

The weekly DX bulletin 675

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DX News

INTERNATIONAL Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend (ILLW) this weekend!

The upcoming weekend sees this year's edition of this annual event around maritime lighthouses, lightships, and memorials and museums. For a list of participating stations see:

<https://illw.net/index.php/entrants-list-2026>

Registrating your own participation is also possible on the illw.net page. For a worldwide list of possible lighthouses to activate see: <https://wlof.arlhs.com>

T2JK Tuvalu -update by Aki KJ1JXZ

I need to check out of my current hotel on August 13th. While I've posted photos of the antenna, this environment will only be available until 8:00 AM local time on the 13th. I haven't decided on my next hotel yet, but I wanted to let you know in advance that it might be in a less favorable location or even unusable. <https://www.dx-world.net/t2jk-tuvalu/>

On the scene...team RI1FJL Franz Josef Land on the move



ZK3ZL Tokelau Dxpedition -update by Gene K5GS

Members of the Tokelau DXpedition team are assembling stations and preparing them for shipment. Team transportation to and from Apia, Samoa to Tokelau has been arranged by the government's transport office. A customs broker in Apia will receive the equipment shipment and forward to Tokelau on a cargo ferry. Team members will meet in Apia the week of November 15th and depart for Tokelau on Nov.17th for the 1-day journey to the atoll.

The team will operate from: Fakaofo Atoll (AI40). The year 2026 marks the One Hundredth (100th) Anniversary of the New Zealand / Tokelau relationship. To commemorate this milestone the callsign **ZK3ZL** was requested.

<https://www.dx-world.net/zk3zl-tokelau-dxpedition/>

606X Somaliland -update

After many hours of searching the internet, we came across a truly remarkable location: a beautiful resort in Berbera, in the northwestern part of the country, about a three-hour drive from Hargeisa Airport.

After some persistence, we managed to get in touch with Roda Hassan, the owner of the resort. We sent her a detailed email explaining our DX-Adventure project and outlining the objectives of our upcoming DX-pedition.

A few weeks later, we had a very enjoyable video call. Roda gave us a virtual tour of the resort, showed us the various potential locations, and together we discussed the practical aspects of hosting our DXpedition. Not long afterwards, we received the fantastic news we had been hoping for: the DX-Adventure team would be more than welcome at the resort. Roda also assured us that she and her team would do everything they could to make our DXpedition run as smoothly and successfully as possible. <https://www.dx-world.net/606x-somalia/>



606X

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Arctic Legend's IOTA Dxpediton

The Arctic DX-IOTA expedition "Arctic's Legends 2026," which took place along the route Arkhangelsk – the islands of the Barents and Kara Seas and finished at the port of Dudinka in Taimyr, has ended. The expedition took place under the flags of the Russian Robinson Club and the Arctic Geographical Society – <https://www.arcgeo.ru/> on the sailing yacht "Apostol Andrey".

DXCC

This week on air

3B8, MAURITIUS August 14-17 / August 21-27

3B9, RODRIGUES ISL August 18-20

Alex, SQ9UM will be active as 3B8/call and 3B9/call. Operation from 40 to 10 metres using CW and FT4/8. QSL via home call.

A5, BHUTAN Feng BA7LVG and Taka KJ2XXK will be active as A50QO from August 15 until August 20. Operation on QO-100 and LEO satellites.

C6, BAHAMAS Philippe, EA4NF will be active as C6AUB on FM LEO satellites from August 19 until August 23. Operation in full-duplex using a portable. QSL via LoTW.

E5, COOK ISL Steve ZL2KE and Steve ZL4CZ are once again active as E51CZZ and E51KEE until August 14. QRV from Rarotonga. QSL via IK2DUW.

EA8, CANARY ISL Look for EA8/IZ1GDB between August 18 and August 29. Operation on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via IZ1GDB direct or bureau.

J6, ST LUCIA Seth, N4XTT will be operating as J68TT from August 15 until August 22. Activity from 40 to 10 metres and perhaps 80 metres using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via home call direct, OQRS.

KH0, MARIANA ISL Dave, KJ9I is operating as W0M until August 13. QRV on 6m EME on 50186 kHz using Q65-60°. See QRZ.com.

The eclips in the Northern hemisphere – picture by EA6/K3NQ South Mallorca



OJ0, MARKET REEF Henri OJ0JR and Anne OJ0YL will be active from August 15 until August 22. QRV from 80 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8 with a Yasu FTdx10. Full VOACAP and ITURHFProp propagation forecasts are available [here](#), featuring band-by-band predictions and sunrise/sunset data for Märket and your own QTH — useful for planning those low-band openings in the middle of the summer and finding the best path into OJ0.

Club Log uploads will be live-streamed if connectivity allows; otherwise, logs will be updated several times daily. OQRS will open once the DXpedition concludes.

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 around August 15. Operation from 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8 with 5 high power stations. <https://www.rudxt.org/ri1fjl>

T2, TUVALU Aki, JK1JXZ is once again active as T2JK after a delay due to weather conditions. Activity from 80 to 6 metres. On weekdays after 5pm local time, on weekends all day. QSL via LoTW.

TK, CORSICA Alex, OE5AUH and David OE5DDJ are operating as TK/calls until August 22. They plan to hike the GR20 trail. Low power station with 10W.

VK9, WILLIS ISL Sands, VK4WXW is again active as VK9WX during the 2026 winter tour. See QRZ.com for more. Lately he was found on 15 metres SSB.

UK, UZBEKISTAN Darek, SP9DLM and his son Greg SN9GM are operating as UK/calls until August 15. The second and most important element of this expedition is the launch of the APRS network in Uzbekistan and Tajikistan. Equipment will be left in these countries to enable the launch of the first APRS and APRS LORA gateways. <https://www.qrz.com/db/UK/SP9DLM>

YS, EL SALVADOR Rikk, WE9G is QRV as YS/call from El Sunzal (Grid EK53hl) until August 14. QRV mostly using FT8 with some CW and SSB. QSO upload to Club Log, QRZ and LoTW. QSL via home call, bureau or direct, Club Log, LoTW.

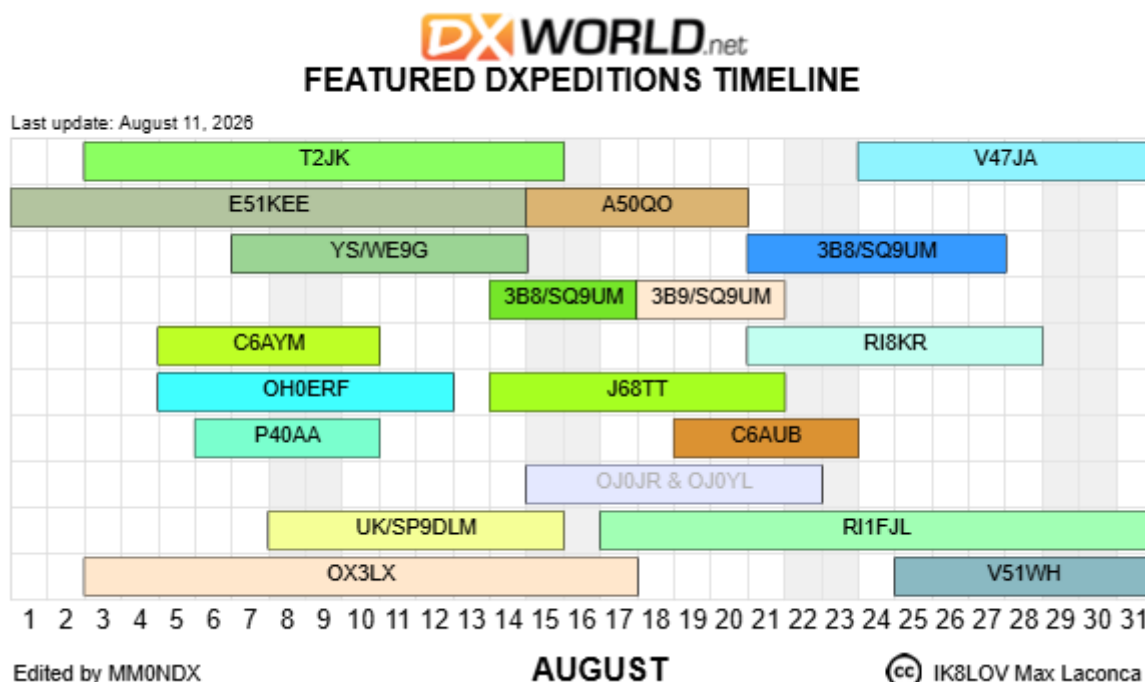
Coming up soon

V4, ST KITTS Jon, W5JON will once again be operating as V47JA from August 24 until August 31. QRV from 160 to 6 metres using SSB and FT8 with a Yaesu FT-3000D and an Elecraft KPA500 amplifier. QSL via home call direct or LoTW.

V5, NAMIBIA Gunter, DK2WH will be operating as V51WH from August 25 until October 10. Activity from a farm near Omaruru. Operation from 160 to 6 metres including 60 metres. An entry in the CQWW RTTY contest is included as V55Y. QSL via home call.

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.

DXCC timeline



IOTA

This week on air

AFRICA

AF-095 Mondoleh Isl Darek, TJ1GD/9 has extended his stay until August 13. QSL via SP3EOL.

ASIA

AS-025 Iturup Isl Look for team RI0FA until August 16. Dmitry RA2FA, Yuri RM0F and Alexander RW3RN are QRV from 40 to 12 metres using CW, SSB and digi with 2 stations. QSL via RW3RN, log upload to LoTW and Club Log.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-038 Madeleine Isl Until August 14, the NA-128 Contest Group is on the Madeleine Islands (Cap-aux-Meules) NA-038 (FN97). They are QRV on various bands and modes.

NA-130 Broughton Isl Mark, WB2OIL will be operating as call/VY0 between August 16 and September 1. Operation from 40 to 15 metres using mainly FT8 with some CW and SSB. Operation during his spare time while he is on a scientific expedition.



OCEANIA

OC-156 Yasawa Isl Barry, KD6XU let's DX-World know (via social media) that he's currently staying at Nabukeru village on the Yasawa Islands, OC-156. When active as 3D2BP, he will run on 20-30-40m; CW, SSB & possibly FT8 using an inverted-L and FT-891 transceiver.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

JD1, OGASAWARA Rudi, DK7PE will be operating as JD1/JG1PFR during September 12-19. This will be a one week CW operation. Ogasawara has no airport, so getting there is already part of the adventure. The journey from Tokyo (once a week) is by ship and takes approximately 26 hours each way.

THE REMINDERS

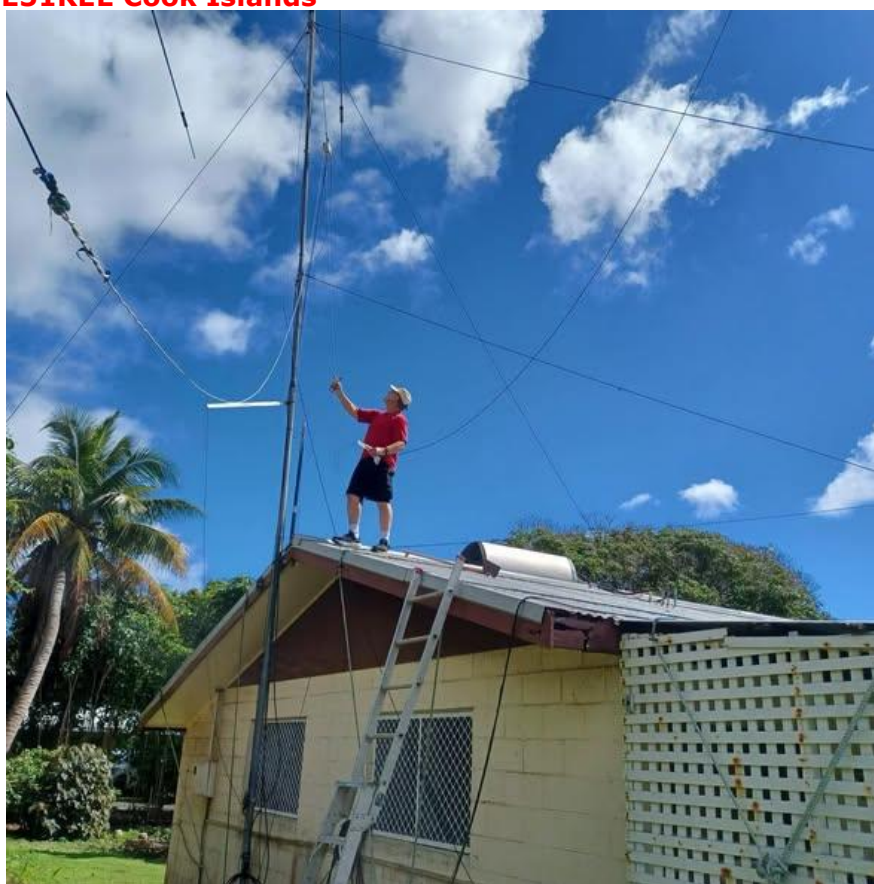
3B9, RODRIGUES ISL Kazu M0CFW will once again be operating as 3B9KW during the CQWW SSB contest (October 24-25) and during the CQWW CW contest (November 28-29). Operation before and after the contest as 3B9/call between October 20-28 and between November 22 end December 2. QSL via LoTW.

3Y0, PETER 1 ISL The 3Y0L Dxpediton is scheduled for February 2027. A team with 19 operators will spend approximately 20 days in the vicinity of the island. <https://3y0l.com/#Peter-I-DXpediton>

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

5H, TANZANIA With dates not yet certain, Dov 4Z4DX and Eyal 4X1RE plan to be active from Tanzania as 5H2DX (CW & SSB) and 5H2RE (SSB) sometime in August or September '26. They hope to activate different National Parks within the country. Updates to follow.

On the scene...E51KEE Cook Islands



60, SOMALIA The DX-adventure Team will be QRV as 606X during February 2027. Team leader Max ON5UR mentions: *'On 14 February 2026, our local contact was invited to the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology in Hargeisa, where Minister Jamaal Mohamed Jama personally handed over the official licence. During the DXpediton, we will be active under the callsign 606X ("six oscar six x-ray").*

Although the Belgian government still advises against travel to Somalia, several reliable sources confirm that Somaliland, located in the northwest, is the safest region of the country. The safety of the team is the top priority, which is why we have deliberately chosen to organise our activities in this area. On average, the country receives barely 500 visitors per year.'

A Belgian-Dutch-American team with Paul N6PSE, Marc ON4AMX, Patrick ON4HIL, Max ON5UR, Karel ON5TN, Marc ON6CC, Wim ON6DX, Franky ON7RU, Geert ON7USB, Francis ON8AZ, Casper PA7DX and Ronald PA3EWP will be QRV on HF and perhaps QO-100 and EME. Website under construction.

6W, SENEGAL The Italian Dxpediton Team has announced their next trip to Senegal sometime between October and November. Operation with 4 stations on all modes and frequencies.

7P, LESOTHO Wolfgang, HB9CCS will be QRV as 7P8EA during end October- end November. Operation mainly on 15 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW.

9N, NEPAL Jan, DL4XT mentions: *'Activity planned in October 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>

9Q, D.R. of CONGO The Mediterranean DX Club will be active as 9T0MD between September 30 and October 11. The 9T prefix has never been used before. Operation from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and digi. Also on QO-100 and EME. <https://www.mdxc.support/9t0md/>

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.

A3, TONGA The Tongan Paradise Contesters will be active as A31W during the CQWW CW contest in November. More to follow.

C5, THE GAMBIA Lui YT3PL and Luc F5RAV will once again be active as C5R from near Banjul from October 1 until November 4. Their humanitarian work is ongoing – so far they made 3 new classrooms for WILCOS school for children aged 3 to 5 years old. All the money that is donated will be invested in this project – they already spent €7500 but still need to make new toilets and add new tiles to make new floors. You can donate via here.

C8, MOZAMBIQUE The Czech DX Team will be active as C8K during November 9 and November 20. 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.

On the scene...T2JK Tuvalu



C9, MOZAMBIQUE The Czech Dxpediton group will be QRV as C8K between November 10 and November 19. Active from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and digi with several stations. Satellite QO-100 also. Club Log livestream, QSL via OQRS or via OK6DJ. <https://www.cdyp.cz/>

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

FP, ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON Matt, WF2A will be operating as FP/call from October 21 until October 26. An entry in the CQWW SSB contest is included with an activity from POTA PM-0025. QSL via LoTW. <https://www.qrz.com/db/FP/W2MJR>

FS, SAINT MARTIN Look for team TO9W with more operators and new equipment from November 29 until December 11. An entry in the CQWW DX contest is included. Updates will be posted on their Facebook page.

H44, SOLOMON ISL A team with 9A2NA, 9A3MR, 9A3CJY, 9A4WY, 9A7Y and DK8ZZ will be active from Guadalcanal as H49A between October 9 and October 21. Operation on HF and perhaps 6 metres. *'H49A callsign has been issued for our expedition, honoring 15 years of charity work of Croatian Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul in Buma, Malaita Island, OC-047. Our special callsign itself symbolises ties between Solomon islands and Croatia. Part of ham donations for the expedition will be redirected to charity work in the mission.'*

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..

J3, GRENADA Graham MM8IJU and Eric GM5RDX will once again be active as J38DX and as J38LD. QRV from September 1 until September 12 from 80 to 6 metres using SSB and FT4/8. QSL via M00XO and LoTW.

J6, ST LUCIA Stephen KB4YKC and Paul KB4PMK will be operating as J6/calls from March 9 until March 16, 2027. Operation in 'holiday-style' on HF. QSL via LoTW.

JD1, OGASAWARA Koutarou, JP1IHD will once again be active as JD1BQP from Chichijima between October 17 and November 2. Operation from 160 to 6 metres with a combo of antennas. QSL via home call direct.

QSL via YS/WE9G



KH0, MARIANA ISL Ken, JO1VRK will once again be active as KH0/AJ6VJ from December 29 until January 3, 2027. Operation on 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres. QSL via LoTW, Club Log.

KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA A team that previous activated T2C, C21MM and V6D will now be operating as KH8A between October 29 and November 13. The team includes nine operators

DJ9KH, DK5WL, DL1KWK, DL2RNS, DL4SVA, DL6KAC, DL6KVA, DL7JOM and DL7VEE. We are planning to operate 4 stations 24/7 from 160m to 6m in CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY.

<https://kh8a.mydx.de/>

S7, SEYCHELLES Kasimir, DL2SBY will again be QRV as S79/call during September 11-21. Operation from 80 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via homecall or LoTW.

S7, SEYCHELLES Rudi OLK2ZA and David OK6DJ will be QRV as S79/OL1T between December 28 and January 8, 2027. Operation on various bands and modes. More to follow. QSL via LoTW.

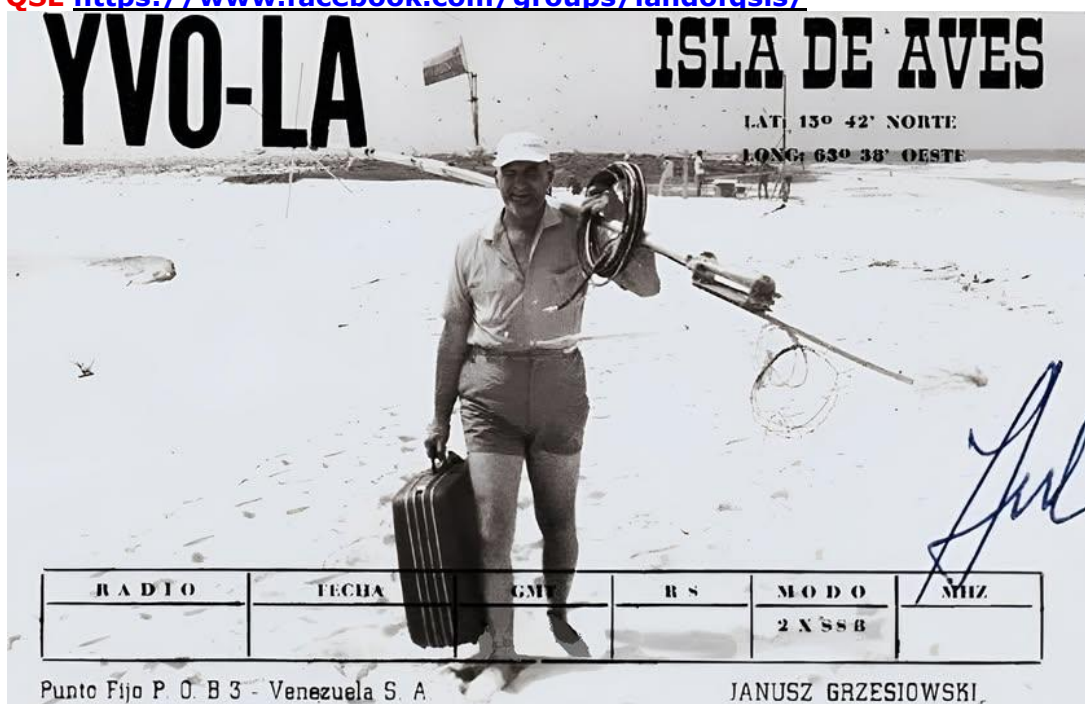
S9, SAO TOME Francisco, CT7AKS will be active as S9R with EC7R, D2ACE, CT1BOL, D2IM, CT1BZG and CT3MD between October 17 and October 31. QRV with 3 stations from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and digi. <https://s9r.viacom.ao/>

T33, BANABA In November 2022, the [Rebel DX Group](#) were QRV from Banaba as **T33T**. Later this year, they plan to return there and be active this time as **T33TT**.

Full details to follow, but you can expect plenty of FT8 on HF bands plus some CW & SSB. QSL via Club Log OQRS / LoTW.

T8, PALAU Nobu, JA0JHQ will once again be operating as T88PB during September 4-7. An entry in the All Asian DX SSB contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

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



T8, PALAU Mike, JA6EGL will once again be operating as T88SM during January 8-14, 2027. Operation from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB, FM/AM. QSL via home call.

T8, PALAU Noburo, JH1OLB will once again be active as T88DT from November 26 until December 2. Activity from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and digi. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included. QSL via home call.

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).

V2, ANTIGUA Look for JA3FHL, JA3PJL, JH3UHG, JJ2RCJ and JA0JHQ as V26JJ between October 30 and November 6. Operation on HF using various modes. QSL via Club Log.

<https://oba.to/V26JJ/>

V6, MICRONESIA Kenji JH3AIU and Masa JR3RIU will be active from Chuuk Island as V6AIU and V63JX between November 26 and December 1. Main goal is the CQWW CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

VK9, CHRISTMAS ISL The Pacific Islands DXpedition Group (PIDXG), in partnership with Youth on the Air (YOTA), is proud to announce a DXpedition to Christmas Island during November 16 and December 4 that will be planned, led, and operated by the next generation of DXers.

For the first time, the veterans are the support crew. The eight-operator on-island team is composed entirely of operators under the age of 25, led by Max Freedman, N4ML. Veteran DXpeditioners Glenn Johnson, W0GJ, and Gregg Marco, W6IZT, join the team as on-island advisors and mentors. Confirmed team members include Connor Black, W4IPC; Tyler Schroder, NT1S; Lukas Bartkus, LY7J; and Urgent Jere, 7Q6UJ, several of whom cut their DXpedition teeth on 3D2Y and PJ6Y, first from the remote side and now leading in the DXpedition. We will be rounding out the team over the next few weeks.

Operation from 160 to 6 metres with 4 local stations and 2 remote. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included. QSL via M0OXO.

VK9L, LORD HOWE ISL A large team (DL2AWG, DF4GV, DL2AMD, DL2SAX, DL1KWK, DL4SVA, DL6RY, DL4VK, DJ7TO & EA5GV) will be active as VK2LHW from May 24 until June 7, 2027.

Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi with 4 stations nonstop. QSL via Club Log or via DL2AWG. <https://lhi-2027.topdx.de/>

VP2V, B.V.I Bob, GU4YOX will be active as VP2VBB during the CQWW CW contest (November 28-29). Before the contest he will be operating as VP2V/call. More to follow.

VP8, FALKLAND Santiago, LU2DUR will be active from the Falklands between January 10 and January 17, 2027. Operation during his spare time on HF using SSB with some FT8. More to follow.

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.ardxpeditons.com/dxpeditons/vp0sg>

VP9, BERMUDA Look for Al K7AR, Ron WJ7R and Lee N7NU as VP9/calls between September 23 and September 27. An entry in the CQWW RTTY contest is included. Before and after the contest on other bands as conditions allow.

VP9, BERMUDA Josh, W9HT will once again be active as call/VP9 during October 17-20. Activity on HF and 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call direct.

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



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 Snavelly; KD0IVB, Emily Snavelly; 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](#)

VU4, ANDAMAN ISL Look for VU4R on July 22-26. Activity on HF using SSB and FT8 with an entry

in the IOTA contest. This is a test in anticipation of the main event on December 17-30 alongside the 49th SEANET convention. <https://www.dxindia.in/VU4R>

Z6, KOSOVO Giovanni, IZ2DPX will be operating as Z68PX during September 4-11. Activity from 60 to 6 metres using SSB and FT4/8 using a vertical antenna and dipoles. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

ZC4, CYPRUS SBA Adrian, G0KOM will once again be QRV as ZC4MK late November. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included. QSL via home call.

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. The ten team members will gather in Apia (Samoa) during the week of 16 November before embarking on a 30-hour ferry crossing to Tokelau on 17 November. Upon arrival, the team will spend 14 days on the atoll, operating multiple HF stations on 160-6 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 (F/H). QSL via M0URX's OQRS. The callsign and additional details will be announced in due course. Donations to assist with shipping expenses and a humanitarian project are gratefully accepted, see <https://tok-dx.com/>

Guess the QSL



IOTA

THE REMINDERS

ASIA

AS-127 Kutubdia Isl Look for team S21DX sometime during November 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.

AS-128 Hon Son Isl Jacek, SP5APW will be active as 3W9C from September 4 until September 12. Focus on 6 metres but also operational on 20, 15 and 10 metres. On his way to Vietnam, he plans to visit the Tokyo Ham Fair, and mentions that it would be nice to have eyeball QSOs with some JA friends there, who only known by radio until now.

AS-133 Koh Rong Isl 20 International Operators Set to Deliver Unprecedented Amateur Radio Activity from Southeast Asia's Premier Tropical Destination Koh Rong Island, Cambodia.

The amateur radio community is invited to participate in one of 2027's most anticipated DXpeditions: XU7X Cambodia.

Operating from November 13-23, 2027 from the pristine Koh Rong Island off Cambodia's coast. This landmark expedition brings together 20 operators from Brazil, USA, Ecuador, Bosnia & Herzegovina, and Japan to deliver continuous 24-hour amateur radio operations across 6 simultaneous stations. QSL via M0URX. <https://www.xu7x.net/>

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.

NA-249 Vieques Isl A team will be active as KP3RE sometime February 2027. More to follow.

OCEANIA

OC-066 Rangiroa Atoll Haru, JA1XGI will be operating as TX9XG end October (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.

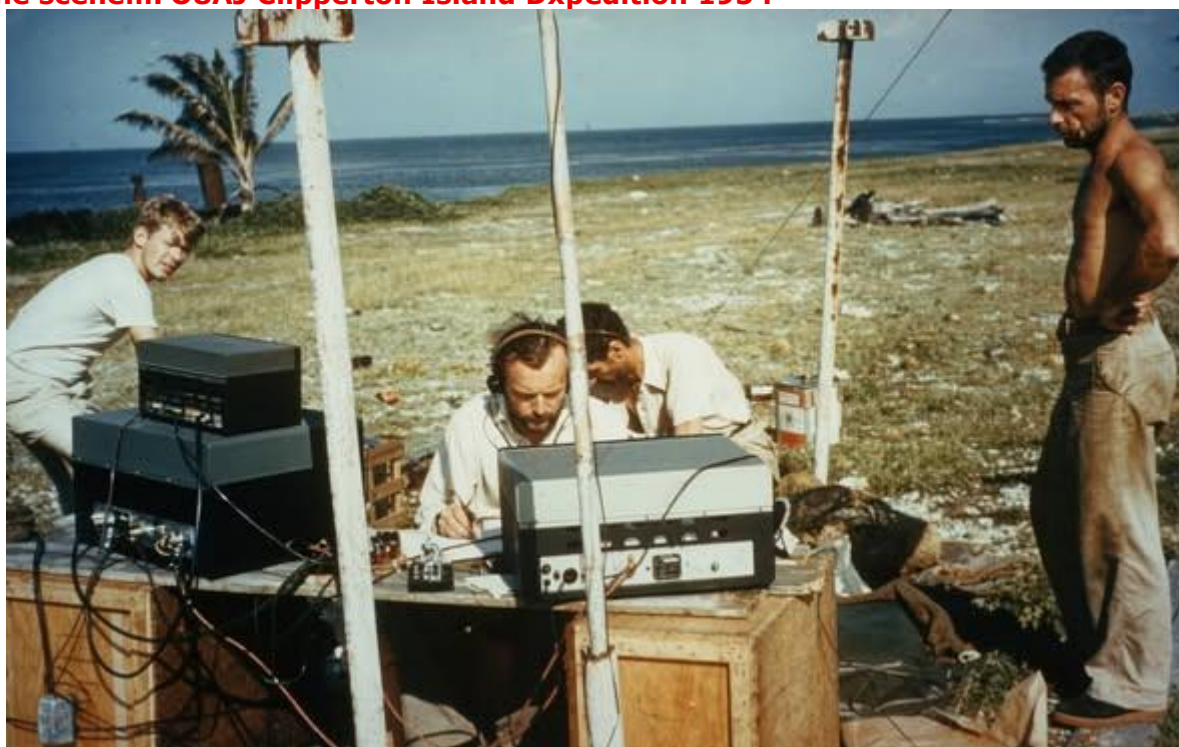
OC-149 Lola Isl Lance, W7GJ will be operating as H44GJ from August 28 until September 11. This will be an 6m EME Dxpedition using Q65-60A. More on <https://www.bigskyspaces.com/w7gj/> Lance mentions: "When I am not aimed up at the moon", he says, "I may be monitoring 50.313 on FT8 mode if I am available". QSL via home call direct and LoTW.

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!*

SA-029 Algodao Isl Fabio, PY4YY and Marcelo PY2AE will be active as PS1A during September 24-26. Operation from 80 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via OQRS and LoTW. <https://www.qrz.com/db/PS1A>

On the scene...F08AJ Clipperton Island Dxpedition 1954



Antarctic destinations

Davis base

David, VK2JDS, is currently part of the Australian team on the station Davis and operates as VK0DS. QRV until October during his spare time, mostly on 40, 30, 15, and 10m (FT8). He also plans to try EME on 6m, an ambitious project given the location. QSL direct via VK2JDS, LOTW.

HF0PAS South Shetland Islands

Rafal, SQ40 informs that all going well, he will try to be active as HF0PAS from the Henryk Arctowski Polish Antarctic Station, King George Island, South Shetland Islands after May. He will remain there until October 2026. News updates will posted on the HF0PAS QRZ page.

The 2027 French Polar Team Expedition by Mehdi, F5PFP

I hope to be QRV from Admiralty Bay, King George island, South Shetland Islands in early 2027, Admiralty Bay is a large, open and windy area with bad soils for anchorage, so not a good place for sail boat stopovers . That means, I won't be able to be QRV from all these entities, but from 1 at least I hope, maybe 2 or 3 in case of very good weather window.

As a French expedition, we must submit soon the exact sites to get landing permissions from TAAF administration (Terres Australes et Antarctiques Françaises) which is the French representative of the Antarctic Treaty.

Feel free to report your TOP 3 most wanted base entities on the list above, and I will do my best without any guarantee of success.

On the scene...This is Bell Rock, 11 miles off the coast of the Scottish mainland.

Although it's not an IOTA, it is listed in the Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society as reference SCO-020, although never "activated".

It's the world's oldest active sea-washed lighthouse.

Col MM0NDX @ [DX-World](#) has tried a few times to go there and set up a very temporary ham radio station, but permission never granted on grounds of safety.

The rock is submerged by up to 16ft (4.9m) of water at high tide, with often fierce North Sea waves breaking over it. However, on a calm day, like the pictures show, a quick activation would be super cool ! Maybe one day!

🇬🇧 Northern Lighthouse Board.



Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

CT, PORTUGAL Special callsign **CR5VP** will be in use on 5-16 August during the "Volta a Portugal em Bicicleta", Portugal's most prestigious multi stage road cycling race. See <https://hamaward.cloud/awards> for the certificates; QSL cards will not be issued.

ER, MOLDOVA **ER35RM** is the official special event station celebrating the 35th anniversary of the Republic of Moldova's independence (27 August 1991). Look for activity on multiple bands and modes between 1 and 31 August. QSL via operator's instructions.

VU, INDIA **AT90VANI** (op Manmohan, VU3YBH) remains on the air until Aug. 16 from Bhopal, celebrating 90 years of All India Radio.

YB, INDONESIA Until Aug. 20, numerous special event stations celebrate the 81st anniversary of Indonesia's independence: 8A1RI - ORARI; 8C81AC - Aceh; 8C81SU - Sumatera Utara; 8C81KR - Kepulauan Riau; 8E81BL - Bangka Belitung; 8D81RI - Riau; 8C81SB - West-Sumatra; 8B81JI - Jambi; 8I81BK - Bengkulu; 8C81SL - South Sumatra; 8G81LP - Lampung; 8A81JK - Jakarta; 8H81BT - Banten; 8B81JB - West Java; 8B81JG - Central Java; 8H81YK - Yogyakarta; 8B81JT - East Java; 8B81KB - West Kalimantan; 8I81KU - North Kalimantan; 8G81KT - East Kalimantan; 8E81KG - Central Kalimantan; 8C81KS - South Kalimantan; 8F81SU - North Sulawesi; 8E8SG - Central Sulawesi; 8C81SB - West Sulawesi; 8B81SL - South Sulawesi; 8C81SR - Southeast Sulawesi; 8G81GR - Gorontalo; 8H81MA - Maluku; 8I81MU - North Maluku; 8A81BL - Bali; 8C81NB - West Nusa Tenggara; 8E81NT - East Nusa Tenggara; 8G81PA - Papua; 8I81PB - West Papua. Awards are also available, see: <https://hamaward.cloud/awards>

ZL, NEW ZEALAND **ZL100TUX** (op Stuart, ZL3TUX) continues to celebrate the centenary of NZART (New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters) until the end of August.

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



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.

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.

9A, CROATIA To celebrate their 15th anniversary, members of the Croatian Flora Fauna ARC

(9A1WFF) are active as **9A44FF** and **9A44FF/p** until end 2026. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/9A44FF> for information about the Anniversary Award.

CO, CUBA The Cuban amateur radio society celebrates its 60th anniversary on the air with the callsign **T40FRC** (active since the 3rd of July). QRV on 160-10m on CW, SSB, FT8/4 yet marred by unstable electric energy conditions. An award is also available.

DL, GERMANY The special event station **DA100LENZ** (special DOK SL100) celebrates the 100th anniversary of the German author Siegfried Lenz until the end of August. QSLs will be sent out automatically via the bureau.

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).

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).

DL, GERMANY The annual special event station **DL0SOP** (special DOK SOP26) operates throughout July. For the award see: <https://dl0sop.darc.de/>. QSL via OQRS, LoTW, eQSL.

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.

On the scene...David G0LBK mentions:

"August 7th was a fairly momentous radio day when I managed DXCC (100 countries worked) on 23cm. It took 3 years 10 months. The 100th qso was with Andorra. "



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)

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.

DL, GERMANY **DR170TESLA** is the special callsign for members of DARC's Ortsverband Mainz (DL0MZ) to celebrate the 170th anniversary of the birth of Nikola Tesla until end 2026. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via DK8ZZ.

DL, GERMANY **DB70DLRS** is a special callsign marking the 70th anniversary of the Deutschland-Rundspruch, the DARC's weekly news broadcast tailored specifically for amateur radio enthusiasts in Germany. Look for activity on all bands and modes from 1 June to 31 December. QSL via DK5ON, LoTW and DCL (DARC Community Logbook). More information can be found on <https://www.qrz.com/db/DB70DLRS>

ER, MOLDOVA During August, **ER35MD** celebrates Moldova's independence 35 years ago.

G, ENGLAND **GB50PUNK** is a special callsign for David, G3SKA "and team" to use at various times during 2026 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>.

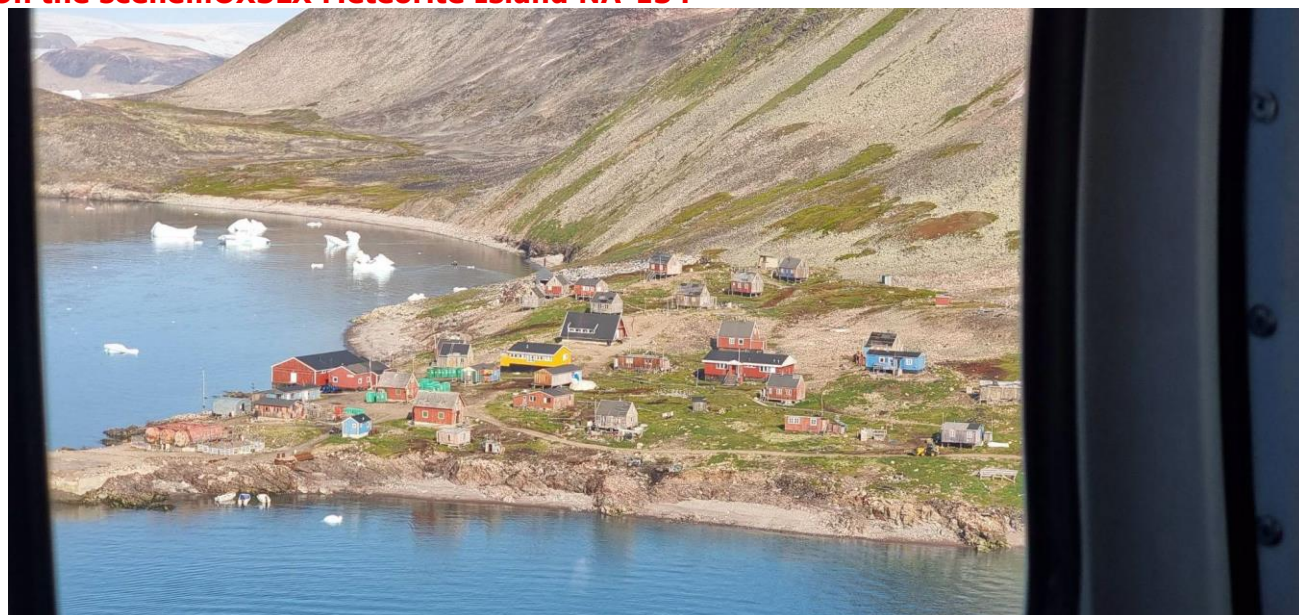
GW, WALES **GB64MOD**, a special event station that "celebrates the spirit of the Mod movement through amateur radio", will be active on 1-31 August, operated by Curtis MW0USK and Kevin MW9KJC: <https://gb64mod.co.uk>

HL, SOUTH KOREA **HL81V** marks the 81st anniversary of independence during August. QSL via bureau.

HP, PANAMA Henry, HP1CDW, celebrates his 40 years on the air with the callsign **3E40CDW** until the end of November. QSL via LoTW.

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": **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/>

On the scene...OX3LX Meteorite Island NA-134



JA, JAPAN 8J7SPO is a special callsign commemorating the Japan Sport Association's 80th Japan Games and the 25th National Sports Festival for People with Disabilities, to be held in Aomori Prefecture. Look for activity on various bands and modes between 1 August and 26 October. QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log, and confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards go to JQ7ATB.

JA, JAPAN 8J70JARE is a special callsign celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition, which on 29 January 1957 established Syowa Station on East Ongul Island. The special callsign will be in use from various locations across Japan between 22 May 2026 and 29 January 2027. QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards should be sent to JG2MLI.

LZ, BULGARIA Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2026 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ67PP** (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/>

LZ, BULGARIA LZ75HSC is the special callsign for Bulgarian HSC members to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Radio Telegraphy Highspeed Club (HSC) until the end of the year. QSL via LZ2JE. The club was founded in 1951 as a community within the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club (DARC). To date, membership has grown to include over 1,400 operators spanning every continent: <http://www.highspeedclub.org>

PA, THE NETHERLANDS PG75HSC is the special callsign for Theo, PA3HEN to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Radio Telegraphy Highspeed Club (HSC) until the end of the year. QSL via home call, and LoTW. Also joining the celebrations is Artur, SP3LPR as 3Z75HSC (QSL via home call, direct or bureau). The club was founded in 1951 as a community within the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club (DARC). To date, membership has grown to include 1400+ operators all over the world: <http://www.highspeedclub.org>

SP, POLAND Special callsigns **3Z100LKK, HF100LKK, SN100LKK, SO100LKK, SP0LKK, SP100LKK** and **SQ100LKK** celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Lviv Shortwave Club, founded in 1926 as Lwowski Klub Krotkofalowcow (LKK) until end 2026. "The cradle of Polish Amateur Radio", LKK was one of the largest clubs in Europe before World War II. See <https://radiodyplom.pl/ses/282> for the commemorative certificate.

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

UR, UKRAINE Special event station **EN35UKR** will be active on 1-30 August to mark the 35th anniversary of Ukraine's independence. QSL via LoTW, or via UT2UCN.

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>

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

VU, INDIA AT90VANI, operated by Manmohan, VU3YBH, celebrates the 90th anniversary of the All India Radio broadcaster until August 16.

YO, ROMANIA YR100RC is the special callsign celebrating the centenary of Radioclubul Craiova (18 March 1926), Romania's first amateur radio club. Look for activity until 30 September. A certificate will be available on <https://hamlog.online/club/romania/1786/>.

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 end 2026. QSL via LoTW; paper QSL cards will not be available.

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

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

ZB, GIBRALTAR ZB2FTY celebrates 50 years of Amateur Radio on Gibraltar during 2026. QSL direct via ZB2BU.

ZL, NEW ZEALAND ZL100AA is the special callsign celebrating the centenary of the Auckland Amateur Radio Club (ZL1AA), which was formed alongside and as a branch to the New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters (NZART)

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.

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.

Astronomy picture of the week by Jim Danielson, AC9EZ

A beautiful moon shot!

