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DX news

5N7DTG Nigeria –update February 18

First log uploaded to Club Log. Almost 20K FT8 QSOs in just over 24 hours. Team say they are still running around with local staff trying new locations in the big yard and garden. They hope to set up 40, 60, 80 and 160m antennas soon. Full speed operation in approx 2 days time.

V73WW Marshall Islands DXpedition –update February 19

The V73WW DXpedition team is pleased to report progress from our QTH on Majuro Atoll. Our operations on the 160m and 80m bands are turning to be successful. We've experimented with various RX antennas to optimize our reception capabilities.

The weather has been favorable, resulting in reduced QRN. However, the constant wind and waves continue to challenge our antenna setups. To ensure optimal performance, we conduct daily antenna maintenance at low tide, reinforcing masts and securing equipment against the elements.



4S7SPG Sri Lanka –update February 19

All operators are 50% operational. We caught some virus on the plane or from the air conditioner. Fortunately, we installed all the antennas. However, currently the work is mostly limited to FT8.



VK9XU Christmas Island –update February 18

'We made it to Christmas Island, but our most important piece of luggage did NOT make it: the oversize bag with most of the rods for the antenna masts. We will therefore have to start with only a subset of our planned antenna farm. First thing tomorrow, we will try to find a temporary replacement, in particular for the mast for the beam. The next flight to Xmas Island will only arrive on Friday. Therefore, please keep fingers crossed that the missing bag will then be delivered. We have, however, begun initial operation today Feb 18 at 11:53z. First QSO was with VR2KW on 15m FT-8. Guys, see you on the bands.'

DXpedition to VU7 Laccadive Islands

'We've got some super exciting news to share! The [DX India Foundation](#) is embarking on an epic international DXpedition to VU7 at the end of 2025!

Our team of seasoned operators will be focusing on the lower bands – 160m, 80m, and 40m. We'll have 5 stations covering all bands from 6m to 160m, and our goal is to make a whopping 100,000 QSOs during our operation!

To ensure we've got the best possible operating conditions, we'll be setting up shop in a beautiful beachside location, far from resorts and noise-prone areas. Our team will be cozy in separate tents to minimize noise and distractions.' <https://www.dx-world.net/dxpedition-to-vu7/>

NCDXF grant – next Gen RIB 2

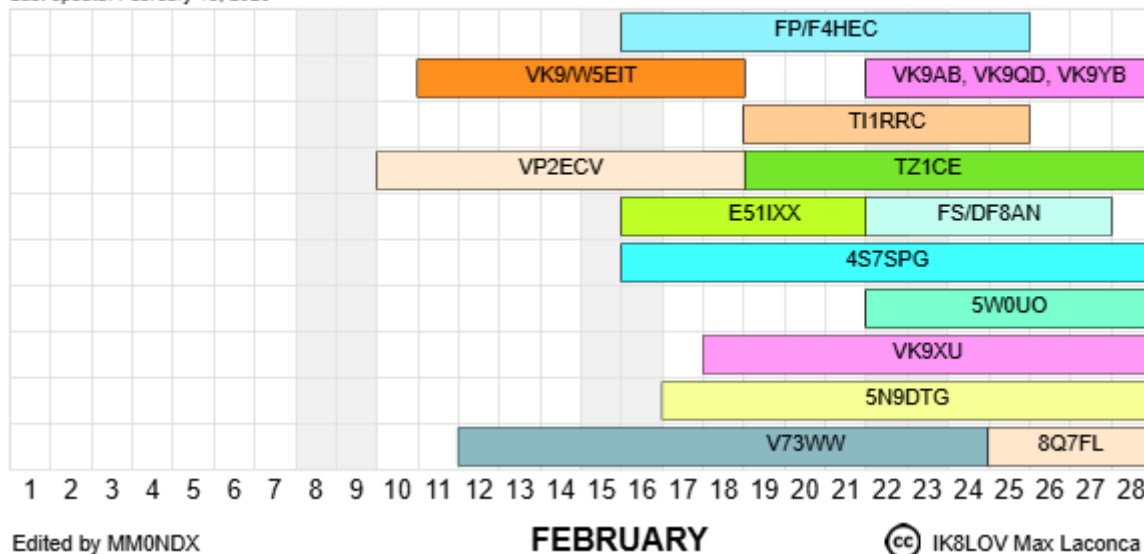
NCDXF is pleased to announce its financial support for a \$35,000 grant to fund the Next Gen RIB 2 systems. This project was submitted and led by Gregg, W6IZT. His proposal is to utilize three Elecraft K4 radios Radio-In-Box (RIB) kit that can be used by DXpeditioners. He has a proven setup and will immediately embark on preparing these for deployment.

NCDXF will own the RIBs and keep them maintained for deployment. DXpeditions need to request these units with their NCDXF DXpedition grant applications. This grant follows the successful launch of the first generation of RIBs using FlexRadio by George, AA7JV. Many QSOs have been made successfully in several DXpeditions where the entity footprint was minimized, and the operators could be remote. These RIBs are still maintained and in use.

DXCC timeline

DXWORLD.net FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

Last update: February 18, 2025



DXCC

This week on air

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

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 are active from Central American DXCC entities (covering IOTA and POTA) until March 7. 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) **NOW QRV!**

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

All calls are currently pending. QSL via LoTW or via M0OXO and RW3RN (RU/EW only).

On the scene...TI1RRC



VK9C, COCOS KEELING
VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISL

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

Caribbean Tour by Mike, DF8AN

FS, ST MARTIN FS/DF8AN until February 27
V2, ANTIGUA V26MN February 28-March 1
VP2, MONTSERRAT VP2MN March 1-March 9
V2, ANTIGUA V26MN March 9-March 10
FS, ST MARTIN FS/DF8AN, TO8AN March 10-March 11

Operation mainly digi and CW from 80 to 6 meter. QSL via home call, direct or buro.

4S, SRI LANKA Look for SP3CFM, SP6EQZ, SP6IJU and SP9FIH as 4S7SPG until March 1. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via SP6CIK, Club Log.

<https://4s.dxpeditions.org/>

5H, TANZANIA Charles, NK80 will once again be active as 5H3DX between February 20 and March 6. Now Charles will have a better QTH for an antenna farm.

5N, NIGERIA The Rebel DX Group is QRV for 2 weeks. They sign as 5N9DTG with focus on FT4/8 with Superfox and MSHV modes. Then it's on to South Africa to prepare their vessel for a Southern Ocean voyage. <https://www.qrz.com/db/5N9DTG>

5W, SAMOA Dave, G4BUO will once again be operating as 5W0UO between February 22 until March 3. Log upload to LoTW.

6W, SENEGAL Willy ON4AVT is once again active as 6X7/call until April 10. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, digi and QO-100 sat. QSL via home call, Club Log.

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

8Q, MALDIVES Brad, KA9JDE will be active as 8Q7BG between February 22 and March 8.

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

On the scene...TI1RRC team on his way

The whole team is here: Alex RW3RN, Hal W8HC, Mike K5MSK, Raisa R1BIG, Slava OK8AU, Tim NL8F, Vlad R9LR and Yuri N3QQ. I am happy to be part of this team! They are all very experienced DXpeditioners.

We are now heading towards the Pacific Ocean coast. It will take 4-5 hours. Today we will sail by boat to the Corcovado National Park POTA CR-0018, where our TI1RRC transmissions will be from, and weather permitting tomorrow morning (local) we will sail to IOTA NA-117 Isla del Cano (Park CR-0033) and QRV as TI1RRC/p.



C5, THE GAMBIA Alan, G4DJX is once again QRV as C5DX until February 21. Operation during his spare time on HF with 100w. QSL via LoTW.

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.

C6, BAHAMAS Chad, WE9V is active as C6ACK until May. QRV from 40 to 6 meter. Chad mentions that since he will be visiting various islands, his grid and IOTA will change so keep this in mind over the coming weeks. QSL via LoTW or via WD9DZV. More details here.

E5, COOK ISLANDS Zac, ZL2GUN is active as E51IXX until February 22. Operation on 40, 20 and 10 meter using SSB only.

FJ, SAINT BARTHELEMY Andreas, DK6AS will be operating during February/March (to be confirmed) as FJ/call. Operation on HF using CW and FT4/8 from grid FK87. An entry in the ARRL International DX CW contest is included (February 15-16). QSL via home call.

FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON Fred, F4HEC is QRV as FP/call until February 25. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and CW. QSL via home call direct and LoTW.

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

H4, SOLOMON ISL Bernard, DL2GAC is once again active as H44MS until May 7. QRV from Manakwai Village from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8.

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>

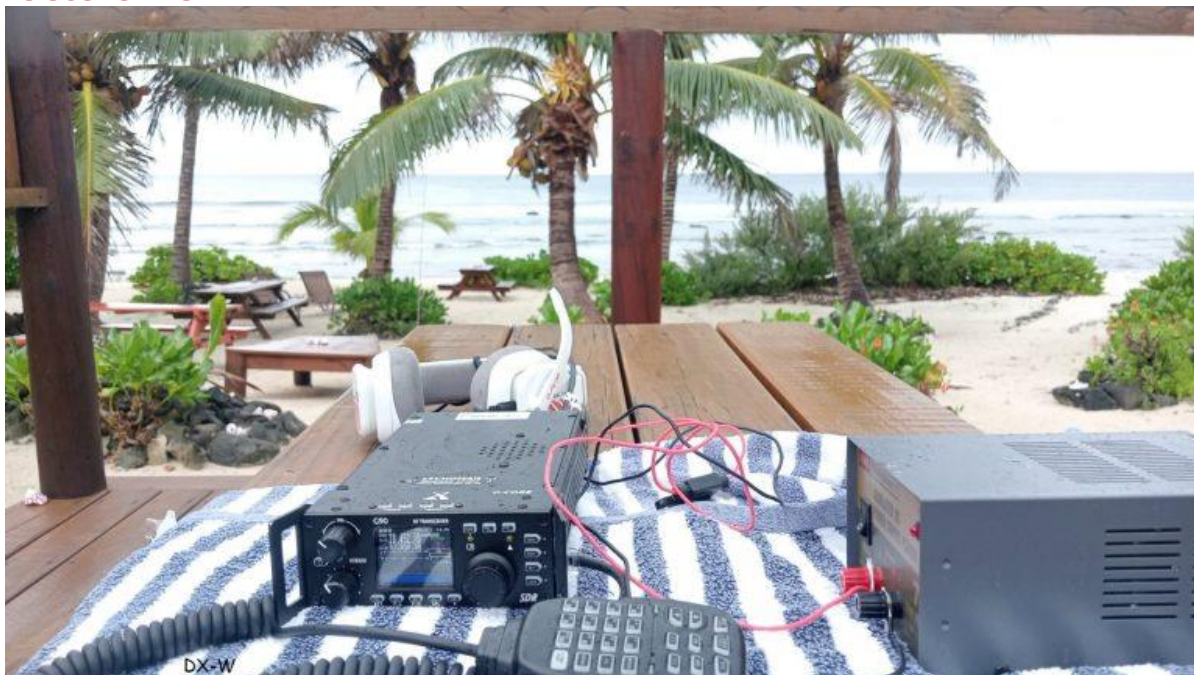
J5, GUINEA-BISSAU Livio, IZ3BUR is operating as J52EC until March 1 during his spare time. Operation on 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB and perhaps some digi. QSL via home call.

J7, DOMINICA Oliver, W6NV is QRV as J79NV during February.

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

Next: February 21 0830z 12m CW, February 23 0730z 10m CW, February 23 1930z 12m CW. 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. <https://kh7al.site/>

On the scene...E51IXX



OX, GREENLAND Bo, OZ1DJJ will once again be QRV as OX3LX between February 25 and March 14. Operation on HF from grid GP44de and perhaps GP35nj. QSL via OZ0J.

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 Marty, KE4TT is active as P4/call until March 11. QRV on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW, 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.

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

Operation on HF using FT8. QSL via EA5ZD, LoTW.

TR, GABON Roland, F8EN is once again QRV as TR8CR until at least April. Operation on HF using CW only. QSL via F6AJA.

TY, BENIN Antonio, IK7WUL is again on a humanitarian mission to Benin until February 23 and QRV (10m SSB) when time permits as TY2AA. QSL via I8KHC, LoTW.

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.

TZ, MALI Jeff, K1MMB is operating as TZ4AM from Bamako until May. *'TZ1CE is operating my station DX style for the next 3 weeks, concentrating on FT8 and SSB to a lesser extent. He is currently operating from 80 through 6m. He has already worked into southern EU on 6m FT8.'*

V3, BELIZE Walt W0CP and Mary K0ZV are once again active as V31DJ and V31DK during February 2025. Operation on HF using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

V4, ST KITTS Tom, K0YA is active as V4/call until March 4 (from V47JA QTH). QRV in 'holiday-style'. QSL via LoTW for both calls.

On the scene...FP/F4HEC



V7, MARSHALL ISL Look for V73WW until around February 24 from Majuro Atoll. QSL via DJ4MX, Club Log OQRS, 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.

Coming up soon

D6, COMOROS Elvira, IV3FSG will be active as D68Z between February 28 and March 18. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and FT4/8. Log upload to Club Log. QSL via LoTW and LoTW.

FM, MARTINIQUE Yuri, VE3DZ will once again be active as TO4A from February 28 to March 3. Also activity as FM/VE3DZ. QSL via home call, Club Log.

IOTA

This week on air

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.

EUROPE

EU-095 Ratonneau Isl Fred, F5OZK will be QRV as TM13X during February 23-24. An entry in the REF cup is included from 80 to 10 meter using SSB. QSL via bureau. More on QRZ.com.

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.

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-088 Santana de fora Isl Look for Fabio, PP5BZ as ZW5W during February 21-23. Due to the conditions of embarkation and disembarkation on the island, Fabio reports the activity will be subject to weather conditions. It is an uninhabited island with no anchoring infrastructure, making the operation difficult and posing a great risk. The operation will be in the 10, 15, 20 and 40m; SSB and CW. QSL via H/c.

Coming up soon

NORTH AMERICA

NA-122 Isla Saona The HI2LD team will be QRV on February 27. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, FT4/8. QSL via LoTW and QRZ.com.

On the scene...5W0UO Samoa



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

5H, TANZANIA Maurizio, IK2GZU will be active as 5H3MB between March 18 and April 8. Maurizio is doing volunteer work at a local school. Operation during his spare time from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via Club Log, LoTW or via IK2GZU, direct or buro.

6Y, JAMAICA Iain, G4SGX will once again be active as call/6Y from Robins Bay during March 11-21. Operatio from 80 to 10 meter using CW only. An entry in the BERU contest is included. More on QRZ.com.

D4, CAPE VERDE Harald, DF2WO will once again be QRV as D44TWO during May. Activity on HF and 6 meter using CW and FT8. <https://www.grz.com/db/D44TWO>

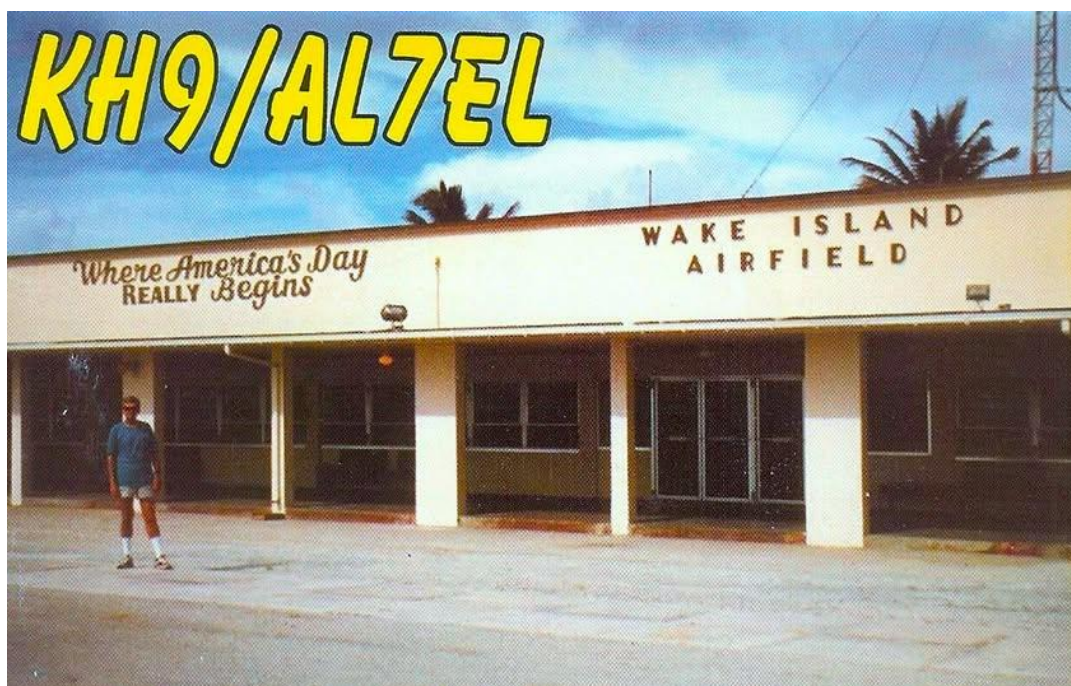
FJ, ST BARTHELEMY Otis, NP4G will be QRV as FJ/call between May 27 and June 2 in 'holiday-style'. QSL via LoTW.

GU, GUERNSEY A team of 7 operators will be operating as GU6EFW between May 7 and May 14. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. <https://hamradioexpedition.com/>

J3, GRENADA Eric GM5RDX and Graham 2M0IJU will be operating as J38DX and J38LD during July 5-13. QRV on SSB with some FT8. QTH near a sea cliff on the south of the island.

J8, ST VINCENT Ishmael, 8P6PE will activate some SOTA between March 16 and March 30. Operation from 20 to 6 meter using various antennas. QSL via home call.

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Colin, G4CWH will once again be active as ZF2CA from the ZF1A contest station during the Commonwealth Contest (March 8-9). Operation outside from 160 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call direct.



THE REMINDERS

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 team OK7GU, OK2ZA and OK1CRM will be active as 3B9DJ between March 23 and April 5, 2025. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via OK6DJ, OQRS and LoTW.

5R, MADAGASCAR The Italian DXpedition Team led by Silvano, I2YSB announce a new activity from Madagascar (Nosy Be, IOTA AF-057) during October / November 2025. Team of eight operators covering four stations. QRV as 5R8TT and 5R8XX. QSL via I2YSB. Full details to follow..

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

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

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.

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.

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

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 is 6 is dead. QSL via LoTW and home call.

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.

FJ, ST BARTHELEMY Janusz, SP9FIH will be operating as FJ/call end March. He will change call as TO1P during the CQ WPX contest. *'According to the Club Log Most Wanted statistics, FJ is on 27th position in Far East, 67th in Oceania and on 97th position in Europe, so probably many "small stations" are waiting for their chance. Please do not make duplicate contacts! Hints for VK/ZL: Please use long path route because on short path we have mountains.'*

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, SAINT PIERRE & MIQUELON The F6KOP team will be active as FP5KE from FP sometime 2025. A team with 16 operators and 7 stations will be active from 160 to 6 meter using all modes. More to follow.

FS, ST MARTIN Look once again for FS/K9EL between June 4 and June 18. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on 6 meter when its open and limited operation on other bands. Daily Club Log uploads and LoTW uploads are planned. QSL via home call.

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.

HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL A large team with 20 operators currently formed by HC5VF, PY2DV, PY2EL, PY2MC, PY2PT, PY2WAS, PY3MM, PY4RGS, PY5HSD, PY5KD, PY6HD, PY6RT, PR7AB, PS8RV, PV8DX, VU2RS, YL2KL, N6PSE, K3NQ, WD5COV 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 M0URX 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 Look for Jamie M0SDV as J38W between November 23 and December 2. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included on all bands high power. Focus before the contest on WARC bands, and SSB for other bands. See <https://www.m0sdv.com/>

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.

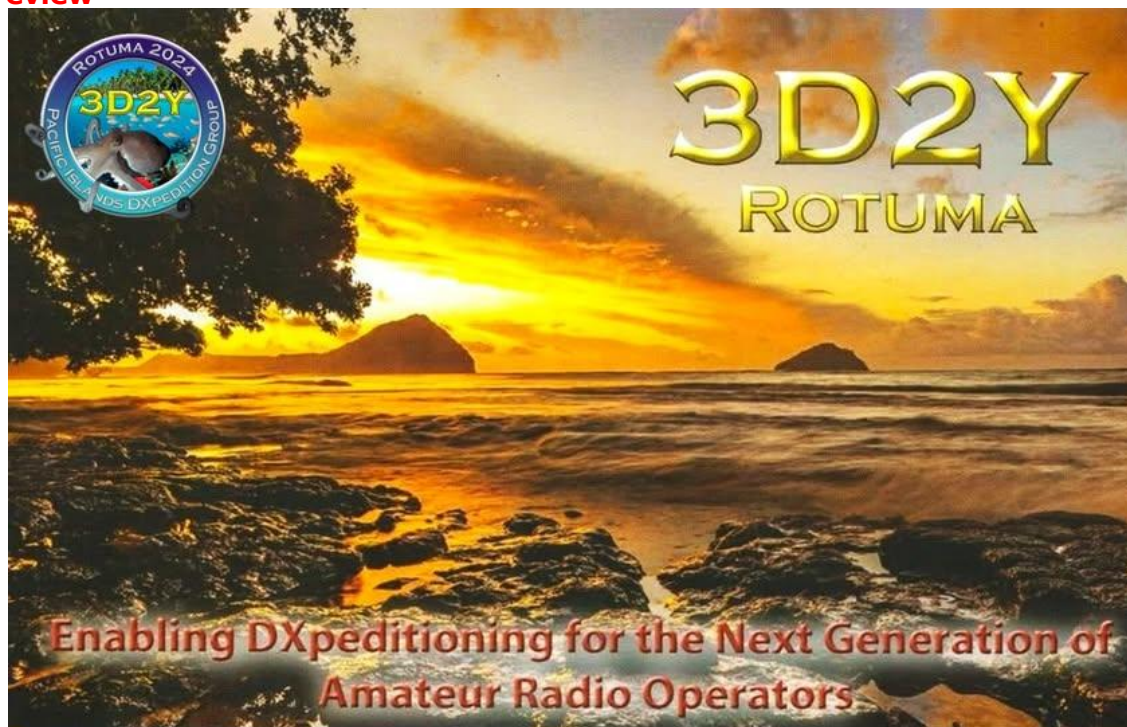
JW, SVALBARD Tom, LA6VDA will once again be QRV as JW6VDA during September 12-22, 2025. Activity on HF using mostly SSB. QSL via LoTW, Club Log.

JW, SVALBARD Look for LA6VM, LA7XK and LA9DL as JW6VM, JW7XK and JW9DL during October 8-13. An entry in the Scandinavian Activity Contest is included as JW5X. QSL via homecalls, JW5X via LA5X.

HK0, SAN ANDRES Ray, K3ARC will be QRV as HK0A between March 9 and March 19. Operation from 20 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call direct or LoTW.

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.

QSL preview



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.

PY0S, ST PETER & ST PAUL The Araucaria DX Group will be active sometime October-November 2025. Plans are to be QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. There will be six local operators: Adrian, KO8SCA, Fred PY2XB, George, AA7JV, Mike KN4EEI, Peter, PY5CC, Tomi, HA7RY, as well as a number of remote operators. The RIB equipment, which makes this operation possible, was developed with the support of the Northern California DX Foundation. <https://py0s2025.com/>

T8, PALAU Ichy, JH7IPR will once again be active as T88UW from Koror between April 16 and April 23. Operation mainly on FT8 with some CW and SSB. QSL via home call, buro or direct. Log upload to LoTW and Club Log.

TI9, COCOS ISL Pending approval from all relevant authorities, Charlie TI5CDA 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).

TZ, MALI Ulmar, DK1CE will once again be QRV as TZ1CE from Bamako. Currently QRV due to uncertain flights. 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 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.

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](#).

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.'

On the scene...V73WW Marshall islands



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.

Z6, KOSOVO The Italian DXpedition team led by Silvano I2YSB will be active as Z68TT and Z68XX during June/July. A team of 7 operators will be QRV with 4 stations. QSL via I2YSB. More to follow.

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.'

IOTA

THE NEWCOMERS

ASIA

AS-169 Arnala Isl The DX India Foundation will be active as AU2M during May 29-June 1. This is a rare opportunity for IOTA enthusiasts around the world to log this highly sought-after entity, currently the most wanted IOTA in India! The team consists of Sarath, VU2RS, Aderesh, VU3WEW Anil, VU3DXA, Renju, VU3TPW, Girish, VU3GDS, Huzefa Merchant, VU2HIT (Local Support) Jatin Shah, VU2KWJ (Local Support). More to follow.

EUROPE

EU-012 Shetland Four operators G4AFF, G0DWW, M0NKR and G4LPP from Norfolk Amateur Radio Club will be travelling to Shetland and will be active from July 23 – 28. An entry in the IOTA contest is included. Operation from 80 to 10 meter with a station on 6m & 4m - CW/SSB and Digital modes.

QSL preview



THE REMINDERS

NORTH AMERICA

NA-060 Tigre Isl Renato, PY8WW will be operating as HR4/call during May 13-18. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via OQRS.

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"

NA-220 Manitsoq 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. 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-093 Itbayat Isl A team from the Mabuhay DX Group will be operating as 4I2I during March 27-31. Activity planned from 160 to 10 meter using SSB with an entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest. QSL via VE6GJP.

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>

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-092 Papegaaien Isl A team with Renato (PY8WW), Rico (PZ5JW), and Dieter (DL8TG) will be QRV during the first week of April as PZ5IP. The island is located at the mouth of the Corantine River, on the border between Suriname and Guyana (8R). The team plans to operate from 10 to 40 meters using SSB, CW, and digital modes. QSL via PY8WW, OQRS.

ARCTIC NEWS

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 Fang 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

Solidarity Campaign for 10 month baby

Until February 28: **CB2AID**, **3G2AID** and **XR2AID**

José David Castillo Sarmiento was born on May 22, 2024. Just a few weeks ago, he was diagnosed with a congenital ventricular heart defect affecting his pulmonary artery. José David needs to undergo heart surgery at the end of February 2025. José David is the fourth sibling in the family.

Amateur Radio Family

Since 2009, Stefania CD2SSA and Jonathan CA2JDX began the beautiful journey of joining their lives, resulting in the birth of Joaquín CD2CSP, 15 years old, Jorge CA2CSH, 12 years old, and Emily CD2ECZ, 10 years old.

In January 2010, Joaquín was born, and to date, he is 15 years old and has been an amateur radio operator since 2023 as CD2CSP. In October 2011, we got married, and in March 2012, Jorge was born, now 12 years old and an amateur radio operator since 2023 as CA2CSH. In July 2014, Emily was born and became an amateur radio operator in 2024. Over these 16 years, their beautiful family has lived in Coquimbo and more recently in the Combarbalá area.

José David's family is enthusiastic about Amateur Radio, having participated in numerous radio activities, including together with José David in the activation of the Punta de Tortuga Lighthouse last year.

We seek your support for José David and his speedy recovery.

9K, KUWAIT 9K9NLD is the special call sign for the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society to celebrate Kuwait National Day (25 February) and Liberation Day (26 February) throughout the month of February. QSL via EC6DX. Also joining the celebrations will be the Saudi Amateur Radio Society as **HZ1KWT** on 19-25 February, and possibly the national societies of Bahrain (**A91KWT**) and the UAE (**A60KWT**). (TNX 425DX)

EA, SPAIN Commemorating the 45th anniversary of the 1980 referendum for autonomy and representing the provinces of Andalusia, eight special call signs will be activated on 22-28 February: **AN45AL** (Almeria), **AN45CA** (Cadiz), **AN45CO** (Cordoba), **AN45GR** (Granada), **AN45HU** (Huelva), **AN45JA** (Jaen), **AN45MA** (Malaga), **AN45SE** (Sevilla). In addition, **AN7AND** will be active on 28 February (Andalusia Day). A number of certificates will be available, see <https://diadeandalucia.ure.es/> for detailed information. (TNX 425DX)

F, FRANCE TM100REF The year 2025 will mark the centenary of the Réseau des Émetteurs Français (REF) and the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU). In commemoration of this significant event, the REF, a member of the IARU, is organizing a radio challenge for all licensed amateur radio operators and shortwave listeners (SWLs) worldwide.

For more information go to the website at <https://web.r-e-f.org/tm100ref/> or on <https://www.qrz.com/db/TM100REF>.

F, FRANCE Members of Radio Club Jean Bart, F6KMB will be active as **TM6C** from 24 February to 9 March during the traditional Dunkirk Carnival (Carnaval de Dunkerque). QSL via F6KMB. (TNX 425DX)

F, FRANCE In France, from May 27 to June 10, 2025, Gaby F5PSI, also the members of the "Lillers radio club F4KIS", and many others OM and YL stations from Pas de Calais department (dpt 62), will be on the air with the special call **TM41GM** (GM for "Grève des Mineurs"), in tribute to the « Patriotic Strike of the 100,000 miners of Nord de Calais in 1941 » (la « Grève Patriotique des 100.000 mineurs du Nord Pas de Calais en 1941 ») during the occupation of the German army, from May 27 to June 10 1941. More historical information on QRZ.com about this important workers' strike, the first major collective act of resistance in France during World War II. For the QSL, visit the dedicated page on QRZ.com and follow instructions.

LU, ARGENTINA Radio Club QRM Belgrano (**LU4AAO**) and members will be active between February 22 and March 2, 2025, to commemorate the club's 57 anniversary. Look for activity on HF (SSB, FT8, CW) and VHF, UHF (FM, FT8, SSTV). Special award and QSL available. See QSL and details in QRZ.com.

THE REMINDERS

9A, CROATIA 9A2025HWC marks the 29th edition of the IHF World Men's Handball Championship that is being held right now until 2 February. The special call sign, however, will be in use until 30 June. QSL via LoTW; QSOs are also uploaded to QRZ Logbook and Club Log. (TNX 425DX)

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)
A9, BAHRAIN Members of the Bahrain Radio Club celebrate IARU's 100th anniversary with the callsign **A9100IARU** on the first 5 days of each month in 2025. For more information see: <https://www.itu.int/hub/2024/04/world-amateur-radio-day-iaru-celebrates-a-century-of-connections/>. QSL via EC6DX. (TNX DXNL)

D4, CAPE VERDE Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the independence of Cabo Verde (5 July 1975), the Monteverde Contest Team (D4C) and Paolo, D44PM will be active as **D450ICV** until 31 December. They will operate "across all bands and modes, primarily focusing on HF". QSL via Club Log's OQRS. Bookmark <https://www.facebook.com/D4C.STATION> for updates. (TNX 425DX)

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)

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 DA0IARU is the special callsign for DARC Team SES to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the IARU. Look for activity between 1 February and 27 April. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards via DL2VFR. (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 800th anniversary with the callsign **DM800KM** (special DOK 800KM) throughout 2025. QSL info see qrz.com. (TNX DXNL)

F, FRANCE Georges, F6IMD and others will be active as **TM06CDN** between 15 February and 2 March during the traditional Nice Carnival (Carnaval de Nice). Paper QSL cards will not be provided; eQSLs will be down loadable from <https://www.imgbluew.com/TM06CDN/TM06CDN.html>. (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)

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: **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/>.

I, ITALY II3MPL is the special callsign celebrating the 50th anniversary of ARI Merano/Meran (IQ3MP). Look for activity between 1 February and 1 May. (TNX 425DX)

ISO, SARDINIA IROAPT is the special callsign celebrating the 50th anniversary of ARI Porto Torres (IQ0AK), Sardinia. Look for activity on all bands and modes between 12 February and 12 May. QSL via the bureau or direct. (TNX 425DX)

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 Special event station **LZ75IPA** will be active throughout 2025 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the International Police Association. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or direct to LZ3HI. (TNX 425DX)

LZ, BULGARIA Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2025 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ403ES** (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. (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 PA80OV commemorates Operation Veritable, a part of the Market Garden operation, between Feb. 13 and 28. For more see: <https://rclb.nl/pa80ov>. (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)

S5, SLOVENIA S5100IARU is the special callsign for members of the Zveza Radio amaterjev Slovenije (Association of Radio Amateurs of Slovenia) to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the IARU until 31 December. QSL via LoTW, or via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

SM, SWEDEN On 14 March 1925, electrician and radio pioneer Sven Bernholm made history in Gavle by conducting the city's first radio broadcast under the callsign SMXF and using a homemade transmitter with 10 watts. Bernholm and Gefle Radioklubb's efforts led to nearly fifty years of local broadcasts. **SM100XF** is the callsign for Gavle Kortvagsamatorer (SK3GK) to celebrate this centenary during the year. The first two activations will be on 14 February (14:00-17:00 UTC) and on 14 March (10:00- 16:00 UTC). QSL via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

SP, POLAND The Polski Zwiasek Krotkofalowcow (Polish Amateur Radio Union) will celebrate its 95th anniversary and the IARU centenary by activating ten special event stations from 17 February to 3 March and again on 11-25 April: - **3Z95PZK, HF95PZK, SN95PZK, SO95PZK and SP95PZK**;- **3Z100IARU, HF100IARU, SN100IARU, SO100IARU and SP100IARU**. Details of a special award programme will be published soon on <https://hamaward.cloud/awards>. (TNX 425DX)

W, USA W7P is the callsign for the Northern Arizona DX Association to conduct a 10-year special event countdown to the 100th anniversary of the discovery of Pluto by Clyde Tombaugh at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona (18 February 1930). The inaugural event was held in 2021; this year's Pluto Anniversary Countdown will run on 15-23 February. Also, Doug Tombaugh (N3PDT), Clyde Tombaugh's nephew, will be operating during the event as W7P/0. QSL direct, see https://www.nadxa.com/w7p_pluto_2030.html for information. (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)