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From the Editor's DESK

Our second in person meeting since Covid pandemic started will be held on **Wednesday, May 11th at 7:00PM at the Fork n' Pint Restaurant in Waterford, MI.** The meeting will also be ZOOMed. Instructions for joining the meeting via zoom are on the next page. See you at the meeting!

June is SEMDXA election of officers month. The top three positions are available for new officers. The posts of President (which is presently vacant), Vice-president and Secretary will be vacated by the present incumbents. Ted, K8NA will stay as Program Director, Chet, VE3CFK will stay as Long Path Editor and Brad, N8SNM is willing to continue as Treasurer, although Brad says "having been SEMDXA treasurer since 2005, someone else should consider taking a turn at counting the pennies." Please consider running for office in your club. At worst, it's only for a year!

The bands are slowly coming alive, with the exception of 6M for this geographic area. There have not been any openings into Europe or South America from this area of North America. Last year at this time we already had openings into SA. Fingers crossed for better propagation.

Hamvention is only weeks away. I expect a huge crowd. Probably a record for attendance. For your editor, it's a pilgrimage. Hamvention is Mecca. This year marks my 50th year of attendance. See you in Xenia.

Good DX

73, Chet VE3CFK

NEXT Meeting:

In-Person

Meeting

May 11th, 2022 at 7 PM

Program

**John Miller,
K6MM presents
"Hot DX from Baker
Island"**

SEMDXA OFFICERS

President: Vacant

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

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DXCC Checker: Bill Jones, **N8KF**

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VUCC Checker: Jim Sanford, **K8ZZU**

CQ Checker: Mike Rudzki, **N8MR**

Meeting Minutes of April 2022

Submitted by Chet, VE3CFK

An in-person meeting was held at the Fork n' Pint Restaurant in Waterford, MI on April 13th, 2022. The meeting was also ZOOMed. The meeting commenced at 7:13 PM. 21 people were physically present and 13 virtually via ZOOM. Dave DeRain, K8ESQ presided over the virtual meeting and Brad, K8SNM presided over the in-person meeting.

Adrian, KO8SCA presented: An update to the 3Y0J Bouvet DXpedition

After the presentation, Dave, K8ESQ emphasized that the club is without a president and that we really do need a president.

Financial report presented by Brad, K8SNM.

A discussion ensued about the hybrid meeting the evening presented. Specifically the equipment required to conduct an in-person ZOOMed meeting. It was noted that the noise in the next room at the restaurant was not an issue, Bluetooth would not be used in future meetings because of computer horsepower required to utilize the technology. Al, K8SIX volunteered to bring his i7 laptop computer and Steve, K8QKY would bring the cables and Karaoke machine for audio. All in all, it was a successful meeting and a good learning experience. The next meeting should run smoother with less internet issues.

Gerry, K8GT announced that he has two towers available. A 30' for free and a 60' self support Trilon for \$500.

Stan, AC8W informed the attendees that there is an ARRL meeting on the 18th of April to discuss deleting the likes of P5, EZ and Scarborough Reef from the DXCC entity list.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 with Jay, motioning to close and Stan, AC8W seconding.

ZOOM MEETINGS

In person meetings have resumed. But we hopefully can continue to ZOOM our meetings. The April meeting will be a test case to validate that the Fork n' Pint wifi/internet can support our zoom meeting.

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=N0t3N1RpUFZj>

VU4W - Andaman

Yuris/YL2GM with local support from Manoj/VU2CPL and Deepak/VU2CDP plan to be on the air from Andaman Islands, VU4W from May 3 to 16, 2022.

HC8 - Galapagos Is

HC2FG, Gustavo, is heading to Santa Cruz Island, Galapagos Islands where he will be operating as HD8FG from May 4-8. He will be operating on 6 meters FT8 and Satellite only.

9N - Nepal

SP9FIH, Janusz, and SP6CIK, Leszek, began operations on April 25th as 9N7WE and 9N7CI respectively. They expect to be on air till May 19.

3Y0J - Bouvet Is.



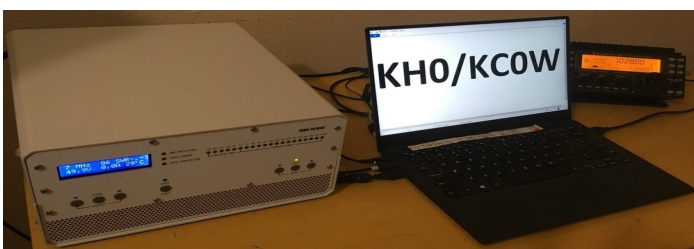
After a successful system test weekend in Oslo at LN8W contest station, with a lot of hard work, equipment testing but also a lot of fun, some DXpedition jokes and stories, the team now are out for dinner in Oslo. A happy team, a lot of happy faces – and we all look forward to going there and getting you in the log!

All testing went very well! We will post an update later about the testing. Let's make this together – let's go to Bouvet!

KH0/KC0W

Mariana Island

On April 20th, word from Tom KC0W was that he will not be going QRT. On May 1, Tom was active as KH0W/M. This is a new set up for Tom and he's promised to send pictures of his mobile activity around the Mariana Islands once the station is complete. He has been active on 20 & 17 CW so far testing out "2 foot broomstick with 17' of wire wrapped around it". QRX for more.



CANCELLATIONS

I have no upcoming cancellations!

I hope this is the sign of the times and that COVID-19 is finally subsiding into the sunset.

NOT CANCELLED YET

Some things to look forward to:

- SEMDXA May in-person meeting at Fork n' Pint in Waterford on Wednesday, May 11th at 7:00 PM
- 2022 Hamvention
- June issue of The Long Path
- W9DXCC
- Thanksgiving, Christmas

HK0 - San Andres

HK0/PY8WW, Renato, plans to be on the air from San Andres Island (NA-033) May 7-12. He'll have two radios. One dedicated to 6M with a 3 element beam.

C5 - The Gambia

M0NPT, Abdel; F5NVE, Gerard; and Luc, F5RAV; are heading back to Kololi, The Gambia where they will again be QRV on C5C from May 22 to June 8. They plan to be active on CW, SSB, FT8 and FT4 using dipoles for 5 through 50 MHz, mainly pointed east/west.

BS7H



Remember this DXpedition?

I have this picture hanging on my wall.

I wonder if it will ever be back on the air. We'll have to hear the report from Stan, AC8W as to the outcome of the April 18th ARRL DXCC meeting

I often wonder if anyone did an RF exposure study for this operation.

MD7C - Isle of Man

Rich, M5RIC will be active from Isle of Man, IOTA EU-116, in RSGB IOTA Contest, 30 - 31 July 2022, as MD7C. He will operate in SO SSB Category.

ZD7 - St. Helena

ZD7MY, Barrie, has mostly been on FT8 and a little on SSB. He's had a couple of 6M openings into Western Europe and is hoping for North American openings. He hopes that things will improve when he gets a Yagi up for 6M.



DXCC Most wanted countries 2022 Club Log version. Updated 20 April 2022.

1. P5 DPRK (NORTH KOREA)
2. 3Y/B BOUVET ISLAND
3. FT5/W CROZET ISLAND
4. BS7H SCARBOROUGH REEF
5. CE0X SAN FELIX ISLANDS
6. BV9P PRATAS ISLAND
7. KH7K KURE ISLAND
8. KH3 JOHNSTON ISLAND
9. 3Y/P PETER 1 ISLAND
10. FT5/X KERGUELEN ISLAND
11. FT/G GLORIOSO ISLAND
12. VK0M MACQUARIE ISLAND
13. YV0 AVES ISLAND
14. KH4 MIDWAY ISLAND
15. ZS8 PRINCE EDWARD & MARION ISLANDS
16. PY0S SAINT PETER AND PAUL ROCKS
17. PY0T TRINDADE & MARTIM VAZ ISLANDS
18. KP5 DESECHEO ISLAND
19. VP8S SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS
20. KH5 PALMYRA & JARVIS ISLANDS
21. ZL9 NEW ZEALAND SUBANTARCTIC ISLANDS
22. FK/C CHESTERFIELD IS.
23. EZ TURKMENISTAN
24. YK SYRIA
25. JD/M MINAMI TORISHIMA
26. VK0H HEARD ISLAND
27. FT/T TROMELIN ISLAND
28. ZL8 KERMADEC ISLAND
29. KH8/S SWAINS ISLAND
30. KH1 BAKER HOWLAND ISLANDS
31. XF4 REVILLAGIGEDO
32. VP8G SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND
33. KH9 WAKE ISLAND
34. SV/A MOUNT ATHOS
35. T33 BANABA ISLAND
36. VK9M MELLISH REEF
37. VK9W WILLIS ISLAND
38. T31 CENTRAL KIRIBATI
39. FO/C CLIPPERTON ISLAND
40. FT/J JUAN DE NOVA, EUROPA
41. TI9 COCOS ISLAND
42. HK0/M MALPELO ISLAND
43. KP1 NAVASSA ISLAND
44. 7O YEMEN
45. FT5Z AMSTERDAM & ST PAUL ISLANDS
46. ZD9 TRISTAN DA CUNHA & GOUGH ISLANDS
47. H40 TEMOTU PROVINCE
48. VU4 ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS
49. VP8O SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS
50. XZ MYANMAR

2022 Dayton Contest University News

Tim Duffy, K3LR, has announced that the 2022 Dayton Contest University (CTU) Course Outline is now posted online, at- www.contestuniversity.com/course-outline/. In addition, on Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21, there will be a shuttle bus traveling to and from the main entrance to the Hope Hotel that will take hams to the front area of Hamvention. The bus will return to the Hope Hotel for additional passengers. The service will start at 7:00 AM end at 5:00 PM each day, with the last bus leaving from Hamvention. The shuttle bus service is provided by Hamvention and CTU.

TO9W - St. Martin



We are pleased to announce details for the next TO9W activity from the beautiful island of Saint Martin. Activity will take place November 30 to December 9th, 2022. The 2022 team will include K9NU, N9EP, FS4WBS, W9AP and K9EL. Our goal is to make as many QSOs as possible on all bands and modes, with special emphasis on CW. We normally give priority to the 160, 80, 40 bands in that order, but with the increased sunspot activity, we will establish band priorities based on conditions at that time. We will likely do more FT8 the first few days.

Hamfest Calender

5/1/22 - Lucas County Trunk Swap, Toledo, OH
 5/7/22 - Cadillac Hamfest, Cadillac, MI
 5/20 to 5/22/22 - Dayton Hamvention, Xenia, OH
 5/21/22 - GM ARC Trunk Swap, Shelby Twp., MI
 5/28/22 - Scioto Valley, Piketon, OH
 6/4/22 - Fulton County Swap, Wauseon, OH
 6/4/22 - IRA Hamfest, Hudsonville, MI
 6/5/22 - Chelsea Hamfest, Chelsea, MI
 6/11/22 - Luce County Yooper Hamfest, Newberry, MI
 6/11-22 - St Joseph Hamfest, Centreville, MI
 6/18/22 - GM ARC Trunk Swap, Shelby Twp., MI
 6/18/22 - Midland Hamfest, Midland, MI
 6/19/22 - Monroe Hamfest, Monroe, MI
 7/9/22 - Mansfield Mid Summer Trunkfest, Mansfield, OH
 7/10/22 - Flying Beers, Ferndale, MI
 7/16/22 - NORAS Fest, Elyria, OH
 7/16/22 - GM ARC Trunk Swap, Shelby Twp, MI
 7/17/22 - Van Wert Hamfest, Van Wert, OH

VU4 W - Andaman



First 2427 QSOs uploaded to Club Log. Today, Yuris will finish low-band antenna and try to work lower bands later. One K3 transceiver was dropped while in transit and its display is damaged, so now frequency has to be set only from computer using CAT connection. Power outages happen quite frequently, and it takes time to start generators.

PERIODIC TABLE OF MAJOR AMATEUR RADIO CONTESTS

by Chet VE3CFK



2022

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

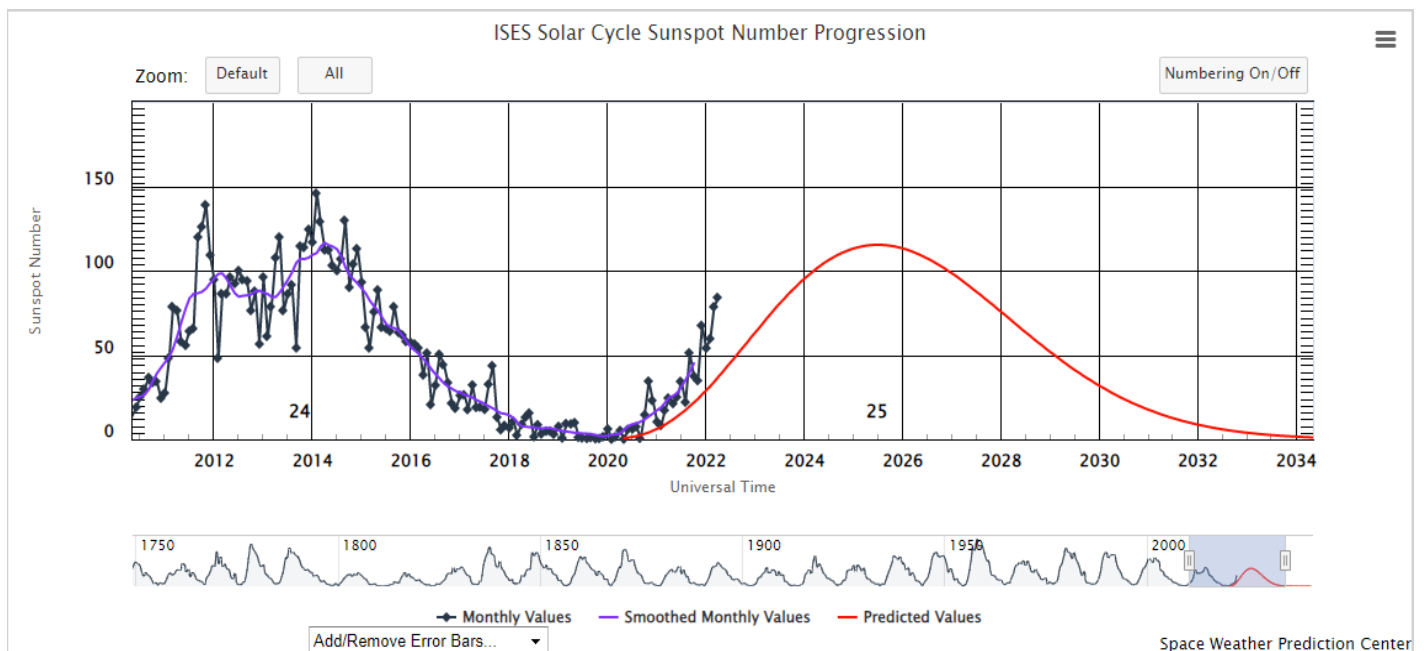
Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

1 0000Z 2359Z HAPPY NEW YEAR	5 2300Z 0300Z NA Sprint CW	6 0000Z 2400Z ARRL DX SSB	2 1900Z 00Z SP Polish DX	3 VARIES VARIES 7QP/IN/DE New England QSO Parties	7 1200Z 1159Z TISZA CUP CW	1 0000Z 2359Z RAC CANADA DAY	6 1800Z 0600Z NAQP CW	7 0000Z 2235Z CW Ops CW Open	3 0600Z 0600Z Oceania PHONE	5 2100z 0300z ARRL SS CW	7 2200z 1800z ARRL 160
8 0800Z 2359Z ARRL RTTY Roundup	9 0000Z 2359Z CQWW WPX RTTY	12 2300Z 0300Z NA Sprint RTTY	13 0700Z 1300Z JIDX CW	9 1200Z 1159Z CQ-M DX	14 1800Z 0000Z ARRL June VHF	15 1200Z 1200Z IARU HF	9 0000Z 2359Z WAE CW	10 0000Z 2359Z WAE SSB	13 0600Z 0600Z Oceania CW	8 0000Z 2359Z WAE RTTY	10 0000z 2359z ARRL 10 Meter
15 0800Z 0959Z NAQP CW	16 0000Z 2400Z ARRL DX CW	19 1200Z 0200Z Russian DX	20 1800Z 0400Z Michigan QSO Party	16 1100Z 2100Z Contest University	19 0000Z 2400Z All Asian CW	18 1800Z 2100Z CQ WW VHF	19 2000Z 0800Z NAQP SSB	20 VARIES VARIES WA/NJ/NH QSO Parties	17 1500Z 1459Z Worked All Germany	18 2100z 0300z ARRL SS SSB	21 0000z 2359z RAC Winter
22 1800Z 0559Z NAQP SSB	23 2200Z 2200Z CQ 160 SSB	25 0000Z 2359Z CQWW WPX SSB	27 1200Z 1200Z SP DX RTTY	20 1400Z 1700Z Hamvention	22 1800Z 2100Z ARRL Field Day	23 1200Z 1200Z Family Time	24 1200Z 1200Z WW Digi	27 0000Z 2400Z CQWW RTTY	24 0000Z 2400Z Prepare for Next weekend	25 0000Z 2359Z CQ WW CW	26 0000z 2359z Happy Holidays
28 2200Z 2200Z CQ 160 CW			30 1200z 1159z RUSSIAN WW MM	1 0000Z 2400Z CQ WPX CW	28 0000Z 2400Z RSGB IOTA	30 1200Z 1200Z CQ WW SSB			29 0000Z 2400Z CQ WW SSB	30 0000Z 2400Z CQ WW SSB	

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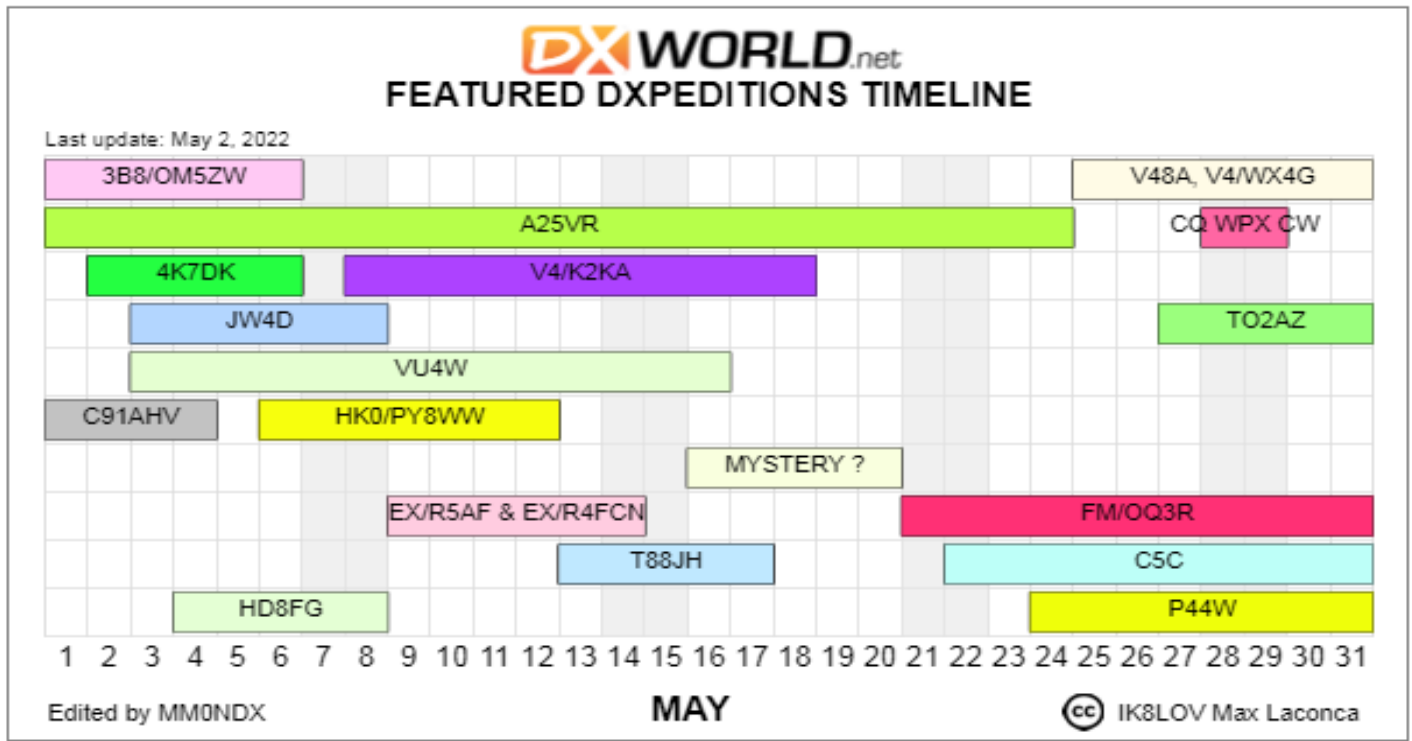
SOLAR CYCLE 25

NOAA/SWPC



Upcoming DX

Credit to DX World

*DX IS!*

One of our more strung-out QRPers came up the hill last week, his voice ringing across the ridges, joy in his smile and happiness everywhere. A couple of us were just sitting around and we braced for the worst. "I did it", the QRPer was yelling, "I did it, I did it! This time I got one for sure." We calmed him down to get the story out of him.

"This morning, on the dawn path, I worked this AC8BT/AJ4. There was this big pile-up of JAs fighting to work the station and I knew that it must be a real rare one. So I jumped in and worked him...got a five-eight-nine out of him, too. I don't know where it might be but with Sikkim gone I'm wondering if it might be one of those Himalayan kingdoms, something around Tibet. It might even be China. What do you think?" Son of a Gun! What could one say to something like this on a warm day, the sky blue and the flowering trees all

in early bloom. We finally said: "We'll have to re-research this one and try to get a line on things" and the QRPer was off, jiggling his way down the hill. The two of us sat in silence for a bit and finally the other spoke. "Why didn't you tell him? That AC8BT/AJ4 is Al Hix from Charleston down in Puerto Rico to warm up a bit?" We were long in answering for there are enough of the dark days and this for now was a happy one for the QRPer. And at the end all we could say was: "Take from no man his dream."

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

Editors NOTE:

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margin here for your notes on
band and mode fills required.

Start Date	End Date	DXCC Entity	Call	QSL via	Reported by
2022					
April					
2022 Apr14	2022 May04	Mozambique	C91AHV [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20220420
2022 Apr26	2022 May18	Nepal	9N [spots]	Club Log OQRS	SP9FIH 20220424
2022 Apr28	2022 May04	Crete	SV9 [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20220422
2022 Apr28	2022 May26	Botswana	A25VR [spots]	VE7VR	DXNews 20220314
2022 Apr29	2022 May06	Mauritius	3B8 [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20220330
May					
2022 May01	2022 Jun15	Namibia	V5 [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20220430
2022 May01	2022 May05	Svalbard	JW9D- SA [spots]		DXW.Net 20220426
2022 May01	2022 May31	Philippines	DU [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20220331
2022 May02	2022 May06	Azerbaijan	4K7DK [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20220421
2022 May03	2022 May08	Svalbard	JW4D [spots]	LA4D	DXNews 20220412
2022 May03	2022 May16	Andaman Is	VU4W [spots]	TBA	DXW.Net 20220417
2022 May04	2022 May08	Galapagos	HD8FG	HC2FG	TDDX 20220429
2022 May05	2022 May11	New Caledonia	FK	LoTW	TDDX 20220405
2022 May06	2022 May12	San Andres I	HK0	PY8WW	DXW.Net 20220405
2022 May21	2022 Jun04	Martinique	FM	ON4RU Direct	ON4RU 20220319

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2022 May22	2022 Jun08	Gambia	C5C	LoTW	DXW.Net 20220131
2022 May27	2022 Jun10	Guadeloupe	TO2AZ	DL2AAZ	TDDX 20220429

[CW WPX Contest, CW \(May 28-29, 2022\) Check here for pericontest ac-](#)

June

2022 Jun01	2022 Jun22	Rwanda	9X2AW	LoTW	DXW.Net 20220419
2022 Jun01	2022 Jul31	Gabon	TR8CR	F6AJA (B/d)	TDDX 20220405
2022 Jun14	2022 Jun19	Sao Tome & Principe	S9EFW	LoTW	DXW.Net 20220419
2022 Jun22	2022 Jun27	Jan Mayen	JX		DXW.Net 20211203
2022 Jun28	2022 Jul05	Liechtenstein	HB0	LoTW	OZ0J 20220410
2022 Jun28	2022 Jul12	St Pierre & Mi- quelon	FP	LoTW	DXNews 20220421

July

2022 Jul01	2022 Jul12	Namibia	V5	LoTW	TDDX 20220411
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[RSGB IOTA Contest \(Jul 30-31, 2022\) Check here for pericontest activity](#)

October

2022 Oct10	2022 Oct25	Benin	TY5RU	R7AL	DXW.Net 20220319
2022 Oct21	2022 Oct23	Belize	V3E	LoTW	TDDX 20220426
2022 Oct25	2022 Nov04	Saba & Sint Eustatius	PJ5	LoTW	W5JON 20211230
2022 Oct26	2022 Nov03	Cocos Keeling	VK9CM	EB7DX	VK6VY 20211208

[CQ WW DX Contest, SSB \(Oct 29-30, 2022\) Check here for pericontest](#)

2022 Oct29	2022 Nov07	Djibouti	J28MD	LoTW	DXW.Net 20220417
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November					
2022 Nov01	2022 Nov09	Austral Is	FO	LoTW	JA1XGI 20220411
2022 Nov01	2022 Nov30	Central African Rep	TL8AA	I2YSB	I2YSB 20220405
CQ WW DX Contest, CW (Nov 26-27, 2022) Check here for pericontest					
2022 Nov30	2022 Dec10	St Martin	TO9W	LoTW	DXNews 20220123
December					
2022 Dec15	2022 Dec31	Crozet	FT8/c	TBA	TDDX 20211028
2023					
February					
2023 Jan23	2023 Feb28	Bouvet I	3Y0J	LoTW	DXW.Net 20210809