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DX news

FT3YL, Adelie Land Antarctica

Most excellent video by François F4HLT who is currently active as FT3YL.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dt71SI9Bi4>

RI1F, Viktoriya Island EU-190 New Iota –update

OCTOBER 4 @ 1500z — Team members managed to land. The old bulks in which they planned to stay are covered with thick ice inside so they now plan to set up something temporary today and to find (or build) another shelter tomorrow. This is the current situation.

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This week on HF

4W, TIMOR LESTE Roly, ZL1BQD is operating from Dili as 4W6RR until October 10. Operation on 40 and 20 meter using CW and digital modes. QSL via home call, LoTW.

8Q, MALDIVES John, MM0VEG will be QRV in 'holiday-style' as 8Q7BI from October 7 until October 16. Operation exclusively on 20 meter using SSB or PSK31 if conditions are poor. QSL via home call, direct, logsearch on Club Log and LoTW.

9H, MALTA Witek SP9MRO/9H3I and Danuta SP9PX/9H3QQ are operating until October 9. Activity from 40 to 12 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL for both calls via SP9SX.

A5, BHUTAN A5A is activated again until October 8. Operators are Zorro JH1AJT, Kasu VR2KF (JH1OGX) and Champ E21EIC. Main purpose of this trip is to support the launch of the Paralympic Committee in Bhutan with Bhutan Olympic Committee (BOC). Activity will be on 160 – 6m bands CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL to JH1AJT; PO Box 8, Oiso, Naka-gun, KANAGAWA 259-0111, Japan. OQRS will be available at Club Log after his return to Japan.

BY, CHINA Nicola, I0SNY is operating as BY1DX/call until October 18. QSL via home call direct only or via 9A5URI bureau.

CT3, MADEIRA ISL Ulla DF6QP, Alfons DJ8VC and Walter DL8JS are operating in 'holiday-style' as CT9/calls. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via homecalls, direct or bureau.

E5, SOUTH COOK ISL Steve, KL7SB will once again be QRV as E51RAT from Rarotonga between October 8 and October 18. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via NI5DX, LoTW.

FR, REUNION ISL Gust, ON6KE is QRV as FR/call until October 10. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 80 to 10 meter using CW, JT65 and FT8. QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

H40, TEMOTU PROVINCE Stan, LZ1GC is once again QRV as H40GC until October 20. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, PSK and RTTY. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW. <http://www.c21gc.com/>

HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN Tina DL5YL and Fred DL5YM are once again operating as HB0/calls until October 7. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using mainly CW with some RTTY and SSB. QSL via homecalls.

KG4, GUANTANAMO BAY Look for Henry W2DZO (KG4HH, 6-9 October), Jeff KQ4LA (KG4LA, 6-13 October), Bill W4WV (KG4WV, 6-20 October) and Al W6HGF (KG4HF, 6-20 October). QSL via home calls, KG4LA and KG4HF will upload their logs to LoTW.

S7, SEYCHELLES Peter, DD1GG is active as S79PT until October 15. Operation in 'holiday-style'. QSL via home call.

S9, SAO TOME & PRINCIPE Jorge, CT1BOL is active as S9CT until October 6. Operation on HF in 'holiday-style'. QSL via home call, LoTW and Club Log.

S9, SAO TOME & PRINCIPE Operators DL1AWD, DL1AOB, DG5AA, DL8ALU and DK8YY are QRV as S9YY until October 10. QSL via DH7WW, direct or bureau, OQRS Club Log.

SU, EGYPT Christian, DM4DX is currently living in Cairo and is QRV during his spare time as SU/call until November. QSL via LoTW.

SV5, DODECANESE Oliver, DK7TX is active as SV5/call from Kos, Kalymnos, Nisyros and Telendos until October 13. Operation in 'holiday-style'. QSL via home call.

T32, EAST KIRIBATI Ken, KH6QJ will once again be QRV as T32AZ from Crystal Lodge. Activity from October 5 until October 10 on 40, 20 and 15 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

T8, PALAU Sato, JA6BMB will be operating from Koror as T88CS from October 5 until October 11. Activity from 40 to 15 meter using SSB. QSL via home call.

T8, PALAU Kay, JH3AZC informs that JH3AZC, JP3EXR, JH3QFL, JH3VAA will be active from Koror Island, OC-009 as T88CX, T88DG, T88CU, T88CV and T8EM between October 11 and October 17. QRV on HF, EME and satellites.

T8, PALAU Ichy, JH7IPR will once again be active as T88UW from October 11 until October 17. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW, Club Log.

VK9C, COCOS KEELING ISLAND

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND

Chris VK3FY, Lee VK3GK, Tony VK3TZ, Luke VK3HJ, Peter VK3FN and David K3LP will be active as VK9XI from Christmas and as VK9CI from Cocos Keeling Isl.

-Christmas Isl until October 10

-Cocos Keeling Isl from October 10 until October 17

Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY with a focus on the low bands. QSL via M00XO, OQRS.

<http://christmascocos2017.vkdxg.com/index.php/category/news/>

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND

Lance, W7GJ is operating as VK9XGJ until October 18. This will be a 6 meter EME DXpedition. QSL via home call, direct only. <http://www.bigskyspaces.com/w7gj/>

XT, BURKINA FASO Harald, DF2WO is once again active as XT2AX until October 30. Operation on HF and 60 meter using CW, SSB, JT65 and FT8. QSL via M00XO OQRS and LoTW.

ZL7, CHATHAM ISL Chris ZL2DX and Catherine ZL2QT are now active as ZL7DX. QSL via M00XO. They plan to be there for three years and operate on HF and 6 EME.

Coming up soon

3B8, MAURITIUS Flavio, IW2NEF will be QRV from Pearle Beach Resort as 3B8/IW2NEF from October 16 until October 23. Operation on HF. QSL via IK2DUW.

8P, BARBADOS Operators Bob WB2YQH/8P9RN, Steve WF2S/8P9SL and Bob W2KZZ/8P9KZ will be active from Christchurch from October 17 until October 25. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via Club Log OQRS, homecalls and LoTW.

A5, BHUTAN Steve, N6SJ will be operating as A52SJ from October 12 until October 19. Activity from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via home call.

E4, PALESTINE Janusz, SP9FIH will be active as E44WE between October 18 and October 29. Operation on 30, 15, 12 and 10 meter using SSB, PSK63 and RTTY. QSL via Club Log OQRS or SP9FIH. <http://www.e4.dxpedititions.org>

FJ, ST BARTHELEMY A team will AI5P, N0KV, W0ZA and WD0E will be active as FJ/AI5P and FJ/N0KV from October 17 until October 26. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via AI5P and N0KV.

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA Take, JG8NQJ will once again be operating for 2 months starting around October 15. Activity as call/JD1 on HF using CW and RTTY. QSL via JA8CJY direct or via JG8NQJ bureau.

KH0, MARIANA ISL Chie, 7L3PFH will be QRV as KH0TG from Saipan between October 14 and October 22. Operation mainly on 80 meter for NA, SA and EU but on 40, 30 and 20 meter also. QSL via JL1UTS, direct only.

OH0, ALAND ISL Look for Martti, OH2BH as OH0B during the weekend October 14-15. Operation during the Scandinavian Activity Contest. QSL via home call.

PJ4, BONAIRE Vernon NN5E and James NT5V will be active as PJ4/calls between October 15 and October 22. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via homecalls.

S9, SAO TOME & PRINCIPE Jose, EC5AC will be operating as S9CQ from October 12 until October 21. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call.

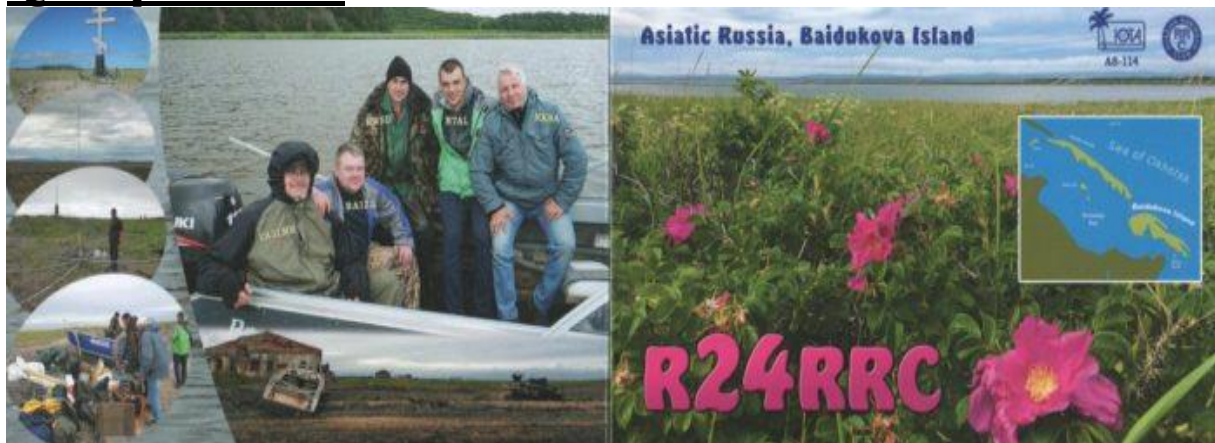
S9, SAO TOME & PRINCIPE Jose, EA5IDQ will be operating as S9CW from October 12 until October 21. Activity from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW.

V4, ST KITTS John, W5JON will once again be operating as V47JA from Calypso Bay. Activity from October 15 until November 7. John will operate from 160 to 6 meter using SSB. QSL via home call, direct only and LoTW.

XW, LAOS Bruce, AA4XR will once again be active as XW4XR from Vientiane between October 12 and October 24. Activity from 60 to 10 meter using CW, RRTY and FT8. QSL via E21EIC and LoTW.

ZD7, ST HELENA Bill, G0VDE will be operating as ZD7VDE starting around October 14. Activity on HF using SSB and some digital modes. QSL via Club Log OQRS. See Bill's website for more details. <http://www.sthelenadx.com/>

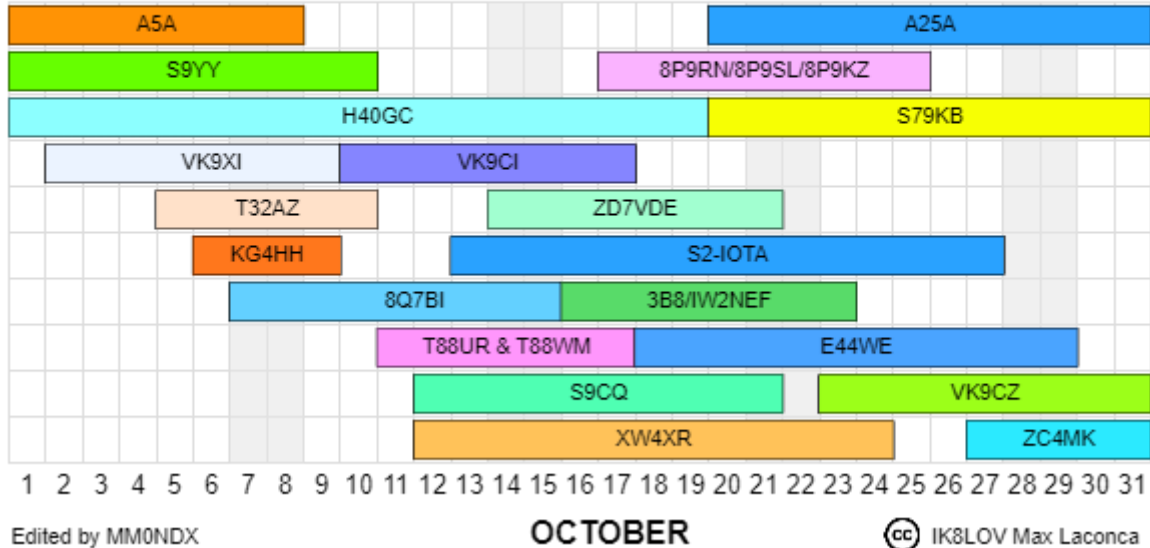
QSL preview



DXCC Timeline

DXWORLD.net FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

Last update: September 26, 2017



IOTA

The IOTA'S marked with a yellow box are claimed by less than 25% of IOTA participants. These IOTAs are rather rare. Follow the link to find out more.

This week on HF

AFRICA

AF-104 Grand Cavallo Isl The Radio Club of Djelfa with the cooperation of ARU is active as 7Y7AI until October 10. Operation on HF. QSL via 7X2DD.
<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AF104>

EUROPE

EU-068 Sein Isl Fabien, F4GYM is QRV as call/P until October 8. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, Club Log OQRS. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU068>

EU-171 Vendsyssel Isl Tom, DL4VM is QRV as OZ/call until October 7. Activity on 40 and 20 meter. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.
<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU171>

EU-190 Viktoriya Isl The RI1F team is active from the NEW IOTA, expect them to be active until October 7. [Bookmark](#) for updates.
<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU190>

OCEANIA

OC-042 Luzon Isl Mike, W6QT is active as DU3/call until December 31. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using all modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW.
<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC042>

Coming up soon

ASIA

Bangladesh IOTA DXpedition

AS-127 <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=as127>

AS-140 <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS140>

A team with Derek G3KHZ, Axel DL6KVA, Steve G4EDG, Tuhin S21ED and Anup S21TV will be operating from October 13 until October 27. Operation from 40 to 15 meter using vertical dipoles for each band. QSL for AS-127 via SM6CVX, for AS-140 goes via G3KHZ, bureau or direct. <http://s21iota.weebly.com/>

OCEANIA

OC-198 North Isl Craig, VK5CE will be operating as call/8 from October 12 until October 16. This is a super rare IOTA. He will operate SSB on 40, 20, 17 and 15 metres with "a large array of vertical and beam antennas"; on the last couple of days he is likely to "do a little PSK on 30m at night and 15m during the day if SSB pile ups slow down". More on <https://oc198.wordpress.com/>
<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc198>
QSL via Club Log OQRS or via VK5CE, direct or bureau.

On the scene

The AT7M team, AS-096 St Mary's Island



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

4S, SRI LANKA Peter, DC0KK will once again be operating as 4S7KKG from November 1 until March 25, 2018. Operation on HF using digital modes. QSL via home call.

4S, SRI LANKA Ilya, R3XA will be QRV between October 23 and October 30. Callsign is pending. An entry in the CQWW SSB contest is included. QSL via LoTW.

6Y, JAMAICA A team with LZ1NK, LZ2BE, LZ2HM, LZ3ND, LZ4AE, TA3D and TA2TX will be active as 6Y0W (contest call), 6Y0D, 6Y0AE, 6Y0BE, 6Y0HM and 6Y0ND. Activity from November 23 until November 29. Focus on low bands.

C9, MOZAMBIQUE A Belgian team with Kurt ON8KW as team leader will be active between May 2 and May 15. Callsign is pending. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. <https://mozambique2018.wordpress.com/>

D4, CAPE VERDE Zoli, HA5PP will be QRV as D4P during the CQWW CW contest (November 25-26). QSL via LoTW.

TK, CORSICA A large team with TK5EP, S50P, S53BB, S53CC, S53F, S53MM, S53RM, S53WW, S53ZO, S550O, S57C, S57L, S57VW will be QRV as TK0C during the CQWW CW contest (November 25-26). Operation with TK/calls before and after the contest.

V3, BELIZE Uwe, DG8NCO will be on an EME DXpedition from November 26 until December 10. Activity as V31EME on 2 meter and 70cm. QSL via DG8NCO.

VP9, BERMUDA Tony, VE3RZ will be operating as VE3RZ/VP9 during the CQWW CW contest (November 25-26). Outside the contest he will operate in RTTY and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW and Club Log.

THE REMINDERS

3B7, AGALEGA and ST BRANDON Seb, F5UFX announces 'after our successful dxpeditions to tromelin (ft4ta) and juan de nova (ft4ja), we are very happy to announce our new project. Our team will be active from Saint Brandon island 3B7 in March-April 2018 for a two weeks operation. more details to follow soon!'

3D2, ROTUMA A team of 5 operators with Tony 3D2AG, Heye DJ9RR, Erno DK2AMM, Hans DL6JGN and Ronald PA3EWP will be active as 3D2EU (pending) between February 23 until March 16, 2018. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using all modes. QSL via DK2AMM. More to follow.

3W, VIETNAM Tom, KC0W will be operating as 3W9CW throughout November. Operation on HF using CW. QSL via KC0W, direct only.

3X, REP OF GUINEA Luc F5RAV and Gérard F5NVF will be operating as 3XY4D between October 27 and November 6. More to follow.

3Y, BOUVET ISL A large team led by Bob K4UEE, Erling LA6VM and Ralph K0IR will be operating from the most remote place on earth as 3Y0Z. The DXpedition is taking place early 2018. QSL via N200. <http://www.dx-world.net/3y0z-bouvet-2018/>
<http://www.bouvetdx.org/>

4S, SRI LANKA Martti OH2BH, Ville OH2MM and others will be active as 4S7BHG during October 25 to November 1. An entry in the CQWW SSB contest is included. QSL via OH2BH.

5X, UGANDA Anton, ON6NL will again be active from Entebbe, Uganda as 5X8C at the end of October 2017. Operation on HF with an entry in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29). Will try FT8 mode too. QSL via home call.

6W, SENEGAL Dave, VE9CB will be operating during the CQWW CW Contest (November 25-26). Operation as 6W1SU from 80 to 10 meter. QSL via M0URX OQRS, LoTW.

6Y, JAMAICA A Japanese team with JA3UJR, JH3LSS, JI3DNN and JA3AVO will be active as 6Y6J between January 10 and January 23, 2018. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL for all calls via JA3AVO, LoTW and Club Log OQRS.

6Y, JAMAICA Look for AA4V, N4SF, K8AJA and W4HE as 6Y4V, 6Y4F, 6Y4J and 6Y4E from October 21 until October 31. An entry in the CQ WW DX SSB contest is included as 6Y4V. QSL see ops instructions.

8P, BARBADOS Mac, WT4BT will be operating as 8P9MT from November 4 until November 10. Operation on HF. QSL via LoTW.

8Q, MALDIVES Roland, HB9VQQ will be QRV from Kandima Island Resort. Operation as 8Q7HB from December 22 until December 30 on HF. QSL via home call.

9G, GHANA A team with S54W, S57GM, S57SU, S57UN, S59A, S59ZZ and OZ7AM will be active from Kokrobite as 9G5W. Activity from November 21 until November 29.

Operation from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via S59ZZ and LoTW. <https://ghana.sj/>

9M0, SPRATLY ISLAND Originally announced for December, the 9M0W DXpedition to the Spratly Islands has been postponed to March 10 – March 20 2018, owing to the unavailability of the resort on Layang Layang. Plans are for Hrane, YT1AD and a large group to be QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes.

<http://www.yt1ad.info/9m0w/>

9M2, WEST MALAYSIA Rich, PA0RRS will once again be QRV as 9M2MRS between December 1 and January 30, 2018. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW, OQRS and logsearch on Club Log.

9U, BURUNDI The MDXC team led by Antonio IZ8CCW and co-leader Gabriele I2VGM will conduct their next DXpedition as 9U4M, this between November 6 and November 17.

QRV with 5 stations using all band and all modes. QSL via IK2VUC, direct or bureau, LoTW, logsearch and OQRS on this website: <http://www.mdxc.org/9u4m/>

9X, RWANDA Peter, HB9DVG will soon be active as 9X9PJ and 9X9PJ/P for the next 2 years. Operation from 20 to 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call, direct only.

9X, RWANDA Harald, DF2WO will again be active as 9X2AW between November 15 and November 30. QSL via M0OXO.

9Y, TRINIDAD & TOBAGO Nick, VE3EY will be operating as 9Y4/call during the CQ WW CW contest (November 25-26). Focus on the low bands, WARC bands outside the contest between November 22 and November 27.

C6, BAHAMAS Rich, N0JHZ will once again be operating as C6ARW from October 23 until November 1. An entry in the CQWW DX SSB Contest is included. Outside the contest he will be active on WARC bands using SSB and CW.

CY9, ST PAUL ISL Once again, CY9C will be active during August 2018. The team with WA4DAN, N0TG, K4ZLE, AA4NC, N8AA, VA3QR, WW2DX, W2RE, N2IEN and N5TG will be operating between August 1 and August 9, 2018. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY, EME, SAT and maybe FT8. QSL via WA4DAN, LoTW, bureau and Club Log. <http://cy9c.com/index.html>

EL, LIBERIA Jeremy EI5GM, Dave EI9FBB and Col MM0NDX have been issued with the Liberian callsigns EL2GM, EL2BB and EL2EL. It's their plan to use these calls after the [5L3BI](http://www.5L3BI.com) activity from the LRAA (Liberia Radio Amateur Association) in Monrovia, probably on November 3rd. However, if due to bad weather / sea conditions we cannot land on the island, then we will revert to using these calls during late October / early November from mainland Liberia.

FJ, ST BARTHELEMY A Polish team with SP3CYY, SP3GEM, SP6IXF, SP6JIU, K1CC and SP6EQZ as team leader will be operating as TO2SP from November 16 until November 30. Activity with minimum 3 stations using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via SP6IXF, OQRS and LoTW. <http://to2sp.dxing.pl/>

FK, NEW CALEDONIA Alex, 5B4ALX will be active as FK/call from a small village near Noumea. Activity between March 20 and April 4, 2018. More to follow.

FY, FRENCH GUIANA Hartwig, DL7BC will be operating as FY/call (maybe FY4VOS but pending) between November 26 and December 7. Activity in 'holiday-style' between 10 and 40 meter.

HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL An Argentinian team featuring LU3YK, LU5FF, LU7VB, LU7YS, LU8YD and LU9VEA will be active from San Cristobal as HC8LU between November 29 and December 8. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using SSB, JT65, FT8, PSK31 + SAT. QSL via IK2DUW. <https://hc8lu.blogspot.be/>

HK0, SAN ANDRES An Argentinian team will be active as 5K0T from November 12 until November 25. QSL via LU1FM, Club Log OQRS.

<http://tarjetasqsl.com.ar/5k0t/index.html>

J5, GUINEA BISSAU The Italian DXpedition Team will be active as J5T from November 13 until November 25. Operation with 4 stations on all bands using CW, SSB and RTTY.

QSL via I2YSB and LoTW, real-time logsearch and OQRS via <http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/>

J6, ST LUCIA Gary K9AW/J68GD is assembling a 5 band Hex beam in preparation for the coming CQWW contests during October/November. Both SSB and CW this year. QSL via home call, direct only or LoTW.

J8, GRENADINES Brian, GW4DVB will once again be active in 'holiday-style' as J88PI from Palm Island between January 21 and January 28, 2018. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using mainly SSB. QSL via home call.

JW, SVALBARD Rene, DL2JRM will be active as JW/call from November 10 until November 13. Operation on all bands. QSL via home call.

KH1, BAKER HOWLAND ISLANDS The Dateline DX association (not recently K4M team) is announcing a DXpedition to Baker with Don N1DG, Tom N4XP, Kevin K6TD and others. Dates and other information will be provided once the vessel is arranged.

KH2, GUAM Miki, JJ2CJB will be QRV as AC2AI/KH2 between October 27 and October 30. An entry in the CQ WW SSB contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

P4, ARUBA Mathias, DL4MM will be active as P4/call from January 24 until January 31, 2018. An entry in the CQWW 160 CW contest is included as P40AA. Outside the contest he will focus on the low bands. QSL via home call.

P4, ARUBA John, W2GD will once again be operating as P40W from October 23 until October 31. An entry in the CQWW SSB contest is included. Some CW, WARC and 160 meter before and after the contest. QSL via N2MM direct only, LoTW.

PJ4, BONAIRE Eric K9ES and Charles AD4ES will be QRV between November 21 and November 28. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included as PJ4E and PJ4I. Outside the contest they sign PJ4/calls. QSL via homecalls and LoTW.

PJ4, BONAIRE Look for PJ4Q (operators are W4PA, PJ4DX, PJ4NX, PJ4KY and G3XTT) during the CQ WW SSB contest on October 28-29. Before and after the contest they will focus on the WARC bands from October 23 until November 1. QSL via W4PA.

S7, SEYCHELLES Martin, G4XUM will once again be QRV as S79K during the CQ WW DX CW contest (November 25-26). QSL via G3NKC.

S7, SEYCHELLES Kasimir, DL2SBY will once again be active as S79KB from Mahe. Activity from October 20 until November 1 on HF using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, direct only or Club Log.

T30, WESTERN KIRIBATI Chris, VK3FY will be active as T30T from Tarawa, Kiribati. Activity in December, dates to be announced. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS.

TN, CONGO A team from DXfriends will be active from Brazzaville as TN5R. More to follow.

V3, BELIZE Robert, DL7VOA will be operating as V43AO from Hopkins. Activity from November 18 until November 30 from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via home call.

V4, ST KITTS Gary, G0FWX will be operating as C4/call from Calypso Bay. Activity between November 8 and November 15 in 'holiday-style' on HF. QSL via M0URX.

V5, NAMIBIA Tefik, TA1HZ will once again be active as V51/call during the CQ WW DX SSB contest (Oct 28-29). Operation before and after the contest. QSL via LZ3HI.

V6, MICRONESIA Sho, JA7HMZ will once again be QRV from Pohnpei as V63DX. Operation from November 24 until December 1. QSL via home call, direct only.

VK0, MACQUARIE ISL John, VK3YP has announced planning has commenced for a Dxpediton to Macquarie Island (#9 on Club Log most wanted DXCC) in early 2018 with a total of 5 VK operators. More details to follow as we get closer to the date.

VK9C, COCOS KEELING ISLAND Keith GM4YXI and Chris GM3WOJ are once again QRV from October 23 until November 6. Operation as VK9CZ from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via N3SL and LoTW, logsearch on Club Log.

<http://www.vk9cz2017.com/>

VK9M, MELLISH REEF The VK9MA team will be QRV with nine operators (DL3DXX, LB8DC, N7QT, N9ADG, SM1ALH, SM5AQD, SM5GLC, W5XU and WJ2O). They will be

active from November 3 until November 16 with four stations around the clock. "One of our goals is to dedicate a lot of station time to the digital modes, particularly RTTY", they say. "If conditions are such that the bands are not open for RTTY, we most likely will operate JT65/JT9 and might try FT8. The lower bands (160-30m) are expected to "provide the best opportunity to work the world during the evening hours", while 17 and 20 meter will be "the most likely bands to work the world during the day". The pilot stations will be K4PI (all of the Americas), V51B (Africa) and ON9CFG (Europe). QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW and eQSL. Traditional requests via N7QT. <https://vk9ma.com/>

VP2E, ANGUILLA Henri OH3JR and Seppo OH1VR will be once again operating as VP2EHC and VP2ESM from November 21 until December 2. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL direct only.

VP2M, MONTSEERRAT Look for Dennis N0SMX / VP2MMX and George K2DM / VP2MDG during the CQWW SSB DX contest. QSL via LoTW.

VP2M, MONTSEERRAT A team with DJ6TF, DK1BT, DL4WK, DL7DF, DL7UFR, DL7VEE and SP3DOI will be QRV as VP2MDL between November 6 and November 20. Operation with 2 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY.

<http://www.dl7df.com/vp2m/>

VP8, FALKLAND ISLANDS Eberhard, DL7JLL will be operating as VP8JLL from November 15 until November 25. Operation on HF. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

YJ, VANUATU Michael, G7VJR (Club Log) will be operating as YJ0G from Epule. Activity between March 2 and March 19, 2018. Operation on HF. QSL via M00XO, OQRS.

YN, NICARAGUA Mike, AJ9C will once again be operating as YN2CC from Granada. Activity between November 21 and November 29 from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call and LoTW.

ZC4, CYPRUS SBA Adrian, G0KOM will be active as ZC4MK between October 27 and October 31. Activity in 'holiday-style'. Adrian might be longer on the island than published so might be longer QRV, license is valid for one year.

Announced IOTA

The IOTA'S marked with a yellow box are claimed by less than 25% of IOTA participants. These IOTAs are rather rare. Follow the link to find out more.

THE REMINDERS

AFRICA

AF-051 Los Isl Alain, F5OZC will once again be active as 3XY3D from Kassa, Los Island during November. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using mainly CW. QSL via home call. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AF051>

AF-108 Tigres Isl An experienced team will be active as D2TI. Operation around begin March, 2018. More to follow. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=af108>

AF-111 Baiyah Isl In collaboration with the Liberian Radio Amateur Association, a team consisting of Richmond EL2BG, Dickson EL2DT, Jeremy EI5GM, Dave EI9FBB and Col MMONDX are delighted to announce a much anticipated IOTA DXpedition to Baiyah Island AF-111 This IOTA has never before been activated. Tentatively, dates of activity will be around November 1-4, 2017. This may change slightly but we will update in due course regarding that. <http://af111new.com/>

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AF111>

ASIA

AS-058 Langkawi Isl Once again the Kuala Lumpur DX Team 9M4IOTA will be active from December 2 until December 4. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS058>

OCEANIA

OC-175 Sarangani Isl Sergei R4WAA and Yan RZ3FW will be QRV as DU9/calls from November 21 until November 29. Operation on HF.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc175>

OC-216 Ashmore Reef Craig VK5CE, Mike AB5EB and Mike AD5A will activate this island between November 7 and November 10 as VK9AR. The IOTA is claimed by just 3% (and will go lower after the annual listings are updated) and it is equal 5th in the world in the IOTA Most Wanted List. This is an operation using a tent and generator and the cost is over \$14,000. Full details are at <https://ashmorereef.wordpress.com/>
<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC216>

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-100 Pajaros Rocks A new attempt by IT9YRE and I1SNW activating SA-100 will take place in March 2018. Exact dates not yet known. Maybe a special call will be used instead of CE1/calls. More to follow.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=SA100>

Antarctic base stations

Bellinghausen station Alex, UA1OJL is QRV as RI1ANO until March 2018. Operation during his spare time on all bands using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via RN1ON, direct or bureau, OQRS Club Log.

Dumont d'Urville Station Francois, F4HLT is active for one year at the Dumont d'Urville Station on Petrels Island (AN-017). In his spare time he will be QRV as FT3YL. His licence is valid until February 1, 2018. QSL via F6KPKQ.

<https://f4hlt.wordpress.com/>

H. Arctowski Station, South Shetland Sebastian, SQ1SGB is active until October 23 as HF0ARC. Operation on 20 and 40 meter. QSL via home call, direct only.

Neumayer Station III Daniel, DL1SU, works as an electronics engineer at the base. He uses the club call sign DP0GVN until February 2018. QSL cards for DP0GVN will be handled by DL5EBE, direct or via the bureau.

Syowa research station Yath, JG2MLI is operating as 8J1RL until January 2018. In addition, to mark the 60th anniversary of Japanese Antarctic Research Expeditions, Yath will also use the call 8J60JARE. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using all modes. QSL via bureau and LoTW, for direct via JG2MLI.

Special call

THE NEWCOMERS

ON, BELGIUM The Belgian section HRT (ON4HRT) will be active during November as **ON1418POP**, this to commemorate the WWI. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via LoTW, Club Log, real-time log on

<http://www.on4hrt.org/>

PY, BRAZIL PS14BIS is the special call to commemorate the aviation pioneer Alberto Santos and his aircraft 14-bis with which he made the 1st powered flight in Europe. Operation during October. QSL via PY2GTA.

UA, RUSSIA RU80TO is celebrating the 80th anniversary of Tambov Oblast. Operation until October 10. QSL via UA3RF.

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5B, CYPRUS H2017PFO is the special call until end 2017 to celebrate that Paphos (Cyprus) has the honour of being the European Capital of Culture for 2017 together with Aarhus (Denmark). QSL via Club Log OQRS or via 5B4AIE, direct preferred.

DL, GERMANY DM200LFS (special DOK 200LFS) commemorates the 200th birthday of Louis Ferdinand Schoenherr, a German inventor of power looms. Activity until end February 2018. All QSOs count as a "joker" and 10 points for the KIDS award that is supporting SOS Children's Villages in Saxony. QSL via eQSL, LoTW and bureau.

<http://df0che.darc.de/dm200lfs.php>

DL, GERMANY DR60VKL is the special call to mark the 60th anniversary of the DARC ARC Voelklingen. Activity during 2017. QSL via bureau.

DL, GERMANY Special calls **DR500MLE**, **DR1517LU**, **DR5LUTHER**, **DC500LS**, **DM5LUTHER** and **DL500ML** are QRV during 2017 to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation initiated by Martin Luther.

DL, GERMANY The ARC of Pfronten Fuesen (DOK T11), is celebrating its 60th anniversary with the call **DL60TELF**. Activity until April 30, 2018. QSL via bureau, LoTW.

DL, GERMANY Operators of the club station DL0VBG from the railway museum Vienenburg are active as **DR0HARZ** during 2017 to mark the 25th anniversary of the return of the narrow gauge Brocken Railway. QSL via DF7AA, direct or bureau.

DL, GERMANY Look for **DB20ENERGY** to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the German Company DB Energie. Operation until end 2017. QSL via bureau or via DM2DX direct.

DL, GERMANY DR60SAL is the special call to celebrate the reunification of Saarland with the Fed. Rep of Germany 60 years ago. Operation during 2017. QSL via bureau.

DL, GERMANY Operators of the ARC Wittenberg (DOK W29) will be operating as **DR1517LU** during 2017. This to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. QSL via bureau.

E7, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA The ARC from Zenica is celebrating its 70th anniversary with the call **E770BAB**. Activity until end 2017. QSL via E71EZC, direct or bureau.

EI, IRELAND The EIDX Group is holding their first 'DX Feile' on October 6 – October 7 at the Aran Islands Hotel on Inis Mor. Therefore special call **EJ1D** will be activated from October 6 until October 9. Operation with 2 stations from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via M00XO's OQRS.

EI, IRELAND The following nine special event calls are drawing attention to Ireland's "Wild Atlantic Way" along the island's western coast during 2017.

EI11WAW - County Donegal

EI22WAW - County Leitrim

EI33WAW - County Sligo

EI44WAW - County Mayo

EI55WAW - County Galway

EI66WAW - County Clare

EI77WAW - County Limerick

EI88WAW - County Kerry

EI99WAW - County Cork

QSL via Club Log OQRS or via EI6AL direct.

HA, HUNGARY Members of the FMV ARC are operating with the special call **HA60FMV**, this to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the foundation of the club. QRV until June 30, 2018. QSL via bureau. For an award see <http://ha60fmv.com/>

HB, SWITZERLAND Look for **HB600NVF** until December 31. This to commemorate the 600th anniversary of the birth of Niklaus von Flue, the patron saint of Switzerland. QSL via LoTW, for paper QSL via HB9JOE. <http://www.qrz.com/db/hb600nvf>

I, ITALY Look for **II2FIST** to celebrate the 30th FISTS Club anniversary. Operation from July until end 2017 using CW only. QSL via IZ2FME, direct or bureau. <http://fists.co.uk/>

I, ITALY Look for **II2XC** until end December to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Associazione Radioamatori Italiani. QSL via bureau.

I, ITALY Celebrating the 10th anniversary of Insubria Radio (IQ2IR), special call **IR2XIR** will be used during 2017. QSL via Club Log's OQRS or via 9A8MDC.

JA, JAPAN 8N0IIDA is the special call to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Iida City. Operation until end February 2018. QSL via bureau.

JA, JAPAN The Tokyo Bay Ham Club is celebrating their 40th anniversary with the special call **8J1ZIU**. Activity until end May 2018. QSL goes automatically via bureau.

JA, JAPAN Look for **8J2YAF** to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Nagoya College ARC until end 2017. QSL via bureau.

JA, JAPAN The Katayanagi Institute of the University of Tokyo celebrates its 70th anniversary on the air with the call **8J1YAC** until end March 2018. Activity from 160 meter to 70cm using CW and SSB. QSL via bureau or via JE1XUZ direct.

JA, JAPAN Look for **8N3H7OY** to celebrate the 70th anniversary of Hirakata City. Operation until March 31, 2018. QSL via bureau.

JA, JAPAN Special call **8J2016Y** is active until October 31. This to celebrate the Inuyama Festival, one of the 33 Japanese float festivals that in 2016 UNESCO inscribed to the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. QSL via the JARL bureau.

LA, NORWAY **LA1742K** is the special call to celebrate the 275th anniversary of the city Kristiansund. Operation until end 2017. QSL via LA6K, direct or bureau.

LA, NORWAY **LM8OREX** and **LM8OQ** are the special calls during 2017 to celebrate the 80th anniversary of King Harald V and Queen Sonja. QSL via OQRS Club Log, LoTW or via LA9VDA.

LZ, BULGARY Once again Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use these special calls throughout 2017 to honor as many different Bulgarian saints: **LZ251MKP** (October), **LZ307MU** (November) and **LZ710SG** (December). QSL via bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2017" award can be found at <http://www.lz1kcp.com>.

OH, FINLAND Taking part in the celebrations of Finland's 100th anniversary as an independent state, amateur radio clubs around the country will activate the special call **OF100FI/#** (where # is the number of the call area, from 0 to 9). Activity during 2017. QSL via bureau.

OM, SLOVAK REP Look for **OM500R** to mark the Reformation celebrations until end 2017. QSL see QRZ.com.

OM, SLOVAK REP Pavel, OM3CND will use **OM685RADOLA** to celebrate the 685th anniversary of the town Radol'a. Activity during 2017. QSL via OM3CND.

OM, SLOVAK REP The Secondary School of Electrical Engineering in Kosice is celebrating its 50th anniversary with the special call **OM50SPSEKE**. Operation until end 2017. QSL via OM8AND, bureau.

ON, BELGIUM Special station **OP36CLM** will be active between October 16 and November 15. The suffix stands for Canadian Liberation March, the annual event that celebrates the liberation of the town of Knokke on November 1, 1944. QSL via ON3AIM, direct or bureau. More information on the activity and the relevant award can be found on <http://www.qrz.com/db/op36clm>

ON, BELGIUM Members of the Belgian Radio Club ONZ will be operating during 2017 as **OP17HC**. This to commemorate the First World War. QSL via ON7PP. <http://uba.be/en/latest/flash/uba-14-18-award>

OZ, DENMARK **OZ44C** marks Thor Heyerdahl's Kon-Tiki Expedition (LI2B/mm) 70 years ago. QRV until the end of 2017. QSL via 5P2BA, direct or bureau.

OZ, DENMARK Look for **OZ1AARHUS** to mark the City Aarhus being one of the two European Capitals of Culture in 2017.

OZ, DENMARK The Danish radio club Eksperimenterende Danske Radio-amatoere (EDR) will celebrate its 70th anniversary with the special event calls **5P90EDR**, **OV90EDR**, **OX90EDR**, **OZ90EDR**, **OZ7D** (only in JT-modes) during 2017. An award will also be available. QSL via OZ1ACB, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

OZ, DENMARK To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Treaty of the Danish West Indies, special call **OZ100DVI** will be active during 2017. In 1917 the Dansk Vest-Indien were sold to the United States and renamed the US Virgin Islands. QSL via OZ1IVA, direct or bureau.

PA, THE NETHERLANDS **PA50LELY** marks the land that was reclaimed from the Ijsselmeer in 1952, which later became Lelystad. Operation until November 28. QSL via PA3HEB, direct or bureau.

S5, SLOVENIA Look for **S557E** during 2017 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Radio Club Cerkno (S50E). QSL confirmed automatically via bureau and LoTW, direct via S500.

S5, SLOVENIA S5100LIONS celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Lions Club International until end 2017. QSL via S53DOX.

SM, SWEDEN The Gotlands Radioklubb (SK1BL) on Gotland Island (EU-020) will use special calls **7S1GRK** and **SK70BL** until December 31 to celebrate its 70th anniversary. See <http://sk1bl.hamlogs.net/> for the award programme. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau.

SM, SWEDEN Special event station **SC90SM** is QRV until December 31, this to mark the 90th anniversary of the longwave broadcasting station in Motala. Inaugurated in 1927 and closed in 1962, it was one of the most powerful BC stations in Europe. QSL via SM5ELV, direct or bureau.

SP, POLAND Look for **SN250A** until end 2017. This to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the city Andrychow. QSL via SP9KUP, direct or bureau.

SP, POLAND Look for **HF700LUB** to celebrate the 700th anniversary of the city Lublin. QRV until August 2018. QSL via SP8AB.

SP, POLAND SN100F commemorates the revelation of the Three Secrets of Fatima in Portugal 100 years ago. QRV until end 2017. QSL via SP5CGN, direct or bureau.

UA, RUSSIA Special calls **R800RL**, **UE800**, **UE800L** are activated until October 27 to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the creation of the region (oblast) of Oryol. QSL R800RL and UE800 via R2EA, QSL UE800L via R5EO. Similarly, special event station **RU80TO** (QSL via UA3RF) is active until October 10 for the 80th anniversary of the region of Tambov.

UA, RUSSIA Commemorating the 60th anniversary of the launch of Sputnik 1, the first artificial Earth satellite, special call **R60SAT** will be active until October 8. QSL via R4AS, direct only.

UR, UKRAINE EN90QDG marks the beginning of the hydropower station Dniepr 90 years ago. Operation until October 30 on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via UR6QR.

UR, UKRAINE The Druzhkivka Club is celebrating its 90th anniversary as **EN90IWA**. QRV until end 2017. QSL via bureau.

UR, UKRAINE Special call **EO25P** is active until end 2017. This to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Volyn Amateur Radio League. <http://www.qrz.com/db/EO25P> for information on the certificate available for contacts made with EO25P and other EO25 stations (EO25PA, EO25PD, EO25PG, EO25PL, EO25PQ, EO25PWC, EO25PWJ, EO25PWL, EO25PY and EO25PZ).

VE, CANADA X01X is the call for the Yukon CanAm Contest Club. This to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Canada's Confederation until December 31. QSL direct to KC1CWF or via LoTW.

VE, CANADA Members of the Kings County ARC are active as **XM1150CAN**, this to mark the founding of Canada 150 years ago. Active until end 2017. QSL via bureau and LoTW.

VR, HONG KONG Commemorating the 20th anniversary of Hong Kong's reunification with China, Hong Kong licensed radio amateurs are allowed to use the special prefix **VR20** on a voluntary basis until June 2018.

W, USA The "KB7QPS Air, Space and Technology Operating Event" is commemorating man's historical milestones in air, space and technology over the last 400 years" by operating twelve callsigns (see below) during 2017. QSL direct to KB7QPS.

<http://airspacetechnology.webs.com/>

Callsign	SES Title	Event Dates
N6R	3 Generations of Mars Rovers	1/19/17 - 1/23/17
W7J	Discovery of Jupiter's Moons	2/2/17 - 2/6/17
W7C	First Flight of the Concorde	3/2/17 - 3/6/17
N7S	First Space Shuttle Launch	4/13/17 - 4/17/17
N7T	Hubble Space Telescope	5/18/17 - 5/22/17
W7S	Discovery of Sunspots	6/8/17 - 6/12/17
N7M	Man Walking on the Moon	7/20/17 - 7/24/17
K7I	Birth of the IBM-PC	8/10/17 - 8/14/17
W7F	First Flight of the F-22	9/7/17 - 9/11/17
K7S	Sputnik Launch	9/28/17 - 10/2/17
K7E	Invention of the Electron Tube	11/9/17 - 11/13/17
W7D	Dreamliner First Flight	12/14/17 - 12/18/17

ZS, SOUTH AFRICA The Jamboree On The Air is celebrating its 60th anniversary with the special call **ZS60JOTA** over the JOTA weekend (October 20-22). Operation on 80, 40 and 20 meter. QSL via ZS6RKE, direct or bureau.

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