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DX News

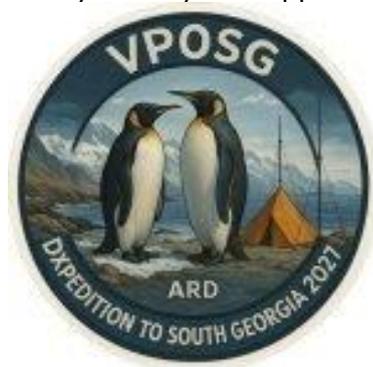
KP5/NP3VI Desecheo Island -March 3 now QRT

Earlier today (local morning), KP5/NP3VI went QRT. Almost 110K QSOs in the log using a couple of pelican cases, solar panels, batteries, Starlink and Remote Ham Radio technology.



VP0SG South Georgia Island -update

ARDXpeditions is now actively fundraising for the VP0SG South Georgia DXpedition. Your contribution will directly support vessel charter, transport, permits, fuel, and essential equipment for this major operation. If you would like to support the project, you can donate securely via PayPal at this [link](#). Every contribution — large or small — helps bring VP0SG on the air for the global amateur radio community. Thank you for your support.



ZC4C and ZC4Z Cyprus SBA -CANCELLED

by Billy, GM6DX. Unless you are getting over on a military aircraft then you can't get to SBA currently, hence the ZC4Z and ZC4C trip is cancelled currently.

J51A Guinea Bissau -update March 4 and video

142,200 QSOs and 26,600 different callsigns after 8.91 days of operation (1300Z). Still 11 days to go.

Yesterday we repaired the neighbor's water pump which was full of sand and the motor was stuck. As a bad coincidence that problem had only started after the neighbor was kind enough to let us stop their solar power system..Unfortunately that construction is a big mess and we told them that the problem can come back at any time, because the water level in the dwell is simply too low and the pump is sitting too close to the bottom.

There was not any 6 meters opening yesterday. Today it may look better again.

All bands are progressing well and we will put more time on 60/CW, 40/CW, 40/SSB for example.

We will also start 80/SSB some time. However, we will not offer 160/SSB and 60/SSB.

<https://www.dx-world.net/j51a-guinea-bissau/>



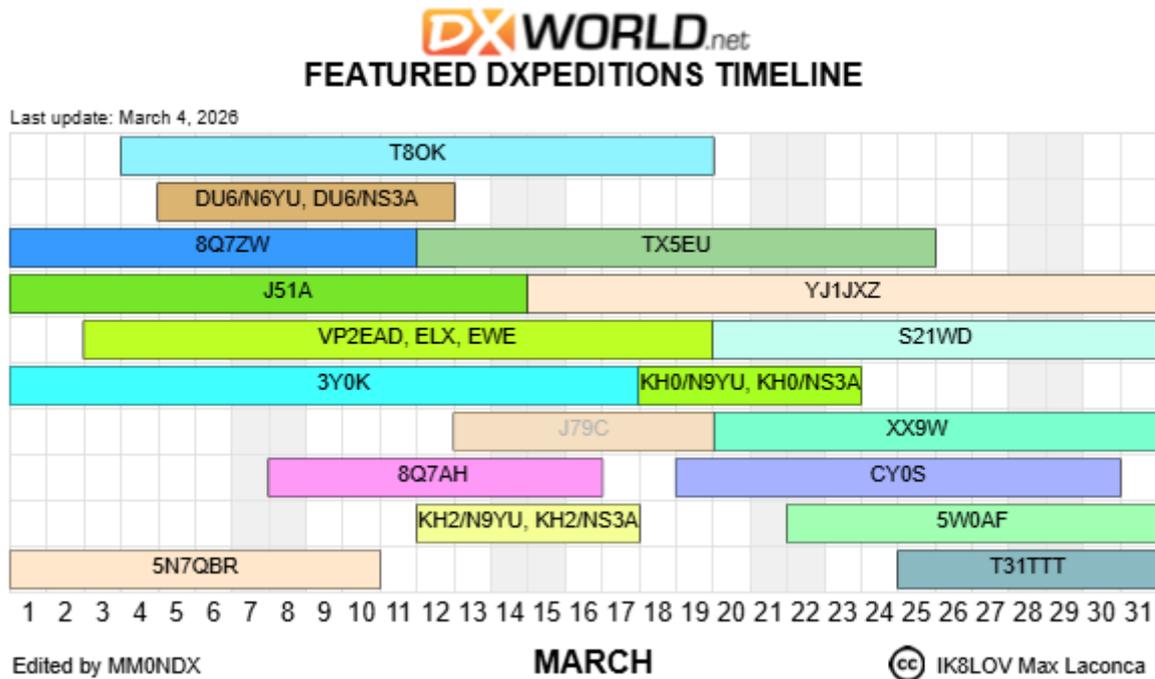
5W0AF Samoa by Jacek SP5EAQ -update

In less than three weeks, I am scheduled to fly with Qatar Airways to Doha, then on to Brisbane, and finally to Apia to activate 5W0AF. Since then, the geopolitical situation has changed significantly. The airspace of several countries, including Qatar, has been closed, and even if it reopens soon, there is no certainty that the situation will remain stable. Because of this, I may need to consider postponing my DXpedition until autumn. That would be a very difficult decision. The tickets are purchased, the accommodation is prepaid, and all arrangements are in place. I will take a few more days to decide.

CY0S Sable Island -update

All preparations have been completed for the CY0S DXpedition. The team focused on prepping the guy rings for the Yagi antenna mast sections. All guy rings have four rope guys attached to them. It is much easier to do this now than in the 40 knot winds on Sable. It has been a very challenging, but typical, winter on Sable with high winds and surf. Wind gusts of 50-60 knots were experienced earlier this week, in yet another storm system. In preparation for the frequent 40-50 knot winds, the team reinforced the guying system on all antenna masts/Spider Poles. All 42-inch guy anchors were inspected, and any questionable anchors were replaced. Each anchor has a pre-installed galvanized eye bolt near the top of the anchor. The team is in constant contact with Parks Canada as to conditions on the island.

DXCC timeline



DXCC

This week on air

DX tour by Hrane YT1AD, Sergey R7KW and Steve YU3AA/NS3A

DU6, PHILIPPINES DU6/N9YU and DU6/NS3A March 4-12

KH2, GUAM KH2/N9YU and KH2/NS3A March 13-17

KH0, MARIANA KH0/N9YU and KH0/NS3A March 17-23

Operation on HF using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via homecalls, N9YU via YT1AD and NS3A via YU3AA.

3B8, MAURITIUS Suvarna VU3OPT is operating as 3B8G until end March. Operation on HF using CW. <https://www.9n7ga.com>

4S, SRI LANKA Peter, DC0KK is once again active as 4S7KKG until end March. Activity from 60 to 6 metres using FT8 and QO-100. QSL via home call, LoTW, OQRS.

5N, NIGERIA Bodo, DF8DX is operating during his spare time as 5N7QBR until March 10. QRV from 80 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via OQRS, LoTW or home call.

8Q, MALDIVES Alex, OE5AUH is operating as 8Q7AH until March 10 from Rasdhoo Atoll. QRV in 'holiday-style' with an IC-7300, G5RV and 23m EFHW antenna.

8Q, MALDIVES Lubo, OM5ZW and Laco OM4WM are QRV as 8Q7ZW from Thulusdhoo Island until March 12. Operation from 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. Focus on the low bands. QSL via OQRS.

EA8, CANARY ISL Jeff, VA3QSL is operating as EA8/call until March 8. QSL via home call and LoTW.

FG, GUADELOUPE Stefan, HB9JAB will be active from Guadeloupe as FG/HB9JAB between March 7-12 and March 20-27. QRV from both Grande-Terre and Base-Terre during his stay. He will run an FT-891 and a wire antenna covering 20-10m using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

FO, AUSTRAL ISL A team with PG5M, PA3EWP, DL2AMD, PA2KW, DK2AMM and DL2AWG will be operating as TX5EU between March 12 and March 25. Operation from 80 to 10 metres using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via Club Log, LoTW or via DL2AWG buro. <https://tx5eu-2026.topdx.de/#welcome>

On the scene...8Q7ZW Maldives



H4, SOLOMON ISL Bernard (DL2GAC) is once again QRV as H44MS from Manakwai village until April 10. Operation from 80 to 6 metres using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

HI, DOMINICAN REP Flavio, IW2NEF is active as HI7/call until March 7 from Bayahibe. Operation from 40 to 6 metres using SSB and FT4/8. QSL via IK2DUW direct.

J3, GRENADA Mike, G3VYI will be active as J38YI during March 11-16. An entry in the BERU contest is included. QSL via home call direct.

J5, GUINEA-BISSAU A team with Ben DA1DX, Win DK9IP, Andy DL8LAS, Uli DM5EE and Lutz DM6EE is active from the Bijagos Archipelago until March 15. They will try QO-100 satellite to, this have never been done before from J5. Operation from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via DJ4MX, Club Log. Full details on <https://www.qrz.com/db/J51A>.

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA Take, JG8NQJ is once again active as call/JD1 until mid-May during his spare time. Mostly using CW and FT8. QSL via JA8CJY, LoTW.

PJ2, CURACAO Thaire, W2APF is QRV as PJ2/call until March 31. Activity from 80 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8 with a Elecraft K5D and a Buddipole, DX Commander for 40 and 30 and a doublet for 80. QSL via home call, LoTW.

PJ4, BONAIRE Running Multi-2 category look for PJ4NG/K2NG, NQ1R, AC0W, NP2X/K9VV, G4CLA & G4PVM to be active from Bonaire as PJ4G during the ARRL DX SSB (March 7-8). Activity as PJ4/homecalls outside of contest. QSL via LoTW.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Tom, AA9A will once again be operating as PJ7AA from March 8 until April 4, 2026. Activity from 80 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. An entry in some contests is included. QSL via LoTW, home call, Club Log.

T8, PALAU Czech DXpedition Team members (OK1BOA, OK2ZA, OK3RM, OK6DJ) are QRV until March 19 as T8OK. They will not be using the Palau rental QTH which many JA ops in particular use. More details to follow. QSL via OQRS Club Log OK6DJ.

TL, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Joao, CR7BNW is operating as TL8BNW until June. Activity on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres using SSB and FT8 with a dipole.

TY, BENIN Red, DL1BUG will once again be active as TY5FR from March 6 until April 5. Operation from 80 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via home call direct.

TY, BENIN Gerard, F5NVF is operating from Godomey as TY5GG until April. QRV on various bands using CW and FT8 from 80 to 10 metres. QSL via LoTW.

V3, BELIZE Uwe, DL8UD is once again operating as V31KO / V3O during March. Operation from 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via EA5GL.

V4, ST KITTS Chris, WA7RAR is operating as V4/call until March 7. QRV from near Cockleshell Bay as V4/call, with also POTA operation from 20 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via homecall direct.

V4, ST KITTS John, W5JON will be active as V47JA between March 10-18. Activity on HF using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW and Club Log.

V4, ST KITTS Tom, K0YA and Antoinette W5RCX are operating until March 9. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8 in 'holiday-style'. QSL via LoTW.

V5, NAMIBIA Gunter, DK2WH is once again QRV as V51WH until March 24. Activity from a farm near Omaruru from 160 to 6 metres (60m included).

VP2E, ANGUILLA A team with SP9FIH, M0PLX and SQ2RAD are active as VP2EAD, VP2EWE and VP2ELX until March 20. Operation from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT8.

VP9, BERMUDA Darrel, AB2E is active as call/VP9 until March 10. An entry in the ARRL DX SSB Contest. Before and after the contest he will focus on the low bands and WARC bands using CW, RTTY and FT8. QSL via LoTW or home call direct.

Z8, SOUTH SUDAN Once again, Diya YI1DZ is active as Z81D, his UN-WFP contract runs until March 30. Activity from 40 to 6 metres using SSB and FT8. Perhaps some 60 and 80 metres. QSL via OM3JW, LoTW.

Guess the QSL...



Coming up soon

D4, CAPE VERDE Claudio, HB9OAU will be operating from Boavista Island from March 18 until March 25. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 6 metres using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via IK8KHC.

J7, DOMINICA Stefan, HB9JAB will be operating as J79C between March 13 and March 20. QRV on HF using SSB and FT8 with a Yaesu FT-891 and a wire antenna.

JD1, OGASAWARA Masa, JA0RQV will be active in 'holiday-style' as JA0RQV/JD1 between March 13-16. Operation from 80 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

JD1, OGASAWARA Look for Takeshi JA1UII as JD1BON between March 19 and March 22. Operating hours normally between 21:00 and 23:00z and again between 11:00z and 15:00z. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via home call and LoTW.

JD1, OGASAWARA Yama JK1EZO/JD1, Hoshi JK1VCO/JD1 and Mori JK1XML/JD1 will be operating FROM Chichijima during March 13-16. They are members of the Nippon Institute of

Technology and this is a graduation trip. Operation during their spare time from 160 to 10 metres using SSB and FT8. QSL information to follow.

JW, SVALBARD Kaare, LA8EKA will be active from the JW5E club station as JW8EKA between March 13-15, 2026. Operation from 20 to 10 metres and perhaps the low bands using SSB and digi. QSL via home call.

V3, BELIZE Mike, VE2XB will be operating from Ambergris Caye as V31ZY during March 16-27, 2026. Activity from 40 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via homecall direct.

VP2E, ANGUILLA Craig, K5AYO will be active in 'holiday-style' as VP2EYO between March 14 and March 22. Operation from 40 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

XX9, MACAO A DXpedition is planned as XX9W with a large team during March 19-31. Activity on HF and 6 metres. Team members are EA1CJ, EA1SA, EA5BCQ, EA5KA, EA5KM, EA7KE, EA7R, EA7X, F2JD, F8ATS, F8GGV, JH4RHF, IK5RUN and IN3ZNR. <https://www.dxfriends.com/xx9w/>

IOTA

This week on air

ASIA

AS-079 Miyako Isl Take, JI3DST is active again as JS6RRR until April 17. Operation from 40 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. Take is also using JI3DST/6, JJ5RBH/6, JI3DST/P and JJ5RBH/P. QSO's are uploaded to Club Log and LoTW.

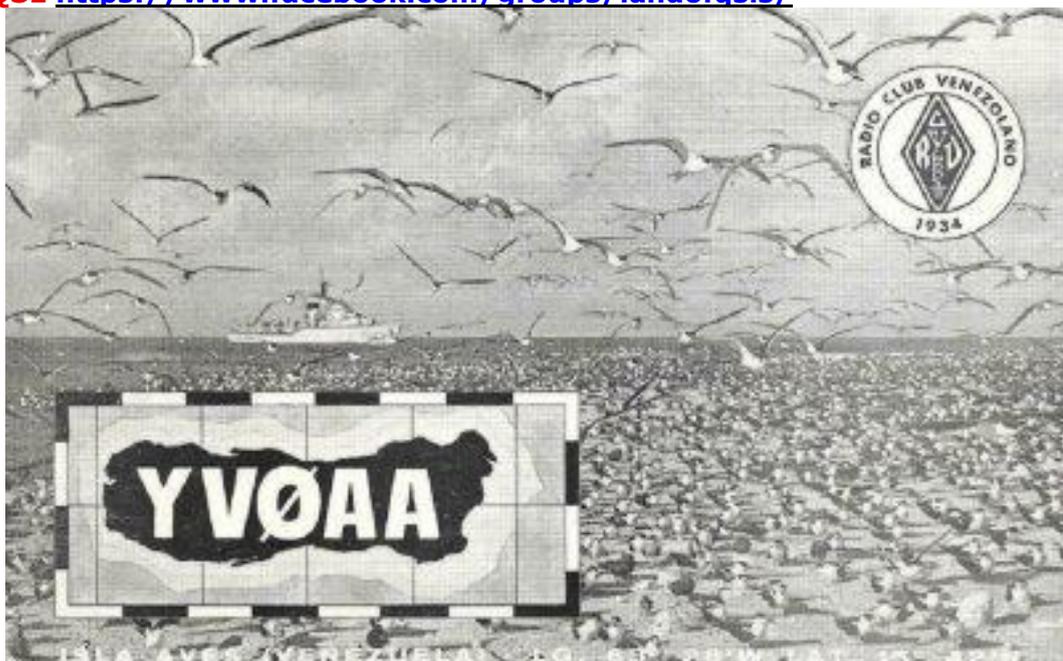
NORTH AMERICA

NA-008 Ellesmere Isl Pierre, VK3KTB will be operating again as VY0ERC between March 5 and April 1. Operation on various bands using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via M00XO OQRS and LoTW.

OCEANIA

OC-150 Lombok Isl Jozef, ON6HX is once again active YB9/call until March 11. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via LoTW, home call.

Land of QSL <https://www.facebook.com/groups/landofqsl/>



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

3B9, RODRIGUES ISL Suvarna, VU3OPT will be operating as 3B9N after the 3B8 activation during April 3 and May 20. <https://www.9n7ga.com>

CE0, EASTER ISL Markus, DJ4EL will be operating as 3G0EL during March 28 and April 11. Operation using mainly SSB. QSL via LoTW.

D4, CAPE VERDE Frank, DL1IL will be active in 'holiday-style' end March until mid-April as D41IL. Operation using CW with 10W. QSL via home call bureau.

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Colin, G4CWH will once again be QRV as ZF2CA from the ZF1A contest station during the 2025 BERU Commonwealth Contest (March 14-15). QSL via home call direct.

THE REMINDERS

The Rebel DX Group update

Dom, 3D2USU recently let DX-World know that, he along with one other op in the Rebel DX Group, plan to visit and be active from the following Pacific DXCC entities in the months ahead.

H44 – Solomon Islands (dates: t.b.a)

H40 – Temotu Province (dates: t.b.a)

ZK3 – Tokelau (after current E6 activity)

KH8/S – Swains Island (~ 1 week activity)

T33 – Banaba (after ZK3)

T31 – Central Kiribati (starting March 25, 2026)

On the scene...J51A Guinea-Bissau



3A, MONACO Col MM0NDX and Steve MM0SAJ will once again QRV as 3A/MM0NDX and 3A/MM0SAJ sometime 2026. QRV on various bands and modes. Main focus on low bands in their evenings. QSL both calls to EB7DX (LoTW also).

4K, AZERBAIJAN Jan, DL4XT will be back as 4K/DL4XT this summer for 2 weeks. More to follow. [Youth Contest Team](#)

5W, SAMOA Jacek, SP5EAQ will be active as 5W0AF starting around March 22 for 3 weeks. QRV

from 40 to 10 metres (possible 80m also) using SSB only. <https://5w0af.dxing.pl/>

6Y, JAMAICA Hiro, JH6GFY will be operating as call/6Y during March 18-24. Operation from 40 to 10 metres using a ft-991A and a dipole. QSL via LoTW.

9N, NEPAL Jan, DL4XT mentions: 'Activity planned in summer 2026! This is my biggest DXpedition planned so far. I got a verbal agreement on the callsign 9N7XT, but this isn't confirmed yet, so it might still change.' Operation from 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8 with a FT-891 100W. <https://yct.janlabs.de/dx/nepal2026>

9Y, TRINIDAD Look for 9Y4I during the ARRL 160 Meter CW Contest. Caribbean Top Band CW signals are limited — listen carefully for 9Y4I during peak low-band windows.

C5, THE GAMBIA Arnaud F4AGG and Kuc F5RAV will be active as C5B, C5C and C5D between April 25 and May 8. C5B from Bijolo AF-06 with SAT activity, C5C using CW and SSB and C5D from the mainland using RTTY, PSK and FT8. QSL via F5RAV direct, LoTW.

C6, BAHAMAS Brian, AD8FS will be operating as C6AFD from Eleuthera Island during March 24-31. Operation from 40 to 10 metres using SSB and FT8. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via LoTW. <https://ad8fd.com/dxpeditions/eleuthera-2026/>

C8, MOZAMBIQUE The Czech DX Team will be active as C8K during September/October 2026. Operation from 160 to 6 meter and QO-100, RS-44, IO-117 using CW, SSB and digi. Club Log live stream if possible. QSL via OK6DJ OQRS, LoTW. Antennas: 6m 5el. YAGI, 10m 4el. Yagi, 10-15-20 incl WARC 3 x Spiderbeam, 17/15/12m 2el. YAGI, 2x 30m phased verticals, 2x40m phased verticals, 80m vertical + 10 pcs radials, 160 vertical +10pcs radials RX: 3x Beverage + RX vertical Focus on low bands.

CY0, SABLE ISL The CY0S Dxpediton Team will once again be active between March 19 and March 30/31, 2026. "As we have done in the past, we will personally transport all of the gear to Halifax, Nova Scotia shortly before the DXpedition", they say. "We have been informed by Sable Aviation that the cost of the flights to the island have significantly increased since 2023. Fund raising has now officially begun for the CY0S DXpedition" <https://t-rexsoftware.com/cy0s/>



E5, COOK ISL Steve ZL2KE and Steve ZL4CZ will once again be active as E51CZZ and E51KEE next July/August 2026. QRV from Rarotonga, more to follow.

E6, NIUE Tom, KC0W will be operating as E6CW sometime 2026. Operation from 40 to 6 metres using CW only. More to follow.

FM, MARTINIQUE Miguel, EA1BP will once again be operating as FM/call or TO7O during the CQ WPX SSB contest. Outside the contest QRV on WARC bands using SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW.

FM, MARTINIQUE Darrell, AB2E will be operating as TO3E between May 26 and June 2. An entry in the CQWPX CW contest is included. Before and after the contest he will focus on WARC and low

bands using mostly CW with some FT8 and RTTY. QSL via LoTW or direct via home call.

FO, MARQUESAS ISL A team of 6 operators (K5WE, W5CCP, N5TEA, K4VBM, WD5COV and F6BCW) will be active as TX9W from April 19 until April 30. Activity with 6 stations from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and digi. Depending upon a reliable internet connection, logs will be uploaded to Club Log daily and Club Log Livestream will be active. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW shortly after returning home. <https://k5we.com/tx9w/>

FO, MARQUESAS ISL Chunkhi, VA7YM will be on a circumnavigation trip and the first stop is Marquesas. Operation as FO/call sometime July. More on QRZ.com.

FP, ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON Eric, KV1J will once again (18th tour) be active as FP/call, this for the 18th time. Activity between June 27 and July 13 with an entry in the IARU HF Contest. [FP/KV1J July 2026](#)

HK0, MALPELO Last active in 2012 (by **HK0NA** who still maintain the 2nd highest ever QSO count for a Dxpediton), the Colombian League of Radio Amateurs (HK3LR) and its Board of Directors has announced its main goal – to stage a Dxpediton to Malpelo island, SA-007. It is hoped for a February 2026 activity, but this is not yet confirmed. Stay tuned for more info in the coming weeks..

On the scene...KP5/NP3VI Desecheo Island -now QRT

KP5/NP3VI Desecheo Island DXpedition 2026 site from the air. Photo Credit: Chris NA7CW



Aerial Photo: Chris NA7CW, USCG

PJ2, CURACAO Frank, PH2M will again be active as PJ2/PH2M during June 12-29. QRV holiday-style on 60-6m, mainly FT8, some SSB. QSL via buro, direct, LoTW.

R1/F, FRANZ JOSEF LAND After two years of planning the RUDXT are proud to announce a DXpedition to the northern-most DXCC in the world – Franz Josef Land. Team of 6 operators will be active from Heiss island (FJL) during 15 days in late August-early September 2026.

<https://www.rudxt.org/ri1fjl>

S2, BANGLADESH The Next Generation DX Club will be off to Bangladesh around March 20 until April 1. The team will sign as S21WD from 160 to 10 metres and satellites. During the activity period, we also intend to participate in the CQ WPX SSB Contest in a Multi-Operator category, operating as S21WD. <https://next-generation-dx.com/s2/>

T8, PALAU Ken, JP1RIW will be QRV as T88KH during March 26-30, 2026. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via BM2JCC or OQRS.

T8, PALAU A team with Masu JA3AVO, Mune JI3DNN, Kuni JA1CJA, Jusei JA3IVU and Shozo JA3HJI plan (tentatively) activity from the VIP Guest Hotel, Koror, Palau during October 21-29,

206. QRV on various bands and modes as: T88MB (JA3AVO), T88CZ (JI3DNN), T88DK (JA1CJA), T88ED (JA3IVU) and as T88DN (JA3HJI).

T8, PALAU Yas, JA6UBY will be operating as T88RR from June 10 until June 18, 2026. Activity from 160 to 6 metres using SSB, FT4/8. QSL via LoTW or home call.

T8, PALAU Nobu, JA0JHQ will once again be active as T88PB during June 19-22, 2026. An entry in the All Asian DX CW contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

V4, ST KITTS Markus, WW6W will be back as V4/call between May 24 and June 1, 2026. An entry in the CQWW WPX CW contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

V5, NAMIBIA Hanspeter, HB9BFM will be QRV as V5/call during August 26 to September 20, 2026. QRV from different locations between 16-19 UTC in Olivia 8/250 at 14072.000kHz.

VP8, SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND Amateur Radio DXpeditions (ARDX) is proud to announce plans for a groundbreaking DXpedition to South Georgia Island, set to take place in March 2027. Operating under the allocated callsign VP0SG, this ambitious activation will target one of the rarest and most logistically challenging DXCC entities, well ranked on top of the Club Log's Most Wanted List, with particularly high demand in some areas of the world.

<https://www.ardxpeditions.com/dxpeditions/vp0sg>

VP9, BERMUDA Paul, VP9KF will be active from Baileys Bay with only a focus on JA and Far East on all bands. An entry in the CQMM contest is included. QSL via home call. <https://vp9kf.com/>

VU4, ANDAMAN ISL The World DXpedition team will be operating during November 2027 from 3 POTA locations. A team with 11 operators Dave WJ2O, K1NZ Nick Maslon; K2SAV, William "Savo" Savacool; K1ZM, Jeff Briggs; N1QV, Miriam Briggs; W0ZB, Steve Keithahn; K3PT, Kyle Snavely; KD0IVB, Emily Snavely; K1LZ, Krassy Petkov; VU2RS, Sarath Rayaprollu; and N4VGE, Van Herridge Organizer. Team support members are XYL Judi Savacool and XYL Vicki Herridge is QRV with 5 stations 24/7. [Andaman - World DXpeditions](#)

ZK3, TOKELAU The Perseverance DX Group will be QRV from Tokelau. The permission for entering the island is already OK. Plan is to be active in November 2026. Team members include: Rob N7QT, Gene K5GS, Steve W1SRD, Glenn KE4KY, Dave K3EL, Dave WD5COV, Robin WA7CPA, Brian N9ADG, Jackie ZL3CW, Francesco IK0FVC, Laci HA0NAR, Violetta KN2P and Jack N7JP. More to follow.

QSL preview

ITU Zone: 41
CQ Zone: 22
Grid Square: MK60cu
IOTA Reference: AS-011, Agatti Island
DXCC: Lakshadweep Islands - VU7

AU7RS (VU7)
DXpedition
to Agatti Island, Lakshadweep

Agatti Island, Lakshadweep:
A tropical paradise in the Arabian Sea, Agatti Island is part of the Lakshadweep archipelago. Known for its pristine beaches, crystal clear waters, and vibrant coral reefs, this tiny island (about 7 km long and 1 km wide) is a haven for nature lovers, water sports enthusiasts, and adventure seekers.

INDIA
ARABIAN SEA
LAKSHADWEEP
AU7RS
DX

Prasad VU3OPD, Anil VU3DXA, Sarath VU2RS, Renju VU2NAR, Aderah VU24DX

IOTA

THE NEWCOMERS

ASIA

AS-169 Arnala Isl The AU2M operation from Arnala Island (cancelled last year) has been rescheduled for May 1-3. This IOTA group was activated back 2004 and 2006, and has been silent ever since. More information is expected in due course.

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-019 Abrolhos Isl Renato, PY8WW informs: *we are currently coordinating with the Brazilian Navy, there is a strong possibility that a Brazilian team will be active from Abrolhos Island, SA-019, later this year, possibly in November. More details regarding callsigns, bands, and modes will be shared as soon as the plans are finalized. Stay tuned for updates, and we hope to work many of you from this beautiful IOTA location!*

SA-093 Tutumate Isl Renato, PY8WW will be operating as HK4/call on May 9-15. "CW and SSB remain my main focus", he says, with FT8 as "just a tool for those difficult moments when propagation doesn't cooperate". More information is expected in due course. This IOTA group was activated only once, by HK3JJH/4 back in 2002.

THE REMINDERS

AFRICA

AF-084 Abokwa Isl Silvano I2YSB let us know that the Italian DXpedition Team will be active from Abokwa Island (AF-084), Ghana, during the first half of April as 9G5CC, 9G5RR and 9G5ZP. The setup is a 21Mhz VDA, an Elecraft K3 and KPA500 amp with a 3KW generator. Planned frequencies are 21.043 CW, 21.260 SSB, FT8 will start on 21.096.

ASIA

AS-127 Kutubdia Isl Look for team S21DX sometime 2026. They plan to operate for at least 18 hours a day depending generator and the number of team members. Team for now is S21YLJ, S21AM, S21RC, S21FIA and S21RED. Activity from 160 to 10 metres using SSB, FT8 and QO-100. QSL via EB7DX, LoTW.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-178 California State Centre (Sonoma to Santa Cruz County) group_

NA-187 California State Centre (Monterey / San Luis Obispo County) group

Rick, K6VVA has plans to activate these islands sometime in the 3rd quarter of 2026. More to follow.

OCEANIA

OC-066 Rangiroa Atoll Haru, JA1XGI will be operating as TX9XG (dates to follow). Activity from 40 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and digi with an IC-7300MK2 and multiband antennas. QSL via home call, OQRS.

OC-095 Lakeba Isl Jacek, SP5APW will conduct a solo Dxpediton as 3D2JK between April 17 and April 22. QRV on the higher bands and 6 metre using primarily FT8.

Lakeba Island is the rarest IOTA reference in Fiji belonging to the top 10% of the world-wide most wanted references. The last activation of OC-095 was carried out over 20 years ago, in 2004 and currently this reference is in demand by 87% of the IOTA chasers.

OC-165 Talang-Talang Besar A large team with 12 operators will be active as 9M8T sometime April/May 2026. More to follow.

Antarctic base

Casey Station

Tom, VK2TBC is going to be based at Casey Station, Antarctica and plans to be operational as **VK0TBC** between February and December this year. He will be running with a Flex-8400 and DX Commander plus other wire antennas. QRV when time permits on SSB & FT8.

— Casey Station [webcam](#)

McMurdo Station, Ross Island by Andrew KC4/KL5SE

My 11th season to McMurdo Station, Antarctica. I'll be operating from there as **KC4USV** and as **KC4/KL5SE** from field camps nearby during the 2025-2026 Austral summer season.

So far activity has been from:

Keep an eye on Andrew's QRZ [page](#) for further updates.

Neumayer Station

New ham operator Lasse, DL9LU is active during the entire winter as DP0GVN until December 2026. QSL via OQRS.

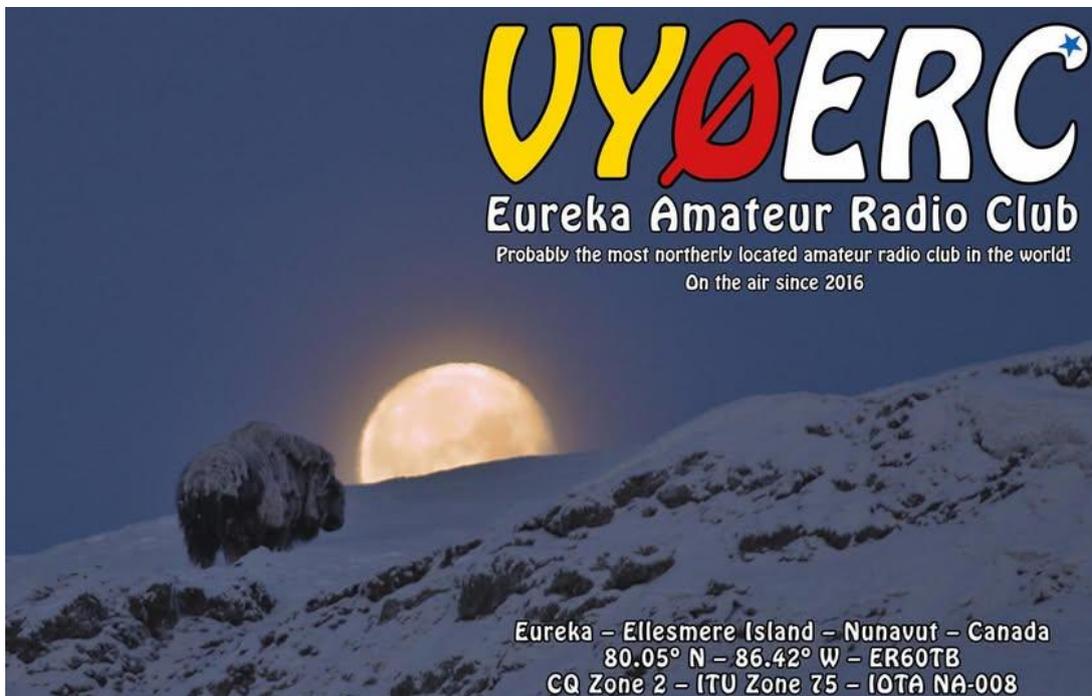
Vostok base by Alex UG1A

After Vostok, says Frank (F8DVD), there's a possibility that Alex will go to Ridge B and operate from there. Nothing is certain about that yet so more info later. However, it would be an ATNO for the Worldwide Antarctic Program (WAP) and Polar DX Challenge as Ridge B has never been activated before.

A new callsign have been assigned to Alex for all operations during this season: RI1ANI.

Since 2007, Alex was very active from Progress and Vostok base, mostly in CW but also in SSB with many calls such as R1ANC, R1ANP, RI1ANC, RI1ANV, RI30ANT.

NOTE: Ridge B is one of the least studied areas in Antarctica but has been considered to be a potential location for the oldest ice on Earth. In January 2020, the first scientific traverse from Russia's Vostok Station to the topographical dome of Ridge B was carried out. Ridge B (Dome B) is 3807m above sea level, 79.02°S, 93.69°E).



Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

4X, ISRAEL Special event station **4Z01A** will be active on 6-7 March from the archaeological site of the ancient city of Ashkelon (Holyland Square C19-AS, WWL KM71gp) QSL via 4X6ZM. This will be the first of four activations from the "Biblical cities from the David and Goliath period"; 4X01A (Ashod), 4X01E (Ekron) and 4X01G will follow (dates TBA) (TNX 425DX)

F, FRANCE The radio club Rambouillet F6KKR celebrates its 50th anniversary with the callsign **TM50KKR** from March until June (Saturdays only). (TNX DXNL)

LU, ARGENTINA To celebrate their 58th anniversary, members of the Radio Club QRM Belgrano, **LU4AAO**, will be active with mentioned and other callsigns between 28 February and 8 March, 2026. Operation is planned across various HF, VHF, and UHF bands using multiple modes (FT8, phone and CW).

See http://lu4aao.org/58_aniv_lu4aao.htm or <https://www.qrz.com/db/LU4AAO> for information about the Anniversary Awards and special QSL.

THE REMINDERS

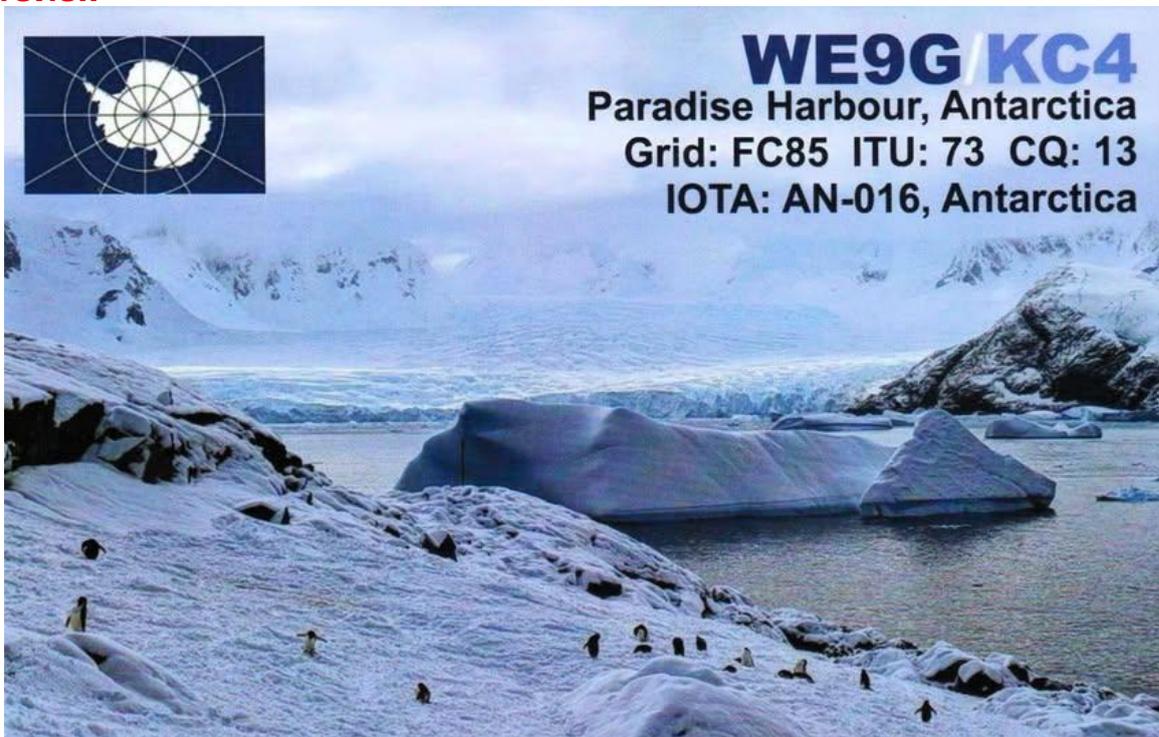
9A, CROATIA Throughout 2026, Tom, 9A2AA will use **9A69AA** to mark his 69 years of activity on the amateur radio bands. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

9A, CROATIA **9A10SOTA** is the special callsign celebrating ten years of SOTA Croatia. Look for activity until 30 September 2026. A certificate will be available for contacts made between 1 October and 31 December 2025, see <https://9aff.wordpress.com/> for information. QSL via LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

9A, CROATIA To celebrate their 15th anniversary, members of the Croatian Flora Fauna ARC (9A1WFF) will be active as **9A44FF** and **9A44FF/p** between 1 January and 31 December. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/9A44FF> for information about the Anniversary Award. (TNX 425DX)

CT, PORTUGAL The Rede dos Emissores Portugueses (REP) has announced an activity open to its members across Portugal during 2026. Using the special callsign **CT100REP** (including /p or /m), this year-long collective activity celebrates the 100th anniversary of the founding of the REP, Portugal's IARU society. Operation is planned across various HF, VHF, and UHF bands using multiple modes (SSB, CW, Digital) and satellites. (TNX 425DX)

QSL preview



DL, GERMANY Celebrating a half-century of German research in Antarctica, special callsigns **DA0ANT**, **DM50ANT** and **DP50ANT** will be active from 15 February to 30 April. In addition, active on 1-30 April will also be **DM50GFS** (for the 50th anniversary of the Georg Forster Station, established by the GDR in 1976 and decommissioned in 1993), as well as **DP200GVN** (for the bicentenary of the birth of Georg von Neumayer, after whom three German Antarctic research stations have been named). See <https://50ant.hamaward.de/en/german-antarctic-research/> for complete information on the "50 Years of German Antarctic Research" award. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY During 2026, the following special event stations celebrate 100 years of the German aviation company Lufthansa: **DA100LH**, **DL100LH** and **DK100LH** (special DOK

100DLH). QSL via DK5ON (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY To commemorate the centenary of the first Kurzwellentagung - the landmark convention for German shortwave enthusiasts held in Jena on 16-17 January 1926 - the special callsign **DF100KWTJ** will be active between 1 January and 31 March. QSL via bureau. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY The special event stations **DA100TV** and **DL100TV** (special DOK 100TV) celebrate 10 years of television in Germany during 2026. QSL via DK5ON (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY The special callsign **DB100FT** will be active throughout 2026 to celebrate the centenary of the Berlin Radio Tower (Funkturn), one of the city's most iconic landmarks. The 150-metre-high steel lattice tower occupies a prominent place in the history of radio broadcasting in Germany, as it was used to broadcast transmissions starting in 1926. QSL via the bureau, or direct to DO2PZ. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY DARC Team SES will be active as **DL25WIKI** throughout 2026. The special callsign celebrates the 25th anniversary of Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, founded in January 2001: "the station reflects the spirit of free knowledge and international collaboration within the amateur radio community. Wikipedia and amateur radio share common values: openness, education, technical enthusiasm, and world-wide networking". QSL cards will be sent automatically via the bureau; QSOs will also be uploaded to LoTW and the DCL (DARC Community Logbook) (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY **DQ30GDXF** is the special callsign celebrating the 30th anniversary of the German DX Foundation (<https://www.gdx.de/>) during 2026. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY To celebrate the Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games Milano Cortina 2026, the DARC Team SES will be active as **DD2026WPG** (1 March-1 April). QSLs via DK5ON, LoTW and DCL (DARC Community Logbook) (TNX 425DX)

Land of QSL <https://www.facebook.com/groups/landofqsl/>



G, ENGLAND **GB50PUNK** is a special callsign for David, G3SKA "and team" to use at various times between 1 January and 31 December to celebrate 50 years of punk rock music. QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log and eQSL; QSL via the bureau or direct. Updates will be posted to <https://www.facebook.com/61585208894891>. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Members of ARI Milano, ARI Cadore and ARI Brunico/Bruneck will activate special callsigns **II2WOG** (QSL via IQ2MI), **II3COR** (QSL via IQ3DD), **II3WOG** (QSL via IQ3ED), and **II3BIA** (QSL via IQ3ED) between 6 February and 22 March for the Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games Milano Cortina 2026. Certificates and eQSLs will be available on <https://hamaward.cloud/>. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Throughout 2026, ARI Fidenza (IQ4FE), with the patronage and historical supervision of

the Guglielmo Marconi Foundation, will use a series of special callsigns, each representing one of the "key figures who played a fundamental role in Marconi's personal and emotional, educational and cultural, academic, scientific and, finally, entrepreneurial development": II4AMRC (March), II4JDVS (April), II4ROSA (May), II4PRCE (June), II4JAFL (July), II4KEMP (August), II4PAGE (September), II4NTTI (October), II4GCLB (November), II4SLRI (December). QSL via LoTW, or direct only to IQ4FE. Complete information about the "Marconi Supporters" award:

<http://www.arifidenza.it/> (TNX 425DX)

LZ, BULGARIA Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2026 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ488AM** (March and April), LZ370TL (May and June), LZ67PP (July and August), LZ936BA (September and October), LZ911TD (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2026 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/> (TNX 425DX)

Never give up!

Kevin, WA2AEY says:

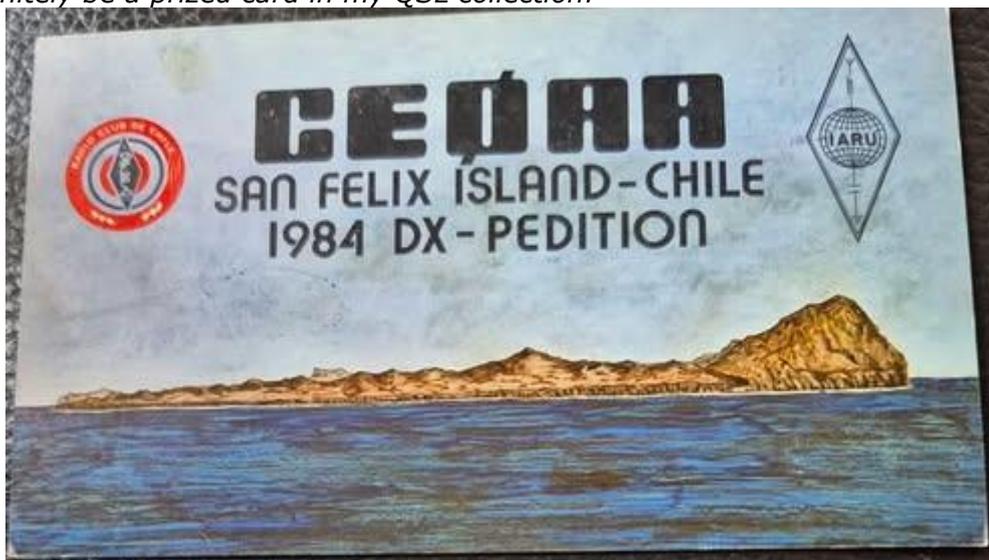
"Received this rare one today, 42 years after the QSO.

Last year, I digitized 56 years worth of paper logs. I was amazed at the countries I had not gotten confirmed years ago.

Over the course of many months and many emails, Danilo XQ4CW helped me to get this rare one confirmed!

This is the fifth and most likely last of my recently confirmed contacts from the 80s.

This will definitely be a prized card in my QSL collection!"



OZ, DENMARK Look for **OZ1000Z** to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first legal Danish amateur radio license. In March 1926, the Ministry of Public Works finally decided to give experimental Danish amateurs access to build and operate private radio transmitting stations on a legal basis. Thus, Børge Jørgensen OZ7BJ and James Steffensen OZ7JS became the first two Danish radio amateurs to be issued a valid Danish broadcasting license and this happened in March 1926 - 100 years ago.

Operation from March 1 until March 8. See [Kalender for OZ1000Z](#) (TNX 425DX)

SP, POLAND The Dobrzycki Amateur Radio Club (SP3PDO) will use twelve special callsigns during 2026 to honour as many different Polish saints: **SP1040SSZ** (March), **SP1865JML** (April), **SP1920KW** (May), **SP1373JA** (June), **SP1183JO** (July), **SP1905MFK** (August), **SP1373AB** (September), **SP1550SK** (October), **SP1234KK** (November) and **SP1835JK** (December). QSLs via SP3PDO. See <https://radioawards.club/ses/155> for the certificates. (TNX 425DX)

SP, POLAND Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the city of Gdynia, six special callsigns - namely **SP100G**, **SQ100D**, **SO100Y**, **SN100N**, **HF100I** and **3Z100A** - will be activated on 7-22 February. A certificate will be available, see <https://ot09.pzk.org.pl/akcje/100gdynia/100gdy.php> for the details. QSLs are "not required, but if you need PSE via SP2PGD". (TNX 425DX)

UR, UKRAINE **EM100W** and **EN100WLKK** are two special callsigns celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Lviv Shortwave Club, founded in 1926 as Lwowski Klub Krotkofalowcow (LKK).

It was one of the largest European clubs before World War II. A commemorative certificate will be available, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/EM100W> for information. (TNX 425DX)

UR, UKRAINE To celebrate his 50th anniversary in amateur radio, Nick, US8AR will be active throughout 2026 using the special callsign **EM50AR**. Electronic QSL cards can be downloaded from <https://em50ar.pp.ua> (TNX 425DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA AX120AAC celebrates the 120th anniversary of the Australian Army Cadets (AAC) during 2026. (TNX DXNL)

YO, ROMANIA YR1600VT is the special callsign that members of Radio Club YO6KGS will be using until 31 March 2026 to popularize Via Transilvanica, the long-distance trail (1600 km) used for hiking, cycling and horse riding that crosses Romania. More information can be found on <https://www.qrz.com/db/YR1600VT>. QSL via eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

YU, SERBIA To commemorate the 170th anniversary of Nikola Tesla's birth, members of the Amateur Radio Union of Serbia (YU0SRS) are active as **YT170TESLA** until the end of the year. QSL via LoTW; paper QSL cards will not be available. (TNX 425DX)

YU, SERBIA The special event callsign **YU65AEC** celebrates the 65th anniversary of the first radio club in Odzaci throughout 2026. (TNX DXNL)

YU, SERBIA The radio club Mihajlo Pupin YU7BCD in Pancevo celebrates its 45th anniversary during 2026 with the callsign **YU45MJA**. QSL via LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND ZL100C is a special callsign celebrating the centenary of the New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters (NZART), which was formed on 16 August 1926. The callsign is valid until 6 August 2026. QSL via the bureau and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND The New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters (NZART) was founded in Auckland in 1926. To celebrate their centenary, NZART members are encouraged to use the **ZM** prefix during the 2026 year; in addition, individual operators and NZART branches can apply to use special **ZL100** callsigns for a period of 1 to 3 months - e.g. Ian ZL1MVL and the Whangarei Amateur Radio Club (ZL1AM) will be using **ZL100MVL** and **ZL100AM**, respectively, until 31 March. (TNX 425DX)

Sad news to report that Lada, OK2PAY is now S.K.

Just about every DXpedition in the past will have OK2PAY in their log.

RIP.

<https://www.qrz.com/db/OK2PAY>

