matched to the grid fields is now available

online: <https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nofars.net%2Fgridfield.html&data=04%7C01%7C%7C3a0dca073ac04918ce0108d95b4cc3f7%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637641207531805308%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IkhWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=DEImES1HIVMkguGBIHHe6Kip9AR0bpdrOZUuOETtH6E%3D&reserved=0>

Upcoming DX

Credit to DX World



Upcoming DX

Credit to: NG3K Amateur Radio
Contest/DX Page

Start Date	End Date	Dxcc Entity	Call	QSL via	Reported by
2021					
July					
2021 Jul14	2021 Aug15	Nicaragua	YN2RP [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20200712
2021 Jul17	2021 Aug31	Cyprus SBA	ZC4CBK [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20200716
RSGB IOTA Contest (Jul 24-25, 2021) Check here for pericontest activity					
2021 Jul25	2021 Sep04	Azores	CT8 [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20210519
2021 Jul28	2021 Aug13	Greenland	OX3LX [spots]	LoTW	DXW.Net 20210719
2021 Jul30	2021 Sep17	Peru	OA7 [spots]	DD5ZZ	DD5ZZ 20210622
August					
2021 Aug01	2021 Aug30	Dominican Republic	HI9 [spots]	eQSL	TDDX 20200206
2021 Aug02	2021 Aug23	French Polynesia	FO [spots]	eQSL	DXW.Net 20210704
2021 Aug05	2021 Aug10	San Andres I	HK0 [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20200209
2021 Aug05	2021 Aug30	Morocco	CN2BBV [spots]	IW5BBV	425DXN 20210730
2021 Aug06	2021 Sep14	Corsica	TK [spots]	LoTW	425DXN 20210730
2021 Aug09	2021 Aug19	South Cook Is	E51AAO [spots]	ZL1AAO (B/d)	TDDX 20210729
2021 Aug11	2021 Aug16	Bermuda	VP9EE	OZ2I	OZ2I 20200616
2021 Aug13	2021 Sep02	Uganda	5X3R	Club Log OQRS	DXW.Net 20210809
2021 Aug14	2021 Aug29	Azores	CT8	IK2DUW	TDDX 20210729

Editors NOTE:

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

Upcoming DX

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2021 Aug15	2021 Aug21	Cayman I	ZF2PG	LoTW	TDDX 20210809
2021 Aug21	2021 Aug25	Ogasawara	JD1	LoTW	DXW.Net 20210716
2021 Aug21	2021 Aug28	Market Reef	OJ0WS	OH3WS Buro	TDDX 20200712
2021 Aug21	2021 Sep30	St Lucia	J68HZ	LoTW	TDDX 20200716
2021 Aug23	2021 Aug29	Aland Is	OH0KRF	SP1KRF	DXW.Net 20210809
2021 Aug25	2021 Aug28	Market Reef	OJ0D	LoTW	OG7D 20200710
September					
2021 Sep01	2021 Oct31	Tonga	A35JP	LoTW	JA0RQV 20210802
2021 Sep05	2021 Sep19	Dodecanese	SV5	DL2AAZ (B/d)	TDDX 20210614
2021 Sep10	2021 Sep13	Kosovo	Z68XX	DL2JRM	DL2JRM 20210730
2021 Sep13	2021 Sep28	Rwanda	9X2AW	M0OXO	DXW.Net 20210720
2021 Sep17	2021 Sep20	Faroe Is	OY	LoTW	DXNews 20210709
2021 Sep20	2021 Sep30	Tanzania	5H1IP	ClubLog OQRS	DXNews 20210227
2021 Sep21	2021 Oct05	St Pierre & Miquelon	FP	LoTW	DXW.Net 20191126
CQ WW DX Contest, RTTY (Sep 25-26, 2021) Check here for pericontest					
2021 Sep29	2021 Oct13	Maldives	8Q7CQ	M0OXO	DXW.Net 20201025
October					
2021 Oct01	2021 Oct30	Mellish Reef	VK9HR	TBD	TDDX 20210128
2021 Oct02	2021 Oct16	Sao Tome & Principe	S9OK	LoTW	DXNews 20210616
2021 Oct04	2021 Oct18	St Kitts & Ne- vis	V47JA	LoTW	W5JON 20201209

Upcoming DX

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Contest/DX Page

2021 Oct07	2021 Oct19	Guinea Bis- sau	J5T	I2YSB	I2YSB 20210609
2021 Oct12	2021 Oct20	Surinam	PZ5ZS	LoTW	DXW.Net 20210713
2021 Oct12	2021 Nov01	Svalbard	JW6VDA	LoTW	DXNews 20210627
2021 Oct15	2021 Oct18	Surinam	PZ5G	LoTW	DXW.Net 20210323
2021 Oct18	2021 Oct23	Sint Maarten	FS	LoTW	W5JON 20201209
2021 Oct24	2021 Nov01	St Eustatius	PJ5	LoTW	W5JON 20201209
2021 Oct21	2021 Nov08	eSwatini	3DA0RU	LoTW	DXW.Net 20210620
2021 Oct25	2021 Nov06	Bahamas	C6AHB	LoTW	NN2T 20210810

[CQ WW DX Contest, SSB \(Oct 30-31, 2021\) Check here for pericontest](#)

November

2021 Nov24	2021 Dec01	Rwanda	9X4X	4Z5FI	OPDX 20210801
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[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 20210423
2022 Nov01	2023 Nov30	Bouvet I	3Y0J	LoTW	DXW.Net 20210809