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**Map and directions**

## **HOLIDAY PARTY**

**Lunch at the Lake**

**December 13**

**12:00 AM sharp -  
2:30 PM ?**

**Great food and 807's**

**Replaces the night  
meeting**

## **PRES Sez**



Hi all,

I want to thank everyone that comes to the meetings and joins the meetings online. Without all of you, we would have no club. I want to thank the board members, the Secretary that takes care of the minutes, the Program Manager that gets the great presentations, the Treasurer that handles the money and keeps it all straight! And our esteemed VP that drives like a crazy rally driver just to get to the meeting on time and backing me up!

Let's all be thankful for having the ability and the means to enjoy our hobby like we do. And be thankful that our spouses allow us to enjoy the hobby as much as we do.

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## **Calendar**

**NEXT Meeting:**

**WEDNESDAY**

**December 13, 2023**

**ZUKEY LAKE**

Gathering starts at 12:00 for coffee and leads into lunch starting at 12:01. Ends when propagation dies out.

## **FIRST 2024 MEETING**

**January 10**

### **SEMDXA OFFICERS**

*President:* Fred Goeckel, **KD8ZYD**  
*Vice-president:* Pete Gladysz, **K8PGJ**  
*Treasurer:* Brad Nowak, **N8SNM**  
*Secretary:* Chet Latawicz, **VE3CFK**  
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and Steve Culp, **K8QKY**  
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*VUCC Checker:* Jim Sanford, **K8ZZU**  
*CQ Checker:* Mike Rudzki, **N8MR**  
*CQ Checker:* Al Bailey, **K8SIX**

## The PREZ Sez

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I can say my wife is amazing, anytime I want to get something new, she always says go for it...and then she is off to the jewelry store. 🐱

I personally have made many new friends because of this hobby.

I also want to announce that W1SKU told me about Iran on 30 meters. It would have been an ATNO for him. He told me they were there, and I got them in about 10 minutes...he never did. What a great friend. I actually have a county/band/mode that W1SKU doesn't. That will never happen again that's for sure, so Christmas came early for me 🐱

I have made progress on countries/entities that I have made contact with. Last reported I was at 260 contacts to different countries/entities. 229 are confirmed. I am now at 267 with 233 confirmed. Even more progress!! I need to send a few cards out or get on Club Log and get some of these rarer entities confirmed!

The Prez – 73's

*DX IS!*

Soon we'll sing in merry chorus

In the watches of the night.

For we'll tune the bands for DX,

'Till the pale dawn bring the light...

## Meeting Minutes

of November 2023

The November SEMDXA meeting was chaired by our president Fred, KD8ZYD. The meeting started at 6:57 PM. There were 13 in attendance and 1 zoomed.

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 Tim, K8NWD and 2nded by Fred, W1SKU

Treasurers report was presented by Brad, N8SNM. Motion to accept by Pete, K8PGJ & 2nd by Steve, K8QKY.

New Business:

Stan, AC8W updated us on DXCC desks' review of separating Palmyra and Jarvis Islands into 2 separate entities. The decision was to leave them as one.

There is a DXpedition going to Scarborough Reef. The permit to travel and visit to the Reef was given by the Philippians.

The evenings presentation was given by James Gall, KB2FMH. James gave an excellent presentation of his DXpedition to American Samoa. Thank you James for a very informative and excellent presentation.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14. Motion to close by Chet, VE3CFK and seconded by Stan, AC8W.

**DUES are DUE**

## 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=N0t3N1RpUFZiVGQzZHZwTnU0bHpuUT09>

## 3Y0K - Bouvet Is.



- 3YØK DXpedition to Bouvetøya January 2025 (#11 most wanted)

- Up to 21 days on the island
- A team of 3 operators + support team of 4 persons + remote team
- Budget \$440,000 where 2/3rd of budget is secured already
- \$150,000 in support needed
- All permits in hand

Details here at [DX world](#)

## NOT CANCELLED YET

Some things to look forward to:

- SEMDXA January 2024 in-person meeting at Fork n' Pint in Waterford on Wednesday, January 10th at 7:00 PM
- 2024 Hamvention
- The January issue of The Long Path
- Christmas

## Hamfests

## Peter 1 Island

There is also plans for Peter I Island in progress. We have secured a vessel, and we're now building a team of 19 operators that will go to Peter I Island in February 2026 and stay there for 14 days. The vessel is a proper Antarctica vessel with 2 helicopters, two Expedition leaders and with all permits needed. We are working closely with the Norwegian Polar Institute to obtain the landing permit. A website will be created and more information about Peter I Island DX-pedition will be released later. Fundraising is expected to start 2024

Team leader Ken LA7GIA – Co-leader Adrian KO8SCA, Co-leader Cezar VE3LYC and Co-leader Dave WD5COV. Media Officer and WW Pilot Steve Hass N2AJ.

Because we are running the two DXpeditions through the same organization there exist synergies as for the equipment, logistics and resources committed to execute these.

Thank you,  
73, Ken LA7GIA

## XW - Laos

XW4DX operator F4BKV, Vincent, "will be operating XW4KV regularly up to mid 2024 on 15m and 10m bands with low power, (100w and dipoles antennas for both bands)". Listen for him on FT8 and when propagation is good on SSB.

## 6M Wooooos!

As reported by Bernie, W3UR in the Daily DX for December 4th "K8SIX, Al, noted a 6M opening to Europe from 1551-1606Z. He copied EA2KR, EA1DR, CT1ILT, CO2QU and EA1DFP. Unfortunately, he had to make a run to the bank for his wife, otherwise would have seen the JT Alert and would have rushed to his hamshack.

## VU7 - Lakshadweep

W4VKU, Krish, has shipped the gear for the upcoming, December 4-10, VU7A DXpedition to the Lakshadweep Islands. The equipment is being shipped from the Indian West Coast. On 160 FT8 VU7A will be "using MSHV and Multi-answer auto sequencing on [the] non-standard FT8" frequency 1836 KHz and MSHV will be "set to answer the callers, by the distance. So, the farthest first". Krish will be using an Acom 1000 and a vertical.

## CY9C - St. Paul Is.

WA4DAN and team plan on returning to CY0 - St. Paul Is in 2024. They expect a permit from The Department of Fisheries and Oceans for late August into early September 2024.

## ET - Ethiopia

K4ZW, Ken, has booked flights, hoping conditions hold for the 10M Contest. He will be at the ET3AA club station but expects the club members to do most of he operating. Outside the weekend event he plans to look at options for low band operations, and "deal more effectively with the awful noise." Then, W9XY and K4ZW and possibly a third operator will be at ET3AA January 12-20.

## T32 - East Kiribati

Preparations are in full swing for next DXpedition by the Rebel DX Group. 90% of the T32TT activity will be on digital, "if you like it or not", they say. In order "to make more digi fans happy" they are trying a new "software experiment" with up to "10 streaming signals on each band" for FT4 and FT8. The Rebels say, "You will be able to contact T32TT on normal mode and F/H mode using any software you wish." T32TT will use both standard frequencies and dedicate FT4 and FT8 frequencies. Plans are to have 12 digital stations, two CW and one SSB, beginning December 5.

## ZL7 - Chatham Is.

ZL1CAP, ZL1LDP, ZL1OV, and ZL3SSB will be active here next month. Activity will be SSB and maybe FT8 on 80 to 10M.

## Z6 - Kosovo

S53BB, Boris, has been in Pristina, Kosovo since November using the call Z68BB. Listen for him on CW and FT8 on 7 through 28 MHz until April 2024.

## CLUBLOG

### Most wanted - Top 25

1	P5	<a href="#">DPRK (NORTH KOREA)</a>
2	BS7H	<a href="#">SCARBOROUGH REEF</a>
3	CE0X	<a href="#">SAN FELIX ISLANDS</a>
4	BV9P	<a href="#">PRATAS ISLAND</a>
5	KH7K	<a href="#">KURE ISLAND</a>
6	KH3	<a href="#">JOHNSTON ISLAND</a>
7	FT/G	<a href="#">GLORIOSO ISLAND</a>
8	3Y/P	<a href="#">PETER 1 ISLAND</a>
9	FT5/X	<a href="#">KERGUELEN ISLAND</a>
10	YV0	<a href="#">AVES ISLAND</a>
11	3Y/B	<a href="#">BOUVET ISLAND</a>
12	ZS8	<a href="#">PRINCE EDWARD &amp; MARION</a>
13	KH4	<a href="#">MIDWAY ISLAND</a>
14	VK0M	<a href="#">MACQUARIE ISLAND</a>
15	PY0S	<a href="#">SAINT PETER AND PAUL ROCKS</a>
16	PY0T	<a href="#">TRINDADE &amp; MARTIM VAZ</a>
17	KP5	<a href="#">DESECHEO ISLAND</a>
18	VP8S	<a href="#">SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS</a>
19	KH5	<a href="#">PALMYRA &amp; JARVIS ISLANDS</a>
20	ZL9	<a href="#">NEW ZEALAND SUBANTARCTIC</a>
21	FK/C	<a href="#">CHESTERFIELD ISLANDS</a>
22	VK0H	<a href="#">HEARD ISLAND</a>
23	EZ	<a href="#">TURKMENISTAN</a>
24	FT/T	<a href="#">TROMELIN ISLAND</a>
25	YK	<a href="#">SYRIA</a>

## VU7 - Andaman & Nicobar Islands

W4VKU, Krish plans to be on the air from VU7 starting at 0001 local time December 5, which is December 4, 1831Z. He plans 160-6M FT8 and SSB, until December 10. He says he "may stay longer but it depends on the demand for VU7 on the air.

## 702 - Socotra Is.



Vlad, OK2WX will be active from Socotra island, Yemen as 7O2WX during January 25 to February 12, 2024. Focus on low bands (160, 80 and 40m). Equipment: Elecraft K4, Icom 7300 + amplifier. Monoband verticals for each of 160, 80 & 40 and Spiderbeam 5 band for HF. A log will be available online. Participation in the CQ 160m DX Contest CW. QSL via IZ8CCW.

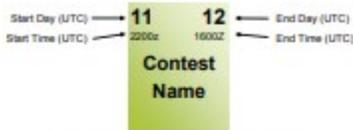
Vlad has posted a survey of preferred bands and modes on the DXpedition website. If you are missing some bands and modes from Yemen, he can focus on them. He also mentions approved PA (amplifier) available, on upper bands 3-4 el yagi will be used, and monoband 18m verticals for low bands 160 and 80m.

## 7P8EI - Lesotho

EIDXG are delighted to formally announce their plans for another new adventure. Following on from the success of 9N7EI, 7Q7EI, 5V7EI and this year's V26EI, the team are excited to bring you 7P8EI as they head off to Lesotho in March 19-30. The 15 man team will be QRV on all bands and modes from 160m through 10m. Website and full announcement coming soon.

# PERIODIC TABLE OF MAJOR AMATEUR RADIO CONTESTS

by Chet VE3CFK



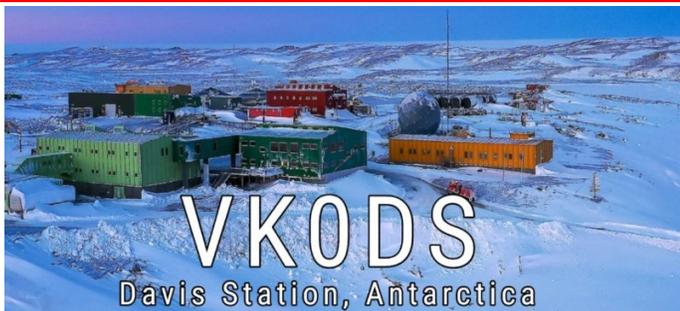
# 2023

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

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	4 NA Sprint CW	5 ARRL DX SSB	1 SP Polish DX	2 7QP/IN/DE New England QSO Parties	3 ARRL Int'l Digital	4 RAC CANADA DAY	5 NAQP CW	6 CW Ops CW Open	7 Oceania PHONE	8 ARRL SS CW	1 ARRL 160
7 ARRL RTTY Roundup	8 CQWW WPX RTTY	11 NA Sprint RTTY	12 JIDX CW	13 CQ-M DX	10 ARRL June VHF	8 IARU HF	9 WAE CW	12 WAE SSB	13 Oceania CW	14 WAE RTTY	15 ARRL 10 Meter
14 NAQP CW	15 ARRL DX CW	18 Russian DX	19 Michigan QSO Party	15 Contest University	18 All Asian CW	17 CQ WW VHF	18 NAQP SSB	19 WANJ/NH QSO Parties	16 Worked All Germany	17 ARRL SS SSB	16 RAC Winter
21 NAQP SSB	22 CQ 160 SSB	24 CQWW WPX SSB	25 SP DX RTTY	26 Hamvention	19 ARRL Field Day	23 Family Time	24 WW Digi	26 CQWW RTTY	27 CQ WW SSB	28 CQ WW CW	24 Happy Holidays
27 CQ 160 CW			29 UK/EI DX CW	30 CQ WPX CW	27 CQ WPX CW	28 RSGB IOTA	29 RSGB IOTA				

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## VK0DS -Antarctica



From December 2023 to November 2024, David VK2JDS will occasionally be active from Davis Station, Antarctica using the callsign VK0DS. He hopes to be QRV on HF bands and will also try 2m EME using a single 12el yagi and 100 watts.

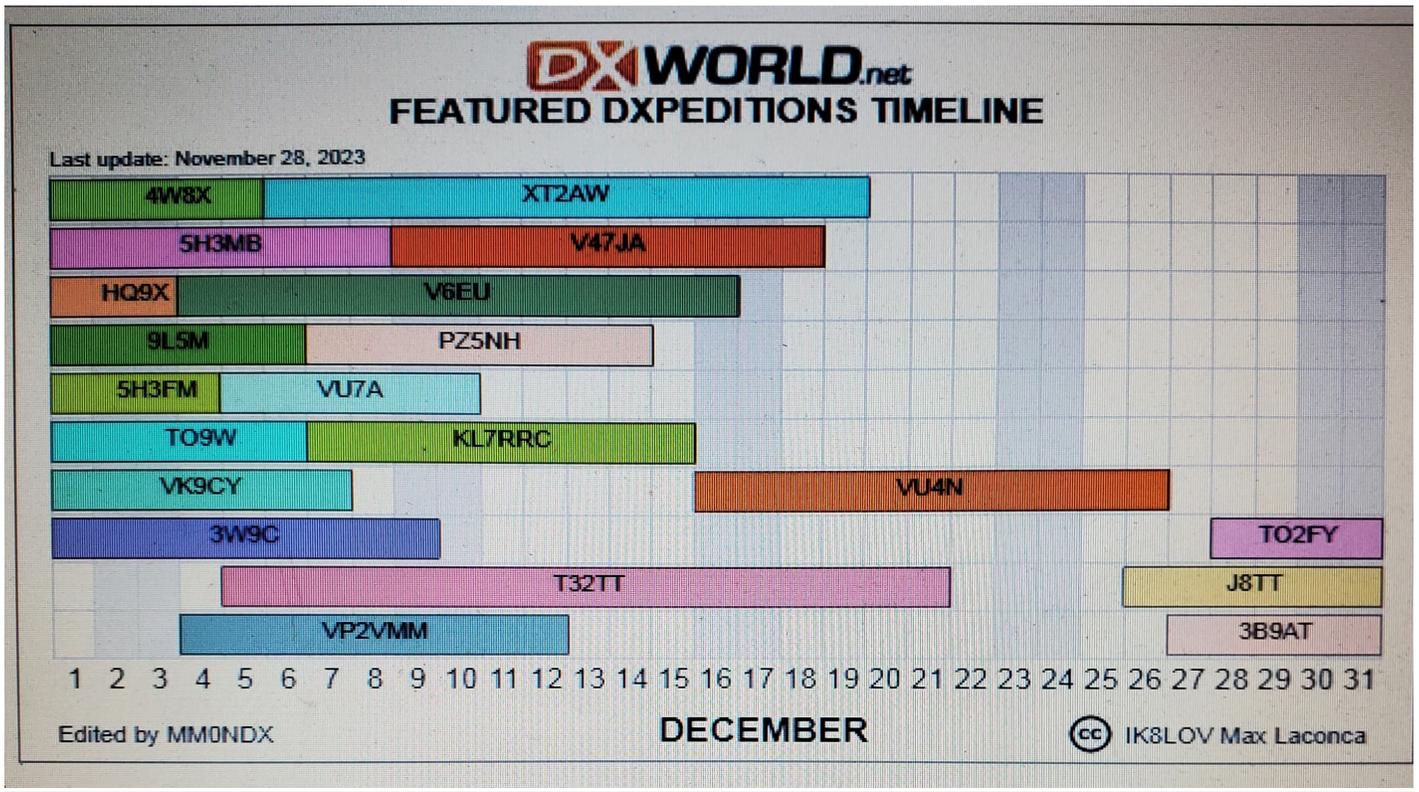
## 3D2AD, 5W8A & ZK3M

Hrane YT1AD and team will be active from Fiji (3D2AD), Samoa (5W8A) and Tokelau (ZK3M or ZK3A) during February 7 to March 1, 2024. The main target is Tokelau with activity period of February 15-25, 2024. The team is currently YT1AD, YT3M, K1LZ, K3JO (YT3WW), YU3AA, R7KW, VK3FY, LU9ESD, RC9O with his wife UA9OYL. 3-4 ops may be able to join the team...

**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**

# Upcoming DX

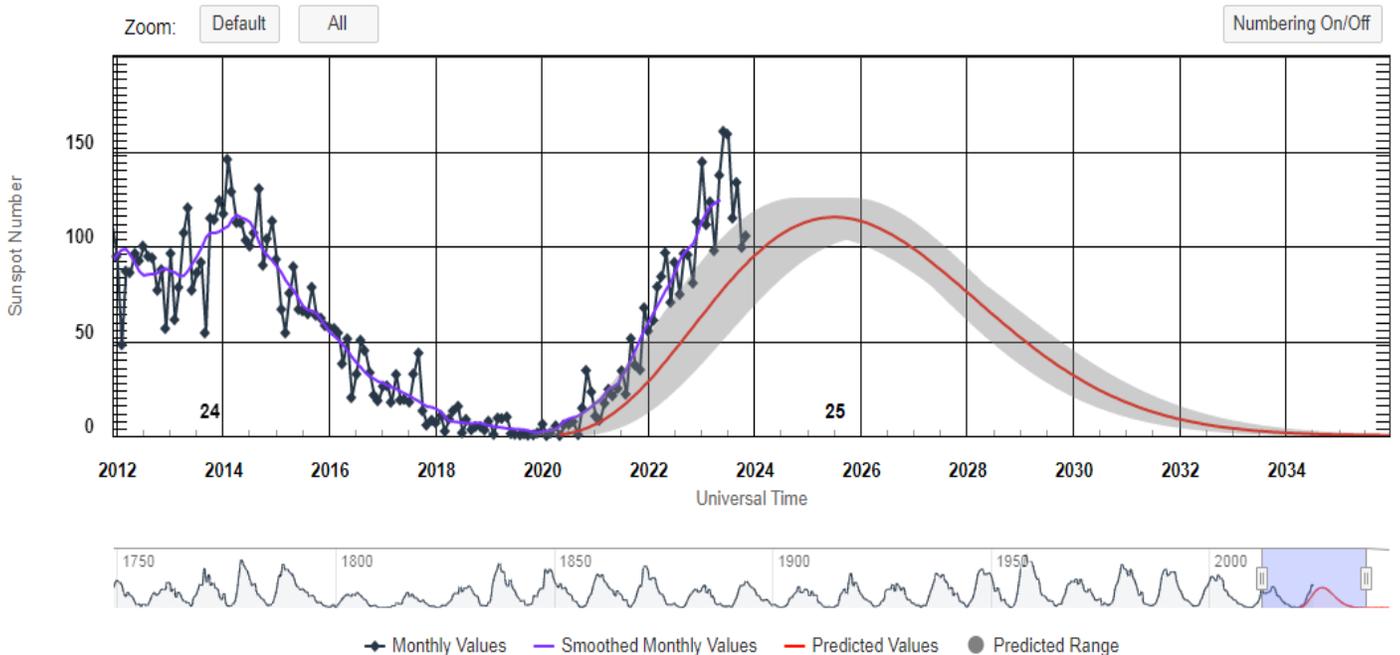
# Credit to DX World



## SOLAR CYCLE 25

NOAA/SWPC

ISES Solar Cycle Sunspot Number Progression



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Start Date	End Date	Dxcc Entity	Call	QSL via	Reported by
<b>2023</b>					
<b>November</b>					
2023 Nov08	2023 Dec08	Tanzania	5H3MB [spots]	LoTW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20230920
2023 Nov26	2023 Dec08	St Martin	TO9W [spots]	LoTW	K9EL 20230508
2023 Nov28	2023 Dec31	Curacao	PJ2ND [spots]	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20231129
2023 Nov29	2023 Dec07	Cocos (Keeling) I	VK9CY [spots]	LoTW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20231106
2023 Nov30	2023 Dec08	Dominican Republic	HI8 [spots]	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20231129
2023 Nov30	2023 Dec09	Vietnam	3W9C [spots]	LoTW	<a href="#">OPDX</a> 20231109
2023 Nov20	2023 Dec11	Jamaica	6Y [spots]	W8YCM	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20231120
<b>December</b>					
2023 Dec04	2023 Dec12	British Virgin Is	VP2VM M [spots]	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20231014
2023 Dec04	2023 Dec16	Micronesia	V6EU [spots]	LoTW	DL2AWG 20230707
2023 Dec05	2023 Dec10	Lakshadweep	VU7A [spots]	W4VKU	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20231127
2023 Dec05	2023 Dec19	Kosovo	Z68BG [spots]	HB9TS W	HB9TSW 20231205
2023 Dec06	2023 Dec19	Burkina Faso	XT2AW [spots]	M0OXO OQRS	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20231102
2023 Dec06	2023 Dec28	East Kiribati	T32TT [spots]	LoTW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20231114
2023 Dec07	2023 Dec14	Surinam	PZ5NH	LoTW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20231106

Editors NOTE:

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

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2023 Dec08	2023 Dec18	<b>Barbados</b>	<b>8P9BH</b>	eQSL	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20231201
2023 Dec09	2023 Dec18	<b>St Kitts &amp; Ne- vis</b>	<a href="#">V47JA</a>	LoTW	W5JON 20231124
2023 Dec09	2023 Dec19	<b>Ogasawara</b>	<b>JD1YCE</b>	LoTW	<a href="#">425DXN</a> 20231201
2023 Dec11	2023 Dec22	<b>Cape Verde Is</b>	<a href="#">D44MCS</a>	LoTW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20231118
2023 Dec16	2023 Dec26	<b>Andaman &amp; Nicobar</b>	<b>VU4N</b>	W4VKU	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20231127
2023 Dec26	2024 Jan05	<b>St Vincent</b>	<b>J8TT</b>	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20231203
2023 Dec27	2024 Jan06	<b>Rodrigues I</b>	<b>3B9AT</b>	LoTW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20230807
2023 Dec29	2024 Jan16	<b>French Gui- ana</b>	<b>TO2FY</b>	eQSL	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20231112
<b>2024</b>					
<b>January</b>					
2024 Jan03	2024 Jan10	<b>Honduras</b>	<a href="#">HR9</a>	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20231201
2024 Jan11	2024 Jan24	<b>Barbados</b>	<b>8P9CB</b>	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20231102
2024 Jan11	2024 Jan25	<b>St Kitts &amp; Ne- vis</b>	<b>V4</b>	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20231203
2024 Jan11	2024 Jan30	<b>Montserrat</b>	<b>VP2MDX</b>	LoTW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20230807
2024 Jan12	2024 Jan18	<b>Palau</b>	<b>T8</b>	See Info	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20230922
2024 Jan12	2024 Jan20	<b>Ethiopia</b>	<b>ET3AA</b>	N2OO	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20231129
2024 Jan16	2024 Feb04	<b>St Helena</b>	<b>ZD7Z</b>	LoTW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20231201
2024 Jan17	2024 Jan24	<b>Dominica</b>	<b>J79</b>	Club Log OQRS	FM5BH 20230908
2024 Jan18	2024 Feb01	<b>Clipperton I</b>	<a href="#">TX5S</a>	LoTW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20230321
2024 Jan19	2024 Jan31	<b>Aruba</b>	<b>P4</b>	Club Log OQRS	DL4MM 20231024

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2024 Jan25	2024 Feb12	<b>Yemen</b>	<b>7O2WX</b>	IZ8CCW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20231111
<b>February</b>					
2024 Feb10	2024 Feb18	<b>Georgia</b>	<a href="#">4L</a>	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20231201
2024 Feb10	2024 Feb28	<b>Solomon Is</b>	<b>H44MS</b>	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20231111
2024 Feb13	2024 Feb20	<b>Juan Fernan- dez</b>	<a href="#">CBOZA</a>	HA1AG	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20230605
2024 Feb14	2024 Feb24	<b>Guyana</b>	<a href="#">8R</a>	LoTW	DK6SP 20230611
<a href="#">ARRL International DX Contest, CW (Feb 17-18, 2024) Check here for</a>					
2024 Feb20	2024 Feb27	<b>Mauritius</b>	<b>3B8</b>	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20230725
2024 Feb22	2024 Mar07	<b>Temotu</b>	<a href="#">H40WA</a>	LoTW	N6PSE 20230126
2024 Feb25	2024 Mar04	<b>St Kitts &amp; Ne- vis</b>	<b>V4</b>	K1ZN	K1ZN 20230925
<b>March</b>					
2024 Mar01	2024 Mar31	<b>Benin</b>	<b>TY5C</b>	LoTW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20230920
<a href="#">ARRL International DX Contest, Phone (Mar 2-3, 2024) Check here for</a>					
2024 Mar02	2024 Mar30	<b>Sint Maarten</b>	<b>PJ7AA</b>	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20230807
2024 Mar04	2024 Mar16	<b>Grenada</b>	<b>J3</b>	LoTW	ON4MA 20230622
2024 Mar08	2024 Mar20	<b>Tanzania</b>	<b>5H3VJG</b>	M0OXO	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20231202
2024 Mar16	2024 Mar21	<b>Bahamas</b>	<a href="#">C6A</a>	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20231115
2024 Mar19	2024 Mar30	<b>Lesotho</b>	<b>7P8EI</b>	M0OXO	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20231203
2024 Mar25	2024 Apr03	<b>Austral Is</b>	<a href="#">TX5XG</a>	LoTW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20230810
2024 Mar29	2024 Mar31	<b>Mayotte</b>	<b>TO4VV</b>	LoTW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20230902

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2024 Apr05	2024 Apr07	<b>Mayotte</b>	<b>TO4VV</b>	LoTW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20230902
2024 Apr12	2024 Apr14	<b>Mayotte</b>	<b>TO4VV</b>	LoTW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20230902
<b>July</b>					
2024 Jul02	2024 Jul15	<b>St Pierre &amp; Miquelon</b>	<b>FP</b>	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20231024
<a href="#">RSGB IOTA Contest (Jul 27-28, 2024) Check here for pericontest activity</a>					
<b>August</b>					
2024 Aug23	2024 Sep30	<b>Tristan da Cunha</b>	<a href="#">ZD9GJ</a>	LoTW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20231123
<b>2025</b>					
<b>January</b>					
2025 Jan05	2025 Jan26	<b>Bouvet I</b>	<b>3Y0K</b>	TBA	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20231202

