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PRES Sez

Hi all.

Where did the summer go! Wow is time flying...and retirement is getting closer!

Here is an update on my tower. At our last meeting, I told the group that a neighbor had reported my tower to Waterford Township. I was paid a visit by the Code Enforcement Officer. She sent a letter that said it did not meet code and had to be removed, as well as my vertical on the other end of the property. I was not a happy camper. I then contacted ARRL and ask who I could talk with for legal advice to help with these issues. They gave me the name of Fred Hopengarten hopengarten@post.harvard.edu who specializes in case like this where the place you live says you can't have a tower. Fred wrote a book called "Antenna Zoning for the radio amateur 3 rd edition. Antenna Zoning For the Radio Amateur 3rd Edition I picked this book up and read a lot of it and realized I really need to get a "pro" involved. So, I hired Fred Hopengarten (Retainer was \$2,500). He got to work and wrote an amazing letter to Waterford Township, making direct reference to Waterford Building code (if anyone would like to see the letter, let me know). And he was able to pick apart everything in the code violation. The letter was emailed to the CEO (Code Enforcement Officer) and the person in the building department that I called who said I could put the tower up without a permit. Long story short (and maybe since his email is from Harvard) I received another in person meeting with the CEO. She was very nice and explained after looking into the issue in more detail that I had a corner lot, etc. the tower was approved. I asked for something in writing, and she said to file a FOIA request which I made the next day. It takes 15 days. Two weeks later I did receive official notice that it is approved in writing.

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NEXT Meeting:

Gino's

Keego Harbor September 17th

Program

Jim Millner

WB2REM

Presenting

DXpeditions to TF & OY

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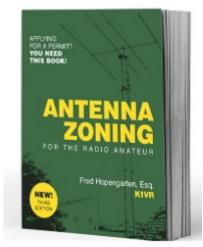
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The next meeting will be in person. It will be at, Gino's in Keego Harbor.

Since fall is around the corner, now is the best time to do any maintenance on antennas, towers, etc. The weather is nice!!

I have made progress on countries/entities that I have made contact with. Last reported I thought I was at 292 contacts to different countries/entities and 280 are confirmed. I am now at (no change) 292 with 280 confirmed (looks like a lot of LOT-W's finally showed up). Even more progress!! I'm 8 away from 300 contacts and only 20 away from 300 confirmed!!

Our board for SEMDXA, all volunteered to stay on the board in the same positions for the 2025/2026 season. We are looking for a "Program Director" if anyone is interested. In the meantime, if anyone knows of any good presentations, please let the board know and we will see if we can get them signed up. We currently have presentations lined up for September, October and November. No meeting in December (Christmas lunch) so we are looking for presentations for 2026.

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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 you're 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

June2025

The June SEMDXA meeting, held at Gino's, was chaired by our president Fred, KD8ZYD. The meeting started at 6:55 PM. There were 16 in attendance and one ZOOMed.

Acceptance of May 2025 meeting minutes as published in the June issue of The Long Path was motioned by Al, K8SIX and 2nd by Fred, W1SKU and accepted by all present.

Treasurers report was presented by Brad, N8SNM. Doug, N8VY motioned to accept and 2nd by Pete, K8PGY. Accepted by all.

NEW Business

Stan, AC8W stated Chagos Is. may become newest DXCC entity. ARRL DX advisory committee to discus.

DUES ARE DUE.

Presentation by Adrian, KOSSCA speaking about his latest DXpedition to Mt. Athos..

Motion to adjourn by Chet, VE3CFK and 2nd by Keith, KB1SF..

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Stan AC8W Retires

After 13 years of service as the Great Lakes Division Representative to the DX Advisory Committee, Stan, AC8W has retired.

Dennis, KT8X is now the new representative.

Stan. Thank you for your 13 years of service.

3C0W & 3C3W Annobon & Eq. Guinea

Yuris, YL2GM (most recently active from Marion Island as **ZS8W**) and Eugene, EA5EL will operate from Equatorial Guinea (**3C3W**) and Annobon (**3C0W**) in September 2025. The plan is to be on the air for 2 weeks from Annobon (3C0W), dates are depending on the ferry schedule. And while waiting for the ferry to 3C0W they will operate as 3C3W.

Palau - T88DZ



Kaz, JR2JGR will be active from Koror, Republic of Palau as **T88DZ** during September 2-7, 2025. QRV on HF bands.

S21 - Bangladesh

The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) has officially granted special authorization for the upcoming DXpedition program to be held at the UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Sundarbans, from 11–17 November 2025. All radio operations during this period will be conducted under the special event callsign S21SDX.

Laos - XW4YY

Maxim, OH7O plans to operate from Laos as XW4YY during August 29 to September 11, 2025. QRV on SSB & FT8; 40-20-17-15-12-10M. Maxim is unsure if he will have enough height for 160m. 80m and 6m are officially not allowed in Laos.

3Y0K - Bouvet Is.



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 CoPilot to write about requirements to put up an amateur radio antenna tower! This is what was said!

Letter on Requirements for Amateur Radio Antenna Towers

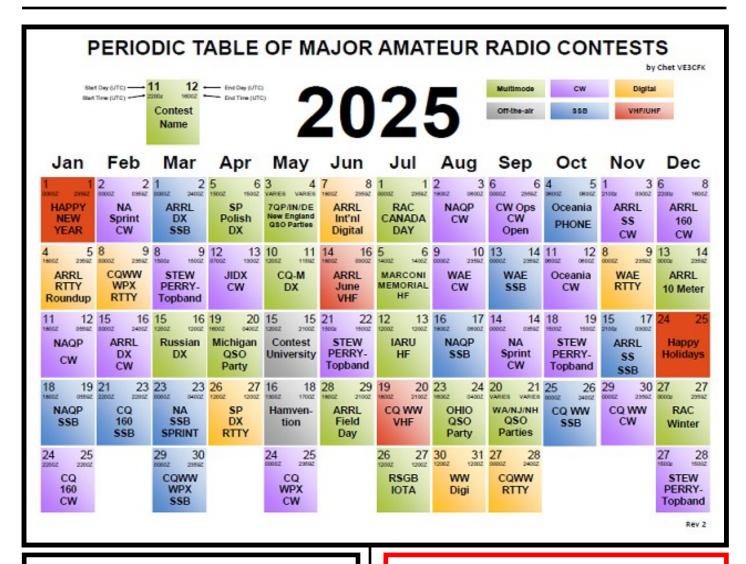
Guidelines and Considerations for Installation

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to outline the fundamental requirements and considerations for an amateur radio operator seeking to install an antenna tower on their property. The process encompasses a blend of federal regulations, local ordinances, and best practices to ensure both compliance and safety. As an amateur radio enthusiast, it is essential to recognize that while the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) protects the rights of licensed operators under PRB-1 to reasonably erect antennas, these rights coexist with local zoning requirements and neighborhood covenants. Therefore, the first step is to check local zoning laws, building codes, and homeowner association (HOA) rules to determine if there are restrictions on tower height, placement, or aesthetic impact. In many areas, permits or prior approval may be required, and there may be a need for public hearings or notifications to neighbors, especially if the proposed structure exceeds a certain height—often 30 to 50 feet.

Once you have identified the local regulatory landscape, the next critical phase involves the application process and adherence to safety codes. Most municipalities require a building permit for the construction of antenna towers, which means you will need to submit detailed plans, structural drawings, and possibly engineering certifications. These documents should demonstrate compliance with national standards such as those set by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA), particularly with regards to wind loading, foundation design, and structural integrity. Safety is paramount, and all installations should avoid proximity to power lines and maintain a safe distance from property boundaries as prescribed by local statutes. Additionally, consideration should be given to grounding and lightning protection systems to safeguard both the operator and neighboring properties from electrical hazards.

Finally, it is wise to engage with your community proactively. Informing neighbors and local officials about the purpose and necessity of your antenna can alleviate concerns and promote goodwill. Be prepared to address questions regarding visual impact, electromagnetic interference, and property values. In some cases, concessions such as camouflage designs or the selection of less obtrusive tower types may be necessary to gain approval. After securing all necessary permits, it is imperative to follow the approved plans during construction, scheduling inspections as required by the permitting authority. By diligently observing these requirements and maintaining open communication with local stakeholders, an amateur radio operator can successfully and responsibly erect an antenna tower that serves both their technical interests and the broader community.



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

PJ6Y - Saba Is.

The PJ6Y DXpedition team is excited to announce plans to activate two never-before-activated Parks on the Air (POTA) entities during our upcoming DXpedition to Saba in October 2025.

The PJ6Y DXpedition is organized in partnership with Youth on the Air (YOTA) to encourage youth involvement in amateur radio and DXpeditioning.

Nine young operators will travel to Saba and operate as PJ6Y.

Forty or more hams worldwide will participate remotely as PJ6Y operators.

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 \sim 01:30 05:00, 12m FT8 SuperFox mode, 24.911 if available.
- 11 Jun ~ 08:00 11:00, 40m CW
- 12 Jun ~ 07:00 10:30, **17m CW**

Hamfests

Sept 14, 2025 - Adrian Hamfest, Adrian, MI

Oct 4, 2025 - Kalamazoo Hamfest, Kalamazoo, MI

Email from Dennis Ward, KT8X

"As you may or may not have heard, I recently replaced Stan, AC8W as the GL Division DXAC Rep, keeping the GL Rep within SEMDXA.

I'm writing to the DX clubs in the division to seek any feedback on the DXAC's review of the DXCC rules, specifically inactive/deleted entities as this seems to be the fixation of most comments regarding the DXCC program.

If any members have specific comments regarding inactive / deleted DXCC entities, I'd like to compile them from the GL Division. We have the next two meetings reserved for this topic and any recommen-

For SALE

Chet, VE3CFK has the following for sale:

Yaesu FTdx5000. Mint condition. Works as it should. \$2200

Collins 30S-1. Collectors quality. 4CX1500 installed with screen boost transformer for 1500 Watts output. Comes with custom dust cover.\$1500

Collins 30S-1. Works. 4CX1000 tube. 700 watts output. Cabinet needs refinishing. Custom Collins paint in spray cans included as well as screen boost transformer (not installed). \$800

Collins KWM-2 with PM-2 power supply. Works great, but needs new finals. Only 80 watts output. All electrolytics in both units replaced. Comes with custom dust cover and Collins MM-1 and hand held microphone. \$800

Collins 312B-4. Works as it should good condition. Comes wirth custom dust cover. \$250

Collins 75S-3B. Works as it should. Very good shape. Comes with custom dust cover. \$500

Kenwood SM-230. Works as it should. Excellent condition. \$230

Home brew 4-1000 amplifier. 80-10M.. Comes with additional parts to extend to 160M. Comes with spare tube. 1500 watts output. Asking \$1500

Contact Chet VE3CFK at VE3CFK@gmail.com for more details

JD1 - Ogasawara

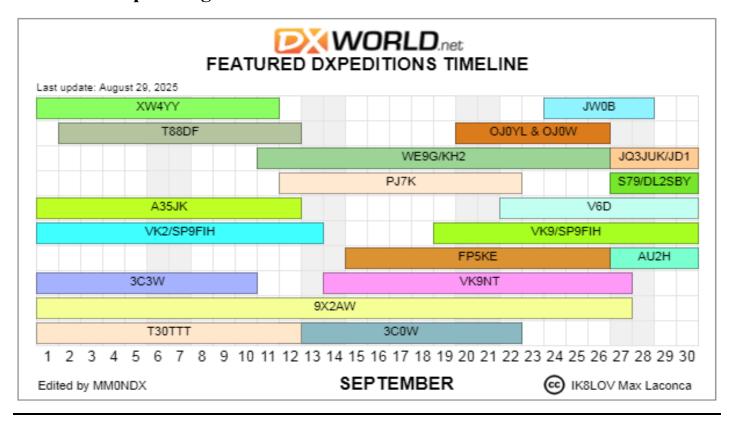
Harry, JG7PSJ informs DX-World that he will again be active as JD1BMH from Ogasawara between June 26 to July 4, 2025. QRV on 40-10m CW, SSB & RTTY. Updates on "X" / twitter and JD1BMH webpage. Audio recording from previous activity.

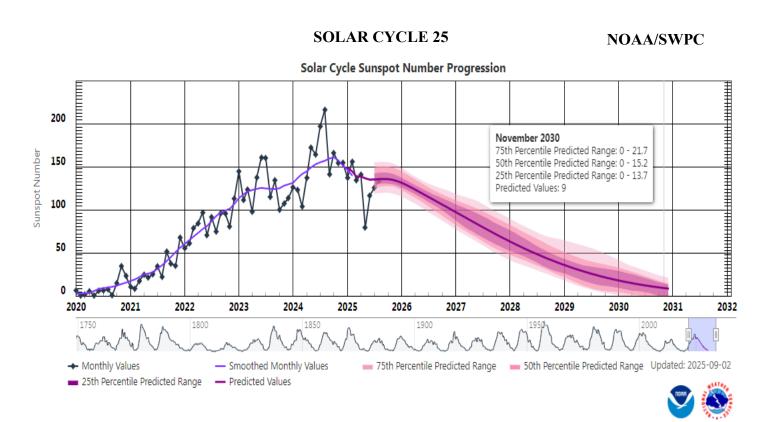
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Most wanted - Top 38

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2	BS7H CE0X	SAN FELIX ISLANDS		
3 4		PRATAS ISLAND		
5		KURE ISLAND		
6	KH3	JOHNSTON ISLAND		
	_	PETER 1 ISLAND		
7	3Y/P			
8 9	YV0	KERGUELEN ISLAND AVES ISLAND		
10 11		BOUVET ISLAND PRINCE EDWARD & MARION ISLANDS		
	KH4	MIDWAY ISLAND		
13		MACQUARIE ISLAND		
	PYOS	SAINT PETER AND PAUL ROCKS		
15		DESECHEO ISLAND		
16	VP0S	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	<u>Call</u>	QSL	Reported	
Date	<u>Date</u>	<u>Entity</u>	<u></u>	via	by	
2025						
Aug	gust					
2025 Aug02	2025 Aug31	South Sudan	Z81D [spots]	LoTW	DXW.Net 20250804	
2025 Aug18	2025 Sep07	Benin	TY2AA [spots]	LoTW	DXW.Net 20250722	
2025 Aug23	2025 Sep12	Tonga	A35JK [spots]	LoTW	<u>DXW.Net</u> 20250825	
2025 Aug24	2025 Aug31	Market Reef	OJOMN [spots]	OH1MN	DXW.Net 20250729	
2025 Aug27	2025 Sep13	Lord Howe I	<u>VK2</u> [spots]	LoTW	DXW.Net 20250726	
2025 Aug27	2025 Sep14	Bermuda	VP9 [spots]	G4OSY	TDDX 20250830	
2025 Aug28	2025 Sep02	Canada	VY0ZOO [spots]	VE2XB	VE2XB 20250727	
2025 Aug29	2025 Sep11	Laos	XW4YY [spots]	LoTW	DXW.Net 20250822	
2025 Aug30	2025 Sep08	Dodecanese	SV5 [spots]	DJ5MN	TDDX 20250827	
2025 Aug30	2025 Sep08	Faroe Is	OY [spots]	TF1OL	DXW.Net 20250830	
2025 Aug31	2025 Sep21	Tanzania	5H3DX [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20250814	
Septe	mber					
2025 Sep01	2025 Sep04	Honduras	HR9	LoTW	OPDX 20241222	
2025 Sep01	2025 Sep10	Equatorial Guinea	<u>3C3W</u>	LoTW	DXW.Net 20250730	
2025 Sep01	2025 Sep27	Rwanda	9X2AW	LoTW	DXW.Net 20250713	

Editors NOTE:

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

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2025 Sep02	2025 Sep07	Palau	T88DZ	JR2JGR	OPDX 20250518
2025 Sep02	2025 Sep11	Palau	T88DF	LoTW	OPDX 20250518
2025 Sep04	2025 Sep08	Iceland	TF	NW1B	DXW.Net 20250808
2025 Sep11	2025 Sep26	Guam	KH2	LoTW	DXW.Net 20250816
2025 Sep12	2025 Sep22	Annobon I	<u>3C0W</u>	LoTW	DXW.Net 20250730
2025 Sep12	2025 Sep22	Sint Maarten	PJ7K	LoTW	DXW.Net 20250612
2025 Sep12	2025 Sep22	Svalbard	JW6VDA	LoTW	OPDX 20241219
2025 Sep13	2025 Sep25	Dodecanese	SV5	LoTW	TDDX 20250725
2025 Sep14	2025 Sep27	Norfolk I	<u>VK9NT</u>	LoTW	DXW.Net 20250814
2025 Sep15	2025 Sep26	Aland Is	ОН0	LoTW	OPDX 20250828
2025 Sep15	2025 Sep26	St Pierre & Miquelon	<u>FP5KE</u>	LoTW	<u>DXW.Net</u> 20250804
2025 Sep16	2025 Sep28	Curacao	<u>PJ2</u>	HA3JB OQRS	OPDX 20250728
2025 Sep16	2025 Sep28	St Kitts & Ne- vis	V4	LoTW	TDDX 20250725
2025 Sep19	2025 Oct03	Christmas I	VK2	LoTW	DXW.Net 20250726
2025 Sep20	2025 Sep26	Market Reef	OJ0	LoTW	OH6BG 20250816
2025 Sep20	2025 Sep28	Reunion	FR	F1TEQ	OPDX 20250818
2025 Sep22	2025 Oct06	Micronesia	<u>V6D</u>	LoTW	DXW.Net 20250415
2025 Sep24	2025 Sep28	Svalbard	<u>JW0B</u>	LoTW	DXW.Net 20250409

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2025 Oct04	2025 Oct27	Burkina Faso	XT2AW	LoTW	OPDX 20250814
2025 Nov05	2025 Nov25	Guatemala	TG9BBV	LoTW	TDDX 20250726
2025 Oct08	2025 Oct13	Svalbard	JW	Home Call	OPDX 20250203
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2025 Oct08	2025 Oct15	Grenada	J38LD	МООХО	DXW.Net 20250726
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2025 Oct17	2025 Oct28	Angola	<u>D2A</u>	EA7FTR	DXW.Net 20250727
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