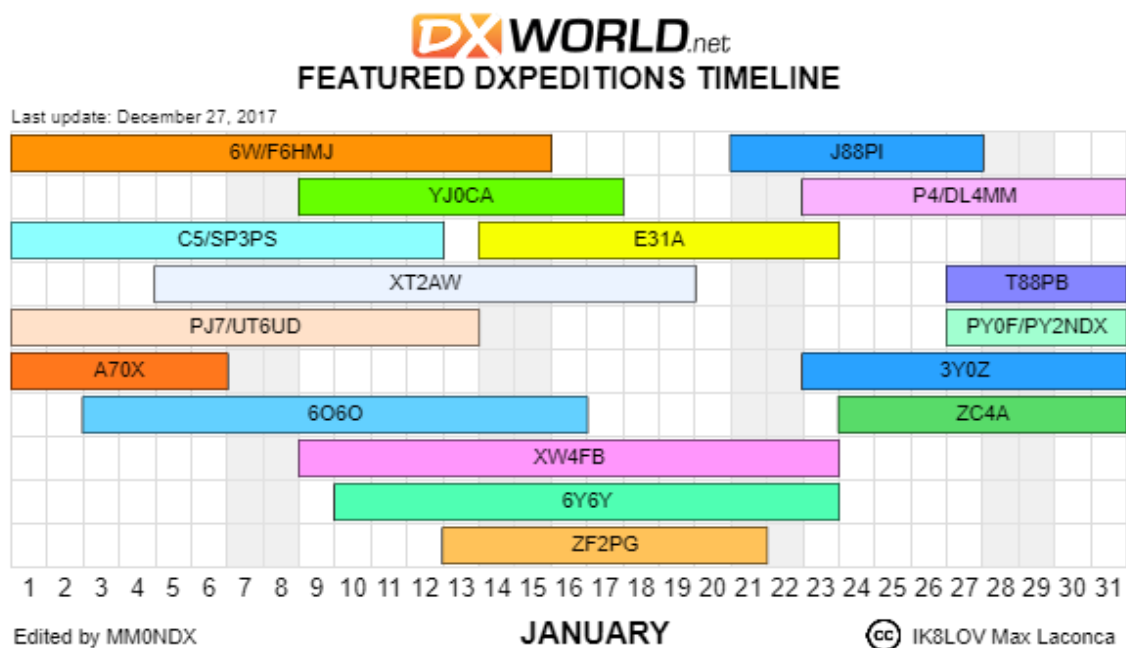


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DXCC Timeline



DXCC

This week on HF

Caribbean TOUR by DE3BW and DD0VR

8P, BARBADOS 8P0VR until December 31.

FG, GUADELOUPE FG/DD0VR from January 14 until January 20, 2018.

J7, DOMINICA J70VR from January 10 until January 14, 2018.

FM, MARTINIQUE FM/DD0VR from January 1 until January 10, 2018.

Bigi DE3BW and Heli DD0VR will be operating from these countries in 'holiday-style'.

Operation from 40 to 10 meter. QSL via DD0VR.

West Africa tour by Mek SP7VC and Kate SQ7OYL

6W, SENEGAL

C5, GAMBIA

J5, GUINEA-BISSAU

Look for Kate and Mek with activities between December 29 and January 6, 2018.

Operation from 160 to 15 meter using SSB and FT8 in 'holiday-style'. QSL via home call.

<http://www.sp7vc.pl/>

4S, SRI LANKA Peter, DC0KK is once again operating as 4S7KKG until March 25, 2018. Operation on HF using digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW and Club Log OQRS.

5V, TOGO John, N9MDH is operating from Lomé as 5V1JE. Activity until May 2018 from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and digital modes. QSL via LoTW.

6O, SOMALIA Kenneth LA7GIA and Adrian KO8SCA will be operating as 6O6O from January 3 until January 15, 2018. QRV from 160 to 10 meter using mostly CW. QSL via M0OXO OQRS, LoTW. In conjunction with this trip we organize a fundraiser for Doctors Without Borders in Somalia. All donations received will be earmarked to DWOB in Somalia. Donations are not sought for the ham side of the DXpedition, but we hope everyone will consider a small contribution to the fundraiser. Contributions can be given either by paypal 6o6o@la7gia.com or when doing OQRS through M0OXO website. If we have good wifi – we will provide instant Club Log and LoTW. <http://www.la7gia.com/>

6W, SENEGAL Jacques, F6HMJ is QRV as 6W7/call until January 15. Activity from 20 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. Low band operation depends on the conditions. QSL via home call.

6W, SENEGAL Earl, WA3DX is touring in Senegal until January 12, 2018. Operation in 'holiday-style' as 6W1/WA3DX from Dakar, 6W7/WA3DX from Mbao and as 6W6/WA3DX from Kaolack and the Saloum Islands. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using SSB, PSK and SSTV. QSL via home call, direct.

8P, BARBADOS Ernest, J69Z is active as 8P9JB until January 2, 2018. Activity from 80 to 10 meter. QSL via J69Z, direct only.

8Q, MALDIVES Roland, HB9VQQ is QRV from Kandima Island Resort. Operation as 8Q7HB until December 30 on HF using JT65 and FT8. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

9M2, WEST MALAYSIA Rich, PA0RRS is once again QRV as 9M2MRS until 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.

9Y, TRINIDAD & TOBAGO Thomas, DL9OBQ is operating as 9Z4/call until February 7. Operation mainly on 30, 17 and 15 meter using CW. QSL via home call, bureau.

A5, BHUTAN Pat, N2IEN will be active as A52PD from January 2 until January 14, 2018. Activity on HF using CW and digital modes. QSL via home call direct and LoTW

C5, THE GAMBIA Franky, ON7RU is active as C56RU until January 1, 2018. Activity in 'holiday-style' on HF. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW.

C5, THE GAMBIA Przemyslaw, SP3PS will be active from Kotu as C5/call from December 30 until January 12, 2018. QRV from 40 to 10 meter. QSL via homecall.

C5, THE GAMBIA Pedro, ON7WP is active as C5WP until January 1. He will be doing some charity work. Focus on digital modes mainly JT65 on 60 meter, powered by solar panels. QSL via home call, direct only.

C5, THE GAMBIA Andre, ON7YK is operating as C5YK until January 30, 2018. Operation on 40, 20, 17 and 15 meter mostly in digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW and logsearch on <http://www.on7yk.eu/>

C9, MOZAMBIQUE Look for Johannes PA5X for the coming months as C93PA. Operation on HF using SSB and digital modes. QSL via PA5X bureau, Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

E5, SOUTH COOK ISL Mauri, AG1LE is again operating as E51DXX from Rarotonga until December 29. Operation on HF. QSL via home call.

EA8, CANARY ISL Mauro, IV3HAX is active as EA8/call from Fuerteventura until January 5, 2018. Focus on 160 and 80 meter using CW, RTTY and FT8. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW or via home call, direct.

FM, MARTINIQUE Heli, DD0VR will be operating as FM/call from January 1 until January 10, 2018. Activity on 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB only. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

JD1, OGASAWARA Harry, JG7PSJ is once again operating as JD1BMH until January 2, 2018. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. See <http://sapphire.es.tohoku.ac.jp/jd1bmh/>

JW, SVALBARD Erik, LA2US is once again operating as JW2US until somewhere in May, 2018. Operation on HF using CW and digital modes. QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

JW, SVALBARD Morten, LA4SJA is operating as JW4SJA from Bear Island. Activity on HF until June 2018. QSL via home call.

OD, LEBANON Once again, Adrian EA1CYK will be operating as OD5/call until May 2018. Operation during his spare time but mainly during the weekends. QSL via EA7LS.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Vadym, UT6UD will be operating as PJ7/call between December 30 and January 13, 2018. Operation from 160 to 17 meter. QSL via home call.

PZ, SURINAME Rico, PA3BVK is active as PZ5JW for the next 2 months. Activity mainly on 30 meter using CW. QSL via home call.

T8, PALAU Ryosei, JH0IXE is once again active as T8CW until January 5, 2018. Activity from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via JA0FOX, LoTW.

TZ, MALI Fox, PD0FOX is QRV as TZ/call until January 2018. He listens on 14195 and on 7095. QSL goes out after May 2018.

VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS John, N9EAJ is active as VP5/call until February 4, 2018. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log.

VU, INDIA Bernhard, DL2GAC is QRV as VU2BMS until January 24, 2018. Activity on HF using SSB only. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

XT, BURKINA FASO Harald, DF2WO will once again be active as XT2AW from early January from 2 weeks. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and digital. QSM via M0OXO.

YS, EL SALVADOR Markus, HB9KNA is operating as YS1/call until May 2018. He is active as YS1/call while waiting for his permanent residence papers. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using SSB. QSL via home call.

ZC4, UK SOVEREIGN BASE CYPRUS Bob, 5B4AGN informs that ZC4A is operating until January 31, 2018 including CQ160 meter contest. Activity with 2-3 stations from 160 to 10 meter. Focus on CW with some SSB and digital modes. QSL via MOURX.

Coming up soon

3D2, FIJI Jim, WB2TJO will once again be operating from Taveuni as 3D2JS. Activity from early January 2018 until mid-March 2018. Operation during his spare time.

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.

A3, TONGA Naomi, JM6EBU will be operating from Tongatapu between January 5 and January 7 as A35NM. QSL via home call.

XV, VIETNAM John, KB4FB will be QRV from Dan Nang as 3W9FB during early January, with a brief gap, again during early February 2018. Operation on HF. QSL via LoTW.

XW, LAOS John, KB4FB will once again be operating as XW4FB from January 9 until January 23, 2018. Operation on HF. QSL via LoTW.

YJ, VANUATU Chris, VK2YUS will once again be operating as YJ0CA from Port Villa between January 9 and January 17, 2018. QSL via home call, direct.

IOTA

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This week on HF

AFRICA

AF-083 Djerba Dave EI9FBB and Col MM0NDX will be active as 3V8CQ from December 30 until January 2, 2018. Operation on HF using CW and SSB.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AF083>

ASIA

AS-047 Kita-Daito Isl Take, JI3DST will be active as JS6RRR/6 and JI3DST/6 between December 28 and January 9, 2018. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS047>

AS-088 Safliya Isl QARS is delighted to announce that a number of local hams and some from outside the country might join the group to reactivate the island as A70X between January 1 and January 6. QSL via M0OXO.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS088>

<https://asia088.com/>

AS-153 Ganga Sagar Mela Look for AU2WBR that will periodically QRV from January 1 until March 31, 2018. QSL via VU2NRO. Sagar Island is an island in the Ganges Delta, lying on the continental shelf of Bay of Bengal about 100 km South of Kolkata, West Bengal, India. The island is 224 sqkm area. This island, also known as Gangasagar or Sagardwip, is a place of Hindu pilgrimage. Every year on the day of Makar Sankranti (14 January), hundreds of thousands of Hindus gather to take a holy dip at the confluence of river Ganges and Bay of Bengal and offer prayers (puja) in the Kapil Muni Temple.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS153>

EUROPE

EU-038 Texel Isl Jef, DD2CW will be active as PA/call between December 30 and January 4, 2018. Activity on HF using SSB and CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU038>

EU-042 Foehr Isl Volker, DL1WH is QRV as call/P until January 2, 2018. Activity on HF using CW with some SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU042>

EU-171 Jylland North Group Thomas, DL7UZO and XYL will be operating as 5P9Z/P between December 28 and January 4, 2018. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call. <http://5p9z.com/home/>

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU171>

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>

OC-047 Malaita Isl Shane, VK4KHZ is once again active from the Solomon Islands until early January. His primary interest is 6 meter SSB but when 6 meter is quiet he will try

10, 15, 10, 40 and 80 meter. Activity in 'holiday-style'. QSL via home call, direct only.
<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc047>

New Zealand

OC-036 North Isl until January 2018 <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc-036>

OC-134 South Isl January 21 – January 29, 2018

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc134>

Pista, HA5OJ is celebrating his 60th anniversary with this trip in New Zealand as ZL/call. Operation from 30 to 6 meter using CW only. QSL via bureau.

<http://www.ha5oj.hu/news.php>

Coming up soon

NORTH AMERICA

NA-072 Taboga Isl Operators HP1DRK, HP1MAC and HP1RIS will be operating as H91IT. Activity from January 6 until January 9, 2018. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via HP1RCP.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA072>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

C5, THE GAMBIA The call C5DX is granted and will be activated between February 9 and February 16, 2018. A party of 18 sixth form students and 3 staff from Sandringham School in St. Albans, England will visit their partner school Farafenni Senior Secondary High. The two schools have worked in partnership for 10 years and Farafenni High is now one of the highest achieving rural schools in The Gambia. <https://dx-world.net/c5dx-the-gambia/>

CN, MOROCCO Sigi DL7DF and his team (DK1BT, DL4WK & DL7UFR) will be active from Tahazout, Morocco as CN2DF and CN2FR between February 13 and February 20, 2018. QRV from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via DL7DF.

E3, ERITREA Zorro JH1AJT, Franz DJ9ZB, Dima RA9USU, Yan RZ3FW and Champ E21EIC will be active as E31A between January 14 and January 23, 2018. Main purpose of this trip is to support the Eritrea National Olympic Committee. QSL via JH1AJT, OQRS Club Log.

PJ4, BONAIRE Philipp DK6SP (20 years) and Jamie M0SDV (17 years) will be operating as PJ4/calls between March 16 and April 2, 2018. Activity from 160 to 6 meter with focus on the WARC bands using CW and SSB but digital modes like RTTY and FT8 might happen. QSL via homecalls.

V3, BELIZE Torsten DG7RO and Alexandra DO5ALX will be operating as V31TF and V31RU between February 7 and February 25, 2018. Activity on HF using SSB and RTTY, perhaps with some FT8. QSL for both calls via DG7RO, bureau or direct.

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 as 3B7A in April 2018 for a two weeks operation. A team of 8 operators will be QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. See <http://www.saintbrandondx.com/>

3B8, MAURITIUS Nigel, G3TXF will be QRV as 3B8XF during the 2018 Commonwealth Contest – BERU (10-11 March 2018). QSL via Club Log OQRS.

3D2, ROTUMA A team of 5 operators with Tony 3D2AG, Heye DJ9RR, Erno DK2AMM, Hans DL6JGN and Ronald PA3EWP will be active as 3D2EU between February 23 until

March 16, 2018. Operation with 2 stations from 160 to 10 meter using all modes. QSL via DK2AMM direct or bureau, LoTW or Club Log OQRS. . <http://www.rotuma2018.de/>

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/>

6W, SENEGAL Willy, ON4AVT will be operating from Mbour as 6W/CALL during February 2018. Operation on 20 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via home call.

7Q, MALAWI The EIDX Group will be active as 7Q7EI from March 21 until April 3, 2018. A team from 14 operators will be operating from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. <http://www.7q7ei.com/>

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/>

C6, BAHAMAS Bob N4BP/C6AKQ, Tim N4UM/C6ARU and Mike K4RUM/C6AUM will be active from Great Abaco between February 6 and February 20, 2018. Operation planned during the CQ WPX RTTY and ARRL DX CW contest. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

C9, MOZAMBIQUE A Belgian team with Kurt ON8KW as team leader will be active between May 2 and May 15, 2018. Callsign is pending. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. <https://mozambique2018.wordpress.com/>

CE0Y, EASTER ISL An experienced team with Andy, DH8WR, Werner, DJ9KH, Guenter, DL2AWG, Norbert, DL2RNS, Georg, DL4SVA, Paul, DL5CW, Olaf, DL7JOM, Wolf, DM2AUJ, Kalle, DM3BJ and Rolf, DL7VEE will be operating as XR0YD from March 2 until March 15, 2018. They will run 3 well equipped stations 24/7 from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. <http://xr0yd.mydx.de/>

CY9, ST PAUL ISL Once again, CY9C will be active with WA4DAN, N0TG, K4ZLE, AA4NC, N8AA, VA3QR, WW2DX, W2RE, N2IEN and N5TG. QRV 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>

D4, CAPE VERDE Harald, DF2WO will again be operating in 'holiday-style' as D44TWO during May 2018. Operation from 40 to 10 meter. QSL via M00XO.

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.

FM, MARTINIQUE Ismo, OH2IS will be operating as FM/call from February 18 until February 28, 2018. Activity on HF. QSL via home call, LoTW and Club Log.

FY, FRENCH GUIANA Hartwig, DL7BC will be operating as FY/call and as TO3BC in the BARG HF RTTY contest on March 17-18 and on March 24-25 in the CQ WPX SSB contest. More on <http://www.gslnet.de/dl7bc>

J5, GUINEA-BISSAU Through his missionary work 'books for the high school of Cumura', Livio IZ3BUR will be active as J52EC from January 24 until February 21, 2018. Operation during his spare time. QSL via home call.

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.

KH1, BAKER HOWLAND ISLANDS The Dateline DX association (most recently K4M team) is announcing a DXpedition to Baker with Don N1DG, Tom N4XP, Kevin K6TD and others. Plans are to be active as KH1/KH7Z during June 2018 for about 10 days from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital. This will be the first DXpedition to this Most Wanted DXCC Entity since and the FWS ruling that allowed this trip prevents another DXpedition for ten years. The team will contribute 50% of the expected budget of USD 400,000. QSL via OQRS Club Log is preferred, direct goes to K4TJS and LoTW.
<http://www.baker2018.net/index.html>

P2, PAPUA NEW GUINEA Haru, JA1XGI will once again be active as P29VXG from New Britain Island between February 1 and February 8, 2018. Focus for EU and on TB. QSL via home call and LoTW, log search on Club Log. <http://island.geocities.jp/P29vacation/>

P4, ARUBA John, W2GD will once again be QRV as P40W between February 12 and February 20, 2018. An entry in the ARRL DX CWA Contest is included (Feb 17-18). QSL via LoTW or via N2MM, bureau.

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.

PJ2, CURACAO Rudy, NF9V will be active as PJ2/call between February 13 and February 20, 2018. Activity from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via homecall, LoTW.

PY0F, FERNANDO DA NORONHA Rafael, PY2NDX will be QRV as PY0F/call from January 27 until February 1, 2018. QSL via home call.

T8, PALAU Ichy, JH7IPR will once again be operating as T88UW from April 13 until April 19, 2018. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, bureau or direct, LoTW. Logsearch on Club Log.

T8, PALAU Nobu, JA0JHQ will once again be QRV as T88PB from January 27 until January 31, 2018 from Korrer. Main activity will be 80 meter CW during the CW WW 160 meter contest. QSL via home call, bureau or direct, LoTW.

TY, BENIN Wim, ON6DX will be operating as TY1TT from Grand Popo between February 20 and March 2, 2018 (dates to be confirmed). QSL via home call.

TY, BENIN Radio Club de Provins F6KOP announces its next DXpedition to Benin during March 7 and March 18, 2018. A team of 12 operators, led by Jean-Luc F1ULQ will be operating from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. Website and QSL info to follow.

V6, MICRONESIA Sumio, JI3MDM will be operating as V63AKB from Pohnpei. Activity between January 15 and January 18, 2018 from 20 to 12 meter using SSB.

VK0, MACQUARIE ISL John, VK3YP has announced planning has commenced for a DXpedition 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.

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISL The UK's 6-Gs DXpedition Team will be operating from Christmas between October 16 and October 30, 2018. More to follow.

VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS Pat, K0PC will be operating as VP5/call from February 13 until February 20. Activity in the ARRL DX CW contest as VP5K. QSL for both calls via Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

VP6, DUCIE ISL The Perseverance DX Group announced their next DXpedition to Ducie Island (OC-182), Club Log's n°27 most wanted DXCC. A team of 14 operators with DJ9RR, HA0NAR, HA5AO, K3EL, K5GS, N6HC, N6HD, N6WM, N6XG, PY2PT, W1SRD, W2LK, W6AO and ZL3CW will be active as VP6D with seven stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes including FT8. Activity is scheduled between October 20 and November 3, 2018. <http://vp6d.com/>

XF4, REVILLAGIGEDO Mark, XE1B will be active as 4B4B from Socorro Isl, Revillagigedo Islands. Operation from March 1 until March 15, 2018. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using SSB. QSL via home call direct, Club Log OQRS.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA030>

XX9, MACAO A DXpedition is planned from March 9 until March 17, 2018 to Macao as XX9B. The team will be formed by XX9LT Bom, PP1CZ Leo, PR7AB Junior, PY2MC Claudio, PY2SEX Alex, PY2WAS Alex, PY3MM Miguel, PY4BZ Fernando, PY5HSD Herminio, PY6RT Beto and PY7XC Jim. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. 160 Meter might be possible. QSL via PP1CZ, direct or bureau. Club Log OQRS.

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 M0OXO, OQRS.

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Pete, K8PGJ will once again be operating as ZF2PG from Grand Cayman between January 13 and January 21, 2018. QRV on HF. QSL via home call and LoTW.

Announced IOTA

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AFRICA

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>

OCEANIA

OC-042 Luzon Isl Chris, F4EBK will be operating from Baliuag City during February 2018. Activity on HF. QSL via home call.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC042>

OC-105 Cagayan De Sulu <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC105>

OC-174 Tawi Tawi <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC174>

Dindu, DU1UD will be QRV as call/8 during the first or second quarter of 2018. OC-105 is the most wanted IOTA in the Philippines. He will also try to activate OC-174 during the same period. Length of stay depends on local conditions and safety. More to follow.

OC-128 Palawan Isl Jacek, SP5APW will spend his holidays on Palawan from March 13 until March 18, 2018 as DU1/call. Operation on 17 and 20 meter using mostly SSB. QSL via home call. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC128>

OC-179 Taumako Isl Cezar, VE3LYC plans to operate from Taumako Isl (Duff Islands) for a period of at least 5 days early May 2018. Website coming soon.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC179>

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-040 Rosario Isl <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=SA040>

SA-093 Tutumate Isl <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=SA093>

Martin LU9EFO and Camilo HK3TU will be operating as HK1/LU9EFO and HK3TU/1 from Rosario Islands and as HK4/LU9EFO and HK3TU/4 from Tutumate Island. Activity sometime in February 2018 from 160 to 6 meter. QSL via F4BHW.

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 is QRV as RI1ANO until end 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. Also he will be active as RI50ANO from January 1 until March 31, 2018. This to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Bellinghausen Station. A special diploma is planned.

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 F6KPQ.

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

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

Novolazarevskaya Station Nikolai, RW6ACM will be active as RI1ANL from March 2018 until March 2019. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes.

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

DL, GERMANY Look for **DJ70WAE** (special DOK 70WAE) throughout 2018, this to mark the 70th anniversary of the Worked All Europe Award. QSL via bureau.

DL, GERMANY DK200MARX (special DOK 200KM) celebrates Karl Marx's 200th anniversary during 2018. QRV on all bands and all modes. QSL via DK5PZ direct, Club Log OQRS.

DL, GERMANY DA200FWR (special DOK FWR200) draws attention to the 200th birthday of Friedrich Wilhelm Raiffeisen, a German pioneer of forms of cooperative economy in the 19th century. His ideas and works were recognised by UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2016. QSL via bureau or via DK2PU direct.

DL, GERMANY The DARC club of Paderborn celebrates its 70th anniversary during 2018 as **DL70PADER**. QSL via bureau.

DL, GERMANY Railway radio operators from Paderborn are celebrating their club's 50th anniversary as **DB50EFAPB** during 2018. QSL via bureau.

DL, GERMANY Members of the ARC Hassberge are celebrating the 1000th anniversary of the town Zeil am Main. Operation as **DF1000ZEIL** during 2018. QSL via bureau.

DL, GERMANY Radio amateurs in Wismar are celebrating 90 years of ham radio in Mecklenburg-West Pomerania with the call **DM90AIW** (special DOK EK4ABK). QRV between January 1 and June 30. Their historical source is a QSL card of EK4ABK dating from Jan. 9 in 1928. QSL via bureau, Club Log.

DL, GERMANY Special call **DM900ZWI** celebrates the 900th anniversary of the city of Zwickau. QRV during 2018. QSL via DM5JBN.

EI, IRELAND Look for **EI50AOM** during the next months to commemorate the Tuskar Rock Air Tragedy of 1968. QSL via EI2KA.

F, FRANCE Look for **TM15AAW** during February 2018. This to celebrate the 15th Antarctic Activity Week. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using mostly SSB. QSL via F8DVD, direct or bureau. <http://www.qrz.com/db/TM15AAW>
<http://www.waponline.it/>

G, ENGLAND The founding of KW Electronics Ltd will be celebrated in 2018 as **GB2KW** (by Chris GM3WOJ and team). QRV during January 1 and January 28, 2018. Also **GB8KW** will be active on January 6-7 (members of Cray Valley Radio Society). QSL for GB8KW via G0UKN, GB2KW via LoTW.

G, ENGLAND Members of the Denby Dale Amateur Radio Society will be active with the calls **GB0HNY, GB1HNY, GB2HNY, GB4HNY, GB5HNY, GB6HNY** and **GB8HNY** between December 28 and January 24. An award is available as well. For QSL information see qrz.com.

HH, HAITI Several Haitian radio hams will use the call **HH70A** for 6 months until July 2018. This to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Radio Club D'Haiti. QSL via W3HMK.

JA, JAPAN 8J7HCB marks the 100th Hirosaki Cherry Blossom Festival. Operation between January 1 and May 31, 2018. QSL via bureau or via JK7LXU direct.

UA, RUSSIA The Miller DX Club and hamlog.ru are offering a Russian New Year 2018 radio marathon from December 30 until January 8, 2018. Look for **UE18A, UE18C, UE18E, UE18F, UE18G, UE18M, UE18U, UE18Z** and the HQ **UE18NY**. An award will be available. QSL via Club Log OQRS <http://mdxc.ru/>

VU, INDIA Members of the West Bengal Radio Club (VU2MQT) will be active as **AU2WBR** from Ganga Sagar Mela/Sagar Island (AS-153) between January 1 and March 31, 2018. Hundreds of thousands of Hindus will be meeting for a ritual bath on the 14th of January at the confluence of the river Ganges and the Bay of Bengal. QSL via VU2NRO.

W, USA James KB2FMH and Mark NO8J will be QRV as **W2D** and **W8D** during January. This to celebrate the R.L Drake Company. Activity mainly during the weekends from 80 to 10 meter using SSB. QSL for W2D via KB2FMH direct, LoTW or Club Log.

THE REMINDERS

5B, CYPRUS Look for **5B4XMAS** until December 31. QSL via IZ4AMS, Club Log OQRS. <http://www.5b4alx.cloud/>

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.

CE, CHILE Special calls **3G1PAX** and **3G18PAX** are on air until end January 2018. This to mark Pope Francis' visit to Chile. QSL via bureau.

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 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.

G, ENGLAND The Welland Valley ARS will host a number of special calls in 2018 to mark the end of World War I and in remembrance of the millions who were killed or wounded. 12 calls will be activated during entire 2018:

GB1GW January

GB1FWW February

GB2GW March

GB2FWW April

GB5GW July

GB5FWW August

GB6GW September

GB6FWW October

GB4GW May
GB4FWW June

GB8GW November
GBOAD November 10-11 (Armistice Day)

See <http://www.arz.com/db/GB1GW> for QSL instructions and awards.

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>

HL, SOUTH KOREA Celebrating the XXIII Olympic Winter Games that will be held next year in PyeongChang (<https://www.pyeongchang2018.com/en>), special event station **DT23WOP** is active until February 28, 2018. All QSO will be confirmed automatically via bureau and LoTW.

HL, SOUTH KOREA Look for **HLOWOP** to celebrate the XXIII Olympic Winter Games held in PyeongChang. Activity until February 25, 2018. QSL via OQRS Club Log or via HL4CCM, direct or bureau. <https://www.pyeongchang2018.com/en>

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 The ARI Parma is operating as **II4GV** until January 27, 2018. This to commemorate Giuseppe Verdi, born on October 10, 1813. QSL via Club Log OQRS or via bureau. <http://www.ariparma.it/temporanei/II4GV-en.html/>

I, ITALY Look for **II0PGP** to commemorate Pier Giorgio Peretto (1930 – 2002), the developer of the first programmable desktop calculator, the Olivetti P101. Operation until January 31, 2018. QSL via I0KQB, direct.

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 **8NOIIDA** 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.

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 **LM80Q** 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.

LX, LUXEMBOURG Members of the Luxembourg Amateur Radio Union are celebrating the new tramway in their capital city with the special call **LX2017TRAM**. Activity during December. QSL via bureau, LoTW.

LZ, BULGARY Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) is using the special call for Bulgarian saints: **LZ710SG**. 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 This year Santa Radio (OF9X) will be active as **OJ9X** to either promote the Christmas spirit on the radio spectrum and celebrate Finland's 100th anniversary as an independent state. The country-wide operation is taking place until end December with several radio clubs participating across all bands and modes. The first 100 scoring the highest number of bands/modes, with the top 10 from each continent, will qualify for the "Finland 100 Years" award signed by the prime minister of Finland, Mr. Juha Sipilä

who is a patron of this special event. Follow your score on Club Log. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

OH, FINLAND As tradition demands, also this year **OH9SCL** will be activated from the Lapland region. QRV in December on HF using all modes. QSL via OH9AB, direct or bureau. <http://oh9scl.fi>

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 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 The 11 Cities Marathon will be held during entire 2018 to celebrate the city of Leeuwarden, European Capital of Culture for 2018. Look for

PF2017LWD (Leeuwarden) January

PF2018FRA (Franeker) July

PF2018SNK (Sneek) February

PF2018HAR (Harlingen) August

PF2018YLS (Ijlst) March

PF2018DOK (Dokkum) September

PF2018SLO (Sloten) April

PF2018WOR (Workum) October

PF2018BOL (Bolsward) May

PF2018STA (Stavoren) November

PF2018HIN (Hindeloopen) June

All cities during December

QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS or via PA0MBD. A number of awards will be available.

<http://hamecc2018.eu/>

S5, SLOVENIA Special call **S510PMC** is active until January 7, 2018 to promote the PMC Contest sponsored by the Radio Club Slovenj Gradec (S59DCD). QSL via bureau. The International Association of Peace Messenger Cities was established in 1988 to recognize and encourage the role and responsibility cities have in creating a culture of peace. The PMC Contest promoting contacts between stations located in the Peace Messenger Cities and the rest of the world will be held on January 6-7.

<http://www.s59dcd.si/index.php/sl/>

S5, SLOVENIA Look for **S557E** during 2017 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Radio Club Cerknò (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.

TA, TURKEY Nuri, TA3X is active as **TC630MECCA** until January 14, 2018. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

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).

UR, UKRAINE The ARC Band is celebrating its 25th anniversary as **EM25IWW** until end 2017. An award is available. QSL via UR7IWW, direct or bureau.

VE, CANADA **XO1X** 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.

VK, AUSTRALIA Look for **VI70HI** to commemorate the first ANARE Expedition to Heard Island in December 1947. Activity until February 28, 2018. QRV from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via M0OXO.

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.

VU, INDIA Look for **AT6MIT** by the Manipal Institute of Technology's ARC to celebrate the institution's Diamond Jubilee. Activity on HF until January 7, 2018. QSL via VU3BUN.

W, USA The Northern Illinois DX Association celebrates its 50th anniversary as **N9N** until January 1, 2018. QSL via W9BZW, direct or bureau.

YO, ROMANIA **YP(2-9)XMAS** is back in air this year during December. An award will be available. QSL via YO9FNP or see QRZ.com.

YO, ROMANIA **YP2018HNY** is the special call to celebrate Christmas and the new year on HF. Activity until January 15, 2018. QSL via YO3KPA direct or bureau, Club Log OQRS.

Z3, MACEDONIA Look for **Z370M** by the ARC 'Nikola Tesla' (Z37M) to celebrate the club's 70th anniversary. Operation until end 2017. QSL LoTW or via Z33Z direct or via LZ1JZ bureau.

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