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From the Editor's DESK

I apologize for the late newsletter. My XYL and I were on the road for two weeks and had a lot of catching up to do after we got back. During our time away we attended W9DXCC. Met up with some old friends we haven't seen in 3 years. Went north into Banff Alberta for a wedding, then visited a ham originally from Sarnia now living in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. Although it was a nice visit it ended up with him giving me a radio to fix! That'll teach me for showing up uninvited!

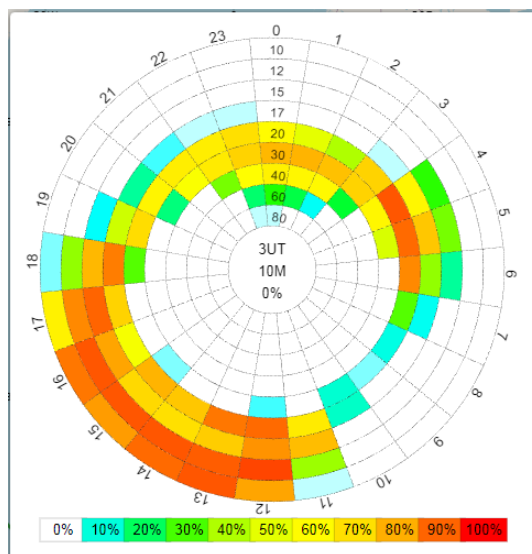
So. With summer out of the way, it's time to focus back onto ham radio. I've picked up some new equipment over the summer. Come out to the meeting and query me about it.

We've got Adrian, KO8SCA coming back via a ZOOM presentation for the October meeting. Should be another good one.

Last month I posted a VOACAP prediction for Bouvet Is. Here is one for Crozet Is.

Good DX.

73, Chet VE3CFK



NEXT Meeting:

In-Person

Meeting

October 12th, 2022 at 7 PM

Program

Adrian, KO8SCA
will talk about
K7K, Kiska Is.

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SEMDXA Meeting Minutes of September 14th

By Chet, VE3CFK

The meeting started at 7:00 PM and was led by our President Fred, KD8ZYD.

Acceptance of meeting minutes for the June meeting as presented in the July issue of the Long Path was requested. With no comments or corrections, acceptance was motioned by Fred, KD8ZYD and seconded by Stan, AC8W.

Treasurers report was presented by Brad, N8SNM. Motion to accept by Chet, VE3CFK and seconded by Stan, AC8W.

Brad, N8SNM purchased a microphone to be used by the SEMDXA Club during their ZOOMed meetings. Brad requested that the club reimburse him. Motion to reimburse made by Steve, K8QKY and seconded by Al, K8SIX.

Fred, KD8ZYD asked if there were any volunteers for the clubs vacant positions of Vice President and or Secretary. Pete, K8PGJ volunteered for Vice President. With no dissention, Pete became our new VP. (editors comment: Welcome aboard Pete and thank you for volunteering).

The formal meeting ended at 7:11.

Ted, K8NA, our program director, presented a video entitled "Vertical Antenna System Decisions at N4XL" by Kevin Nason.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 with Fred, KD8ZYD motioning to close and Chet, VE3CFK seconding.

EDITORS COMMENTS on ZOOMed MEETINGS

SEMDXA is certainly getting better in orchestrating and conducting ZOOMed meetings. The September meeting was probably the best ZOOMed meeting to date. Some of the factors which improved the meeting were the fact that Fork n' Pint improved their Wifi capability in the meeting room as well as the fact that Brad acquired a new wifi microphone and-computer video camera. Plus our talented audio/video/ZOOM team are refining their skills at orchestrating ZOOM meetings. Good going team!

ZOOM MEETINGS

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

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>

W9DXCC

Your editor Chet, VE3CFK attended W9DXCC in Chicago this year. Attendance was down, by about 50%, but the presentations and prize board were outstanding. And Tim Duffy was the guest dinner speaker talking about the future of DX. Basically he said that the future of DX was in our hands to entice the younger generation to become hams and show them the thrill of chasing DX.

I had a discussion with Adrian, KO8SCA about the Bravehart. Adrian informed me (I was unaware of this) the Bravehart is no more. Captain Jolly sold the Bravehart to a company that unfortunately went bankrupt during the Covid pandemic because of lack of charters, and the Bravehart was sold for scrap! What a sad ending for a vessel that provided so much pleasure to the DX community.

TY - Benin

From October 14 to 27 The Russian DX Team will be operating from Benin on 160-6 including 60M using 9 radios on CW, SSB, FT-8 and QO-100 satellite.

5V - Togo

The same Russian team from the above DXpedition are heading to Togo from October 28 to November 11. Much the same setup as the Benin DXpedition.

3C - Equitorial Guinea

TA2OM, Ersoy will be operating from Equitorial Guinea for several months during his work assignment there.

7Q - Malawi

K6ZO, Don Jones will be returning to Malawi on October 19 and staying until November 29th. He will be in the CWWDX SSB and CW contests. Outside of the contests he will be on 160 to 6M.

FT#Y - Antarctica

F4FKT, David will be signing FT4YM during the December to March season. He'll be operating from Concordia Base, Little Dome Base Robert Guillard, Dumont d'Urville Base and also from L'Astrolab P800.

NOT CANCELLED YET

Some things to look forward to:

- SEMDXA October in-person meeting at Fork n' Pint in Waterford on Wednesday, October 12th at 7:00 PM
- 2023 Hamvention
- November issue of The Long Path
- Thanksgiving, Christmas
- IDXC in Visalia, CA April 21-23

RI1 - Antarctica

RI1ANU from "Novolazarevskaya Station" and op ZS1OIN (also ZS9Z), Oleg Neruchev, starts up October 24 and goes to March 24.

UR - Ukraine

Ukrainian authorities prohibited amateur radio operations, initially for 30 days. UR3CMA, Max, says, this now comes under the purview of martial law there. At this point there is no "centralized direct ban." The head of military administration in each region now has that decision making authority and apparently there are now no official limitations on ham radio or computer/internet communications.

VP2M - Montserrat

K2DM, George will be QRV from October 25 to November 2nd. He'll be playing in the CQ WWDX SSB contest. He'll be on all bands from 160 to 10M CW, SSB, FT4 and FT8.

CY0S - Sable Island



NEWS UPDATE – A lot of DXers have inquired about Sable Island after Hurricane Fiona made an almost direct hit on the island. Hurricane Fiona had the lowest barometric pressure (931 MB) ever recorded in Canada during any previous hurricane. Fortunately, the news is better than expected on Sable Island. Parks Canada personnel on the island report some of the buildings lost sections of siding and some roof damage. The Parks Canada personnel described the damage as superficial. The NavCan METAR (Meteorological Terminal Air Report) system was in-operative for 5-6 days until technicians could travel to the island to restore the system.

The hurricane caused some erosion and reshaped part of the island. A researcher who has been on the island for almost 50 years reported it was the worst storm she has ever experienced on the island.

C5C - The Gambia

Team C5C will again be active from Gambia during February 16 to March 13, 2023. Ops: F5RAV, 5NVF, M0NPT. QRV on HF Bands and possibly QO-100 satellite.

3D2 - Eswatini

Hans, 3DA0AQ has been QRV on 10 meters using FT8 between 1555 and 1745z.

FOR SALE

Are you ready for the Crozet and Bouvet DXpeditions.? Is your station ready? Are your antennas ready? Do you need more power? Well I may have a solution to the last question. Your editor has two (2) amplifiers for sale.

First up is a SPE Expert 1.3K solid state amplifier WITHOUT a tuner. Only used once in a 160M SSB contest, so has less than 32 hours operating time. Is in pristine condition. Comes with carrycase and original boxes Asking \$3,000.

Next up is an ACOM 2000A amplifier with a pair of 4CX800 tubes. Tubes are new. Amplifier puts out 2kW. In excellent condition. Old style, so it comes with the basic controller. Although I do have the newer 5" digital display for an additional charge. Asking \$4500.

Both amplifiers are immediately available from Chet, VE3CFK and can be delivered to your door (if you live in the Detroit area).

J5 - Guinea Bissau

Carlos, CT2GQA is QRV as J5JUA and is active until the end of 2022. Activity is mostly using FT8, and as a mobile station. He may also use J5GQA.

ZA - Albania

OE6VCG, Chris, arrived near Shkodra on October 2nd and is now QRV as ZA/OE6VCG until about October 18th. Activity will be on FT8, FT4 and JT65, normal mode and not Fox and Hound. He will QSL via eQSL and paper confirmations after he returns home.

3Y0J - Bouvet Is.

Amateur Radio DXpeditions (ARD) is making great progress for our upcoming 3Y0J Bouvet DXpedition! With only four months left until we go onshore Bouvet, we approach September that will come with two major milestones for us.

One major milestone is the shipping of the Container from Norway that is scheduled on September 18th. From Oslo the container will be shipped to Falkland Island where a team of local hams lead by Don VP8ON will make an effort to inspect the content before our arrival.

The 3Y0J team is currently busy packing all our equipment at our staging site at Oslo airport, where we for the next few weeks will finalize the packing of the equipment. This will end an extremely busy period for us.

We have been through 12 months of purchasing, assembling, testing, and packing the equipment. The team has worked hard, and ultimately shipping the container will complete this intensive period of work that will enable us to achieve our goal to activate the rare #2 DXCC Bouvetøya. Rest assured this is a well-planned DXpedition!

We have detailed out the logistic plan and have made a few changes. Among the improvements are:

We have bought yet another outboard engine enabling us to use two zodiac boats simultaneously during beach landing to speed up the unloading of gear. In addition, we have a 3rd spare zodiac and engine. Having a pair of zodiaks is a great advantage to us as we have developed a plan for going onshore Bouvet even for a short weather window down to 2h.

We have swapped the Yanmar generators with 5 kW Hyundai generators that will enable us to run full station setup with only 2 out of 4 diesel gens. It means that we are less dependent on a long duration of good weather to achieve a good setup.

We have carried out a risk analysis and identified

37 hazards and assessed the risk for each hazard. 10 hazards are identified as “high” risk and 17 “medium”, all which have been mitigated to an acceptable residual risk level. We have prepared a plan for rationing of food and water in case resupplies are difficult, and when we unload operators and equipment onshore Bouvet, they will be self-sufficient for 28 days without needing resupplies.

The second milestone for September is the payment of the 3rd deposit for the Marama contract. This payment is a major commitment from the team and our sponsors individual and clubs, that we together will make this happen. We thank each and every one of you who have contributed to pay a share of the vessel cost to have the opportunity to work Bouvet. We still need \$70,000 to be able to go to Bouvet. If you want to see Bouvet activated, please consider to donate.

Hamfest Calender

10/8/22 - Central Kentucky, Lexington, KY

10/15/22 - Muskegon Color Tour, Muskegon, MI

10/16/22 - Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo, MI

10/22/22 - HARA, Negaunee, MI

10/30/22 - Massillon, Massillon, OH

12/3-22 - Fulton County Winterfest, Archbold, OH

12/4/22 - USECA, Troy, MI

5R - Madagascar

Francesco, IK6QON will be QRV as 5R8FG from October 8 to 17 from Nosy Be, IOTA AF-57, Nosy Iranja, IOTA AF-57, and from Diego Suarez city. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands using CW and SSB.

60 Meters

I came across a website dedicated to 60M as my interest in chasing DX on 60M has recently been rekindled. It's only a matter of time before the ARRL offers a DXCC certificate for 60M. But I guess we would need 100 entities to have access to 60M before that would happen. But it's never too late to start working what is available and collecting QSLs. Here's the link to "[60 METERS ONLINE](#)"

Remember the GOOD OLD Days ?



Mr W.H. Hannam, wireless operator, Cape Deninson, Australasian Antarctic Expedition, 1911.

3B9 - Rodrigues Is.

Kazu, M0CFW (JK3GAD) will be active from Rodrigues island as 3B9KW during the CQWW CW contest (November 26-27). Activity before/after contest as 3B9/M0CFW. QSL via LoTW.

3Y0J - Bouvet Is.

NEWS UPDATE by LA7GIA – This is the 4th budget update we do, and it has increased slightly up to roughly \$705,000. We have received an extremely generous support from the DX community in total \$670,000 including the operator fee, and we thus only need \$35,000 to balance.

Some of the increase is related to;

- purchasing additional outboard engine to allow 2 zodiacs to operate in parallel during beach landing. This will shorten the time we need to land the gear
- purchase of a portable Eu20i generator that will power up 230V AC tools like hammer drill, and it will also power up our fuel pump system that will pump 2000 liter of diesel from the Cape Fie beach to the generator location. Each antenna will be guyed using 4 x 15mm rebar. We will guy all outdoor equipment, tents so it will not blow away as required per Norwegian Polar Institute regulation. In addition we have 2 large battery powered drills to help us.
- Increased logistic scope

Next up in October is;

- 2nd Vessel inspection in Brazil (close punch list, finalize vessel loading plan)
- 3 day rock climbing course in Norway
- OPEN zoom meeting for anyone interested Oct 16th 14 UTC

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85882315850?pwd=SjNpakorckRQOHczdHRxbk5CbWxKdz09&fbclid=IwAR2Zd3KOG9JZIf5EKKN-3Rj3rycvPEhuDHqXLKU-WdNSe8xL6ttMPvdJ6w#success>

- In November the team will conduct a 3 day glacier training course in Norway on "Jostedalsbreen" which is Europe's largest glacier. This to prepare for possibly crossing 300m of the Bouvet glacier to reach the camp. 2 NA operators will come to Norway and do the training with us. We will be guided by a glacier climber with experience from K2

PERIODIC TABLE OF MAJOR AMATEUR RADIO CONTESTS

by Chet VE3CFK



2022

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

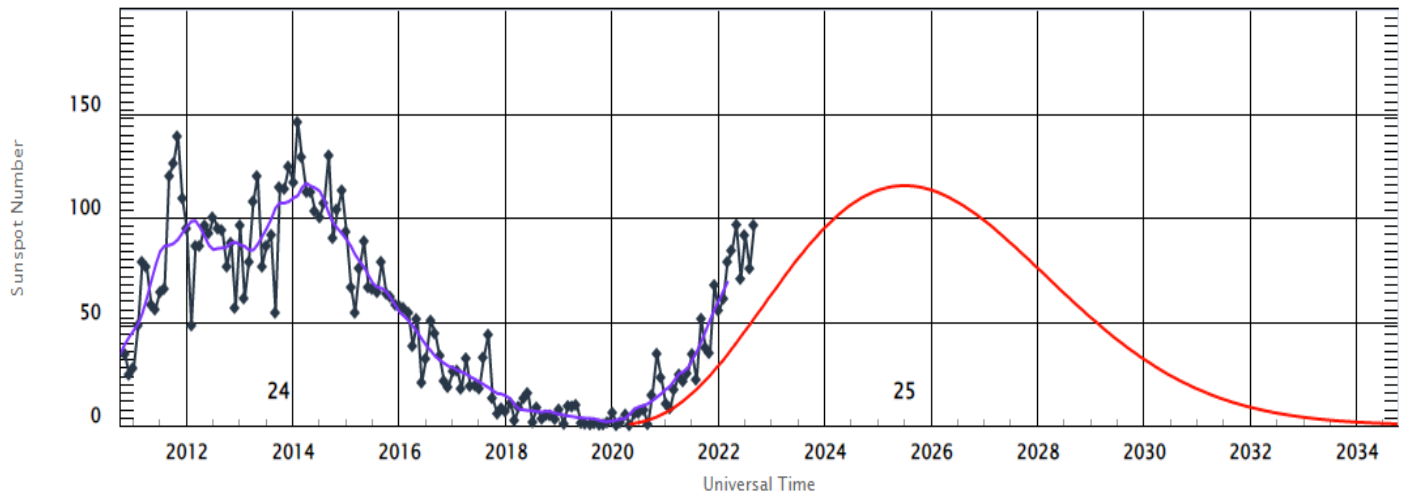
Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

1 0800Z 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	8 0000Z 2359Z RAC CANADA DAY	1 1800Z 0600Z NAQP CW	6 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	12 0000Z 2359Z WAE RTTY	10 0000z 2359z ARRL 10 Meter
15 0800Z 0559Z 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	16 2000Z 0800Z NAQP SSB	21 VARIES VARIES WA/NJ/NH QSO Parties	17 1500Z 1459Z Worked All Germany	19 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	26 0000Z 2359Z CQ WW CW	27 2400Z 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		

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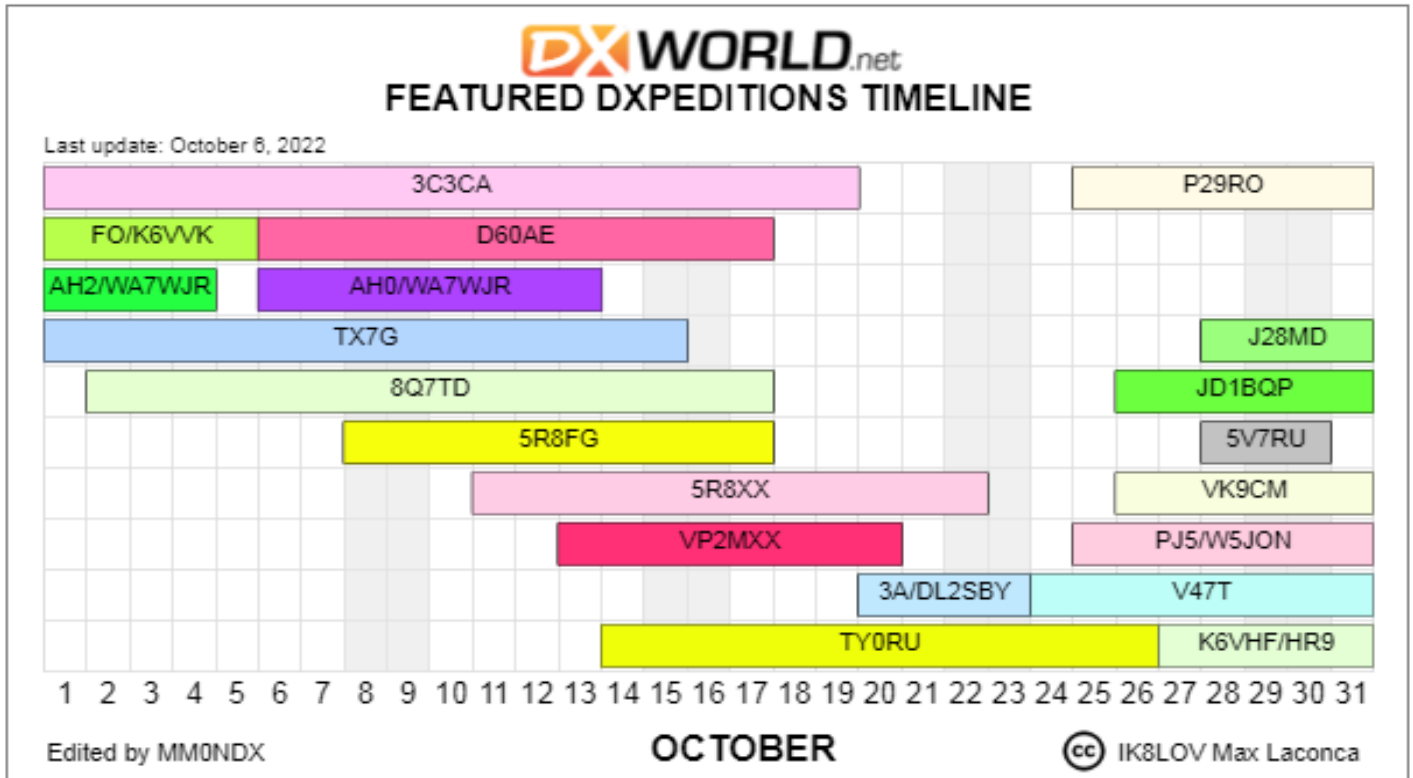
NOAA/SWPC



→ Monthly Values — Smoothed Monthly Values — Predicted Values

Upcoming DX

Credit to DX World



D60AE - Comoros



On October 6th the team had arrived but some amplifiers did not. Antenna assembly was underway. They should be on the air October 7th. They will have BOGs for the low bands.

Request for Articles

We are always looking for a story, an article, a tale of wow. Does not have to be ham radio related. Maybe a poem? Or collection of photos that may appeal to our audience. Send your submittals to your editor Chet, VE3CFK.

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

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Start Date	End Date	Dxcc Entity	Call	QSL via	Reported by
2022					
August					
September					
2022 Sep16	2022 Oct16	Chagos	VQ9SC [spots]	WB2REM	WB2REM 20220826
2022 Sep18	2022 Oct09	Dodecanese	SV5 [spots]	LoTW	DXW.Net 20220908
2022 Sep19	2022 Oct19	Equatorial Guinea	3C3CA [spots]	TA2OM	TDDX 20220920
2022 Sep28	2022 Oct11	Namibia	V5 [spots]	HB9BFM	TDDX 20220908
October					
2022 Oct01	2022 Oct15	Marquesas	TX7G [spots]	Auto QSL	DXW.Net 20220622
2022 Oct02	2022 Oct15	Seychelles	S79 [spots]	LoTW	DXW.Net 20221003
2022 Oct02	2022 Oct17	Maldives	8Q7TD [spots]	IK1TTD (B/d)	IK1TTD 20220915
2022 Oct03	2022 Oct18	Albania	ZA [spots]	OE6VCG	TDDX 20220904
2022 Oct06	2022 Oct13	Mariana Is	AH0 [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20220904
2022 Oct05	2022 Oct17	Comoros	D60AE [spots]	LoTW	DXNews 20220506
2022 Oct06	2022 Oct13	Mariana Is	AH0 [spots]	LoTW	DXW.Net 20220906
2022 Oct08	2022 Oct17	Madagascar	5R8FG	IZ6BRJ (B/d)	DXW.Net 20220916
2022 Oct11	2022 Oct22	Madagascar	5R8	LoTW	TDDX 20220902
2022 Oct13	2022 Oct20	Montserrat	VP2	Home Call	TDDX 20220907

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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2022 Oct14	2022 Oct26	Benin	TYORU	LoTW	DXW.Net 20220319
2022 Oct19	2022 Nov29	Malawi	7Q6M	LoTW	TDDX 20220929
2022 Oct20	2022 Oct23	Monaco	3A	LoTW	TDDX 20220803
2022 Oct19	2022 Oct23	Belize	V3E	LoTW	TDDX 20220426
2022 Oct24	2022 Oct31	Turks & Cai- cos	VP5Z	LoTW	DXW.Net 20221006
2022 Oct25	2022 Nov04	Saba & Sint Eustatius	PJ5	LoTW	W5JON 20211230
2022 Oct26	2022 Nov03	Cocos Keel- ing	VK9CM	EB7DX	VK6VY 20211208
2022 Oct27	2022 Oct31	Honduras	HR9	K6VHF	TDDX 20220914

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

2022 Oct25	2022 Nov10	Papua New Guinea	P29RO	LoTW	DL7VEE 20220901
2022 Oct29	2022 Nov07	Djibouti	J28MD	LoTW	DXW.Net 20220417

November

2022 Nov01	2022 Nov09	Austral Is	TX5XG	LoTW	JA1XGI 20220411
2022 Nov02	2022 Nov07	Lesotho	7P8CW	LoTW	DXNews 20220524
2022 Oct02	2022 Nov09	Austral Is	TX5XG [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20221103
2022 Nov02	2022 Nov14	Palau	T88WA	LoTW	DXW.Net 20220723
2022 Nov02	2022 Nov20	Tonga	A35GC	TBA	DXW.Net 20220803
2022 Nov03	2022 Nov06	Tanzania	5H2JC	LoTW	DXW.Net 20221006
2022 Nov12	2022 Nov26	Central Afri- can Rep	TL8AA	I2YSB	I2YSB 20220405

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2022 Oct14	2022 Nov27	Aruba	P40DA	PA7DA Bu- ro	TDDX 20221103
2022 Nov23	2022 Dec04	Palau	T88PB	JA0JHQ	DXW.Net 20220607
2022 Nov23	2022 Nov30	Honduras	HR5	LoTW	TDDX 20220929
CQ WW DX Contest, CW (Nov 26-27, 2022) Check here for pericontest activity					
2022 Nov30	2022 Dec09	St Martin	TO9W	LoTW	DXNews 20220123
December					
2022 Dec10	2022 Dec16	Bangladesh	S21DX	LoTW	TDDX 20220905
2022 Dec15	2022 Dec31	Crozet	FT8/c	TBA	TDDX 20211028
2023					
January					
2023 Jan02	2023 Jan31	Montserrat	VP2MDX	LoTW	TDDX 20220508
2023 Jan07	2023 Jan21	Congo	TN8K	LoTW	DXW.Net 20220916
2023 Jan13	2023 Jan20	Palau	T8	See Info	DXW.Net 20220706
2023 Jan23	2023 Feb28	Bouvet I	3Y0J	LoTW	DXW.Net 20210809
February					
2023 Feb15	2023 Feb21	St Vincent	J8	LoTW	PA2LO 20220911
2023 Feb28	2023 Mar05	San Andres & Providencia	HK0	LoTW	DXW.Net 20220902
March					
2023 Mar01	2023 Mar11	Galapagos	HC8M	See Web	TDDX 20220627
2023 Mar04	2023 Apr01	St Martin	PJ7AA	LoTW	TDDX 20220711
2023 Mar20	2023 Mar29	Sable I	CY0S	LoTW	DXW.Net 20220710