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PREZ

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Hi all, I have made progress on countries/entities that I have made contact with. Last reported I was at 196 contacts to different countries/entities. 175 are confirmed. I am now at 207 with 185 confirmed.

Progress!!

I want to thank everyone for filling out the "most wanted" list. Some of you are very fortunate that you have nothing to request! That is my goal to get them all confirmed but realistically I don't see that happening in my life time since I have only been licensed since 2015. A few of these locations won't ever go active again due to not being able to get permits or the funds for a Dxpedition to get to the location!

My goal will be for a 5 band DXCC. After that, try and get at least 1 contact in all the Zones. That is what I love about this hobby, once you get a big award, there are many more to get! After that I'll try for all USA counties.

Lastly, what is everyone thankful for? I'm thankful for this club since I am learning so much more about chasing DX! I'm thankful for my wife letting me enjoy the amateur radio hobby and putting up my antennas. I'm thankful for the great friends I have made in this hobby! I'm thankful my company closed our office for good so I can chase DX all day long every day! Lastly, I'm thankful for my family that we are all healthy!

I want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and a great new year! Be safe!!

The Prez - 73's





There is no regular meeting in December, but SEMDXA is gathering at ZUKEY Lake Tavern on Thursday, December 15th at 12 Noon to spread Christmas Cheer amongst our fellow DXers. Hope you all can join us.

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SEMDXA Meeting Minutes of November 9th

By Chet, VE3CFK

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

Acceptance of meeting minutes for the October meeting as presented in the November issue of the Long Path was requested by Chet, VE3CFK. With no comments or corrections, acceptance was motioned by Al, K8SIX and seconded by Tim, K8NWD.

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

Old Business:

TN8K DXpedition request for sponsorship was denied by the club since it did not meet the clubs top 10 criteria

New Business:

The formal meeting ended at 7:13.

A power outage resulted in presentation delay.

Ted, K8NA, our program director, introduced our guest speaker for the evening—Adrian, KO8SCA. Adrain presented his DXpedition experience as K7K Kiska Island.

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

3B7 – Saint Brandon

The team of OM5ZW, OK6DJ, OK2ZA, OM3PC, OM4MW, OM4MM and OM4AYLwill be active from St. Brandon from February 24 to March 6, 2023. Activity will be on CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 on 1.8 through 50 MHz as well QO-100.

ZOOM MEETINGS

In person meetings have resumed. We are getting better at presenting ZOOM meetings. Really hope you can join us in person, but if you can't, please join 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 VGQzZHZwTnU0bHpuUT09

FT#W - Crozet Island

On the 13th of this month, Thierry [F6CUK] will be boarding the Marion Dufresne, en route to Crozet via Tromelin. I hope you are all ready to work Thierry. The last I heard, Thierry only had permission to operate for 3 weeks although he will be on the island for 3 months. I really hope he can extend his op time to 3 months. I've done some math and if he operates for 16 hours a day on FT-8, and makes 8 QSO's per minute (I've seen some DXpeditions running at this rate - sometimes even higher), then 8 times 60 minutes times 16 hours per day times 21 days equals 161,280 QSO's. That's a big number, but I suspect he'll operate SSB and CW, which will drop the rate, unless of coarse he has 2 transceivers and can run two signals simultaneously. I'm just trying to justify in my own mind that there's a good chance I can work him at least once. I really need Crozet for an ATNO. Santa please add Crozet to my DXCC total. I've been good. Really I have!!!

Membership Dues are Due

Brad, N8SNM reminds us that our membership dues for 2022/2023 are now due. His policy of NO IRC's or stamps or IOU's are being accepted this year either. "Online PayPal or in-person still works" Brad says.

VK9/C - Cocos (Keeling)

G0VJG, Nobby is heading to Cocos in February 2023. This will be a mostly SSB operation with some FT8 on 80 through 10 meters between February 17 and 24.

VK9/W - Willis Is

Sands, is now working at the weather station on Willis Island. He operates SSB but wants to add FT-8 to his mix. He is on 40, 20 and 15 meters. He has been on the nets and occasionally solo. He'll be there until April.

TN - Congo

The Czech DX-Pedition group are planning a DXpedition in the Republic of Congo as TN8K in 2023. The team includes eight "well-experienced HF operators" who will emphasize making "as many contacts as possible" with a focus on the low bands (160, 80, 60 and 40 meters) as well as 6 meters "if there will be propagation". They will be active around the clock on FT8 and RTTY on all the bands. TN8K also plans to be QRV on CW and SSB.

NOT CANCELLED YET

Some things to look forward to:

- SEMDXA Christmas luncheon at Zukey Lake
- 2023 Hamvention
- January 2023 issue of The Long Path
- Christmas
- IDXC in Visalia, CA April 21-23

IDXC in Visalia, CA

Registrations for the convention and DX University is ongoing. Hotel reservations are being accepted as well although they are booking up pretty fast.

Your editor will be in attendance after a 3 year absence. Usually combine this trip with visiting my niece in LA and friend Jess, AI9L in Kingman, AZ.

ZA - Albania

NS5K, Ron will be in Albania for a year doing missionary work. He's installed 3 elements on 40 and a single element on 20 meters at 160 feet on top of an apartment building. He has been issued the call ZA15K and can be found on 7.195 MHz during his evenings.

3Y0J - Bouvet Is

Bandplan for the Bouvet Is. DXpedition is available here:

Bouvet Is. Bandplan

Most WANTED Survey

SEMDXA has reactivated our "Most Wanted Survey" for its membership. (Thank you Doug, N8VY and Larry, K8UT for making this happen.)

Here is a direct link to the survey:

https://www.semdxa.org/awards/most-wanted-survey/

You can also find it within the SEMDXA website under AWARDS.

The survey will close on January 10th, 2023 at 2359 GMT. The results will be announced at the SEMDXA club meeting on Wednesday January 11, 2023.

This survey dictates which DXpeditions SEMDXA will support financially. SEMDXA normally supports the top 10 on our most wanted list.

S2-BANGLADESH

Team S21DX will be active from Dhal Char Island (AS-140) from December 10 to 16. Plans are for eight operators (S21AM, S21BK, S21D, S21IT, S21MK, S21OM, S21RC and S21TG) to be QRV with two SSB stations, one FT8 (F/H) station, and one station for QO-100 satellite (SSB). QSL direct to EB7DX. All QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW or Club Log.

C5-The Gambia

Andre, ON7YK is QRV as C5YK during his spare time until February 24, 2023, mostly on 10 and 12 meters, and also on 20, 17 and 15 meters using CW and digital modes. QSL direct via ON7YK or LoTW.

DX IS!

Something must be doing things right and we had to head for the Palos Verdes Country where they are always doing things right. The beat of the bongos was but a muffled tone back in the Barrancas. Here and there I could see a Sundancer slumped in exhaustion. "What happened?" we asked the leader of the Palos Verdes Sundancers and we got the usual enigmatic shrug. "It started with Clipperton," he said. I told them we had to come up with some original routines to evoke the pure spirit of the dance. We had to raise the level of DX consciousness so that all would hear the call, all the DXers would get the message and everyone would work Clipperton. It started right, but got out of hand" "But how?" we asked, for with those FOO's at sea we were a bit apprehensive. The leader raised his hand to ward off further questions and we noted that he could not still a slight tremor. I told them that I expected their best and they promised. They were off with the Chasse, swing into the Waltz, then perhaps some pivots and some running steps. But someone came along and said that not only Clipperton was on but Iraq was coming over the ridge and Bouvet around the bend. And more was to come. Before I could stop them they were into the Meke, then a Corroboree, then an Apache Gahe and split off into a Tiacololero. Right in the middle of an Undufe, some tried a grand jete. And I told them not to mix those with the primitive dances. All they were doing is bouncing around, shouting "Clipperton...Iraq...Bouvet' until they started to fall from exhaustion. Everyone but the bongo beater." This did look serious but never count the Palos Verdes bunch down. "Will they recover?" we asked, and got an airy wave of the hand from the leaders. "Just yell that 15 is open and you will see them rise. But the next time I warn them about the dangers of 190 on the flux, maybe they will listen"

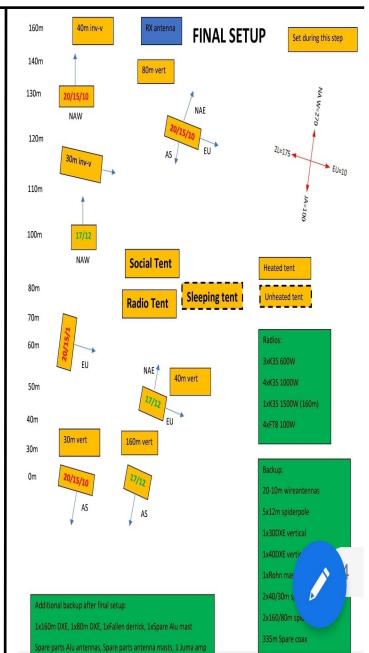
Bouvet Is.

The following is by Kenneth Opskar from Facebook:

Our camp build up plan consist of 4 distinct steps that has been matured and developed during the last 2.5 years, based on lessons learned from other DXpeditions. Lesson 1 is be prepared to go onshore Bouvet during a short WX window!! Thus, if our only chance is going onshore during a 3h wx window, we will bring our lightweight equipment in Step 1. Step 2 is defined as expanding the station setup with yagis. Step 3 is bringing on the lowband antennas, and step 4 is the final step where we complete our setup.

We have had some feedback on FT8 and the operation. Because we plan to run 12 stations at peak times going QRO on FT8 is a question about logistics, fuel and risk. A lot of amplifier failures on DXped are due to high power and human failures. Thus our setup mimimize this risk by running the 4 FT8 machines as much as possible on the vagis. no setting changes allowed by operator. FT8 operator can adjust the number of streams, redirect his call to specific continents or adjust the dB leve of receiving stations. The machines will be run on fixed 100W. We will start with 2 streams, and we might also go single stream. We will monitor our signal reports before an adjustment. Bringing fuel for amplifiers is also a constraint logistic wise, all fuel has to go into the zodiak an onto the shelf, please understand that this is not a fly in/out DXPed - we're running on generators. We will on Bouvet continously check the available fuel, we have an inline electronic meetering system. Based on available fuel we can (i) increase the heat in the tent (our tent is not heated 24/7! (ii) go QRO on CW/SSB (iii) go 500W on FT8, two machines max due to power output bottlenecks (iv) start the 1000 W waffle machine.!!

Thus FT8 QRO operation >100W is a question about logistics, power rating of the generator circuits and how to dispatch the load but also an energy constraint and amount of fuel available.



Given we can handle the power output and energy constraints we will try 2x500W on FT8, that might as well include 160/80m. However, our lowband ops are likely to be able to man the 160/80 station during the 8h opening, only in the case we're not able to man the 160/80m we will discuss to put the FT8 machines on lowband. We're not ruling it completely out, but seeing the strong team of CW/SSB ops this is unlikely to happen, but not impossible! We have low band ops paying \$25,000 to go on this trip for their lifetime 160m experience!! I personally doubt all of them will be sleeping during prime time!! You get the picture..



5U - Niger

Giorgio, IU5HWS is currently active as 5UA99WS, mostly on 15 meter SSB until December 20. QSL direct via EA5GL, OQRS or LoTW.

6W - Senegal

Earl, WA3DX will sign WA3DX/6W, from December 22 to January 20, mostly on 20 meter SSB and FT8, but also on 40 to 10, 2 meters and 70 cm FM, and APRS. He will also be QRV as 6W1/WA3DX, 6W6/WA3DX, and W9/WA3DX. QSL direct to home call or LoTW.

VP8-Antarctica

Seba, SQ1SGB will be operating as P8/SQ1SGB/p during his spare time, until February 1, 2023. He is QRV on 40 and 20 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL via EB7DX.

EX - Kyrgyzstan

DU7ET (aka WT3A), Bob, is back in Bishkek. In his spare time he'll be QRV as EX0ET on 20 through 10 meters during the day.

DX0NE - Spratly Is



DX0NE Team planning activity from Spratly Islands, IOTA AS - 051, 1 August - 31 December 2022. The Team - DU1XX (AE6DG), Michael; DU3JA, Jong; 4F1OZ, Ed; and 4F2KWT, Gil.

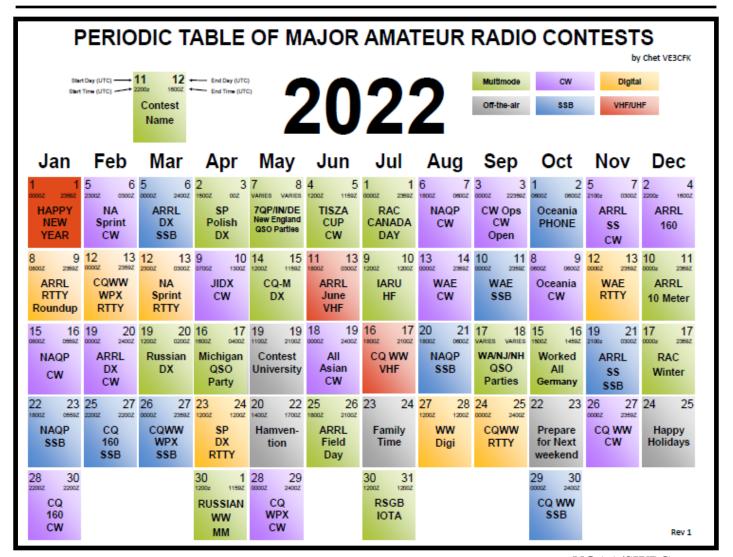
The latest communique from the team:

We regret to inform the dx community that our trip has been postponed due to safety issues. We hope to recover in the first 6 months of 2023.

73's DX0NE team

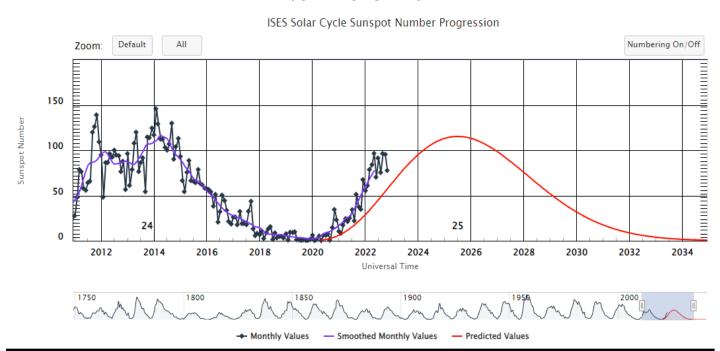
CY0 - Sable Is.

On Monday, November 21, Sharon Taratula with the ARRL pre-approved the March 2023 Sable Island CY0S DXpedition for DXCC. The CY0S team submitted to the ARRL the official letter from the Parks Canada-Sable Island manager authorizing the DXpedition. Sable Aviation provided the necessary landing permission, and the team provided the CY0S license permit. One note, due to the always uncertain nature of the weather on and around Sable Island, the team was approved for the dates of March 20-April 5th in case of delays. The scheduled dates for the DXpedition are still March 20-29, 2023 as has been previously advertised. The team has the CY0S QRZ page up and operational. Updates to the QRZ page will be made in the coming weeks.

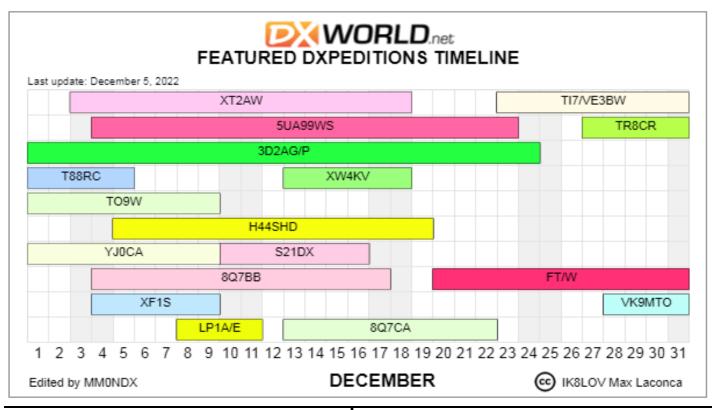


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XT-BURKINA FASO

Harald, DF2WO will be operating as XT2AW until December 18 on HF and via QO-100. QSL via M0OXO (OQRS), LoTW or direct.

Seasons Greetings

My wife and I would like to extend our warmest wishes to all of the SEMDXA members, their families and all our DXing friends during this Festive Season and hope the New Year brings health and happiness to all of you (and lots of good DX as well). Seasons Greetings ALL.

73 from Chet VE3CFK and Vera



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

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2022 Dec04	2022 Dec17	Burkina Fa- so	XT2AW [spots]	LoTW	N4UFO 20221204
2022 Nov21	2022 Dec15	Samoa	5W0RS [spots]	IT9YVO	TDDX 20221122
2022 Nov24	2022 Dec13	Albania	ZA [spots]	DL3KZA (B/d)	TDDX 20221130
2022 Nov24	2022 Dec20	Rotuma	3D2AG/p [spots]	LoTW	DXW.Net 20221118
2022 Nov25	2022 Dec13	Tanzania	5H3FM [spots]	HB9DSP	DXW.Net 20221122
2022 Nov28	2022 Dec31	Gambia	C5YK [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20221203
2022 Nov29	2022 Dec31	Willis I	VK9WX [spots]	TBD	DXW.Net 20221130
2022 Nov30	2022 Dec09	St Martin	TO9W [spots]	LoTW	DXNews 20220123
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2022 Dec01	2022 Dec09	Vanuatu	YJ0CA [spots]	VK2YUS	TDDX 20221122
2022 Dec03	2022 Dec14	Mauritius	3B8 [spots]	Home Call	TDDX 20221203
2022 Dec04	2022 Dec17	Maldives	8Q7BB [spots]	RX3APM	DXW.Net 20221124
2022 Dec06	2022 Dec08	Gibraltar	ZB2 [spots]	YL2GM	DXW.Net 20221203
2022 Dec06	2022 Dec20	Solomon Is	H44SHD [spots]	HB9SHD (B/d)	425DXN 20221111
2022 Dec08	2022 Dec12	Ceuta & Mellila	EA9	YL2GM	DXW.Net 20221203

Editors NOTE:

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

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2022 Dec20	2022 Dec31	Crozet	<u>FT8/c</u>	LoTW	TDDX 20211028
2022 Dec22	2023 Jan20	Senegal	6W	WA3DX Direct	TDDX 20221205
2022 Dec23	2023 Jan03	Costa Rica	TI7	LoTW	TDDX 20221128
2022 Dec29	2023 Jan05	Cayman Is	ZF2IT	LoTW	DXW.Net 20221205
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