



# Long Path



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## From the Editor's DESK



Happy New Year to you and your families. I hope you all had a pleasant and healthy holiday season and brought in the new year with lots of cheer. Let's hope 2022 is a lot better than 2021. I know it will be better. It just has to be!

The upcoming virtual SEMDXA meeting on Thursday 13th will have a several important items on the agenda. First and foremost will be the membership vote on the newly edited SEMDXA constitution and bylaws. A second emailing will be made shortly to the membership of the revised Constitution for your review prior to the meeting. Second on the agenda will be the results of the email ballot for approval of monetary donation to the Bouvet DXpedition - 3Y0J. Last but not least, will be the election of a new SEMDXA president.

14 folks attended the SEMDXA Christmas Luncheon at Zukey Lake Tavern. A photo of the attendees (buried within these pages) shows them having a great time. This coming December we'll have many more attending. (cont'd...)

**NEXT Meeting:**

# NEW

## Virtual Meeting

January 13th, 2022 at 7 PM

PROGRAM

January meeting to be a business meeting to clear up some outstanding issues.

### SEMDXA OFFICERS

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## From the EDITORS DESK... cont'd

The Covid pandemic is still large in the news and our lives. Many of us, if not all of us, were hoping that by this point in time it would have been old news. But it appears to have raised its ugly head again, and again is impacting on our lives. This is no more evident than in the list of DXpeditions that are up coming. Two years ago, our Long Path displayed almost 4 entire pages at the back end of this publication of upcoming scheduled DXpeditions. This month it barely covers two pages. Three big DXpeditions, two to the same entity—Bouvet Island plus Crozet Island are scheduled for this year. Hopefully the Covid Grip will relax and these DXpeditions can come to fruition.

The “Periodic Table of Major Amateur Radio Contests” by EA3O for 2022 has not been published at this time. CDXA equivalent is included in this newsletter. What valuable aids these are in my opinion.

So for the start of 2022, there are already many changes. Hopefully as the year progresses the biggest change we'll see is the change of Covid from pandemic to endemic. And DX life will return to pre Covid times.

## HD8M – Galapagos

The HD8M team has decided that we will not be making the DXpedition to the Galapagos Islands originally planned for March 2-12, 2022. This decision was made after much discussion and consideration and was made after consulting with persons in Ecuador who are closely attuned to the nature of the global SARS CoV-2 pandemic (aka COVID-19, aka Coronavirus) and how it is spreading there and the impact it is having on Ecuador and the Galapagos. Given all the factors, many of which are shifting rapidly, and that team members were coming from various places in North America and would therefore need to travel through multiple countries, airports, and way points in order to reach the destination, it has become clear that the risks now make it unwise to proceed at this time. The team is hoping to reschedule.

## 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 upcoming  
meetings.**

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

## 9N - Nepal

9N7AA (S53R), Robert, has gotten his Ultra Beam/WIMO two-element Yagi covering 40-6 up, on top of his new residence, about 23 meters high, "with a clear shot in all directions. He hopes his 9N station will be completely set up by mid-month. And he has worked out an arrangement with neighbors for a 160/80 sloper. He hopes he will be operational on those bands by late February.

## FO/A - Austral Islands

N7QT, N6XG, DJ9RR, K5GS, W1SRD, N7BX and K0BEE are set for a DXpedition on April 16-28. They currently plan K3 and amplifier stations. Covid restrictions could affect the plans. The trip is self-funded but donations are welcome. See their [wed site](#)

## JW - Svalbard

JW/LB3RE, Rag plans a short operation in January 28-30 from the club station operating all bands CW.

## JW - Svalbard

DP0LE is a special callsign from the Arctic, aka "North Pole," in an expedition this coming April. It is very weather dependent and the schedule could change accordingly. The plans were delayed the last two years due to coronavirus. This is the third attempt by DC8TM, Thomas, and YL Martina, DF3TS.

## SV/A - Mt. Athos

SV2RSG/A, Monk Iakovos has been QRV on 20 meters FT8 Fox and Hound on 14.090 MHz lately. Listen for him on 20, 40 or 160 meters. QSL via SV1RP.

## PJ5 - St. Eustatius

W5JON, John Abbruscato, plans to return to St. Eustatius as PJ5/W5JON from April 26 to May 4, 2022. He will take a Yaesu FT-891, Elecraft KPA-500, Dipoles and a 3 element 6 meter Yagi.

## A5 - Bhutan

G4ENL, Peter, is planning to go back to Wangdue Phodrang, Bhutan next month as he is "involved with geotechnical investigations for a new dam". He will be QRV as A52CC.

## CANCELLATIONS

- SEMDXA January 2022 **in-person** meeting cancelled. BUT! We're having a Virtual Meeting on Thursday January 13th at 7 PM
- DXpeditions are still being cancelled and or delayed. Just when we thought things were improving!

## NOT CANCELLED YET

Some things to look forward to:

- 2022 Hamvention
- February issue of The Long Path
- 2022 International DX Convention in Visalia on April 8, 9 and 10th
- Thanksgiving, Christmas

## Members in Hospital

Recently Al Bailey, K8SIX and Larry Koziel, K8MU found themselves in hospital. Please keep them in your prayers for speedy recoveries.

## 3X - GUINEA

Jean-Philippe, 3X2021 is QRV from Conakry. Activity is on the HF bands. He has been QRV on 20 meters using SSB around 2100z. QSL via Clublog.

## 3Y0J - Bouvet Is.

We're happy to inform about some news related to the upcoming Bouvet DXpedition. (from 3Y0J web)

We have selected the Norwegian brand Arctic Lavvo who will supply us with their Venor Gamme tent. Arctic Lavvo will deliver custom made tents to the project that includes three tents for radio operation and sleeping. The manufacturer having its factory at latitude 70N is taking the extra step to ensure their high-quality products will sustain the Bouvet climate. The tent having been tested at JW Svalbard in extreme conditions up to 40 m/s will be improved further by adding extra guying levels and by strengthening the aluminium frame. We're confident selecting a Norwegian manufacturer with huge experience from this kind of climate is a wise decision.

We also would like to inform about the selection of SILCOM as the sponsor of our yagi antenna masts. SILCOM will deliver custom made antenna masts rated for the Bouvet climate. They will be named ALU-3Y0J and GLV-3Y0J where we will use the alu mast for the tribanders and the smaller steel mast for the dualbander yagis. All masts have been through detailed engineering to optimize the technical specification and rating to fit our InnovAntenna/Wimo Yagis. The masts being a square telescopic mast with tilt-over functionality and winch can easily handle 35 m/s at 10m level.

We're taking the preparation to the next level by procuring a milpro Zodiac. The strategic decision to buy the milpro Zodiac will enable us to train continuously on the critical beach landing in Norway. Having access to the exact same zodiac we will use at Bouvet, is just another step we have taken to ensure the success of this DXpedition.

We also have a change in the team. 3 team members are leaving the team due to various health and personal issues. Sandro VE7NY, Laci HA0NAR and Dima RA9USU are unfortunately leaving the team. We are happy to inform that we have already onboarded Cezar VE3LYC and Otis NP4G in the team.

## HAMVENTION

After a two year hiatus, the Dayton Amateur Radio Assn. has everything in gear to bring us back to the major ham radio event in the world. And it all happens here in the Great Lakes Division. It is major, it is local, and we all can step out and support Hamvention by being there. Go for all three days or go for one day, just be there! See the super-sized ham radio flea market, visit the vendor booths and see the latest and greatest radio products, attend the forums and get updated on that-is-happening-now in ham radio. Get those plans in place to attend in 2022.

Here are some words from the Hamvention Committee:

Ticket, booth and flea market space sales for Hamvention 2022 are underway earlier than usual. In the past, these sales have not opened until late December. General Chairman Rick Allnutt, W8SG, said the earlier sales were made possible through the hard work of several of committee chairs and the Assistant General Chair, Jim Storms, AB8YK. Storms said that anyone who rolled over Hamvention tickets, booths or flea market spaces from 2020 or 2021 should have received 2022 tickets by now. If they have not they should contact the appropriate committee: [tickets@Hamvention.org](mailto:tickets@Hamvention.org), [exhibits@Hamvention.org](mailto:exhibits@Hamvention.org) or [fleamaret@hamvention.org](mailto:fleamaret@hamvention.org). According to Storms and Allnutt, sales thus far suggest that 2022 should be a good year for Hamvention which was cancelled in 2019 and 2020 because of Covid-19. Allnutt added that several changes are in the works to improve the Hamvention experience for all the hams attending.

Hamvention, an official ARRL Sanctioned Event, will be held Friday-Sunday, May 20-22 2022 at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center.

## 3Y0I - Bouvet Is.

The following update is from the Rebel DX Group in reference to their 3Y0I DXpedition to Bouvet Island. This was posted on their Facebook page.

“ Folks

We still waiting for updates regarding travel ban to South Africa and overall covid situation there. We hope situation will be more clear very soon. We do not answer to some idiotic comments and questions on several forums. Those guys know everything the best , so we are not in the position to even try to explain.

No serious captain will allows the crew on board during this massive covid wave in south Africa and some other countries. Imagine you are on the way, or there and half of us getting sick. Some of those guys really lost their minds writing all those nonsens around.

Trip to Bouvet will take a place NOT WHEN those clowns wish or want ,It will take a place when is safe to travel for all members and boat support crew.”

Editors note...

So far they are still on track as the above was Facebook message was posted mid December 2021. But the Antarctic summer is coming to an end. Personally I think this DXpedition will not transpire this year, at least not early this year. That would be a pity as the Rebel Group has expended many hours and funds assembling this DXpedition.

## FT#X - Kerguelen Is.

FT4XW, Arthur, is working on Kerguelen Island until late this year. He is assembling his station and hopefully will be on the air soon. Watch for him on FT-4/8.

## Hamfest Calender

1/16/2022 - SCARF Hamfest, Shade, OH  
 1/23/2022 - Hazel Park Swap, Royal Oak, MI  
 2/5/2022 - HARA Swap, Negaunee, MI  
 2/12/2022 - Cherryland, Traverse City, MI  
 2/26/2022 - Livonia Swap, Redford, MI  
 3/5/2022 - Cave City, Cave City, KY  
 3/12/2022 - MOVARC Hamfest, Bidewll, OH  
 3/13/2022 - NOARS Winter Hamfest, Elyria, OH  
 3/20/22 - Toledo Mobile Radio Assn Swap, Perrysburg, OH  
 4/9/2022 - Cuyahoga Falls, Cuyahoga Falls, OH  
 4/24/22 - Athens Hamfest, Athens, OH  
 5/7/22 - Cadillac Hamfest, Cadillac, MI  
 5/20 to 5/22/2022 - Dayton Hamvention, Xenia, OH  
 5/21/22 - GMARC Trunk Swap, Shelby Twp., MI

## Zukey Lake Tavern

Here's the gang enjoying Christmas cheer at SEMDXA's 2021 Christmas luncheon at Zukey Lake Tavern. Thanks folks for keeping the tradition alive! See you all this year.



## 6M DX

6 meters is coming alive once more, although maybe not quite yet from this area. Some in the mid-USA were fortunate enough to work VKs and ZLs over the last 2 weeks. Good propagation has been seen within North America. A few new grid squares have come up which your editor snagged. Many, including your editor are awaiting the height of the 6M season to finish off their long awaited 6M DXCC. We wish them success.

## S79BMK – Seychelles



Hello, I am new to the radio hobby and still learning a lot. I am a foundation license passed in Seychelles via remote RSGB system, thanks to local radio club [www.sara.sc](http://www.sara.sc) and supportive members with SMA (Seychelles Maritime Academy) lending the venue.

I am a very occasional radio operator and if it happens you QSO with me it's like having New-Year Eve and Easter the same day

I am looking forward to more QRV and good luck to all in 2022.

## VP8 - Falkland Is.

VP8LP, Bob McLeod, reports, "The Falklands Amateur Radio Club are holding an event to commemorate 80 years since the children were evacuated out of the capital, Stanley, in 1942. The event will be hosted by Bobby, VP8ADR; and Lyndsay Short, VP8BTR; and their son Clint, VP8DKP, at Walker Creek Farm, accompanied by Bob McLeod, VP8LP; and XYL Janet, VP8AIB; and any other VP8s that may turn up and might like to have a spell at operating. Antennas will be set up on Friday 14th January and dismantled on Sunday 16th. All bands from 80m to 10m will be attempted, FT8/FT4 and SSB as conditions permit. Visitors to Walker Creek will be signing with their own callsigns /A. This is just a fun event, no competition or targets."

## VK9/N - Norfolk Is.

VK2FBBB, Rob, is back on Norfolk Island and will be QRV as VK2FBBB/VK9 from January 2 to 16. He is using an IC-7300 and Multiband End fed 1/2 wave 80 meter long wire with a 64:1 balun. Rob is running 10 watts on SSB on 80, 40, 15 and 10 meters

## 3DA0RU / 7P8RU

Russian DX Team were active from both eSwatini and Lesotho. They made a combined total of 180K QSOs, and this is their [video story](#).

## WSJT UPDATE

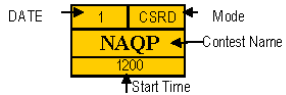
WSJT-X 2.5.4, a bug-fix release correcting flaws in release 2.5.3, is now available as a General Availability (GA) release.

Links to WSJT-X 2.5.4 installation packages for Windows and Linux are available at [physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/wsjt.html](http://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/wsjt.html),

CDXA Periodic Table of Contests - 2022

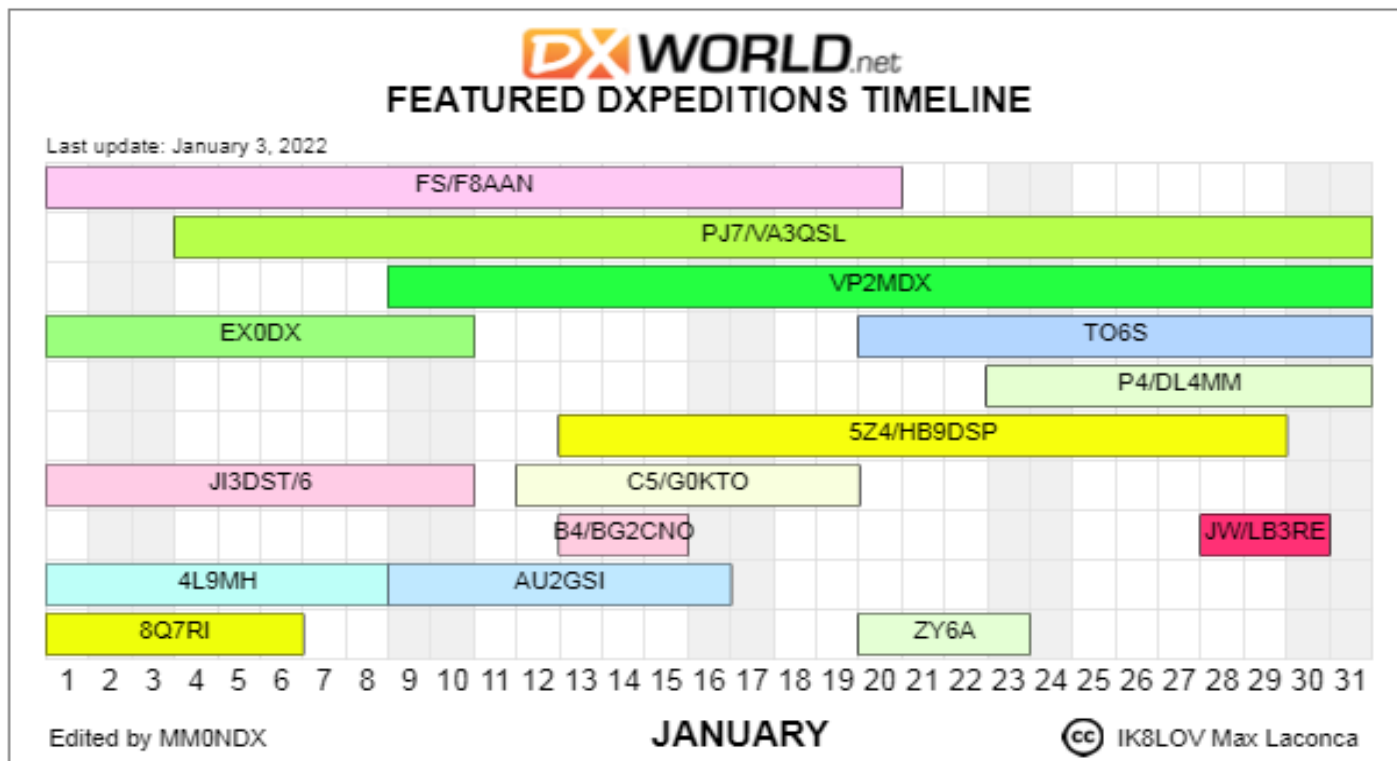
January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
8   R RTTY Roundup 1800	5   CSRD VT QSO Party 0000	5   S ARRL DX - SSB 0000	2   CSRD LA QSO Party 1400	7   CSRD 7th Area QSO Party 1300	4   CSRD KY QSO Party 1400	1   CS RAC Canada Day 0000	6   C NAQP - CW 1800	3   C CWops Open 0000	1   CS CA QSO Party 1800	5   S NA Sprint - SSB 0000	2   CS ARRL - 160M 2200
15   C NAQP - CW 1800	5   CSRD MN QSO Party 1400	12   CSRD OK QSO Party 1400	3   CSRD MS QSO Party TBD	7   CS IN QSO Party 1800	11   CSRD ARRL - VHF 1800	9   CS IARU 1200	13   C WAE DX - CW 0000	3   CSR CO QSO Party 1300	8   R Makrothen - RTTY 0000	5   C Sweepstakes - CW 2100	3   D FT Roundup 1800
22   S NAQP - SSB 1800	5   CSRD BC QSO Party 1600	12   C Stew Perry TBC 1500	2   CSRD MO QSO Party TBD	7   CSRD DE QSO Party 1700	18   C Stew Perry TBC 1500	16   CSRD CQWW - VHF 1800	13   CSR MDC QSO Party 1400	4   CSRD TN QSO Party 1800	8   CSRD NV QSO Party 0300	12   R WAE DX - RTTY 0000	10   CS ARRL - 10M 0000
15   CSRD ARRL - VHF 1900	5   C NA Sprint - CW 2300	12   CSRD ID QSO Party 1900	4   S NA Sprint - SSB 0000	7   CSRD New England QSO Party 2000	18   CSRD WV QSO Party 1800	10   CS IARU 1200	20   S NAQP - SSB 1800	10   S WAE DX - SSB 0000	8   CSR AZ QSO Party 1500	19   S Sweepstakes SSB 2100	17   CS RAC Winter 0000
22   R BARTG RTTY Contest 1200	12   R CQWW WPX - RTTY 0000	12   R NA Sprint - RTTY 2300	TBD   D FT(n) DX 1200	14   CSR AR QSO Party 1400	Mondays   C K1USN Test 0000	16   R NAQP - RTTY 1800	27   CSRD HI QSO Party 0400	10   CSRD ARRL - VHF 1800	8   CSRD PA QSO Party 1800	26   C CQWW - CW 0000	23   C Stew Perry TBC 1900
28   C CQ - 160M CW 2200	19   C ARRL DX - CW 0000	13   CSRD WI QSO Party 1800	9   CSRD NM QSO Party 1400	28   C CQWW WPX - CW 0000	Fridays   C K1USN Test 2000	30   CS RSGB IOTA 1200	27   D WW Digi DX 1200	10   CS AL QSO Party 1900	8   CSRD SD QSO Party 1300	Mondays   C K1USN Test 0000	Mondays   C K1USN Test 0000
Mondays   C K1USN Test 0000	25   S CQ - 160M SSB 2200	19   R BARTG RTTY 0200	9   CS GA QSO Party 1800	Mondays   C K1USN Test 0000	Mondays   C K1USN Test 0000	27   CS OH QSO Party 1800	11   C NA Sprint - CW 0000	15   CSRD NY QSO Party 1400	Fridays   C K1USN Test 2000	Fridays   C K1USN Test 2000	
Fridays   C K1USN Test 2000	26   CSRD SC QSO Party 1500	26   S CQWW WPX - SSB 0000	TBD   CSRD ND QSO Party TBD	Fridays   C K1USN Test 2000	Fridays   C K1USN Test 2000	27   CSRD KS QSO Party 1400	17   CSRD IA QSO Party 1400	15   CS Worked All Germany 1500	Fridays   C K1USN Test 2000	Fridays   C K1USN Test 2000	
	26   R NAQP - RTTY 1800		16   R CQMM DX 0900			Mondays   C K1USN Test 0000	17   CSRD NH QSO Party 1800	15   C Stew Perry TBC 1500			
	27   CSRD NC QSO Party 1500		16   CS MI QSO Party 1800			Fridays   C K1USN Test 2000	17   CSRD TX QSO Party 1400	16   CSRD IL QSO Party 1700			
	Mondays   C K1USN Test 0000		16   CS ON QSO Party 1800				17   CS NJ QSO Party 1800	29   S CQWW - SSB 0000			
	Fridays   C K1USN Test 2000		30   CS FL QSO Party 1800				17   CSRD WA Salmon Run 1800	Mondays   C K1USN Test 0000			
			Mondays   C K1USN Test 0000				18   R NA Sprint - RTTY 0000	Fridays   C K1USN Test 2000			
			Fridays   C K1USN Test 2000				24   R CQWW - RTTY 0000				
							24   CS ME QSO 1200				
							Mondays   C K1USN 0000				
							Fridays   C K1USN Test 2000				

**LEGEND**  
 GOLD = Major Contest= 10 points  
 Blue = QSO Party = 7 points  
 Pink = DX Contest = 5 points  
 C = CW      S = SSB  
 R = RTTY      D = Digital



### Upcoming DX

### Credit to DX World



## DXCC Most Wanted 2021

DXCC Most wanted countries 2021 Club Log version. Updated 25 December 2021.



[Click here for link](#)

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



## Upcoming DX

Credit to: NG3K Amateur Radio  
Contest/DX Page

Start Date	End Date	Dxcc Entity	Call	QSL via	Reported by
<b>2021</b>					
<b>December</b>					
2021 Dec22	2022 Jan03	Maldives	8Q7RI [spots]	HB9FHV	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20211229
2021 Dec28	2022 Jan03	Maldives	8Q7TR [spots]	OE1TRI	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20211215
2021 Dec29	2022 Feb22	Senegal	6W7 [spots]	F6HMJ	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20211227
<b>2022</b>					
<b>January</b>					
2022 Jan01	2022 Jan20	St Martin	FS [spots]		<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20211222
2022 Jan04	2022 Feb06	Sint Maarten	PJ7	LoTW	<a href="#">DXNews</a> 20211219
2022 Jan09	2022 Feb18	Montserrat	VP2MDF	W2APF	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20211215
2022 Jan20	2022 Feb01	Guadeloupe	<a href="#">TO6S</a>	F6KJS Direct	F5LRL 20211021
2022 Jan20	2022 Jan27	Mauritius	<a href="#">3B8HH</a>	See qrz.com	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20211203
2022 Jan23	2022 Feb01	Aruba	P4	DL4MM	DL4MM 20211020
<b>February</b>					
2022 Feb03	2022 Feb20	Zimbabwe	Z2	LoTW	<a href="#">DXNews</a> 20211118
2022 Feb08	2022 Mar01	St Kitts & Nevis	V4	LoTW	<a href="#">DXNews</a> 20211014
<a href="#">ARRL International DX Contest, CW (Feb 19-20, 2022) Check here for pericon-</a>					
2022 Feb24	2022 Mar08	St Vincent	J88PI	GW4DV B Direct	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20210823
2022 Feb25	2022 Feb27	Puerto Rico	<a href="#">KP3RE</a>	EA5GL	KP3V 20211215
2022 Feb26	2022 Mar26	Sint Maarten	PJ7AA	AA9A	AA9A 20211219

Editors NOTE:

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

## Upcoming DX

Credit to: NG3K Amateur Radio  
Contest/DX Page

March					
2022 Mar01	2022 Mar31	<b>Austral Is</b>	<a href="#">FO</a>		<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20211203
2022 Mar02	2022 Mar11	<b>Galapagos</b>	<a href="#">HD8M</a>	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20210423
<a href="#">ARRL International DX Contest, Phone (Mar 5-6, 2022) Check here for pericon-</a>					
April					
2022 Apr01	2022 Apr15	<b>Central African Rep</b>	<a href="#">TL8AA</a>	I2YSB	I2YSB 20210827
2022 Apr15	2022 Apr28	<b>Austral Is</b>	<a href="#">TX5N</a>	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20220101
2022 Apr26	2022 May04	<b>Saba &amp; Sint Eustatius</b>	<a href="#">PJ5</a>	LoTW	W5JON 20211230
June					
2022 Jun16	2022 Jul01	<b>St Kitts &amp; Nevis</b>	<a href="#">V47JA</a>	LoTW	W5JON 20211104
2022 Jun22	2022 Jun27	<b>Jan Mayen</b>	<b>JX</b>		<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20211203
July					
2022 Jul02	2022 Jul09	<b>Saba &amp; Sint Eustatius</b>	<a href="#">PJ5</a>	LoTW	W5JON 20211104
October					
2022 Oct26	2022 Nov03	<b>Cocos Keeling</b>	<b>VK9CM</b>	EB7DX	VK6VY 20211208
<a href="#">CQ WW DX Contest, SSB (Oct 29-30, 2022) Check here for pericontest activity</a>					
November					
2022 Nov01	2022 Nov29	<b>Bouvet I</b>	<a href="#">3Y0J</a>	LoTW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20210809
December					
2022 Dec15	2022 Dec31	<b>Crozet</b>	<b>FT8/c</b>	TBA	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20211028