



## DX bulletin 595

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## DX news

### **3Y0K Bouvet Island –update**

Today we have paid our first deposits for the helicopter and vessel contracts in total around \$450,000. Paying the deposit as part of the contract signing shows a major commitment from the team, and we will now start the detailed planning.

During the course of the next few weeks we will study and determine the station and antenna setup to be used at Bouvet. With our previous experience from the island and the local conditions we will make sure to adapt the setup and QTH to maximize the team effort. We will also look for synergies with the upcoming Peter I expedition as the intention is that the equipment we select for Bouvet to the extent possible also will be used at Peter I. Looking at synergies between the two expeditions will make it more efficient for both teams.

<https://www.dx-world.net/3y0k-bouvet-2026/>

### **VK9XU Christmas Island / VK9CU Cocos Keeling –update**

VK9XU: Our team has been working for the past months to prepare our upcoming DXpedition. All flights and accommodation are booked, most equipment and antennas available. We will leave Germany on February 16 to Christmas Island, via Bangkok and Perth. Arrival is scheduled for the afternoon of February 18 and we hope to set up at least one antenna and our shack that day. It will certainly keep us busy most of the next day to finalize all antennas and to start working three stations 24/7.



## **DXCC Trident award**

### **Excerpt from an ARRL Member Bulletin sent out January 22, 2025:**

The Programs & Services Committee and headquarters staff from the Radiosport Department are moving ahead with the creation of a new DXCC award — DXCC Trident — which will recognize those who achieve DXCC using CW, phone and digital modes. Higher achievement endorsements can be earned at the 200, 300, and Honor Roll levels. The DXCC Trident award is intended to spur greater on-air operating and to inspire those using digital modes to also develop their skills in, and practice, CW and SSB.

## **International WSPR beacon project: ZS8A Marion Island**

*"We are in the planning phase of a new permanent multiband WSPR receiver on Marion Island – Callsign ZS8A using an Airspy HF+ Discovery – scheduled deployment in April 2025."*

<https://www.dx-world.net/zs8a-marion-island/>

## **HD8G Galapagos Islands –update**

We proudly confirm a robust international DXpedition to Galapagos Islands in 2025. HD8G will be on the air from April 18th to April 26th. There will be 22 ham ops from Ecuador, Brazil, India, Serbia and Russia managing 8 stations in two sites at Santa Cruz island with 1 station dedicated to satellites, 1 station dedicated to EME and 1 station dedicated to 6m. Our official advisors are NE8Z – Rick and OK1BOA – Petr. This project was launched 1 year ago.

Ham radio associations and companies are invited to visit our HD8G website and if you may contribute with any donation or material support to this team to perform a great DXpedition, we thank you in advance for making it come true.

<https://www.dx-world.net/hd8g-galapagos-islands/>

## **V37WW Marshall Islands DXpedition –update**

We are thrilled to announce that our upcoming DXpedition to the Marshall Islands has been assigned the callsign V73WW. Our team will begin operations on 12th February 2025 for approximately 12 days, though times may vary based on local conditions. Stay tuned to [Facebook](#) and [X](#) for the latest updates and frequency information.

QSL Service and Sponsorship Opportunity

We are offering a special sponsorship opportunity for radio amateurs to support our DXpedition!

With a donation of €20 / \$20 or more before the first QSO, you will receive free direct QSL service for your callsign.

QSL cards will be managed by DJ4MX, and we will use Club Log OQRS, with a direct QSL option available after the DXpedition. Free OQRS Buro will be available later.

# **DXCC**

## **This week on air**

**This can change daily, please visit <https://www.dx-world.net/> for updates.**

### **Pacific travels by Gerhard OE3GEA**

Gerhard – OE3GEA together with his partner Maria plans to be active from the following Pacific entities during December and January:

Turks & Caicos as **VP5/OE3GEA** during January 23-26.

Holiday style activities using a TS-480SAT, Outbacker antenna and wire dipole covering 30-10m; CW. QSL via OE3GEA (bureau/direct), Club Log & LoTW.

### **Africa trip by Antonio IK7WUL**

Antonio is going on a humanitarian mission to Africa, during his spare time he might be QRV (most likely on 10 meter SSB) as:

**BURKINA FASO** January 26-31 callsign pending

**GHANA** February 1-6 9G5IK

**TOGO** February 6-14 5V0DX

**BENIN** February 14-23 TY2AA

**5N, NIGERIA** The Rebel DX Group will be QRV around January 30 for 2 weeks. They will be QRV as 5N9DTG. Then it's on to South Africa to prepare their vessel for a Southern Ocean voyage. Bandplan and modes <https://www.qrz.com/db/5N9DTG>

**6Y, JAMAICA** Lester, W8YCM is once again active as 6Y8LV from the Coral Seas Resort during January. Operation on HF. QSL via home call.

**7P, LESOTHO** Mark KW4XJ and Arina KO4PZT are QRV as 7P8AB and 7P8NB until mid-2025. QSL via KW4XJ.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Ilian, LZ5KW is QRV as 8Q7KW for about 15 days until 2<sup>nd</sup> week of February. Operation in 'holiday-style' with portable equipment from 80 to 10 meter using mainly CW with some SSB and FT8.

**8R, GUYANA** Aldir, PY1SAD is once again active as 8RTM from Georgetown (Grid: GJ06vs) until February 8. Operation on all bands using CW, SSB, digi and SAT. QSL via LoTW or via home call direct.

**9X, RWANDA** Harold, DF2WO will once again be QRV as 9X2AW between January 27 and February 15. Operation in 'holiday-style' on QO-100 and all other bands using CW, SSB and FT4.

**C5, THE GAMBIA** Przemo, SP3PS is once again operating as C5SP until mid-March. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

**CN, MOROCCO** Ralf, DB4REB is QRV as CN2REB until end January. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QTH is in Agadir and he will do some POTA sites along the coast. QSL via home call direct.

**FG, GUADELOUPE** Jeff, VA3QSL is active as FG/call until January 26. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**FM, MARTINIQUE** Dom, F4IFF is operating as FM/call until January 27. QRV on HF using SSB and digi in low power with verticals and wire antennas. QSL via EB7DX, Club Log livestream.

**FO/M MARQUESAS ISL** A team with F5VHQ, F8GGV, F6BCW, F5SDD, SP5APW, HB9GWJ, F8ATS, EA1SA, F6FMC, F1MNF, OK2WX is QRV as TX7N until January 27, the team uses TX100REF (REF CW), TX7MAS (SAT + 23EME) and TX7WW (CQWW CW 160) throughout the DXpedition period covering special activities / contests

### On the scene...OK2WX @ TX7N



**HR, HONDURAS** Gerard, F2JD is operating as HR5/call until late March 2025. Operation on HF and 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via F6AJA direct or bureau.

<https://lesnouvellesdx.fr/voirlogs.php>

**J5, GUINEA-BISSAU** Livio, IZ3BUR will be operating as J52EC between January 26 and March 1 during his spare time. Operation on 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB and perhaps some digi. QSL via home call.

**JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA** Take, JG8NQJ is once again active as call/1 until mid-February. Activity mainly in CW with some FT8. QSL via JA8CJY, LoTW.



**JW, SVALBARD** Stian LB5SH and Kristoffer LB0VG will be operating as JW/calls between January 24 and January 26. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. Stian mentions *'As always – if you have difficulties working JW from your location, be it due to low power/QRP or the distance, I'm more than happy to help you out. Get in touch and we'll arrange a sked – any mode, any band.'*

**KH9, WAKE ISL** Allen, KH7AL is QRV as call/KH9 during his spare time.

Next: January 27 0730z 20 meter SSB.

He has dipoles covering from 40 to 10 meter using SSB with some CW. He keeps an "Activation Blog" and an "Upcoming" section on <https://sites.google.com/view/kh7al/>. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**P2, PAPUA NEW GUINEA** Xu, BG5DON is active during his spare time as P29XZ until end May. Operation mainly in the weekends from 20 to 6 meter using FT8 with low power. QSL via home call.

**P4, ARUBA** Mat, DL4MM is once again RV as P4/call and P40AA until January 28. An entry in the CQ 160 CW contest is included. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using FT4/8, CW and SSB. QSL via Club Log or home call.

**PJ2, CURACAO** Thaire, W2APF is active as PJ2/call until April 8. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**PJ2, CURACAO** Andre, PD1DRE is QRV as PJ2/call until February 4. QRV on 40, 20 and 10 meter using SSB. QSL via eqsl.

**PJ7, ST MAARTEN** Jeff, VA3QSL will be operating as PJ7/call between January 27 and February 16. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW.

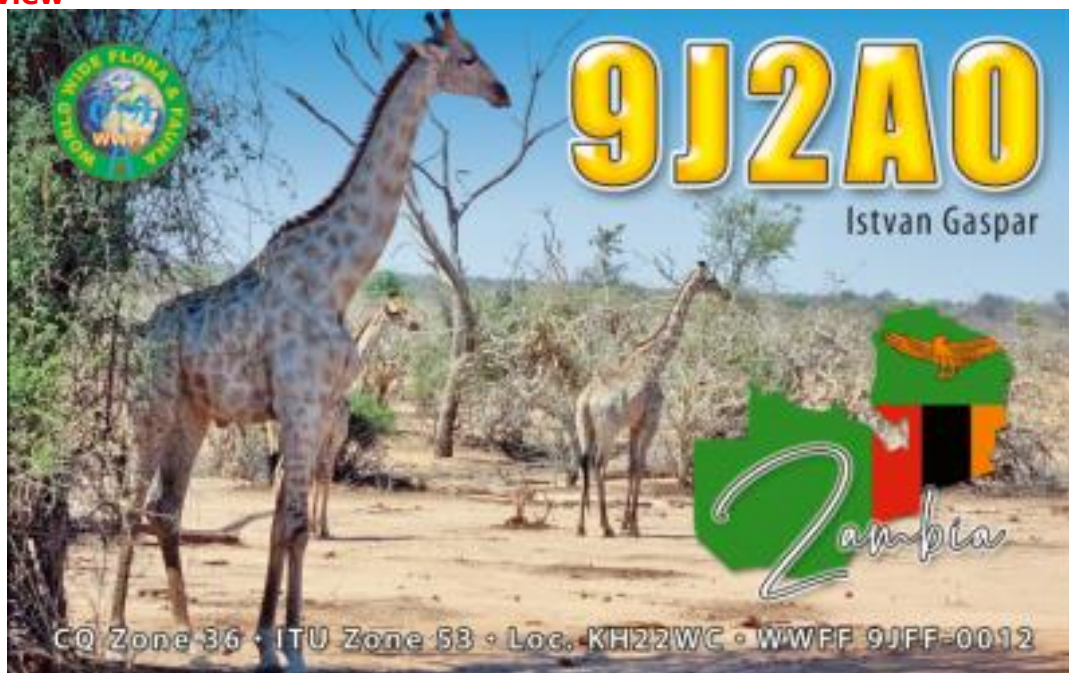
**TG, GUATEMALA** Dwight, VE7BV is once again QRV from Sacatepéquez as TG9BBV until January 28. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**TJ, CAMEROON** Thierry, TK1CX is active as TJ/call from Douala until end February 2025.

Operation on HF using FT8. QSL via EA5ZD, LoTW. Thierry mentions: *'I'm currently on a business trip in Cameroon and I'm TJ/TK1CX. For professional reasons I cannot be active very often, and more with a solar power supply. I'll try to be on the air as much as possible. My traffic will be mainly FT8 because I can't use much power because of the solar panels. I hope to be able to contact as many people as possible on 10, 12, 15, 17, 20m.'*

**TY, BENIN** Gérard F5NVF is again QRV as TY5C from Godomey until April 2. He is active mostly from 80 to 10 meter using CW and FT8. QRV in 'holiday-style' using an IC-7000, 100w & wire antennas. QSL direct via F5RAV / free LoTW.

### QSL preview



**TZ, MALI** Ulmar, DK1CE will once again be QRV as TZ1CE from Bamako during January 28 and February 20. QRV from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call. Ulmar mentions: *'On FT8, DX stations outside of EU have precedence at all times.'*

*Based on my experience, there is not advantage to F/H mode.*

*I use only normal FT8 mode.*

*I will mostly operate on FT8 and SSB.*

The log will be updated daily on Club Log; the LoTW log will only be available after the end of my operations in Mali.

In Mali operation on 60m is not permitted.'

**V4, ST KITTS** Jon, W5JON will once again be active as V47JA between January 26 and February 5. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8 using a Yaesu FT-3000D, and Elecraft KPA500 amplifier. Antennas: Mosley MP-32N beam for 10/15/20m, 33' vertical for 10-80m and a 6m Yagi. QSL direct to W5JON or via LoTW.

**VP5, TURKS & CAICOS** Tony, KD8RTT will be active as VP5/call between January 28 and February 2. QRV with focus on satellites and FT4/8. QSL via home call.

**Z8, SOUTH SUDAN** Ken, K4ZW is once again active as Z81Z until January 24. Operation on HF. QSL via LoTW or home call.

**ZD7, ST HELENA** Giovanni, IZ2DPX is active as ZD7DPX until February 3. QTH is the shack of ZD7CTO, operation in 'holiday-style' from 160 to 6 meter using SSB and FT4/8. QSL via IK2DUW, Club Log.

## Coming up soon

**C5, THE GAMBIA** A team with LB00G, SP1C, SP1FM and SQ1GU will be operating as C5PL between February 1-6. Operation from 80 to 6 meter with a focus on 20-10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. They will be active from the POTA/WWFF:

**Tanji Bird Reserve** (POTA GM-0004; WWFF C5FF-0004)

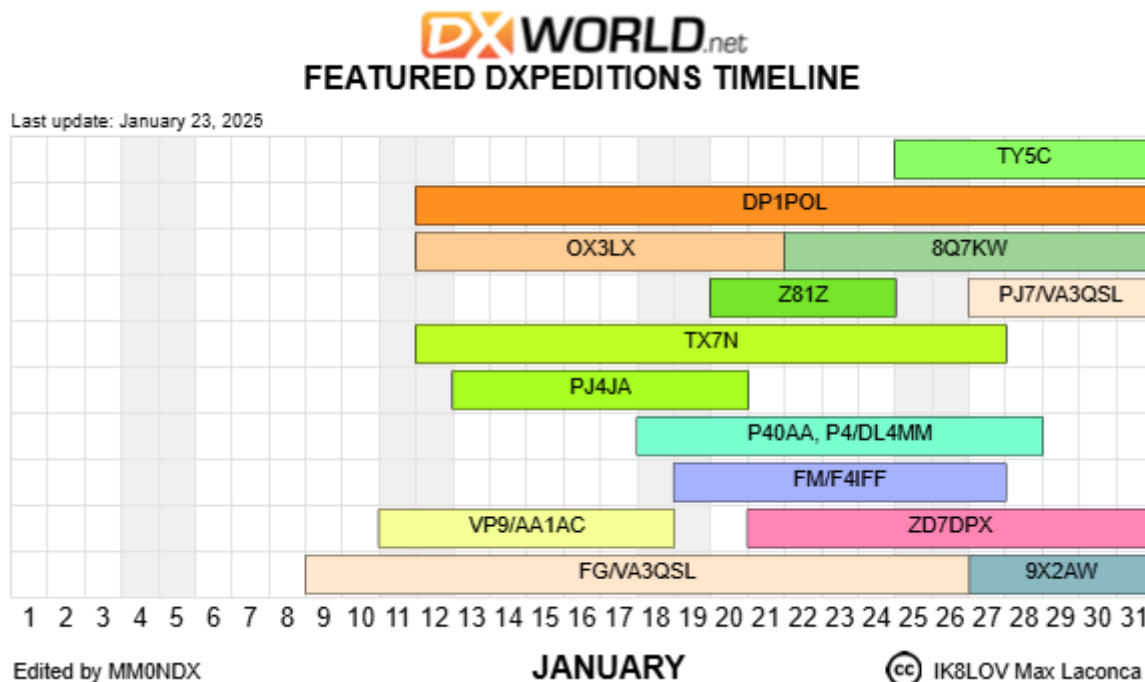
**West Kiang Marine Park** (POTA GM-0008 ; WWFF C5FF-0001) as C5PL/P

**Delta du Saloum National Park** (POTA SN-0002 ; WWFF 6WFF-0002) as 6W/homecalls/p

<https://www.qrz.com/db/C5PL>

**D4, CAPE VERDE** Claudio, HB9OAU will once again be active as D440A in 'holiday-style' between February 5-18. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW. QTH is Sal Island (AF-086)

## DXCC Timeline



# IOTA

## This week on air

### AFRICA

**AF-019 Pelagie Isl** A team with (S51V, S52OT, S52P, S54W, S56DX, S57UN, S58MU, S59A, S59ZZ, IG9ITO, IV3CTS, YT3H) will be operating as IG9/S51V during the CQWW 160 Contest. Before and after the contest between January 19 and January 29 they will sign as IG9/calls.

### ASIA

**AS-079 Miyako Isl** Take, JS6RRR is operating as JS6RRR, JI3DST/6, JJ5RBH/6 or JR8YLY/6 until March 31. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. An entry in the CQWW SSB and CW contest are included as JS6RRR. More on QRZ.com.

### NORTH AMERICA

**NA-057 Roatan Isl** Seju, N3UA is active as HQ9Y until February 1. Operation on all bands using all modes. QSL via E73Y.

**NA-057 Roatan Isl** Dave, VE3VSM is once again active as call/HR9 until January 25. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 20 to 15 meter using CW and FT8. QSL via home call and LoTW.

### OCEANIA

**OC-022 Bali** Emmanuel, F5LIT will once again be QRV as YB9/call from January 28 until February 16, 2025. Operation on HF. QSL via home call direct, LoTW. Previous operations were in 2018 and 2024.

**OC-150 Lombok Isl** Jozef, ON6HX is QRV as YB9/call until February 6. QSL via home call, LoTW.

### **On the scene...P29XZ Papua New Guinea**





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Announced DX

### THE NEWCOMERS

**E6, NIUE** Bob, ZL1RS (YJ0RS, E51EME) will be operating as E6RS from Makefu during May 2025. More to follow but the focus will be on 6 meter and perhaps 10 meter if 6 is dead. QSL via LoTW and home call.

**FM, MARTINIQUE** Yuri, VE3DZ will once again be active as TO4A during February 13-17 and again from February 28 to March 3. An entry in the ARRL CW contest is included. Also activity outside the contest as FM/VE3DZ. QSL via home call, Club Log.

**V3, BELIZE** Walt W0CP and Mary K0ZV will once again be active as V31DJ and V31DK during February 2025. Operation on HF using SSB and FT8, an entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included. QSL via LoTW.

**VK9N, NORFOLK ISL** Members of the Caboolture ARC will be active between February 22 and March 1 as VK9QD (club station), VK9YB and VK9AB. Operation is planned on HF including 630m and 2200m trying for the world distance record on those bands.

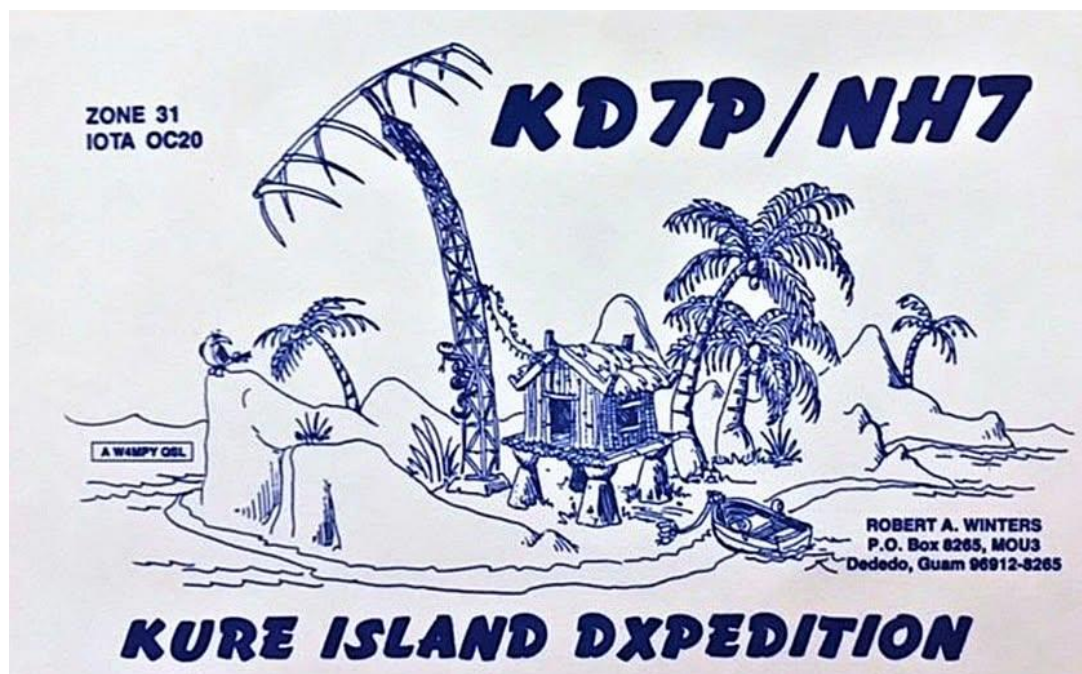
**VP5, TURKS & CAICOS** Paul, K3STX will be active as VP5/call between February 15 and February 19. An entry in the ARRL CW contest is included. Outside the contest activity in 'holiday-style' using CW. QSL via LoTW.

**VP5, TURKS & CAICOS** During most of March, Kevin W1DED will be in Turks & Caicos. Although not yet confirmed, he hopes to be QRV for CQ WPX contest as VP5E. Outside of contest look for VP5/W1DED on HF bands. QSL via LoTW.

*NOTE:* Kevin hosts and interviews well known ham radio operators from around the world – see his You Tube [channel](#).

**YJ, VANUATU** Bob, ZL1RS (last year as E51EME) will be active from Efate, Vanuatu as YJ0RS in June '25. More details to follow, however focus on 6m and possibly 10m (if 6 is "dead"). QSL via LoTW and paper QSL cards will also be available via ZL1RS.

**YS, EL SALVADOR** Dave, W2JO will be operating from La Libertad as YS1/call during February 12-19. QRV on HF using CW. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included. QSL via N2ZN.



### THE REMINDERS

#### **Central American Tour 2025 by the RRC team**

Russian Robinson Team consisting Alex RW3RN, Hal W8HC, Mike K5MSK, Slava OK8AU, Raisa R1BIG, Tim NL8F, Vlad R9LR and Yuri N3QQ will be active from Central American DXCC entities (covering IOTA and POTA) during February 11 to March 7, 2025. As follows:

**YN6RRC** – Complejo volcánico San Cristóbal, POTA NI-0055 (Nicaragua)

**H7RRC** – Isla Del Cardon, NA-212 (Nicaragua)

**TI1RRC** – Isla Cano, NA-117 & POTA CR-0018 (Costa Rica)

**3F3RRC** – Chirique, POTA PA-0033 (Panama)

All calls are currently pending. QSL via LoTW or via M00XO and RW3RN (RU/EW only).

**T30, W KIRIBATI**  
**T31, C KIRIBATI**  
**T32, E KIRIBATI**  
**T33, BANABA**

The Rebel DX group plans following (info via facebook)

T30TTT Tarawa. Sometime 2025.

T31TTT Kanton Island. April – May 2025.

T33TTT Banaba Island. Date unknown yet but 2025.

Operation mainly FT4 but all bands and modes will be used. QSL via LoTW.

**3B9, RODRIGUES ISL** David OK6DJ and Milan OK7GU will be active as 3B9DJ between March 23 and April 5, 2025. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via OK6DJ, OQRS and LoTW.

**5V, TOGO** Prior to his humanitarian trip to Benin (as TY2AA), Antonio IK7WUL will also be visiting Togo again - this time between February 6-14, 2025. QRV only when time permits. QSL via I8KHC

**6W, SENEGAL** Willy ON4AVT will once again be active as 6X7/call between February 2 and April 10, 2025. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, digi and QO-100 sat. QSL via home call, Club Log.

**6Y, JAMAICA** The EIDXG DX Group will be QRV as 6Y7EI between March 12 and March 24, 2025. More to follow.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Takio, JH3QFL will be active from the Maldives as 8Q7FL during February 26 to March 6. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using FT8. QSL via homecall.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Flavio, IW2NEF will be QRV as 8Q7EF from Filitheyo Island between April 3-10. Operation on HF using SSB and FT8. QSL via IK2DUW and LoTW.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Mamoru, JH3VAA will be active as 8Q7VA between February 26 and May . Operation on HF. QSL via home call.

**9G, GHANA** Before carrying out humanitarian work in Togo (5V0DX) and Benin (TY2AA), Antonio IK7WUL will also be active when time permits from Accra, Ghana as 9G5IK during February 1-6. Likely QRV on 10m SSB. QSL via I8KHC (ex-IZ8CCW), LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

**C5, THE GAMBIA** Luc F5RAV and Lui YU5R will be active from Kololi between April 19 and May 2. QRV as C5LT and C5R on HF using CW, SSB and FT8 + SATS (mostly RS44). QSL via LoTW.

**QSL preview**



**C6, THE BAHAMAS** Chip, K1KJD and John K4SGR will be active as C6ADA between February 12-16, 2025. Activation of 2 new POTA and as many lighthouses as possible. QRV on HF using CW and SSB with some FT8. More to follow.

**C8, MOZAMBIQUE** The Czech DX Team will be active as C8K during January/February 2026.



Operation from 160 to 6 meter and QO-100, RS-44, IO-117 using CW, SSB and digi. Club Log live stream if possible. QSL via OK6DJ OQRS, LoTW. Antennas: 6m 5el. YAGI, 10m 4el. Yagi, 10-15-20 incl WARC 3 x Spiderbeam, 17/15/12m 2el. YAGI, 2x 30m phased verticals, 2x40m phased verticals, 80m vertical + 10 pcs radials, 160 vertical +10pcs radials RX: 3x Beverage + RX vertical Focus on low bands.

**D4, CAPE VERDE** Claudio, HB9OAU will be operating from Sal Island (AF-086) as D44OA between February 5 and February 18, 2025. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

**E5, COOK ISL** Steve, ZL2KE will once again be active as E51KEE next August 2025. More to follow.

**E6, NIUE** Gavin ZL3GAV will be active as E6SP sometime May/June 2025. It will be a more advanced mini expedition. Extra antennas/radios including 6m and satellite operation, focus on IO117 Greencube (if still working) and other available satellites: linear/FM. More details will be advised when planning is advanced.

**FO, AUSTRAL ISL** Mladen 9A2NA, Rolando 9A3MR, Livio 9A7Y and Zik DK8ZZ/YT3ZZ will be active from Tubuai between April 25 and May 7, 2025. Focus on human modes with some FT8/FT4. They have already applied for a special TX callsign. QSL via DK8ZZ.

<https://austral2025.com/>

**FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Fred, F4HEC will be QRV as FP/call between February 16 and February 25. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and CW. An entry in the REF Contest SSB is included. QSL via home call direct and LoTW.

### QSL preview



**FS, SAINT MARTIN** Jeff, VA3QSL will be operating as FS/call between February 16 and March 4. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA** The DX Obsessed Group with K6VHF, KA6IBM, 7HAN, NG7E, NJ7I and NC7M will be operating as FW5K between October 20 and November 7. An entry in the CQWW SSB contest is included. Operation before and after the contest from 160 to 6 meter using RTTY, FT4/8 and SSB with 3 stations.

**H40, TEMOTU** Darren, VK4MAP will be operating as H40DA from Pigeon Island OC-065 during early 2025, dates to be confirmed. QRV on 80, 40, 20, 15, 12 and 10 meter using SSB.

**H44, SOLOMON ISL** Bernard, DL2GAC will once again be active as H44MS between February 9 and May 7, 2025. QRV from Manakwai Village from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8.

**HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL** A large team with 20 operators currently formed by HC5VF, PY2DV, PY2EL, PY2MC, PY2PT, PY2WAS, PY3MM, PY4RGS, PY5CC, PY5HSD, PY5KD, PY6HD, PY6RT, PR7AB, PY7XC, PS8RV, PV8DX, VU2RS and YT1AD will be active as HD8G between April 18 and April 27, 2025. Operation with 10 stations from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via MOURX OQRS, LoTW. <https://hd8g.com/>

**HK0, MALPELO** Last active in 2012 (by HK0NA who still maintain the 2nd highest ever QSO count for a DXpedition), the Colombian League of Radio Amateurs (HK3LR) and its Board of

Directors has announced its main goal – to stage a DXpedition to Malpelo island, SA-007. It is hoped for a February 2026 activity, but this is not yet confirmed. Stay tuned for more info in the coming weeks..

**J3, GRENADA** Mike, VE2XB will be active as J38XB between March 17 and March 31. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using SSB with some CW. QSL via home call.

**J7, DOMINICA** Oliver, W6NV will be QRV as J79NV sometime February 2025. Operation mainly for the ARRL CW and SSB contest. He will be a single operator in the ARRL CW contest and then join with FM6BH (J79BH), F8AAN (J79AN) and F5VHJ (J79AC) for the ARRL SSB contest.

**JW, SVALBARD** Tom, LA6VDA will once again be QRV as JW6VDA during September 12-22, 2025. Activity on HF using mostly SSB. QSL via LoTW, Club Log.

**OY, FAROE ISL** The 7163 Group with WB2REM, W9MK, W2WCM, G6TFL, VO1IDX, K3BAB, K4LT and W4VKU will be operating sometime June 2025 as OY/calls. An entry in the ARRL VHF contest is included, outside the contest they will be from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via WB2REM, Club Log.

**PJ4, BONAIRE** Frank, PH2M will once again be active as PJ4M from Kralendijk during May. Dates to be announced approx 4-6 weeks ahead of activity. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, Club Log.

**PJ7, ST MAARTEN** Tom, AA9A will once again be QRV as PJ7AA from March 8 and April 5, 2025. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, FT4/8. QSO upload via LoTW and Club Log, QSL via home call, LoTW.

**PJ7, SINT MAARTEN** Gary, KC9EE will once again be QRV as PJ7EE around mid-March 2025 and be QRV during the CQWPX SSB contest.

### QSL preview



**TI9, COCOS ISL** Pending approval from all relevant authorities, Charlie TI9CDA plans an HF and EME DXpedition to Cocos Island sometime in 2025. Callsign: TI9CDA. Updates to follow throughout the coming months. (Charlie uses EA5GL as QSL manager).

**TY, BENIN** Antonio, IK7WUL will again be on a humanitarian mission to Benin during February 14-23, 2025, and QRV (10m SSB) when time permits as TY2AA. QSL via I8KHC, LoTW.

**V4, ST KITTS** Fred, G4XWM will be operating as V4/call between March 8 and March 29. Operation on HF using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW and Club Log.

**V4, ST KITTS** Tom, K0YA will be active as V4/call between February 6 and March 4 (from V47JA QTH). QRV in 'holiday-style' with an entry in the ARRL International DX CW contest as V47Y. QSL via LoTW for both calls.

**V7, MARSHALL ISL** Following their successful journey to Guyana under the callsign **8R7X**, the team is now setting their sights on a new destination in the Pacific region. Their next DXpedition will take them to the Marshall Islands, scheduled for February 2025. Stay tuned for more details as they become available. Additionally, the team is in the process of launching a website, which will soon be accessible.

**VK9C, COCOS KEELING** Larry, W5EIT will be QRV as BK9/call from West Island between February 11-18. Operation in 'holiday-style' using mostly CW and FT8 with some RTTY and SSB.



## **VK9C, COCOS KEELING VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISL**

Gunter, DL2AWG and team DF4GV, DL2AMD, DJ9RR and VK6SJ will be active from Christmas Island as VK9XU between February 18 and March 4, 2025. Cocos Keeling will be on air between March 4 and March 12, 2025. QRV with 3 stations from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. More to follow.

**VP2E, ANGUILLA** Chuck, KG9N will be QRV as VP2ECV between February 4 and February 18. Operation on HF. QSL via home call.

**VU4, ANDAMAN ISL** A team with ON4AMX, ON4HIL, ON5UR, ON5RA, ON5TN, ON6CC, ON7FT, ON7USB, ON7RU, ON8AZ, PA9M and PA3EWP have announced that they will be on the air as VU4X from Andaman Islands during March 10-25, 2025. QRV on HF bands; CW, SSB and DIGI. *'Dx-Adventure is proud to announce its next DXpedition, taking place in the first quarter of 2025. Our international team, consisting of more than 10 experienced operators, is eager to embark on this adventure.....'*

*This time, we are focusing on VU4 from the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, currently ranked 54th most wanted DXCC country. During this DX expedition, we will be active on all bands, using CW, SSB and digital.*

*This provides a fantastic opportunity for radio amateurs around the world to work this DXCC and IOTA.*

*There will be more updates on our [website](#) – stay tuned for the latest news and details.'*

**YS, EL SALVADOR** Dave, WJ2O will be operating as YS1/call between February 12 and February 19, 2025. Operation on HF using CW. The ARRL DX CW contest is included. QSL via N2ZN.

**ZC4, CYPRUS SBA** Adrian, G0KOM will once again be active as ZC4MK during March 24-31. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is included.

**ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA** DX-World has learned that a Tristan da Cunha DXpedition is in the works for 2025. Whilst it is quite some time away, we have gleaned the following info.

It will be a 3-4 month long DXpedition to ZD9 which could be extended by another 2-3 months bringing it to (potentially) 6+ months. The additional months could depend on PayPal donations / extra donors. Focus is going to be on CW & SSB. There will be VERY LIMITED usage of FT8. Infact, FT8 will ONLY be used on 80 & 160 meters. Bands of operation will be 10 meters to 160 meters. 1kW to monoband heavy duty vertical antennas due to Tristan da Cunha's very inhospitable weather.

**ZK3, TOKELAU** A QSP from the Rebel DX Group ZK3ZK: on target for around mid-June. 'We will be doing some delivery on one of our vessels for Tokelau. For now Tokelau borders remain closed due to several local issues. More info soon.'

**ZK3, TOKELAU** Hrane YT1AD and team YU3AA, RC9O and UA9OYL will be active from Tokelau beginning 2025. The reason is that New Zealand's State activities on the island of Tokelau during February and March, which have PRIORITY!

## **IOTA**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

#### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-190 Isla Zacatillo** Renato PY8WW will be active as YS3PY together with PY7RP, PY7XC and PY1WK. Operation between May 7 and May 17 from 80 to 6 meter. Renato mentions: *"as they activate this rare island, combining the thrill of amateur radio with exploration"*

### **THE REMINDERS**

#### **ASIA**

**AS-161 Sacrifice Rock** A team (previous AU2S) will try to activate this 'holy grail' before March, the goal is mid-February. The team is looking for funds, once approval from the local authorities the team will confirm the call and other details.

#### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-079 Dry Tortugas** The N4T team will be operating between February 21 and February 25, 2025. Main goal is 6 meter operation from the rare grid EL84 and from various POTA parks. QSL via W3NY.

**NA-220 Maniitsoq Isl** Joe, OZ0J will once again be QRV as OX0J sometime September 2025. Activity from 40 to 10 meter depending on free space for antennas. QSL via Club Log OQRS (prefer), LoTW or H/C. Joe will try to participate in the SAC CW on ONE band only if condx are



good, and will also operate on CW, SSB and FT8 (mostly Fox/Hound) before SAC CW. Depends on local weather, he will put up the antennas on 13 September and take down on 22 September. Club Log Live Stream will be added if the Internet connection is stable. Information will be updated continuously **here** (and DX-World).

## **OCEANIA**

**OC-059 Kosrae** Rikk, WE9G will be operating as V6WG during March 18 and April 1, 2025. QRV from 80 to 6 meter (160 might be possible) using mainly FT4/8 with some CW and SSB. QSL via Club Log.

**OC-067 Bora Bora** Nobby, G0VJG will be QRV during June 11-27 as FO/call. Operation on HF and 6 meter using high power.

**OC-235 Camiguin Isl** Kouichi, JI1FGX/DU9 is planning an IOTA DXpedition during next April-June when conditions on 50Mhz are more favourable. This will apparently be the first 6m activation from the island. He will use a HexBeam covering: 14, 18, 21, 24, 28, and 50MHz with the main mode being FT8. QSL via JJ2VLY, LoTW. <https://www.qrz.com/db/JI1FGX>

## **On the scene...TX7N EME activation**



## **ARCTIC NEWS**

### **Antarctica DXpedition by Eric KB1EHE and Elsie KB1IFZ**

Eric KB1EHE and Elsie KB1IFZ will be on an Antarctica DXpedition beginning 28 January and wrapping up 2 February. They will be operating 20m SSB and FT8.

They will be based on the National Geographic Explorer ship, and will trek various destinations along the Antarctic Peninsula. Due to recent avian bird flu (H5N1) concerns, and potential impact to wildlife and the fragile Antarctica ecosystem overall, visitors to Antarctica have to take significant precautions. For instance, to prevent the transmission of pathogens, the bottoms of boots and tips of hiking poles are disinfected prior to any excursion. Only boots and poles can touch the walking surface, complicating remote radio-station setup.

Eric and Elsie, in collaboration with their Connecticut-U.S.-based colleagues, have created an

entirely portable (nothing touching the ground) 20m station, comprised of a Xiegu G90, laptop, and battery power supply that's connected by a short piece of coax to a homebrew 5.6m / 18.4 ft. telescopic vertical antenna system with two substantially shortened counterpoise elements. The couple report to DX-World that they have extensively rehearsed "donning and doffing" their backpack-stowed gear and have had successful worldwide QSOs from their home QTH in Connecticut. They said they "feel like astronauts" suiting up each other in an airlock prior to a spacewalk! The couple said they analyzed the 20-watt output of the G90 and their portable configuration's SAR / RF exposure, and they are well within safe operating limits.

<https://www.dx-world.net/kc4-kb1ehe-kc4-kb1ifz-antarctica/>



### **Bharati Research Station**

Denney, VU2DGR is part of the scientific team (Polar Ocean Research) within the 44th Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica (44-ISEA) which will be based at Bharati Research Station, Larsemann Hills. When time permits he hopes to QRV as **AT44I**. QSL via H/c.



### **Neumayer Station III**

Felix, DL5XL will again be returning to **Neumayer Station III**, Antarctica and hopes to be active as **DP1POL** when time permits during January 12 to February 25, 2025. He operates mainly CW on HF bands, with some DIGI and SSB activity too. QSL via DL1ZBO. New QSL design shown.





### **Wolf's Fand Runway**

Oleg, ZS1ANF (UA1O, ex UA1PBA) is active again as ZS7ANF from Wolf's Fang Runway, Queen Maud Land, Antarctica (AN-016) until late February 2025. He will operate mainly CW on 40-10 metres. QSL via DL5EBE or RK1PWA, and LoTW.

### **RI42SP Arctic travels**

Oleg, RD1A is onboard "Severny Polyus / North Pole" and is active when time permits as RI42SP as the ship travels through various parts of the Arctic. Primarily QRV on CW & FT8 for approx end October 2025. QSL via Club Log OQRS. Position of boat using this tracker. Frank, F8DVD also mentions:

### **FT4YM Antarctica**

David, F4FKT is again active as **FT4YM** from two Antarctic bases until early March 2025. [Website](#)  
**FT4YM**: Base Dumont d'Urville, Petrels island AN-017.  
**FT4YM/P**: Base Concordia.  
 QRV on HF bands when time allows outside of his working environment. QSL via F5PFP.

## **Special calls**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**DL, GERMANY DA0LH** (special DOK 25ILLW), associated with the lighthouse Laesoe Rende will be active throughout 2025. QSL via DK5ON (d/B), ClubLog OQRS, LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

### **THE REMINDERS**

**9V, SINGAPORE** To mark the 60th anniversary of Singapore's independence, all members of the Singapore Amateur Radio Transmitting Society (SARTS) may substitute the prefix S60 for their usual **9V1** prefix between Jan. 1 and Aug. 9. Special events during that period are planned for introducing more young people to amateur radio, for example through cooperations with the Singapore Scout Association and the Singapore School of Science and Technology. (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY** The Deutsches Museum in Munich, one of the largest science and technology museums in the world (<https://www.deutsches-museum.de>), celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2025. **DL100DM** is the special callsign to be used throughout the year by the amateur radio station which is part of and regularly active from the museum's "Electronics" permanent exhibition. QSL via DL8FA. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY** Celebrating the city of Chemnitz, one of the European Capitals of Culture for 2025, special event callsigns **DL2025C**, **DL2025B**, **DL2025E**, **DL2025S** and **DL2025W** will be active from 18 January to 31 March. All QSOs will be uploaded to eQSL, LoTW, Club Log and DCL (DARC Community Logbook); paper QSL cards will not be issued, but digital QSLs - as well as a number of certificates - will be down-loadable from the event's website. Complete information on the "2025C Ham Radio Event" can be found on <https://2025c.de/>.

**DL, GERMANY** Radio amateurs in Kamenz (DOK S22) celebrate their city's 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary



with the callsign **DM800KM** (special DOK 800KM) throughout 2025. QSL info see [qrz.com](http://qrz.com). (TNX DXNL)

**F, FRANCE** Look for special event station **TM22AAW** to be on air on 2 and 3 February and from 8 to 20 February 2025.

Activity is to celebrate the 22th Antarctic Activity Week. All info on this event on <https://www.qrz.com/db/TM22AAW>

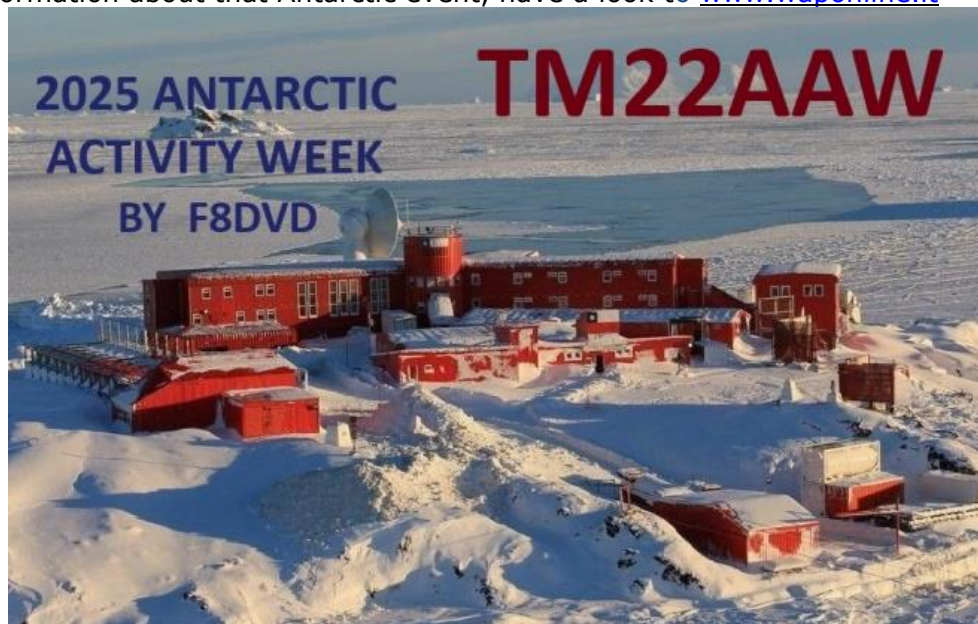
Operation will be made by François F8DVD from his Qth of Mâcon, east part of France, 60 km North of Lyon (JN26JH).

The new reference for WAP program is 354.

Operations will be on HF band from 10 to 40 meters.

QSL via F8DVD, Direct (SAE + 3 USD) or via Buro.

For more information about that Antarctic event, have a look to [www.waponline.it](http://www.waponline.it)



**GM, SCOTLAND** Terry, GM3WUX will be active as **GB200LB** on 4-31 January to celebrate the bicentenary of the invention of the Braille code. He will operate mainly CW. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. (TNX 425DX)

**GW, WALES** Kev, GW0PUH will be active as **GB9KW** on 1-28 January using vintage equipment manufactured by KW Electronics Ltd during the 1960s and 1970s. Main activity will be over the "KW Weekend" (4-5 January). Other special callsigns are expected to be on the air, notably **GB2KW** from Scotland, **GB5KWD** and **GB6KW** from England, and possibly others. QSL via operator's instructions. (TNX 425DX)

**HB9, SWITZERLAND** **HB20SOTA** is the special callsign for the Swiss SOTA Group (HB9SOTA) to celebrate its 20th anniversary throughout 2025. A certificate will be available, see <https://hb9sota.ch/en/> for more information. (TNX 425DX)

**HI, DOMINICAN REP** **HI59UD** is the special callsign for the Union Dominicana de Radio aficionados, the second oldest amateur radio club in the Dominican Republic, to celebrate the 59th anniversary since its foundation. Look for activity on the HF bands SSB and digital modes, from 17 to 25 January. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, and QRZ Logbook. (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** Throughout 2025 ARI Fidenza will use a series of special callsigns, each representing one of the many patents registered by Guglielmo Marconi between 1897 and 1926: **II4FPEN** (January), **II4FPUS** (February), **II4SHLD** (March), **II4GHPR** (April), **II4JGGR** (May), **II4RXOS** (June), **II4COHR** (July), **II4LDMA** (August), **II4RADS** (September), **II4WLTX** (October), **II4EACC** (November) and **II4TJTB** (December). QSL via IQ4FE and LoTW. Information about the "Marconi - Patented By" award: <http://www.arifidenza.it/>.

**LA, NORWAY** **LA100A** is the special callsign for NRRL's Midt-Troms Gruppen (LA6M, <https://www.la6m.no/>) to use throughout 2025 to mark the 100th anniversary of the first amateur radio two-way contact between Norway and the US, made by Johannes Diesen, LA1A from Moen in Malselv municipality and UIYB at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire (25 November 1925). QSL via the bureau, QRZ Logbook, or direct. (TNX 425DX)

**LZ, BULGARIA** Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2025 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ403ES** (January and February), **LZ372SG** (March and April), **LZ286MDK** (May and June), **LZ591MK** (July and August), **LZ117ME** (September and October) and **LZ306WW** (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2025 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/>. (TNX 425DX)

**OH, FINLAND OF60AP** is the special callsign for members of the Central Uusimaa Radio Amateurs Association (OH2AP) to celebrate their club's 60th anniversary throughout 2025. QSL via Club Log's OQRS. A certificate will be available, see [https://oh2ap.fi/?page\\_id=491](https://oh2ap.fi/?page_id=491). (TNX 425DX)

**OM, SLOVAKIA OM25ISS** marks the anniversary of the first Slovak astronaut, Ivan Bella, in space 25 years ago. QRV until the end of September 2025 on all bands. An award is also available: <https://www.grz.com/db/OM25ISS>. QSL via OM8ATE. (TNX DXNL)

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS PC80TT** is the special callsign for members of VERON Leiden (PI4LDN) to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands during World War II (5 May 1945). Look for activity between 1 January and 1 June. QSL via the bureau to PI4LDN. The special call-sign honours the memory of Rudolf Tappenbeck (PCTT), a pioneer of Dutch amateur radio who died in Neuengamme concentration camp on 21 December 1944. (TNX 425DX)

**W, USA** The Straight Key Century Club's annual on-air event, commemorating the club's founding in 2006 and celebrating the original instruments of early radiotelegraphy (straight key, bug and cootie keys), will run on 2-31 January. Look for **K3Y** to be aired from the ten US call areas (K3Y/0 through K3Y/9), plus /KH6, /KL7 and /KP4. Information on the event and QSLing instructions can be found on <https://skccgroup.com/k3y/k3y.php>. (TNX 425DX)

**ZS, SOUTH AFRICA** On 20 May 2025, the South African Radio League will celebrate its 100th anniversary. The SARL Centenary Marathon QSO Party is set to kick off for a year-long operating during 2025. Throughout the year, the SARL, with the aid of its members and associated clubs, will be on the air with a special event callsign **ZS100SARL**, as well as the permanent callsigns **ZS6SRL** and **ZS9HQ**, and possibly other special event callsigns. A number of awards will be available, see <https://mysarl.org.za/centenary-marathon/> for more information. (TNX 425DX)