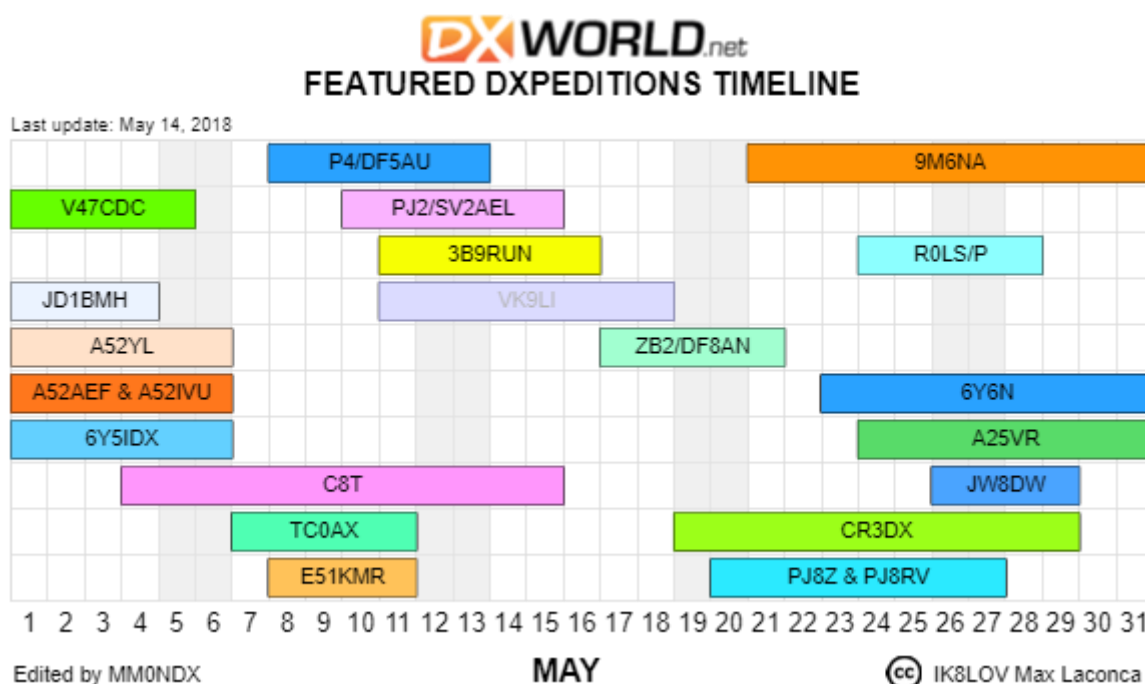


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DXCC Timeline



DX news

C8T, MOZAMBIQUE DXpedition -update

The last contacts were made this morning on 20 and 40m, bringing the QSO count to 17880 (for HF). Still waiting for the EME log (now at 300+ ! – and counting). C8T is off the air now, the EME station will operate till 13:00z. Getting antennas and equipment packed, and prepare for the flight home now.

IOTA note on AF-111 Baiyah and Flat Islands -update

In view of well-published security issues experienced by an unsuccessful DXpedition to Baiyah by a team should consider seriously any proposed further attempt to activate this group. IOTA management would advise against at the present time.

Read the full 5L3BI here <https://dx-world.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/5L3BI-story-pdf.pdf>

On the scene

TC0AX AS-201 Buyukada

Max IK8LOV, Tev TA1HZ and Bjorn ON9CFG waiting for the boat in Istanbul.



View from the QTH with a full size vertical 40 meter and VDA pointed to Asia



DXCC

This week on HF

3D2, CONWAY REEF The Rebel DX Group is going to Conway this week and will be active as 3D2CR. See <https://www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup/>

6Y, JAMAICA Armin, DK9PY will be QRV as 6Y6N from May 23 until June 6. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW only. QSL via home call.

CT3, MADEIRA Tibor, OM3RM will be operating from Porto Moniz as CR3DX during the CQWW WPX CW contest. Before and after the contest he will sign from 80 to 10 meter as CT9ABN from May 19 until May 29. QSL via OM2VL.

D4, CAPE VERDE Harald, DF2WO is once again operating in 'holiday-style' as D44TWO during May. Operation from 40 to 10 meter. QSL via M0OXO.

E5, SOUTH COOK Bob, NC6Q is QRV from Rarotonga as E51NCQ until May 25. QRV on HF using CW. QSL via home call.

E5, SOUTH COOK Bruce, AD7MM is once again QRV from Rarotonga as E51BAS until May 25. Operation in 'holiday-style'. QSL via home call, LoTW.

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

KH6, HAWAII Philip, N2HX is active as KH6/call from Maui until June 1. Operation on HF using mostly SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call.

KH9, WAKE ISL Philip, N7NVK is on Wake Island. Philip says: 'I will be on Wake Island (Atoll) for a rotation of 3 months on and 1 month off, until August. I do use LoTW but can only upload when internet is available...which is limited.

PJ2, CURACAO Gerben, PG5M will once again be operating as PJ2/call between May 18 and May 24. Operation with a vertical using CW only. QSL via home call.

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN Zorro JH1AJT and Nao JN1RVS will be QRV s PJ8Z and PJ8RV between May 20 and May 27. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via LoTW.

S7, SEYCHELLES Mike, VK4EF is QRV as S79LD from the islands Mahe and La Digue until end May. Activity during his spare time on HF using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via home call, direct.

T31, CENTRAL KIRIBATI Following their DXpedition in 2016, the Rebel DX Group will be active again as T31T from Kanton Island, Central Kiribati (OC-043).

<http://www.rebeldxgroup.com/> Plans are to have three stations for CW and SSB, plus two stations operating FT8 around the clock. There is still room for five operators. Contact dom@rebeldxgroup.com for information.

VK9L, LORD HOWE ISL Look an Australian team with Chris VK3QB, Brenton VK3YB and Luke VK3HJ as VK9LI. Operation until May 18. Activity from 160 to 17 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. <https://www.facebook.com/VK9LI-Lord-Howe-Island-188704095218234/>

Z6, KOSOVO Look for Z68AA and Z68RBJ until May 21. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL for Z68AA via 9A6AA and for Z68RBJ via 9A5RBJ.

ZB, GIBRALTAR Mike, DF8AN is operating as ZB2/call until May 21. Activity from 6 meter to 70cm. QSL via home call.

Coming up soon

9H, MALTA Henning, OZ1BII will be operating as 9H3EE on May 25-28. Operation using CW only. QSL via Club Log OQRS and LoTW or via home call.

A2, BOTSWANA David, VE7VR will be active as A25VR between May 24 and June 3. Activity on 40, 30 and 20 meter. QSL via home call.

FR, REUNION ISL Thomas, F4HPX will be active as FR/call from May 25 until June 15. Activity from 40 to 15 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call, LoTW and Club Log OQRS.

JW, SVALBARD Karl, LA8DW will once again be QRV as JW8DW during May 26-29. Operation on HF using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW.

KH6, HAWAII Eric, K0EAP will be operating from the Big Island as KH6/K0EAP from May 27 to June 2. Activity from 40 to 15 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW.

IOTA

This week on HF

EUROPE

EU-006 Inisheer Isl A team with EI6FR, EI7DSB, EI5IQ, HB9DGV, GM3YEH and GM7WCO will be operating as EJ7NET from May 19 until May 23. Operation on HF using all modes. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

EU-038 Texel Roland, DL1EAL is operating as PA/call until May 24. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 80 to 10 meter. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

EU-096 Parainen-Pargas

EU-173 Reposaari Isl

Look for DL2CFR, DL2YBG and DL7UXG as OH1/calls from May 20 until May 23 from EU-173. Between May 23 and May 26 they will sign from EU-096. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via homecalls.

OCEANIA

OC-022 Bali Yosuke, JJ1DQR will be operating as YB9/call from May 18 until May 22. QRV on HF using SSB. QSL via home call. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

OC-133 Labuan Isl Saty, JE1JKL will be operating as 9M6NA from May 21 until June 11. Activity on HF with an entry in the CQWW WPC CW Contest. QSL via LoTW. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

Coming up soon

ASIA

AS-066 Skrebtsov Isl Look for RW0LZ, R0LZ and UA0LCZ will be operating from May 24 until May 28 as R0LS/P. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW. QSL via R0LS. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

NORTH AMERICA

NA-234 Kagamil Isl Tim NL8F and Yuri N3QQ will be operating as KL7RRC from May 23 until May 27. Activity from 80 to 17 meter using mostly CW, SSB and FT8 if propagation allows. QSL via N7RO. <https://www.na-234.com/>
<https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-047 Mel Isl A large Brazilian team will be active as PR5M from May 31 until June 3. Operation with 2 stations on HF. QSL via PP5BZ. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

3B8, MAURITIUS Hans, PA3HGT will once again be operating as 3B8/call from September 4 until September 24. Operation in 'holiday-style' on 40, 20 and 10 meter using mostly SSB with some CW and digital. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

A2, BOTSWANA Andre, NJ0F will be active as A25A from the Lotsane Lodge, Tuli Block. Operation from July 13 until July 20 from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call.

EX, KYRGYZSTAN The SP9KAT DXteam will be operating as EX0PL from September 1 until September 10. Operation on HF. QSL via SP9KAT.

PJ4, BONAIRE Lauren W0LD and Jon N0JK will be QRV during the ARRL June VHF contest (June 9-10) using FT8, CW and SSB. During times of no propagation 20 meter and other HF bands will be used. Call is pending. QSL via W0LD.

Z2, ZIMBABWE A team from 20 operators with Antonio IZ8CCW as leader and Gabriele I2VGW as co-leader will be active as Z23MD from October 26 until November 6. Focus will be on the low bands, WARC bands and digital modes. They will be active with 5 stations nonstop. <http://www.mdxc.org/z23md/>

Z6, KOSOVO Franco, IZ5YHD will be QRV as Z6/call/P between August 20 and August 26. Activity on HF using SSB in 'holiday-style'.

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Frank, K3TRM will be QRV as ZF2RM, dates not known yet. He specifically mentions Cayman Brac, therefore his call may change to ZF9/ZF2RM when operating from there.

THE REMINDERS

South Pacific Tour by Dave, WJ2O

KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA June 8-10

5W, SAMOA June 11-13

KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA June 13-17

KH1, BAKER ISLAND June 27 (for 10 days)

3D2, FIDJI July 13-17

Dates are approximate. Dave also mentions he was surprised to learn that KH8 no longer has active hams on the island and it has risen to #83 on the Club Log Most Wanted.

3DA0, KINGDOM of Eswatini (SWAZILAND) Pista will be active during the second half of September as 3DA0AO (pending). Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. OQRS and logsearch on <https://www.ha5ao.com/>

As he did in Lesotho, Pista continues his humanitarian project work by supporting an orphanage. More to follow.

7Q, MALAWI Arnold, WB6OJB will be QRV as 7Q7JK between July 20 and July 25. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call, direct.

9X, RWANDA Harald, DF2WO will be operating as 9X2AW from Kigali. Operation from June 5 until June 24. Operation on HF and 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via M0OXO OQRS and Club Log.

9X, RWANDA The Italian DXpedition Team is planning to be active from Rwanda late September and early October as 9X0T. More to follow.

http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/index.php?option=com_content&view=featured&Itemid=101

E6, NIUE The Quake DXpeditioners are pleased to announce their next trip to Niue between October 6 and October 16. More to follow.

FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA Walter, HB9XBG will be QRV from Bora Bora as FO/call. Activity from June 7 until June 17 on 20 meter using SSB. QSL via home call.

FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON Eric, KV1J will once again be active as FP/call between July 3 and July 17. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via home call, LoTW.

H4, SOLOMON ISL Haru, JA1XGI will be operating sometime in June or July from Honiara. Operation as H44XG on 40, 30, 20, 15 and 10 meter using mainly CW with some FT8. QSL via home call.

HH, HAITI A team with EA1ACP, EA1DVY, EA7FTR, EB7DX, HH2JR and HH2MK will be QRV as 4V7R from October 19 until October 29. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via EB7DX. <http://lazydxers.com/4v7r/index.html>

J3, GRENADA Nobby, G0VJG will be active as J3/call from June 13 until June 27. Focus on 6 meter SSB and HF bands. QSL via G4DFI.

JW, SVALBARD A team with LA7XL/JW7XK, LA9DL/JW9DL and LA6VM/JW6VM will be operating from October 10 until October 15. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and digital. QSL for all calls via LA7XK, LoTW.

JW, SVALBARD Torsten DL4APJ and Peter DJ2AX will be operating as JW/calls between September 20 and September 25. Operation on HF. 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 K4TSJ and LoTW.

<http://www.baker2018.net/index.html>

KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA Uli, DL2AH will be active from Ofu Island (OC-077) as WH8/call. Operation from October 2 until October 29 in 'holiday-style' from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and digital. QSL via home call.

OJ0, MARKET REEF Col MM0NDX, Emil DL8JJ and Paul G4PVM will be QRV as OJ0Y (pending) during June 27-29. Operation from 80 to 6 meter. Possible a short activity before and after from Aland Islands as OH0/calls. QSL via M0SDV.

PJ2, CURACAO David VE7DZO, Mason KM4SII and Dhruv KC9ZJX will be operating from Curacao for the 2018 Youth DXpedition. Activity as PJ2/calls. More to follow.

PJ2, CURACAO Mason, KM4SII will be operating during July 19-24. He is part of a 3 youth operator team: Youth DX Adventure and will operate as PJ2/call. Activity on all bands and all modes with a focus on digi on AS/VK and ZL. QSL via LoTW.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Tom, AA9A will once again be operating as PJ7AA from November 17 until December 8. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via home call.

S9, SAO TOME David, EB7DX will be operating in 'holiday-style' between June 1 and June 9 as S9ZZ. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using mostly SSB, RTTY, FT8 and some CW. QSL via home call.

T32, EAST KIRIBATI Uli, DL2AH will be operating as T32AH from September 12 until October 1. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via home call.

T8, PALAU Ichy, JH7IPR will once again be active as T88UW from October 4 until October 10. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. LoTW and Club Log.

TF, ICELAND Michael, G0POT will be operating from Vik as TF/call during July 2-9. Activity on HF using low power. QSL via home call and LoTW.

V3, BELIZE Jose, EC5AC will be active from Maya Hill as V31FT. Activity between October 29 and November 8 with a focus on FT8. QSL via home call.

VK9C, COCOS KEELING VK9CH November 6 10

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISL VK9XQ November 3-6, November 10-17

Michael, DF8AN will be QRV from 160 to 6 meter using mainly CW, RTTY and other digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISL The UK's 6-Gs DXpedition Team will be operating as VK9XG from Christmas between October 16 and October 30. QSL via G3TXF, LoTW.

VP2E, ANGUILLA Art WA7NB and Gary K2UU will be active as VP2EAB and VP2EGW from November 18 until November 26. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via homecalls.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL David, N9DK will be QRV as VP2V/call from July 7 until July 14. Activity from 80 to 2 meter using all modes. QSL via home call.

VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS Look for VE3IKV and VE3MMQ as VQ5Z from July 1 until July 11. Activity on HF and 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via VE3IKV direct.

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 operators with UT6UD, 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. <http://vp6d.com/>

VP9, BERMUDA Kyle, WA4PGM will be active as VP9/call from June 6 until June 16. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using mostly CW. QSL via home call, LoTW.

XV, VIETNAM Mats, SM6LRR/RM2D will be active from Phan Tiet as XV2D between November 19 and December 1. Operation in 'holiday-style' with efforts for CQWW CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

YJ, VANUATU Geoff, ZL3GA will once again be active as YJ0GA from July 18 until July 25. Operation from 80 to 10 meter. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Pete, K8PGJ will once again be QRV from Grand Cayman as ZF2PG between January 12 and January 20, 2019. Operation on HF. QSL via home call, LoTW.

ZL, NEW ZEALAND Dervin, PD9DX will be operating from the Kiwi DX Lodge as ZL/call between June 3 and June 10. Activity on HF using SSB. QSL via home call.

Announced IOTA

THE NEWCOMERS

AFRICA

AF-078 Carabane Isl Alfredo, IK7JWX and team are planning a humanitarian DXpedition for 10 days in November 2018. Callsign is pending. More to follow.

<https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

NORTH AMERICA

NA-057 Roatan Isl W1UE, K1XM and KQ1F will be operating as HQ9X during the CQWW DX contest (November 24-25). Before and after they will sign as HR9/calls.

<https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

OCEANIA

OC-137 Russell Isl Mike, VK4DX will be operating as call/P on June 1-3. Activity with a multi band vertical and 100 watts from 80 to 20 meter using CW and SSB.

<http://vk4dx.com/>

<https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

THE REMINDERS

EUROPE

EU-034 Hiiumaa Isl

EU-178 Kihnu Isl

Hendrik DG0LFF, Steffen DH1DM, Fred DH5FS and Uwe DL3BQA will be operating as ES0UG/8 and as ES8/calls from Kihnu Isl from June 11-15.

Later they will be active as ES0UG and ES0/calls from Hiiumaa between June 15-19.

<https://baltic2018.blogspot.com/> <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

EU-090 Palagruza Isl Members of the Radio Club Croatian Flora Fauna will be active as 9A90P between June 16 and June 23. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via 9A2MF. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

EU-137 Ven Isl Lars, SM6CUK will be operating in 'holiday-style' as SA6G/7 from June 5 until June 12. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using mostly CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, logs will be uploaded on Club Log and LoTW. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

EU-145 Culatra Isl CR5CW will be active during the RSGB IOTA contest (July 28-29). More on <https://colin739.wixsite.com/cr5cw>
<https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

NORTH AMERICA

NA-013 Big Corn Isl Members of the Russian Robinson Club Yuri RM0F, Sergey R4WAA, Sergey RZ3FW, Yuri N3QQ and Elena RC5A will be active as YN4RRC, H7/RM0F, H7/R4WAA and H7/RC5A from November 26 until December 6. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

NA-085 St George Isl Wey, K8EAB will once again be QRV as K4G between August 20 and August 25. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

NA-122 Beata Isl A large team will be operating as HI1LT between January 20 and January 28, 2019. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via W2CCW. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

NA-155 Uvita Isl A team with TI2CDA, TI2CC, N3KS and others will be operating as TE6DX between June 7 and June 11. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via TI2CDA, Club Log OQRS and LoTW. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

OCEANIA

OC-105 Cagayan De Sulu

OC-174 Tawi Tawi

<https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

Dindu, DU1UD will be QRV as call/8 during the 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. Operation as DX8MAP from OC-105 and as DX8TT from OC-174. QSL via M0OXO.

OC-140 Direction Island June 8-11

OC-170 Woody Island June 20-23

OC-193 Cheyne Island June 15-18

OC-199 East Lewis Island June 4-7

OC-220 St Peter Isl June 26-28

Craig, VK5CE will be QRV as VK6CE/6 from these IOTA's in Western Australia during June. Details on <https://vk5ce.wordpress.com/vk5ce-6/>

<https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

OC-254 Mortlok Isl

OC-253 Hall Isl

The V6J team (from Mokil Atoll OC-226) have plans to operate from either Mortlok or Hall in June or July 2018. More to follow. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-077 Ilha de Santana Look for PU4ALZ, PY2VTC and PY2ZA as PS1S during the IOTA contest. QRV from July 26 until July 30. QSL via bureau. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

I, ITALY II3ANA is the special call for the 91st National Reunion of the Italian Army's Alpine troops. All QSO's will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. Activity until May 25.

TA, TURKEY The landing of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk at Samsun (19 May 1919) marked the beginning of the Turkish War of Independence and heralded the establishment of the republic in 1923. Special call **TC19M** will be on air on May 18-20 to commemorate that event. Look for activity on SSB, RTTY, PSK and FT8 on the HF bands. See qrz.com for QSL information.

THE REMINDERS

RST special event

Until end of May members of the North Country DX Association (NCDXA) will be active for the third time from locations in Alaska, Yukon, Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Greenland with the calls **KL7RST**, **VY1RST**, **VE8RST**, **VY0RST**, and **OX7RST**. QSL via K7ICE (d).

4K, AZERBAIJAN Look for **4K100W** by Vlad 4K9W until end 2018. This to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic. QSL via Club Log OQRS or via DL6KVA.

4X, ISRAEL Radio amateurs from Israel are celebrating the founding of the state until half June with the calls **4X70I**, **4X70S**, **4X70R**, **4X70A**, **4X70E** and **4X70L**. A special award "Israel 70" is available, with the callsign **4Z70IARC** counting as a Joker per the award rules. QSL via LoTW.

5W, SAMOA Atsu, 5W1SA will be operating as **5W20SAMOA**, this to celebrate 20 years activity of 5W1SA, who already logged more than 100k QSO. QRV during 2018. <http://df0che.darc.de/dm200lfs.php>

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 until 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 To commemorate the sinking of Royal Mail Ship Leinster during World War I (10 October 1918), special call **EI100MCV** is activated until end 2018, with particular activity in the weeks around the date of 10 October. This was, and still is, the single largest loss of life in the Irish sea with a total of 567 people lost. The intention is to use all modes and bands, operating on or close to frequencies ending with 18. QSL via the bureau.

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

F, FRANCE **TM390SR** is celebrating the 390th anniversary of the siege de La Rochelle. Activity until June 16. Activated by Franck F4DTO and Patrick F4GFE. QSL via F4DTO, direct or bureau.

G, ENGLAND Celebrating the centenary of the Royal Air Force, **GB100RAF** will be in use from various regions in England. QRV until end March 2019. QSL via G8FC, direct. <http://www.rafars.org/raf100>

G, ENGLAND Look for **GB4RME** on June 1 and June 2 operating from Her Majesties Royal Mint. Barry Amateur Radio Society of South Wales UK have been given again permission to operate within Her Majesties Royal Mint & OfCom have issued the license to operate. The Theme is "Covert Radio as used in WW2 " At the same time the Royal Mint will be releasing a new British 10p coin showing that legendary "Special Agent 007". Operation modes CW, SSB and digital. QSL via GW0ANA, bureau or direct, LoTW.

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:

GB4GW May

GB4FWW June

GB5GW July

GB5FWW August

GB6GW September

GB6FWW October

GB8GW November

GBOAD November 10-11 (Armistice Day)

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

G, ENGLAND The Cray Valley ARS will be QRV as **GR9RW** to mark the Royal Wedding between HRH Prince Henry of Wales and Ms Meghan Markle. Operation from May 19 until May 23 on all bands. QSL via Clublog OQRS or via G4DFI.

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. QSL via bureau. For an award see <http://ha60fmv.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.

I, ITALY The United Nations Global Service Center (4U1GSC) is QRV as **4U29MAY** until June 30. This to promote the International Day of UN Peacekeepers. QSL via 9A2AA.

I, ITALY Look for **II3AC** until end June to commemorate the Italian sculptor Antonio Canova, born in 1757 near Treviso. QSL via IK3GES, direct or bureau, OQRS Club Log.

I, ITALY Look for **II2RR** until end 2018 to mark the 70th anniversary of the first issue of RadioRivista, Associazione Radioamatori Italiani's monthly journal. QSL via IK2VUC.

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I, ITALY Look for **II0GM** by Giovanni I0KQB, this to commemorate G. Marconi. Activity during 2018. QSL via I0KQB, direct only.

I, ITALY ARI Fidenza will use a number of special calls during 2018 to honour 12 of 'the most eminent scientists who have given a fundamental contribution to the theoretical, experimental and technological development of the Radio Communications technology'

II4TES (Nikola Tesla) during May

II4AMP (Andre-Marie Ampere) during June

II4COU (Charles-Augustin de Coulomb) during July

II4VOL (Alessandro Volta) during August

II4LNZ (Heinrich Lenz) during September

II4OER (Hans Christian Orsted) during October

II4HNR (Joseph Henry) during November

II4FRD (Michael Faraday) during December

QSL for all calls via IQ4FE, bureau or direct. For more information see

<http://www.arifidenza.it/>

IS0, SARDINIA Simone, IS0AFM is using the special call **IR0FOC** to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the First Class CW Operators' Club. Operation until end 2018. QSL via IS0AFM, direct or LoTW.

JA, JAPAN 8J20GAKI celebrates the 100th anniversary of Ogaki City until February 28, 2019. QSL will be sent automatically via bureau, direct goes to JJ2ONH.

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

JA, JAPAN 8N0400N is celebrating the founding of the city Nagaoka 400 years ago. Operation during 2018. QSL via bureau.

JA, JAPAN 8J1KZ is celebrating the 70th anniversary of Kanazawa Ward on the air. Activity until end February 2019. QSL via bureau.

JA, JAPAN 8J1ITU celebrates the World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (May 17) and the creation of the International Telecommunication Union. Operation from the city of Kasumigauru until end May. QSL via JARL bureau.

JA, JAPAN 8J7HCB marks the 100th Hirosaki Cherry Blossom Festival. Operation until May 31. QSL via bureau or via JK7LXU direct.

JA, JAPAN 8J4B is celebrating the construction of the Seto Ohashi Bridge 30 years ago. Operation until November 30. QSL via bureau.

JA, JAPAN Look for **8J3B** to mark the 100th anniversary of the 'Lake Biwa Rowing Song' until June 26. QSL will be sent automatically via the bureau. Direct QSL goes via JK3IJQ.

LA, NORWAY Look for **LM90C**, **LM90HQ** and **LM90NRRL** throughout 2018 to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Norsk Radio Relae Liga, the Norwegian IARU Society. QSL via bureau.

LU, ARGENTINA L50A is the special call to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Radio Club QRM Belgrano (LU4AAO). Operation until end May on various bands and modes, FT8 included. QSL via bureau or direct. <http://lu4aao.org/L50A.htm/>

LZ, BULGARIA Once again, Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) is using 12 calls during 2018 to honour as many different Bulgarian saints:

LZ11110SAE May

LZ430PPW June

LZ380PM July

LZ1146SPS August

LZ920MLC September

LZ1545POA October

LZ33MM November

LZ532PSO December

All details for award and QSL via <http://www.lz1kcp.com/>

LZ, BULGARIA Members of the Thracian Rose Club are drawing attention to the 115th Rose Festival as **LZ15RF**. Operation until end July. QSL via LZ1YE.

OE, AUSTRIA Austrian amateurs may use the prefix **OE100** until November 13. This to mark the 100th anniversary of the Austrian Republic.

OH, FINLAND **OG60F** is the special call to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the radio club from Pori. Activity during 2018. For more info see <http://teljanradioamatoorit.dy.fi/?OG60F>

OM, SLOVAK REP Members of the radio club Horec will be operating as **OM75TESLA** to commemorate Nikola Tesla's death 75 years ago until end 2018. QSL via OM3KHT, direct or bureau.

ON, BELGIUM The Belgian IARU society UBA celebrates its 70th birthday. To celebrate the event, 59 special event stations will be active during the month of May 2018.

These callsigns will be: **OT70ACC, OT70ALT, OT70ARA, OT70AST, OT70ATH, OT70ATO, OT70BDX, OT70BFA, OT70BSE, OT70BTS, OT70BXE, OT70CRD, OT70CLR, OT70CPN, OT70DIG, OT70DST, OT70EKO, OT70ERA, OT70GBN, OT70GDV, OT70GNT, OT70GTM, OT70HCC, OT70HRT, OT70KTK, OT70LGE, OT70LIR, OT70LLV, OT70LUS, OT70LVN, OT70MCL, OT70MLB, OT70NBT, OT70NLB, OT70NNV, OT70NOL, OT70ODE, OT70ONZ, OT70ORA, OT70OSA, OT70OSB, OT70OST, OT70PHI, OT70RAM, OT70RAT, OT70RCA, OT70RSX, OT70SNW, OT70THN, OT70TLS, OT70TRA, OT70TWS, OT70UBA, OT70WLD, OT70WRA, OT70WRC, OT70WTO, OT70YLC** and **OT70ZTM**. The suffix of these callsigns represent the local UBA club divisions, i.e. OT70BXE stands for Brussels East. QSL will be available via OQRS on Clublog. A commemorative award is available in three classes.

OZ, DENMARK Special event stations **OZ18ICE** and **5P8ICE** are active on all bands and modes for the Ice Hockey World Championship held in Denmark until May 23. See qrz.com for information about the awards issued for working these stations. QSL via Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

PA, THE NETHERLANDS Look for **PHOOGVEEN** to mark the annual Wings and Wheels event at Hooegeveen Airfield. Operation until May 22 on HF using SSB. QSL via bureau.

PA, THE NETHERLANDS Look for **PA111SCOUTS** until June 10. This to celebrate the 111th anniversary of the Scouting movement. QSL via PA3EFR. <http://www.pa3efr.nl/>

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

PF2018BOL (Bolsward) May

PF2018HIN (Hindeloopen) June

PF2018FRA (Franeker) July

PF2018HAR (Harlingen) August

PF2018DOK (Dokkum) September

PF2018WOR (Workum) October

PF2018STA (Stavoren) November

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 **S590RTVS** is operating until end 2018 to celebrate 90 years of radio and 60 years of television shows broadcasting by Radiotelevizija Slovenija, the country's national public broadcasting company. All QSO will be confirmed automatically, LoTW.

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

VK, AUSTRALIA The Gold Coast ARS is active as **VI4GAMES** until end May. This to celebrate the XXI Commonwealth Games, held in Gold Coast City on April 4-15.

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.

XE, MEXICO Members of Radioclub Cancun will be active as **6E5RM** from May 23 to June 1 during the 5th edition of the Rally Maya Mexico. On May 23-24 they will be QRV

as **6E5RM/XF3** from Cozumel Island (NA-090). They will operate SSB, RTTY and FT8 on 80-6 metres. QSL via XE3N (tnx 425DX)

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