



Long Path



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Hello again!

Here is my second message for the LONG PATH.

After many hours of concerted effort by the ASSOCIATION OFFICERS we have reached a consensus on the SEMDXA Constitution & By-Laws update. You should receive a copy in your email shortly for your review and we can discuss and hopefully vote acceptance in the November General Meeting [via ZOOM].

It appears we are rounding the corner on the COVID medical emergency/pandemic with a relaxing of restrictions. There has been a little research done to locate a new meeting venue that meets our requirements, hopefully by the January meeting timeframe. KUDO's to DOUG, N8VY for organizing the XMAS Party at Zukey Lake!

The last note I have is to sing the praises, with my lousy voice, of the LONG PATH Editor/"DO IT ALL" As you peruse these pages remember the effort placed in collecting and publishing this great newsletter.

That's all I have for now....See you on Zoom.

Stay Safe and Healthy !

Chuck, W8GWS

NEXT Meeting:

NEW

Virtual Meeting

November 11th, 2021 at 7 PM

PROGRAM

Tim Duffy

K3LR

Speaking about his

**Multi-Multi Contest Station
Tour**

SEMDXA OFFICERS

President: Chuck Houston, **W8GWS**

Vice-president: Dave DeRain, **K8ESQ**

Treasurer: Brad Nowak, **N8SNM**

Secretary: Chet Latawiec, **VE3CFK**

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and Steve Culp, **K8QKY**

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DXCC Checker: Bill Jones, **N8KF**

DXCC Checker: Less Butler, **W8MSP**

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VUCC Checker: Jim Sanford, **K8ZZU**

CQ Checker: Mike Rudzki, **N8MR**

Minutes of October Meeting

by Chet VE3CFK, Secretary

Meeting opened at 7:08 PM

A role call was not taken. But there were 19 participants in the ZOOM meeting.

Chuck W8GWS, President started off the meeting stating that:

- The evenings presentation would be before the business meeting. No objections heard.
- He would present his in person meeting venue findings

Hibachi Buffet at 14 Mile and Van Dyke has been identified as a promising prospect. It has ZOOM capabilities and Oriental and American fare. The meeting room is free, but no alcoholic beverages. More to follow.

Ted, K8NA introduced the evenings presenter at 7:13. The presenter was Adrian KO8SCA. Adrian's talk was about Market Reef—its history and facilities. Adrian also gave insights into the upcoming 3Y0J Bouvet DXpedition.

Ted, K8NA proposed a \$500 donation to the 3Y0J Bouvet DXpedition. The SEMDXA Executive stated they would consider Teds proposal and make recommendations at the next SEMDXA meeting.

The business meeting started at 8:53 PM

Old Business - non

New Business

The SEMDXA officers have been reviewing the clubs Constitution and Bylaws to bring it more current. Discussion at Thursdays meeting was had with respect to several Constitutional points without resolution. It was requested that a Board of Directions meeting be held via ZOOM the following Tuesday or Thursday at 7:00 PM to further discuss the Constitution/Bylaws.

Brad N8SNM, Treasurer, presented a treasurers report.

Larry K8MU motioned the meeting be closed.

Steve K8QKY seconded.

Meeting closed at approximately 9:45 PM.

Zukey Lake Christmas Luncheon

Back by popular demand and the easing of Covid restrictions, our traditional December Christmas Luncheon has been scheduled for Thursday December 16th at Zukey Lake Tavern. At the moment vaccination proof is not required and masks are optional. Hopefully a menu will be available for publishing for the next Long Path. Let's hope nothing changes from now till then.

ZOOM MEETINGS

As most of our readership are aware, SEMDXA in-person monthly meetings have been replaced with virtual meetings.

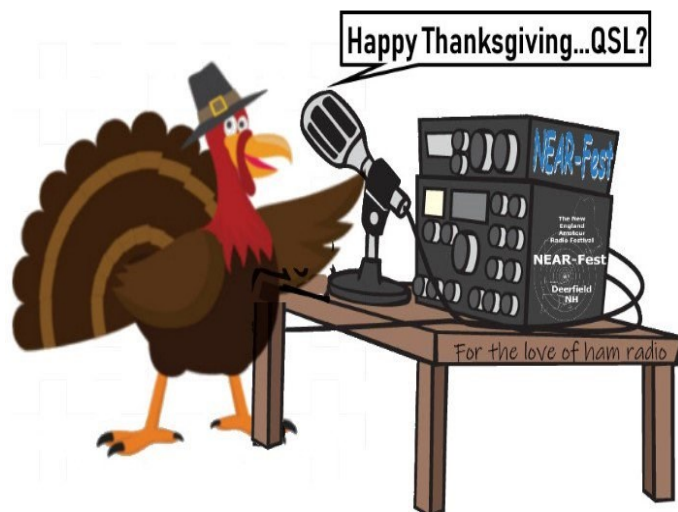
For those not familiar with ZOOM, please refer to the 2020 October or November issues of The Long Path which are accessible online on the SEMDXA Website for details on how to setup your computer for a ZOOM meeting.

**Use the one step process
and just click on the link
below to join the meeting.**

<https://umich.zoom.us/j/91352970493?pwd=N0t3N1RpUFZjVGQzZHZwTnU0bHpuUT09>

SEMDXA 2021/2 DUES Are now DUE

Just a reminder that membership dues are now being accepted by Brad. He still is not accepting stamps or IRCs and because we're not meeting in-person till December at Zukey Lake, either on-line PayPal or mail-in checks or money-orders are being accepted.



4L - Georgia

K5BM, Tom, will be 4L2BM, in western Georgia. Tom will be working there until his departure January 5, planning to spend most of his on-air time on 20M "with some 40M thrown in."

RI1 - Antarctica

RI60ANT activity is expected by op Oleg, ZS1ANF (ex-R1ANF) from Bellingshausen Base or Mirny Base in early or mid-December.

CANCELLATIONS

- SEMDXA November **in-person** meeting cancelled. BUT! We're having a Virtual Meeting on Thursday November 11th!
- 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 its hold on society and Ham Radio related activities are returning to a pre-pandemic levels.

NOT CANCELLED YET

Some things to look forward to:

- Zukey Lake Christmas Lunch—Dec 16
- Sun spot Cycle 25 and 26
- December issue of The Long Path
- Thanksgiving, Christmas

Club Log

G7VJR Michael gave a great presentation at the RSGB Convention lately on what Club Log is and what it does. Here's a link to the presentation:

<https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3D4b5TeD4Qdv8&data=04%7C01%7C%7C426e8bf586264be7a69d08d99f9b100e%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637716310634623469%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikl1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=ORwYZsN4D716iGt7%2Ffx9XYNx6fi7juqF8rwO8boPFids%3D&reserved=0>

CQ DX Marathon

John Sweeney K9EL the CQ DX Marathon Manager has a great web page with lots of useful information. Check out the great maps, especially the one on Antarctica. Here's the link:

<http://www.dxmarathon.com/helpfulhints/2021/HelpfulHints2021.htm>

T22 - Tuvalu

The Rebel DX group plans on going here in April of 2022. Stay tuned.

T33 - Banaba

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7Q - Malawi

K6ZO, Don Jones, Malawi call sign 7Q6M, arrived in Lilongwe October 26. He will be operating here for several weeks. End date unknown.

C5 - The Gambia

Gerard, F5NVF will be active from The Gambia as C5C during October 24 to November 19, 2021. QRV on CW & SSB; 40-10m. He will be joined by M0NPT & F5RAV (October 28 to November 5) who plan activity on all bands, all modes; possibly QO100 too.

DX IS !

FT#C - Crozet Is.



NEWS UPDATE by F6EXV – Crozet 2022 DXpedition is now on twitter (@crozet2022). People who already want to support the DXpedition can send their donations either through Paypal (crozet2022@orange.fr) or by wire transfer. In that case, they should ask for bank details by email (crozet2022@orange.fr). Donors should indicate their call sign, and tell us if they mind us publishing it (not the amount).

A website is under construction, and will be put on the web soon. Details will be there, hopefully in French, English, Spanish, German, Japanese, and maybe Russian ! We will set the benefits of early donors, and they will be published there. Patience !

OCTOBER 27, 2021 – After many months of efforts and negotiations, the TAAF (the body in charge of the FTs administration) has granted permission for a one-man nearly 3-month operation from Crozet Island to Thierry F6CUK, from mid-December 2022 to mid-March 2023 (be patient!) Exact dates will come just prior to the operation. The last activity from Crozet was in 2009 by Florentin F4DYW as FT5WQ.

Details will be forthcoming in the next few days, weeks and months, when they become available and publishable.

Please do not try to contact either Thierry F6CUK or Paul F6EXV for the time being, there will be no reply to any messages related to this operation until further notice.

Stay tuned !

TL7M - Central African Republic

LA7GIA, Ken, is operating from Bangui, TL7M, October 30 and goes to November 15, "all bands and modes." It is the first CAR activation on 60 meters. Ken is working two bands at once, CW/SSB on one and FT8/4 on a second one, "one computer, one brain" he says. Look for most of the activity on CW and FT8. Ken reports that his noise level on 160M is ZERO! Yes. S0.

HC8 - Galapagos Is

Members of the Tifariti Gang/DX Friends are QRV as HD8R until November 7. Activity is with four active stations on 160 to 6 meters, including 60 meters, using CW, SSB, various digital modes, and on Low Earth orbit Satellites.

FT#Y - Antarctica

F4FKT, David has planned out his travel for November through March. Here is the order of his travels during those several months:

FT4YM: Base Dumont d'Urville, Petrels Island, Antarctica

FT4YM/P: Base Concordia, Antarctica

FT4YM/P: Base Little Dome C, Antarctica

FT4YM/P: Base Cape Prud'homme, Antarctica

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

XT - Burkina Faso

DF2WO, Harald, says he will be on the air December 3rd through December 20th or 21st. When on the air he will be operating as XT2AW using 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.

Hamfest Calender

11/6/2021 - CANCELLED - Grant ARC Hamfest, Georgetown, OH

12/4/2021 - Fulton Co Winterfest, Delta, OH

12/5/2021 - L'Anse Creuse Swap, Troy, MI

EARLY 2022 Planned events:

1/16/2022 - SCARF Hamfest, Shade, OH

1/23/2022 - Hazel Park Swap, MI, location to be announced

3/13/2022 - NOARS Winter Hamfest, Elyria, OH

4/19/2022 - Cuyahoga Falls, Cuyahoga Falls, OH

3Z9DX Controversy Continues

The conflict between Dom 3Z9DX and the ham community seems to stem from IOTA's non acceptance of FT-8 QSO's made by Dom. It has to do with "contemporaneous direct initiation" of QSO's.

Paul VK4MA as a guest poster for DX World has written a lengthy post in DX World.

It is a lengthy post. I think it is worth reading. Remember it is only one man's view. It is not my view VE3CFK, SEMDXA's or it's members view. Only that of VK9MA. Here is the link:

<https://www.dx-world.net/guest-post-by-vk4ma/>

3Y0J - Bouvet Is.



Press Release #6 from 3Y0J team

We have reached our first payment milestone for the Marama vessel contract. Today we have paid the first deposit, and with this payment we confirm our plans of activating the #2 most wanted entity Bouvet. We would like to thank each individual and club who has contributed to this payment with their upfront support, especially thanks to our Lead sponsor NCDXF. It is a huge task and undertaking to go to Bouvet and we still critically need additional upfront support to close the budget.

We are happy to announce two additional operators to the team to make it complete with 13 operators. Dave WD5COV will re-join us on this adventure to Bouvet. Dave is a well-known and recognized DXer and DXpeditioner who has embarked on over ten major DXpeditions including three in the top ten most wanted category.

In addition, we have included Peter in the team as a combined crew and dedicated FTx operator. Peter is an experienced captain and expedition leader with huge experience from remote polar uncharted

areas and specializes in supporting some of the most complex expeditions in the Arctic and Antarctica. He is experienced in safety evacuation procedures, MOB maneuver in cold water, beach landings in difficult locations and he is an experienced zodiac operator that will be based in Norway. He will be heading up the zodiac landing at Bouvet.

Our preparation for Bouvet includes planning, constructing, and testing a system for landing zodiacs safely, this will be tested in rough sea in Norway before and after Christmas. We plan for several systems and techniques to adapt to the onsite conditions. We plan for safely landing the zodiacs in different manners also with some swell, unmanned and with less risk for operators. And we prepare for the event that zodiacs are capsizing and we still can retrieve the equipment. We have done the first preliminary sea trials of the zodiac equipment in Norway and will continue sea trials to further mature the concept. We plan for a gasoline powered winch system to lift equipment up the cliff, and this will be tested in Norway after Christmas. We plan to access the 25 ft cliff with professional means, and if needed prepare for climbing and bolting a short route to gain access. We refresh our climbing experience, and some team members will be certified climbers. In 2022 we will practice safe rope access training and evacuation down the cliff with instructor also including emergency evacuation with injured operator. We will have IRATA educated instructors training with us.

We also have an extended off-island team of 5 Norwegian professionals and experts from the maritime industry assisting us. These are former captains and chief engineers with huge experience within RIB SAR vessels, maritime risk assessment and safety training. Some of them have stayed several seasons at Bouvet, stayed anchored at Cape Fie, have passed Bouvet more than 60 times and have done zodiac landing at the same spot. With all these upcoming events and the knowledge in the extended team – be rest assured this will be a well planned and executed project. You can follow our plans from our website :

<https://www.3y0j.no/>

Drafted by - EA3O

PERIODIC TABLE OF MAJOR AMATEUR RADIO CONTESTS



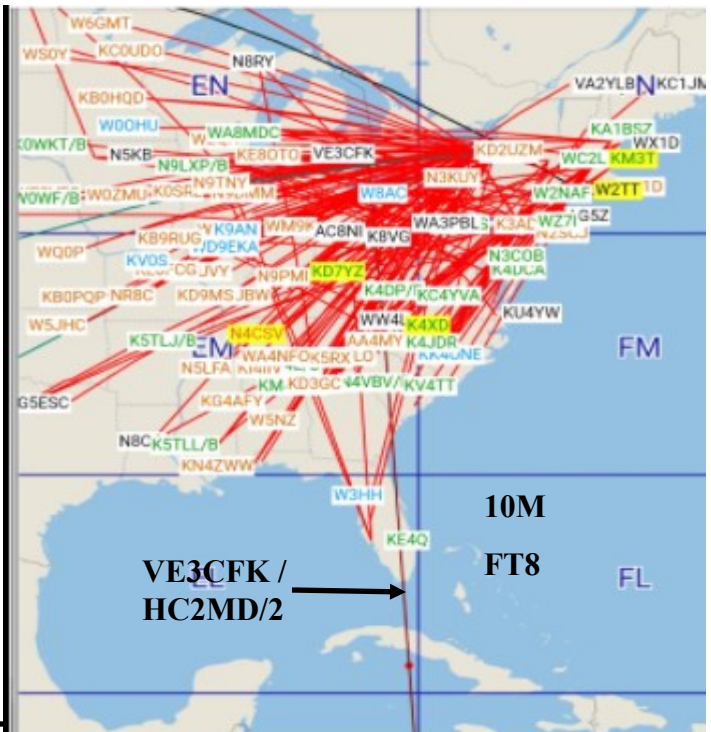
2021

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	6 2400Z SP Polish DX	7 1500Z 7QP/IN/DE New England QSO Parties	3 1500Z SEANET Contest	4 1400Z Marconi Memorial HF	7 1800Z NAQP CW	8 0600Z CWops CW Open	2 2359Z 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	10 0400Z CQ-M DX	11 1300Z ARRL June VHF	12 1159Z IARU HF	14 1200Z WAE CW	15 0000Z WAE SSB	9 2359Z Oceania CW	10 0800Z WAE RTTY	13 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 1600Z WA/NJ/NH QSO Parties	18 varies Worked All Germany	20 1500Z ARRL SS SSB	17 1459Z RAC Winter
16 1800Z ARRL January VHF	18 0359Z CQ 160 SSB	26 2200Z WPX SSB	27 0000Z Florida QSO Party	24 2400Z Contest University Dayton Hamvention	25 2159Z ARRL Field Day	20 1700Z RSGB IOTA	23 1800Z WW Digi	26 2400Z CQWW RTTY	24 0000Z CQWW CW	27 2400Z HAPPY HOLIDAYS	28 0000Z HAPPY HOLIDAYS
29 2200Z CQ 160 CW	31 2159Z			29 0000Z WPX CW	30 2400Z				30 0000Z CQWW SSB	31 2400Z	

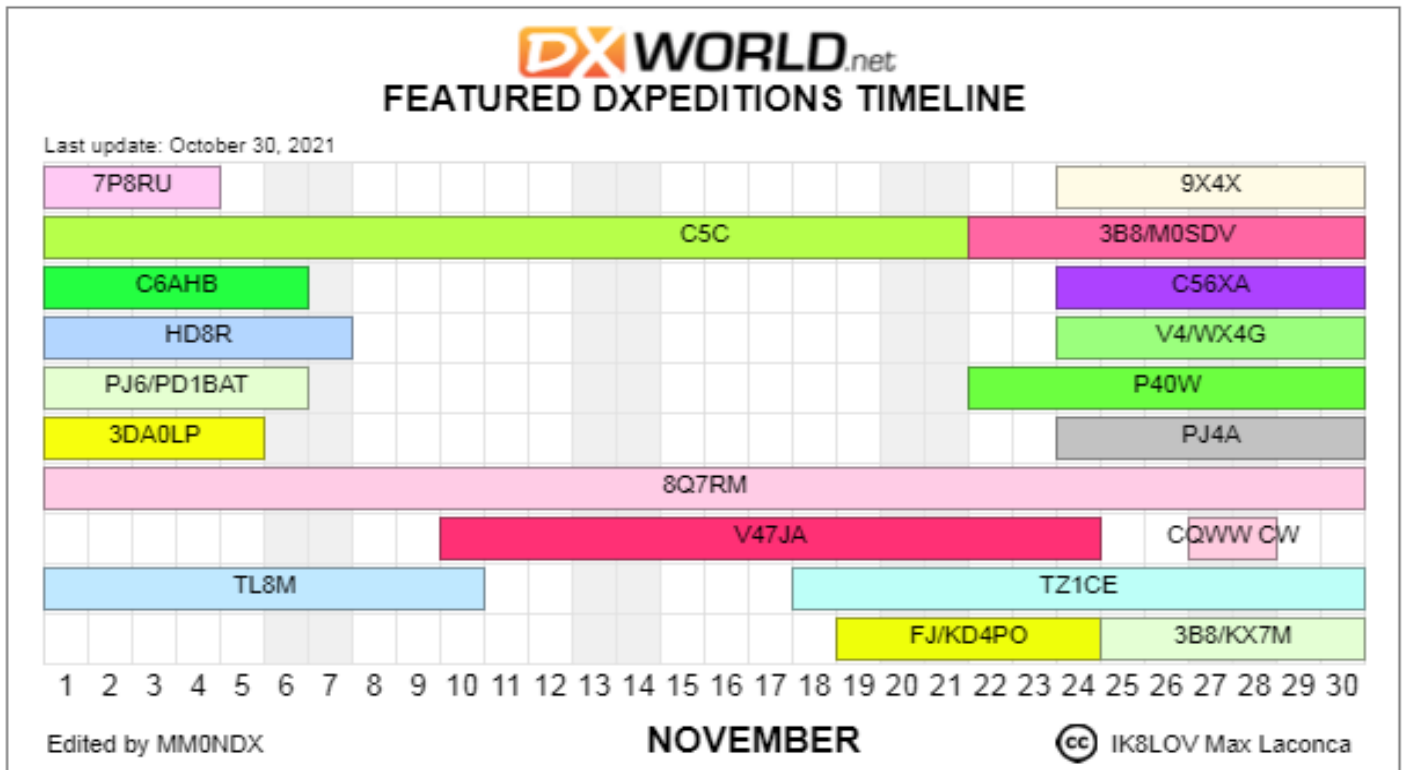
Cycle 25

Had some fun on 10M the other night. I had worked NE8Z as HC1MD/2 in Equator. Had a pipeline opening to Rick for a couple hours listening to him working JAs. Here's Rick's FT8 screen



Upcoming DX

Credit to DX World



Upcoming DX

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Contest/DX Page

Start Date	End Date	DXCC Entity	Call	QSL via	Reported by
2021					
August					
2021 Aug23	2021 Oct31	Tonga	A35JP [spots]	LoTW	JA0RQV 20210802
September					
2021 Sep25	2021 Nov20	Tanzania	5H3MB [spots]	LoTW	DXW.Net 20201027
October					
2021 Oct08	2021 Nov03	French Guiana	FY [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20210929
2021 Oct12	2021 Nov01	Svalbard	JW6VDA [spots]	LoTW	DXNews 20210627
2021 Oct21	2021 Nov03	Sint Maarten	PJ7P [spots]	LoTW	DXW.Net 20211018
2021 Oct22	2021 Nov04	Lesotho	7P8RU [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20211022
2021 Oct23	2021 Nov01	Saba & St Eustatius	PJ5 [spots]	LoTW	W5JON 20201209
2021 Oct24	2021 Oct30	Maldives	8Q7HI [spots]	DL1HI Buro	DXNews 20211026
2021 Oct24	2021 Nov19	Gambia	C5C [spots]	F5RAV Direct	TDDX 20210906
2021 Oct24	2021 Nov19	Gambia	C5C [spots]		DXW.Net 20210827
2021 Oct25	2021 Nov06	Bahamas	C6AHB [spots]	LoTW	NN2T 20210810
2021 Oct26	2021 Nov07	Galapagos	HD8R [spots]	EA5RM	DXW.Net 20210921
CQ WW DX Contest, SSB (Oct 30-31, 2021) Check here for pericontest ac-					
2021 Oct30	2021 Nov05	Saba & St Eustatius	PJ5 [spots]	PD1BAT	DXW.Net 20211011

Editors NOTE:

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

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November					
NEW 2021 Nov01	2021 Nov05	eSwatini	3DA0LP	ZS6DPL Direct	DXW.Net 20211007
2021 Nov01	2021 Nov30	Maldives	8Q7RM	HB9SHD	DXW.Net 20210916
2021 Nov10	2021 Nov24	St Kitts & Nevis	V47JA	LoTW	W5JON 20201209
2021 Nov18	2021 Dec08	Mali	TZ1CE	DK1CE (B/d)	TDDX 20211014
2021 Nov19	2021 Nov24	St Barthelemy	FJ	KP4DO Direct	DXW.Net 20210909
2021 Nov22	2021 Dec01	Mauritius	3B8	F5CWU	OPDX 20211024
2021 Nov24	2021 Dec01	Rwanda	9X4X	4Z5FI	OPDX 20210801

[CQ WW DX Contest, CW \(Nov 27-28, 2021\) Check here for pericontest ac-](#)

December					
2021 Dec01	2021 Dec14	Dominican Republic	HI	DL2SBY B/d	TDDX 20211018
2021 Dec01	2021 Dec10	St Martin	TO9W	LoTW	TDDX 20210527
2021 Dec03	2021 Dec20	Burkina Faso	XT2AW	LoTW	TDDX 20211029
2021 Dec08	2021 Dec31	Honduras	HR5	F6AJA (B/d)	TDDX 20210902
2021 Dec16	2021 Dec22	Bangladesh	S21DX	LoTW	DXW.Net 20210319
2021 Dec25	2022 Jan25	Bouvet I	3Y0I	TBA	DXW.Net 20210405

2022

January					
2022 Jan15	2022 Jan31	Comoros	D6	TBA	DXW.Net 20211010
2022 Jan20	2022 Feb01	Guadeloupe	TO6S	F6KJS Direct	F5LRL 20211021

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2022 NEW Jan23	2022 Feb01	Aruba	P4	DL4MM	DL4MM 20211020
February					
2022 Feb08	2022 Mar01	St Kitts & Ne- vis	V4	LoTW	DXNews 20211014
ARRL International DX Contest, CW (Feb 19-20, 2022) Check here for					
2022 Feb24	2022 Mar08	St Vincent	J88PI	GW4DV B 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	2022 Nov29	Bouvet I	3Y0J	LoTW	DXW.Net 20210809
December					
2022 Dec15	2022 Dec31	Crozet	FT8/c	TBA	TDDX 20211028