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PRES Sez

Hi all.

Can you believe it's June already! Wow is time flying!

By the time you read this I should have my tower base in (4.5 ft x 4.5 ft x 5 ft deep) and the first section in and the cement drying. I'm very excited to finally have a proper tower and antennas on it! My goal is to have it fully installed, cables run, etc. by the fall. I have a few other home projects to get done as well so I will work on this as time permits. The good news is it will be ready for all the great DXpeditions coming up in 2026!

The next meeting will be in person. It will be at our last place we met at, Gino's in Keego Harbor. I was able to secure the room (no charge). Let's give it a try and see what everyone thinks. Maybe we can go back there in the fall, or we can find some other place to meet. To me, the in-person meetings are what make the club.

This time of year, is the best time to do any maintenance on antennas, towers, etc. The weather is nice!!

Hamvention was a good event this year. I saw some new equipment. For example, Flex Radio has a new radio called the "Aurora" (named after my daughter). It is one box, 500 watts, built in tuner, built in

power supply, it's all in one box. The picture below includes the Maestro Front Panel. Or you can just run from a computer.



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NEXT Meeting:

Gino's

Keego Harbor

June 18th

Program

Adrian KO8SCA

Presenting

Mt Athos **DXpedion**

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I have made progress on countries/entities that I have made contact with. Last reported I thought I was at 291 contacts to different countries/entities and 280 are confirmed. I am now at 292 with 280 confirmed (looks like a lot of LOTW's finally showed up). Even more progress!! I'm 8 away from 300 contacts and only 20 away from 300 confirmed!!

Shirts!! Below are 2 website you can pic your shirt, coat, really anything they sell my friend can embroider our logo, etc. on. At the last meeting of the year in the spring I wore my new shirt. I stepped up and got a Nike shirt which I love. Shirts will be around \$50 if you want a Nike shirt. She has shirts that cost less. Just let me know what your looking for and I'll get it ordered. Please let me know if you have any questions. She can add your call, name, anything you want on the shirt.

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The Prez - 73's

Meeting Minutes

May 2025

The May SEMDXA meeting was chaired by our president Fred, KD8ZYD. The meeting started at 6:55 PM. There were 0 in attendance and eleven ZOOMed. The meeting was a ZOOM meeting since the Fork n' Pint Tavern burned to the ground earlier in the month.

Acceptance of April 2025 meeting minutes as published in the May issue of The Long Path was motioned by Al, K8SIX and 2nd by Doug, N8VY and accepted by all present.

Treasurers report was presented by Pete, K8PGY. Brad, N8SNM was absent from the meeting, but had forwarded his Treasurers report to the SEMDXA executive. Hence Pete's presentation of the financial report. AL, K8SIX motioned to accept and 2nd by Fred, KD8ZYD. Accepted by all.

OLD Business

SEMDXA shirts are available to order. See Fred, KD8ZYD for details.

DUES ARE DUE.

Presentation by Dennis, KT8X speaking about the upcoming 3Y0K Bouvet0YA DXpedition.

Motion to adjourn by Fred, W1SKU and 2nd by Al, K8SIX.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

SEMDXA Elections

Yup. Where has the year gone?

June is when we elect a new executive. All chairs are available, although, I, your editor am willing to stay on as Secretary and Editor/Publisher of The Long Path.

Also. We are meeting at Gino's in Keego Harbor for the June meeting. Be there, or be square.

Gino's Restaurant

Our JUNE SEMDXA meeting will be held at our old haunt - Ginos Pizzeria & Restaurant at 1999 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor, MI 48320. Phone number (282) 682-6540.

Gathering starts at 5:00 PM. Meeting starts at 7:00 PM.

Our guest speaker will be Adrian, KO8SCA. Adrian will be taking about his latest DXpedition to Mt. Athos.

If you cannot attend, please ZOOM. ZOOM access is posted elsewhere in this newsletter. See you there.

VP0 - S. Georgia



Amateur Radio DXpeditions (ARD) is proud to announce plans for a groundbreaking DXpedition to South Georgia Island, set to take place in March 2027.

Operating under the allocated callsign VP0SG, this ambitious activation will target one of the rarest and most logistically challenging DXCC entities, well ranked on top of the Club Log's Most Wanted List, with particularly high demand in some areas of the world.

The remote sub-Antarctic island of South Georgia poses access difficulties due to its protected environmental status, mountainous terrain, and volatile weather conditions. After extensive negotiations and ongoing permitting discussions with the Government of South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands (GSGSSI), ARD is optimistic about securing authorization for an onshore operation.



The team has reserved a rugged, icestrengthened expedition motor vessel known for its support of polar science missions for the period of the DXpedition to South Georgia. The ship's versatility and compact size make it an ideal platform for staging low-impact landings and providing continuous logistical support to the operator team.

"Our goal is to deliver a world-class, environmentally responsible DXpedition with global reach" said Rune LA7THA, one of the ARD leadership team. "This project combines technical innovation, strategic planning, and a strong commitment to youth mentorship."

As a project that aligns closely with the values of international amateur radio collaboration, education, and high-impact DXing, ARD is currently seeking sponsorship and support from key organizations in the amateur radio community to bring VP0SG to life.

Thank you to Bernie, W3UR, The Daily DX, The Weekly DX, ARRL and dx.radio, NG3K, CLUBLOG, Dales Tales and DX News.com for their contributions

Ask AI

Fred, KD8ZYD aasked AI to explain Hamvention in Dayton. This is what it said:

Hamvention in Dayton, Ohio

Hamvention, held annually in Dayton, Ohio, is a premier gathering for amateur radio enthusiasts from around the globe. First organized in 1952, this event has grown into the world's largest convention for ham radio operators, attracting tens of thousands of participants each year. Hosted by the Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA), Hamvention is more than just an event—it's a celebration of the vibrant ham radio community. Attendees have the opportunity to explore the latest in radio technology, network with like-minded individuals, and participate in a wide range of activities designed to educate, entertain, and inspire.

The event features an impressive array of highlights, including educational forums, technical discussions, and hands-on demonstrations led by industry experts. A central component of Hamvention is its massive flea market and exhibit spaces, where vendors showcase new equipment, vintage radios, and rare components. This marketplace is a treasure trove for hobbyists seeking to enhance their setups or discover unique finds, creating a dynamic environment of trade, learning, and camaraderie. Additionally, the convention offers workshops tailored to all levels of expertise, making it an ideal venue for beginners and seasoned operators alike to deepen their knowledge and skills.

Beyond the technical aspects, Hamvention fosters a sense of community and shared passion that defines the amateur radio culture. Social gatherings, award ceremonies, and special events such as raffles and prize drawings contribute to the festive atmosphere. For many attendees, Hamvention is a chance to connect with friends, build new relationships, and celebrate the rich history and future possibilities of amateur radio. Held at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center since 2017, Hamvention continues to thrive as an essential event on the amateur radio calendar, offering something for everyone in the world of ham radio.

3Y0K - Bouvet Is.

All 3Y0K antennas are generously provided by Krassy K1LZ. The team has chosen to use monobander antennas for 20,15 and 10m. These will be 3 el on 20m, 4 el on 15m and 5 el on 10m. All antennas manufactured in Bulgaria and custom made for Bouvetøya with low weight, but high strength. High gain monobanders and Acom amplifiers will give us a good signal all over the world. With two radio tents and 8 stations as a realistic setup, the plans for building the camp are materializing. The team is putting in a lot of hours into making this DXpedition a success.

ZS8W - Marion Is

Yuris, YL2GM / ZS8W has submitted all documentation to ARRL DXCC and is awaiting approval. Meantime, he has requested a LoTW certificate and is planning to upload QSOs [to there] after June 15th. QSL cards have also been received from the printer.

A DX Poem

This poem, which originally showed up in QST in 1975, 50 years ago, I reprint here for Fred, KD8ZYD who is chasing DX to eventually get on the Honor Role. Some of the DX mentioned in the poem are no longer challenging today, but many of us can relate to the chase we endured to get on the Honor Role. Good luck Fred.

I can think of nothing finer.. ..than a QSO with China.

I would jump and shout "Hooray!"...
..if I contacted Bouvet.

In sleep I often murmur.. .."O Lord, please give me Burma."

And I often rave and ramble.. .. of the need to chalk up Campbell.

And just thinking of Albania...drives me zanier and zanier.

To hear me whining for Mt Athos.. ..is nothing less than pathos.

I rant and rave and bawl.. for St Peter & St Paul.

I'd pat my dog and lick him..
.to catch someone from Sikkim.

I would give a thousand lira.. ..for a contact with Palmyra.

I check daily how the band is.. .. In hopes of Juan Fernandez.

Though I'd change my style and manner.. ...just to QSO with Serrana.

The success would be a dry one.. .I'd still be needing Taiwan.

When I'm old, grey and creaky.. ..I'd still be needing Manihiki.

Though I'd stoop to be a forger...of a card from old South Georgia.

But, that would still not be fini... ... since I'd still need Guinea.

And the whole thing's so much phooey.. ..with no two-way yak with Niue.

I tell you, brother, flatly.. ..I would give my wife for Spratly.

And would mortify my flesh.. .. for a sniff of Bangladesh.

I would wear a surgeon's bandage.. ..to help me work South Sandwich.

And though that would bring me smiles.. .. I'd still need Red Sea's isles.

I wake at night so scared..
..that I've missed someone from Heard.

And my heart is full of venom.. .. for creeps who don't need Blenheim.

My next door neighbour, Charlie.. ...has just confirmed Somali.

And that other pinhead, Frank.. ...how did he get Geyser Bank?

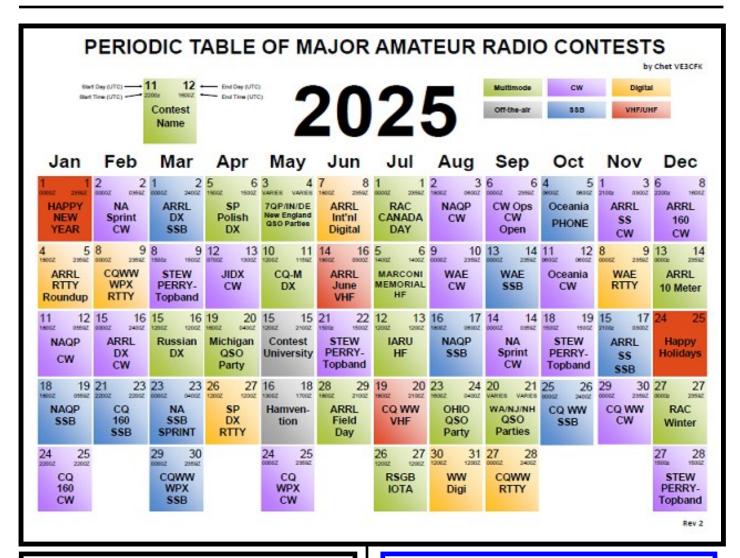
But one day I'll end my credo..
— by working Revilla Gigedo..

And with a fervent, joyful "Amen!".. ..that's right, I'll get South Yemen.

So on and on I strive.. ..toward my frantic final goal..

By the time I'm ninety-five.. ..I'll have made the Honor Roll!





ZOOM Meeting

If you cannot attend in-person to our monthly meetings, you have the option to join us via ZOOM.

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=N0t3N1RpUFZjV GQzZHZwTnU0bHpuUT09

DX Marathon Sprint

WC3W, Mark, announced a DX Marathon Sprint starting October 17, 2025, for 10 days, ending on October 28, 2025. The event will have six classes and include digital, CW, and SSB QSOs. Participants will receive certificates showing their score and rank in various categories. Submission will be made via the DX Marathon website's submission tool by the following Sunday after the sprint ends. If successful, this sprint may become a recurring event.

VQ9 to 3B8



The UK has announced it is giving up sovereignty of a remote but strategically important cluster of islands in the Indian Ocean after more than half a century. The deal – reached after years of negotiations – will see the UK hand over the Chagos Islands to Mauritius in a historic move. This includes the tropical atoll of Diego Garcia, used by the US government as a military base for its navy ships and long-range bomber aircraft.

On May 22, 2025 the UK signed a deal to hand over the Chagos Islands to Mauritius. So there may very well be a new DXCC entity!!!!!

KH9AL/KH9

Next scheduled activities**:

All times listed are UTC. (Current as of: 03 June, 08:30)

- 05 Jun ~ 07:00 10:00, 30m FT8 <u>SuperFox</u> mode, 10.131 if available.
 Also, IF, band condition are better than "poor".
- 07 Jun ~ 06:30 .?. , **20m CW**
- 08 Jun ~ 19:30 23:59, 10m SSB
- 09 Jun ~ 01:30 05:00, 12m FT8 <u>SuperFox</u> mode, 24.911 if available.
- 11 Jun ~ 08:00 11:00, 40m CW
- 12 Jun ~ 07:00 10:30, **17m CW**

Hamfests

June 7, 2025 - IRA Hudsonville Hamfest, Hudson ville, MI

June 15, 2025 - Monroe Hamfest, Monroe, MI

Sept 13, 2025 - GMARC Trunk Swap, Shelby Township, MI

Sept 14, 2025 - Adrian Hamfest, Adrian, MI

Oct 4, 2025 - Kalamazoo Hamfest, Kalamazoo, MI

CY0S - Sable Is.



We are very pleased to announce that Parks Canada - Sable Island has invited the CY0S team back to Sable Island for another DXpedition during March 2026. Official dates to be determined soon. The team is authorized for a 10–12-day DX pedition. The team will be comprised of those who were on the 2024 CY9C DXpedition. The team members will be introduced in the next few weeks. Murray WA4DAN and Glenn W0GJ will once again be the team leaders. Glenn is already working on obtaining radios. Larry WOPR has agreed to lead the publicity and fund-raising efforts. Bill K5DHY has volunteered, once again, to handle the OQRS QSL cards as well as being the treasurer for the DXpedition. Chaz W4GKF will be the webmaster and our website is up and operational at: CY0S.com

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 ourselves for the worst. "I did it", the QRPer was yelling, "I did it, I did it! This time I got one for sure and it has to be a real block buster 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 JA's 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 other 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 research this one and try to get a line on things" and the ORPer was off, jigging 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/AJ\$ 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 ORPer. And at the end all we could say was: "Take from no man his dream."

JD1 - Ogasawara

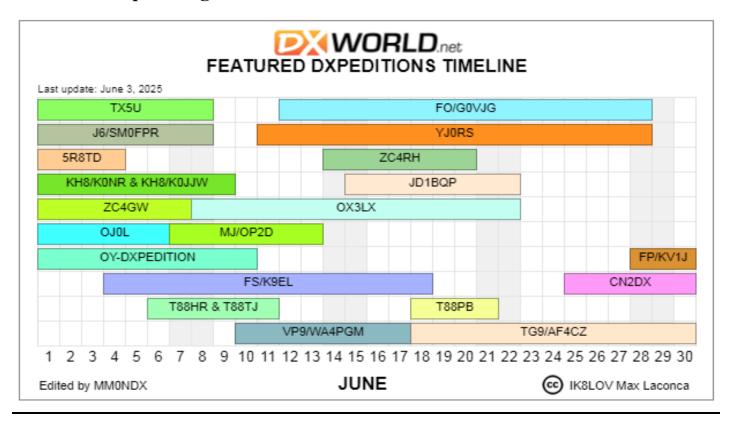
Harry, JG7PSJ informs DX-World that he will again be active as JD1BMH from Ogasawara between June 26 to July 4, 2025. QRV on 40-10m CW, SSB & RTTY. Updates on "X" / twitter and JD1BMH webpage. Audio recording from previous activity.

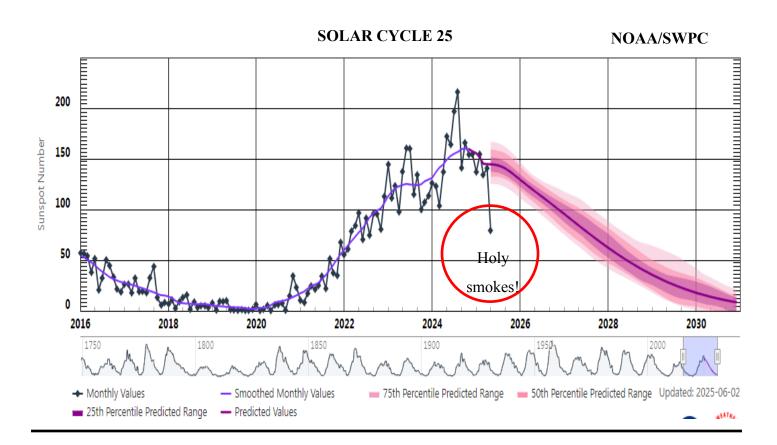
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Most wanted - Top 38

1	P5	DPRK (NORTH KOREA)
2	BS7H	SCARBOROUGH REEF
3	CEOX	SAN FELIX ISLANDS
4	BV9P	PRATAS ISLAND
5	КН7К	KURE ISLAND
6	кн3	JOHNSTON ISLAND
7	3Y/P	PETER 1 ISLAND
8	FT5/X	KERGUELEN ISLAND
9	YV0	AVES ISLAND
10	3Y/B	BOUVET ISLAND
11	ZS8	PRINCE EDWARD & MARION ISLANDS
12	KH4	MIDWAY ISLAND
13	VK0M	MACQUARIE ISLAND
14	PY0S	SAINT PETER AND PAUL ROCKS
15	KP5	DESECHEO ISLAND
16	VPOS	SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS
17	ZL9	NEW ZEALAND SUBANTARCTIC IS-
18	FK/C	CHESTERFIELD ISLANDS
19	VK0H	HEARD ISLAND
20	FT/T	TROMELIN ISLAND
21	EZ	TURKMENISTAN
22	ZL8	KERMADEC ISLAND
23	YK	SYRIA
24	VP0G	SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND
25	XF4	REVILLAGIGEDO
26	KH1	BAKER HOWLAND ISLANDS
27	SV/A	MOUNT ATHOS
28	КН9	WAKE ISLAND
29	FT5/W	CROZET ISLAND
30	VK9M	MELLISH REEF
31	FT/J	JUAN DE NOVA, EUROPA
32	JD/M	MINAMI TORISHIMA
33	PY0T	TRINDADE & MARTIM VAZ ISLANDS
34	нко/м	MALPELO ISLAND
35	FT/G	GLORIOSO ISLAND
36	KP1	NAVASSA ISLAND
37	TI9	COCOS ISLAND
38	VK9W	WILLIS ISLAND

Credit to DX World





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Start	<u>End</u>	DXCC	Call	QSL	Reported	
Date	<u>Date</u>	<u>Entity</u>	<u></u>	via	by	
2025						
Ap	oril					
2025 Apr29	2025 Jun15	Nambia	V51 [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20250421	
M	ay					
2025 May10	2025 Jul12	Falkland Is	VP8DPD [spots]	EA5GL	TDDX 20250508	
2025 May22	2025 Jun20	eSwatini	3DA0GY [spots]	LoTW	DXW.Net 20250507	
2025 May24	2025 Jun06	Seychelles	DX6GF [spots]	LoTW	OPDX 20250529	
2025 May26	2025 Jun08	French Polyne- sia	TX5U [spots]	LoTW	DXW.Net 20250417	
2025 May26	2025 Jun08	St Lucia	J6 [spots]	LoTW	OPDX 20250502	
2025 May27	2025 Jun09	American Sa- moa	KH8 [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20250512	
2025 May28	2025 Jun09	Cyprus SBA	ZC4GW [spots]	M0URX OQRS	OPDX 20250522	
2025 May31	2025 Jun07	Market Reef	OJ0L [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20250521	
Ju	ne					
2025 Jun01	2025 Jun10	Faroe Is	<u>OY</u> [spots]	LoTW	DXW.Net 20240619	
2025 Jun01	2025 Jul10	Guyana	8R1TM [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20250521	
2025 Jun04	2025 Jun11	Madagascar	5R8RD [spots]	Club Log OQRS	DXW.Net 20250213	
2025 Jun04	2025 Jun18	St Martin	FS [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20250125	
2025 Jun06	2025 Jun11	Palau	T88TJ	LoTW	DXW.Net 20250303	
2025 Jun06	2025 Jun13	Jersey	MJ	M0URX	M0URX 20250501	

Editors NOTE:

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

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2025 Jun07	2025 Jun08	Jersey	MJ	ON6QR	ON6QR 20250518
2025 Jun07	2025 Jun09	Spain	EA5	LoTW	DXW.Net 20250506
2025 Jun10	2025 Jun17	Bermuda	VP9	LoTW	OPDX 20250522
2025 Jun10	2025 Jun26	French Polynesia	FO	M0OXO OQRS	<u>OPDX</u> 20250521
2025 Jun11	2025 Jun27	French Polynesia	FO	LoTW	<u>DXW.Net</u> 20241210
2025 Jun11	2025 Jun28	Vanuatu	<u>YJORS</u>	LoTW	DXW.Net 20250322
2025 Jun14	2025 Jun20	Cyprus SBA	ZC4TH	DK6SP	TDDX 20250514
2025 Jun15	2025 Jun21	Ogasawara	JD1BQP	JP1IHD Direct	OPDX 20250401
2025 Jun18	2025 Jul09	Guatemala	TG	LoTW	TDDX 20250501
2025 Jun19	2025 Jun23	Palau	T88PB	LoTW	OPDX 20250417
2025 Jun25	2025 Jul31	Morocco	CN2DX	F5LRL	DXW.Net 20250521
2025 Jun28	2025 Jul14	St Pierre & Mique- Ion	<u>FP</u>	LoTW	TDDX 20241219
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2025 Jul05	2025 Jul15	Grenada	J38DX	LoTW	OPDX 20250213
2025 Jul10	2025 Jul15	Cyprus	5B	LoTW	DXW.Net 20250603
2025 Jul11	2025 Jul25	lceland	TF	VE2XB	TDDX 20250203

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2025 Jul13	2025 Jul19	Mozambique	C93RRC	Club Log OQRS	DXW.Net 20250522		
2025 Jul14	2025 Jul23	Svalbard	<u>JW0V</u>	I8KHC	DXW.Net 20250408		
RSGB 101	RSGB IOTA Contest (Jul 26-27, 2025) Check here for pericontest activity too.						
2025 Jul28	2025 Aug01	Rodrigues I	3B9SP	Club Log OQRS	DXW.Net 20250529		
Aug	just						
2025 Aug18	2025 Aug22	Palau	Т8	LoTW	<u>DXW.Net</u> 20250425		
2025 Aug18	2025 Aug23	Chile	<u>3G1P</u>	Club Log OQRS	TDDX 20250520		
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2025 Sep02	2025 Sep07	Palau	T88DZ	JR2JGR	OPDX 20250518		
2025 Sep02	2025 Sep11	Palau	T88DF	LoTW	OPDX 20250518		
2025 Sep12	2025 Sep22	Svalbard	JW6VDA	LoTW	OPDX 20241219		
2025 Sep15	2025 Sep19	Aland Is	ОН0	LoTW	OPDX 20250226		
2025 Sep22	2025 Oct06	Micronesia	<u>V6D</u>	LoTW	DXW.Net 20250415		
2025 Sep24	2025 Sep28	Svalbard	<u>JW0B</u>	LoTW	DXW.Net 20250409		
2025 Sep28	2025 Oct12	Seychelles	S79	LoTW	DXW.Net 20250315		
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2025 Oct08	2025 Oct13	Svalbard	JW	Home Call	OPDX 20250203		
2025 Oct17	2025 Oct29	Saba & St Eustati- us	<u>PJ6Y</u>	LoTW	DXW.Net 20250318		
2025 Oct20	2025 Nov07	Wallis & Futuna Is	<u>FW5K</u>	TBA	OPDX 20250210		
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB (Oct 25-26, 2025) Check here for pericontest							

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2025 Oct29	2025 Nov12	Madagascar	<u>5R8TT</u>	LoTW	OPDX 20250315	
2025 Oct29	2025 Nov19	Burundi	<u>9U1RU</u>	LoTW	<u>DXW.Net</u> 20250509w	
2025 Oct30	2025 Nov10	Equatorial Guinea	<u>3C2MD</u>	IK2VUC	OPDX 20250424	
November						
2025 Nov01	2025 Nov06	Palau	T88HR	JH1MLO (B/d)	OPDX 20250603	
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW (Nov 29-30, 2025) Check here for pericontest						
2025 Nov30	2025 Dec12	St Martin	<u>LoTW</u>		DXW.Net 20250324	
December						
2025 Dec30	2026 Jan03	Monaco	3A	LoTW	DXW.Net 20250324	

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