



Long Path



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CQ DX.... CQ DX

Just a little bit corny.

This is your NEW/old President, Chuck Houston, W8GWS, also known as “Great White Shark”! I live just outside of Port Huron in Clyde Township/Wadhams area.. My history in communication goes like this: I spent 26 years doing “Illegal Communications.” The US Navy paid me to purposely screw up communications. I became “Legal” in 2012 as KJ6UJF [southern California] and after moving to Michigan became W8GWS. Needed to get contacts to point their antenna north not west. After the Navy I started my next career as the Chief of Safety & Occ. Health [Detroit/Los Angles]. Finally retiring in 2012.

I have over 300 DX and 3,500 QSO's, majority in phone and digital, unable CW, in my short “ham career”, way behind you EXPERTS! ENUF bout me, just a couple of items regarding SEMDXA.

We have reviewed the Constitution/By-Laws and made a few updates. After review by the Association Officers, will provide them to the membership for acceptance. As we seem to be getting a handle on COVID restrictions, I have been investigating a new meeting venue possibly as early as October! If capable I will let everyone know soonest, anticipate eMail.

I have run out of space in the Long Path so I will leave you with this If you have any suggestions feel free to eMail or call me At W8GWS@ARRL.NET or 310-505-9038.

Stay Safe and Healthy ... see you soon!

NEXT Meeting:

NEW

Virtual Meeting

September 9th, 2021 at 7 PM

PROGRAM

Steve Romagni
W4DTA

Speaking about

Ham Radio in Paradise

and

Venezuela IOTA'S &YVØ

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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=N0t3N1RpUFZjVGQzZHZwTnU0bHpuUT09>

CANCELLATIONS

- SEMDXA September **in-person** meeting cancelled. BUT! We're having a Virtual Meeting on Thursday September 9th!
- WRTC 2022 postponed to 2023
- There appears to be good news in NO NEWS. As the number of cancellations diminish in frequency, it would appear that Covid-19 is releasing it's hold on society and Ham Radio related activities are returning to a pre-pandemic levels.

NOT CANCELLED YET

Some things to look forward to:

- Sun spot Cycle 25 and 26
- October issue of The Long Path
- Thanksgiving, Christmas
- 2021 W9DXCC. There were still some seats available in Contest University!

7Q - Mali

7Q7CT, Vasco, was found September 1st on FT8 on 21.074 between 1000 and 1200Z and 14.074 MHz from 1930 to 2115Z. QSL via JH1AJT.

6M Season

6M sporadic-E season appears to be over for the summer. Now's the time to "tune" your station for the Fall/Winter opening. Your editor needs to extend his 6 element beam to the original 7-element design, now that the tree trimmers have trimmed the neighbors trees allowing 360 degree rotation.

ZD7 - St. Helena Is.

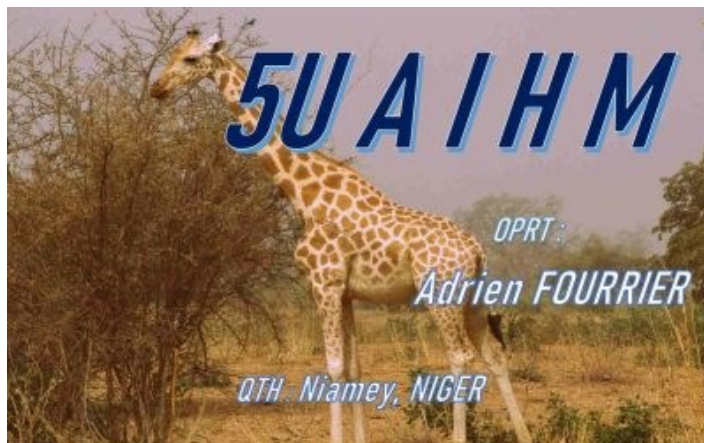
K4MQG, Gary Dixon, reported last week ZD7GB has been very active, on both 17M and 15M FT8. ZD7GB is a medical doctor from England and appears to be the only ZD7 currently using Logbook of the World. The postal cost to others is several USD and it's a long wait for a paper QSL.

VK9/N - Norfolk Is.

VK2DX, Nick Hacko, says VK9DX (his upcoming new call) is not an expedition; he plans to settle on the island as a permanent resident. Norfolk Island and New South Wales, VK2, are both currently in covid lockdown. He and his wife are waiting for the travel restriction to lift and then they're moving there. The new QTH is five acres with plenty of room for antennas. He says, "I am looking forward to spending as much time as possible stretching wires and playing radio!"

T6 - Afghanistan

S53R, Robert, operator at T6AA and T6A is safely back home in Slovenia and is expecting to QSY to his next work assignment in 9N - Nepal late next month.



5UAIHM will again be active from Niamey during September 11 to October 22, 2021. QSL via F4IHM.



3Y0 - Bouvet Is.

Dear DX Community,

We now find ourselves the #3 team in line to go to Bouvet. This recent development is not comfortable for us so we are now re-examining the Top Ten most wanted DXCC entities with a plan to redirect our efforts to an activation that will be most beneficial for everyone.

We are now closing our plans to visit Bouvet, however we plan to activate a different rare and much needed entity in January/February 2023. That is now our focus.

Watch for more updates on this exciting new project.

We wish our former 3Y0J Teammates a safe and productive journey to Bouvet.

Thank you,
The Intrepid-DX Group

3Y0J - Bouvet Is.

The Northern California DX Foundation is pleased to announce it is granting \$100,000 to the 3Y0J 2022 Bouvet Island DXpedition planned for November 2022. Bouvet Island is #2 on the ClubLog Most Wanted List world-wide.

DXpeditions to rare entities like Bouvet Island that are so remote are becoming more expensive and more logistically challenging, a trend that we believe will continue. Hopefully this major DXpedition marks the return of DXpeditions to some of the entities at the top of the most needed DXCC list in this new solar cycle and in the post-pandemic world.

Hamfest Calender

9/11/2021 - Greater Louisville, Shepherdsville, KY
 9/11/2021 - GRAHamfest, Grand Rapids, MI
 9/12/2021 - Findlay Hamfest, Findlay, OH
 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
 9/18/2021 - Mound ARA Swapmeet, Miamisburg, OH
 9/18/2021 - Miami Co Swap Meet, Troy, OH
 9/19/2021 - Adrian Hamfest, Adrian, MI
 9/25/2021 - Paintsville Hamfest, Paintsville, KY
 9/26/2021 - Cleveland Hamfest, Berea, OH
 10/2/2021 - VetteCity/Great Lakes Convention, Bowling Green, KY
 10/9/2021 - Midland Pop-up Trunk Sale, Midland, MI
 10/9/2021 - Northwest Ohio ARC Hamfest, Westminster, OH
 10/16/2021 - Muskegon Color Tour Swap, Muskegon, MI
 10/17/2021 - Kalamazoo Hamfest, Kalamazoo, MI
 10/31/2021 - Massillon Swap, Massillon, OH
 11/6/2021 - Grant ARC Hamfest, Georgetown, OH

DX IS!

I sing the hymn of the conquered, who
 Fell in the Battle of Bouvet -
 The hymn of the wounded, the beaten,
 Who died overwhelmed in the fray.

Go search the world and search the sea,
 Then come home and DX with me.
 There's no such gold and no such pearl!
 As bright and beautiful QSL . . .

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 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 1300Z ARRL June VHF	8 1159Z IARU HF	9 1159Z WAE CW	12 1800Z WAE SSB	14 0300Z Oceania CW	13 0000Z WAE RTTY	11 2359Z 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	17 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	28 2400Z Contest University Dayton Hamvention	20 2159Z ARRL Field Day	23 1700Z RSGB IOTA	24 1200Z WW Digi	25 1200Z CQWW RTTY	26 2400Z HAPPY HOLIDAYS	27 0000Z CQWW CW	28 2400Z HAPPY HOLIDAYS
29 2200Z CQ 160 CW	31 2159Z CQWW SSB			29 0000Z WPX CW	30 2400Z CQWW SSB				30 0000Z CQWW SSB	31 2400Z CQWW SSB	

FT8W - Crozet ?

FT - French "subantarctic territories"

F5UFX Seb, has led expeditions to some of the French possessions. His group has an application in for one of these rare ones, a "French Southern Lands National Nature Reserve World Heritage site." Previous applications were turned down to concerns about the island's conservation status, the project said to be "too risky." (editors note: Seb hasn't stated which "French possession" they have an application for, but if memory serves me correctly there was mention of Crozet Island in the past. Let's keep our fingers crossed for Crozet Is.)

HR - Honduras

F2JD, Gerard, plans to be back in Copan Ruinas from December 8 to April 5. Listen for him as HR5/F2JD on CW, SSB and digital modes on all bands. QSL direct or via the bureau to F6AJA.

FT8 - Falkland Is.

Husband and wife operators VP8NX, David, and VP8VK, Suzan, are once again back on the air. The Pole-Evans are now QRV on the FT8 frequencies on 80, 40, 20 and 15 meters using a fan dipole with 20 watts.

3D2CR - Conway

The Rebel DX Group point out they had a two-man team there two years ago. Due to covid and transportation limitations, just one op is going for this next one, with more info to come

5H - Tanzania

5H3MB is an operation by IK2GZU, Maurizio, starting September 25 and going to November 20. He has a Yaesu FT-891 and an amplifier to dipoles and a groundplane for 30M.

TL - Central Africa

TL - Central African Republic
TL8AA on CW, SSB and RTTY and TL8ZZ on FT8 will be the "Italian DX Team" next spring, seven ops, four stations, 160-6M. Planned dates to follow.

3X - Guinea

Jean Philippe, F1TMY will sign 3X2021 during his upcoming visit, starting in mid-September. He will be on 160 to 6 meters and the QO-100 satellite. He will also be portable from Los Islands, IOTA AF-051. QSL through Club Log.

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

KH8/S - Swains

There is an upcoming W8S DXpedition to Swains Island, which is expected in "Spring 2022". This one ranks #30 on Club Log's Most Wanted DXCC list. The 10 man DXpedition team includes DL6JGN, DJ9HX, DL6KVA, DL2AMD, PA3EWP, PA4WM, PG5M, PA9M, AG4W and KO8SCA. The boat ride from American Samoa to Swains Islands is expected to take 12 hours. Plans are to have four stations operating on CW, SSB FT8 and RTTY from two camp sites.

PJ5 - St. Eustatius

PJ7JA is an expedition in October. W5JON, John, says it's been several years since PJ5, St. Eustatius, has been on. John plans on making 2-3 trips per year to PJ5 and/or PJ7.

3B8 - Mauritius

During this year's CQ World Wide DX CW Contest, along with "a few days before and after" 3B8M will be QRV.

5 Mhz DXCC ?

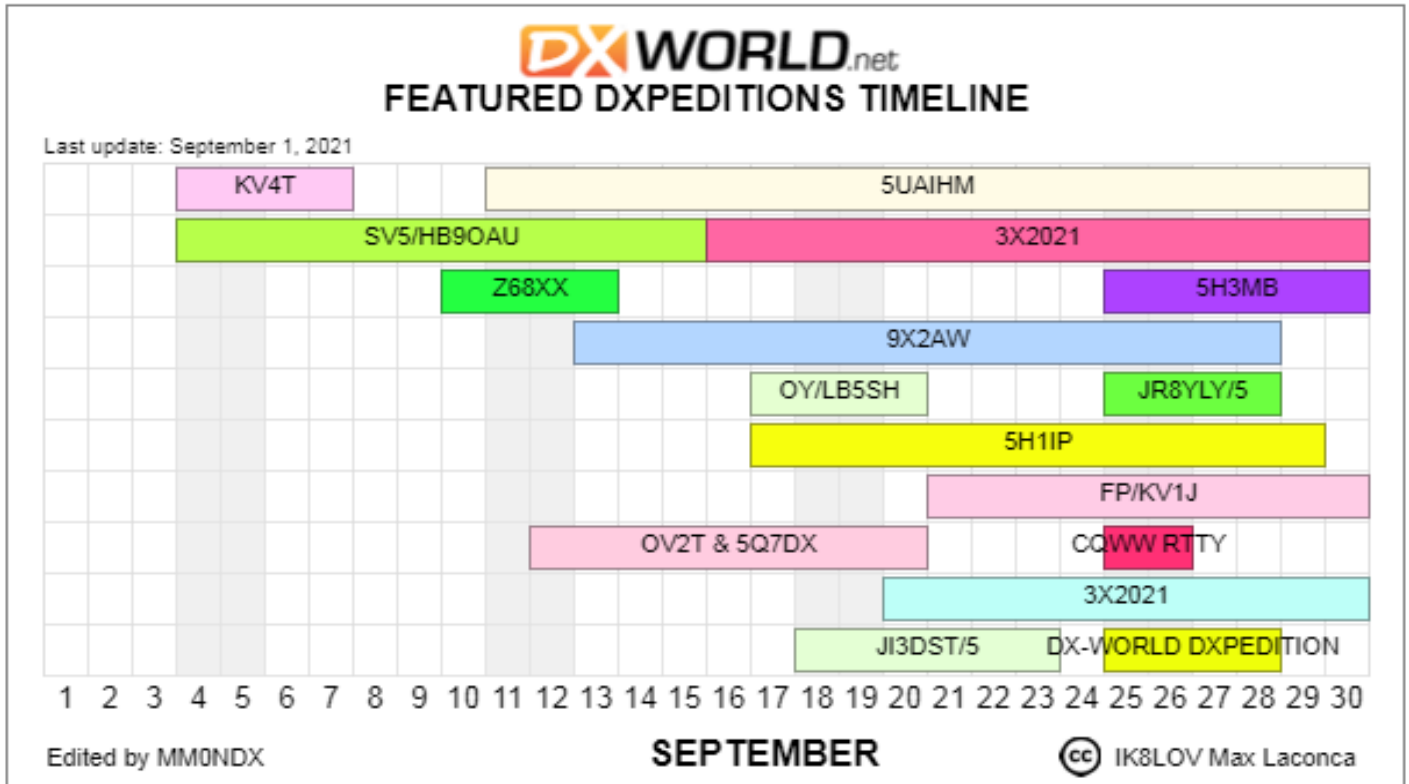
The 5 MHz enthusiasts say 80 percent of the CEPT countries have now granted privileges to hams on this band. 39 out of 48 countries in the treaty group have approved it. DXCC won't be far away!

KH9 - Wake Is

3D2AG has been given a special 5 MHz individual permit. He says it is done on a case-by-case basis by special request. He has been asking for it since 2020.

Upcoming DX

Credit to DX World



3D2/C - Conway

The Rebel DX Group reported the following on Facebook. "Finally after months of negotiations we are finally recived Navy permission to leave main island Viti Levu by one of our yacht here during the covid restrictions. Situation in Fiji is not easy, but we are going forward with the projects.

During the next 2 weeks we will set a sail to Conway Reef. 3D2CR license will be renewed. This time will be one man expedition and hard test before our plans for Bouvet 3Y0I in December 2021

Just to remind you in 2019 our 2 man's team did over 33.000+ qso's in 8 days and made new world best score qso/day/operator."

Pete K8PGJ

On October 28-29, Pete will be ZF1A in the CQ WW SSB contest.

C5 - The Gambia

F5RAV, Luc, reports F5NVF, Gerard, will be active October 24 to November 19, callsign C5C. He may be able to extend his stay. He plans to be on 40-10 CW and SSB with 100 watts from an IC-7000. At some point he will be joined by M0NPT and F5RAV who will be on "all bands" with an IC-705 and Expert 1.3 KFA amp, FT8, SSB and CW and possibly the QO-100 satellite. Their visit appears to be the October 28 to November 8 portion.

Upcoming DX

Credit to: NG3K Amateur Radio
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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	DCCC Entity	Call	QSL via	Reported by
2021					
July					
2021 Jul25	2021 Sep04	Azores	CT8 [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20210519
2021 Jul30	2021 Sep17	Peru	OA7 [spots]	DD5ZZ	DD5ZZ 20210622
August					
2021 Aug06	2021 Sep14	Corsica	TK [spots]	LoTW	425DXN 20210730
2021 Aug13	2021 Sep02	Uganda	5X3R [spots]	CLub OQRS	DXW.Net 20210809
2021 Aug21	2021 Sep30	St Lucia	J68HZ [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20200716
2021 Aug23	2021 Sep05	Cape Verde Is	D4SAL [spots]		DXMB 20210818
2021 Aug23	2021 Oc- t31	Tonga	A35JP [spots]	LoTW	JA0RQV 20210802
September					
2021 Sep04	2021 Sep16	Dodecanese	SV5	LoTW	DXW.Net 20210811
2021 Sep05	2021 Sep19	Dodecanese	SV5	DL2AAZ (B/d)	TDDX 20210614
2021 Sep05	2021 Sep28	Liechtenstein	HB0	DARC Bu- ro	TDDX 20210811
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 Sep17	2021 Sep29	Tanzania	5H1IP	Club Log OQRS	DXNews 20210819
2021 Sep19	2021 Sep24	Crete	SV9	IK2DUW	TDDX 20210830
2021 Sep20	2021 Sep30	Tanzania	5H1IP	ClubLog OQRS	DXNews 20210227

Upcoming DX

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NEW 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 Sep25	2021 Nov20	Tanzania	5H3MB	LoTW	DXW.Net 20201027
2021 Sep29	2021 Oc- t13	Maldives	8Q7CQ	M0OXO	DXW.Net 20201025
October					
2021 Oc- t02	2021 Oc- t16	Sao Tome & Principe	S9OK	LoTW	DXNews 20210616
2021 Oc- t04	2021 Oc- t18	St Kitts & Nevis	V47JA	LoTW	W5JON 20201209
2021 Oc- t12	2021 Oc- t20	Surinam	PZ5ZS	LoTW	DXW.Net 20210713
2021 Oc- t12	2021 Nov01	Svalbard	JW6VDA	LoTW	DXNews 20210627
2021 Oc- t13	2021 Oc- t26	Guinea Bis- sau	J5T	LoTW	I2YSB 20210609
2021 Oc- t15	2021 Oc- t18	Surinam	PZ5G	LoTW	DXW.Net 20210323
2021 Oc- t18	2021 Oc- t23	Sint Maarten	PJ7JA	LoTW	W5JON 20201209
2021 Oc- t24	2021 Nov01	St Eustatius	PJ5	LoTW	W5JON 20201209
2021 Oc- t24	2021 Nov19	Gambia	C5C		DXW.Net 20210827
2021 Oc- t21	2021 Nov08	eSwatini	3DA0RU	LoTW	DXW.Net 20210620
2021 Oc- t25	2021 Nov06	Bahamas	C6AHB	LoTW	NN2T 20210810
CQ WW DX Contest, SSB (Oct 30-31, 2021) Check here for pericontest ac-					
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					
February					
2022 Feb24	2022 Mar08	St Vincent	J88PI	GW4DVB Direct	TDDX 20210823
March					
2022 Mar02	2022 Mar11	Galapagos	HD8M	LoTW	TDDX 20210423
April					
2022 Apr01	2022 Apr15	Central Afri- can Rep	TL8AA	I2YSB	I2YSB 20210827
October					
2022 Oc- t01	2022 Oc- t30	Sable I	CY0C	TBA	TDDX 20210813
November					
2022 Nov01	2023 Nov30	Bouvet I	3Y0J	LoTW	DXW.Net 20210809