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DX News

RI1FJZ Franz Josef Land -update by R9LR September 16

The team is doing well. We will be operating on shared digital frequencies. Due to the current regime and security concerns, movement is severely restricted: at least 14 bear dens have been identified in the protected area, and there is a risk of encounters with polar bears. Internet access is available, but minimal and intermittent.

HF bands

While working in CW and SSB, FT8* we will stick to the following frequencies, taking into account QRM, kHz:

CW	1835	3535	7035	10125	14035	18085	21035	24905	28035
SSB		3675	7175		14175 (14275)	18155	21275	24975	28475
FT8	1839	3570	7056	10133	14095	18097	21095	24925	28095

* When working in FT8 we will use frequencies outside the main range. If on the specified frequencies FT8 we will not be called, we will move to the main area.

To work in FT8 we will use the MSHV program in multithreaded mode. (not superfox)

RI1FJL Franz Josef Land -update by Vasily R7AL

Today is the sixth day of our yacht voyage (back to Murmansk). The wind has died down, the seas are less choppy, and we have the opportunity to write a few more words about the results of RI1FJL's expedition and our personal impressions.

As DX hunters know, the RUDXT team has conducted numerous DXCC and IOTA expeditions to various corners of the world: Africa, South America, Oceania, and the Middle East—over the years. We've grown year after year, gaining experience and improving our technical capabilities. But the idea of an expedition to Franz Josef Land, Russia's only rare DX territory and, simultaneously, the northernmost DXCC territory in the world, has been haunting us for the past few years.

You've got to admit, what a team this is – one that has travelled to so many countries but neglects its own, especially one that's more in demand. It all started with my personal acquaintance with Anatoly UA1OIW in 2022. Anatoly is a polar explorer who wintered at E. Krenkel's station on Heiss Island. He agreed to assist us in negotiations with Roshydromet. Then began a tedious correspondence, searching for possible delivery options, and so on.

<https://www.dx-world.net/ri1fjl-franz-josef-land/>

VK9WX Willis Island -update by Sands

Appreciate the contacts, thank you all. Unfortunately, I am unable to cater to SKED requests as I don't have a set schedule for being on the air. I live and work here on the island and get on the air when time permits.

DXCC

This week on air

5W, SAMOA Jacek, SP5EAQ will be active from Apia as 5W0AF starting on September 21 for 3 weeks. Operation from 40 to 10 metres using SSB. QSL via SP7DQR OQRS.

8Q, MALDIVES Juergen, DL3JH will once again be operating as 8Q7JH between September 20 and October 10. Activity on 20, 15 and 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, bureau or direct.

8R, GUYANA Aldir, PY1SAD is once again operating as 8R1TM until October 11. Operation on all bands using CW, SSB, digi and SAT. QSL via home call direct and LoTW.

9N, NEPAL Suvarna, OM0GA is active as 9N/call until September 19. QRV from 40 to 10 metres

using mainly CW. QSL via OQRS Club Log.

FR, REUNION ISL Ludovic F1TEQ will be active as FR/call from September 19 until September 26. Operation on HF. Follow F1TEQ on X for updates.

JD1, OGASAWARA Rudi, DK7PE is operating as JD1/JG1PFR until September 19. This will be a one week CW operation. Ogasawara has no airport, so getting there is already part of the adventure.

KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA Yuri YL2GM and Eugene EA5EL are operating as KH8WW from Aunu'u Island until September 24. QRV on various bands and modes.

<https://www.lral.lv/kh8ww/index.html>

PJ2, CURACAO Randy, K5SL will be active as PJ2/call from September 18 until September 26. Operation from 40 to 17 metres using CW only. QSL via home call.

RI/F, FRANZ JOSEF LAND The team RI1FJZ is active until September 25 if all goes well. Wasily RA1ZZ, Eugene UA6EX, Vladimir R9LR, Nick R3CN, Dmitry RA9USU and Eugene RW6MD will be active from 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. EME, LEO sat and QO-100 depending the location. Log search by Club Log. QSL via R9LR. <https://ri1fjz.ru/en/>

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

T32, CHRISTMAS ISL Ken, KH6QJ is active again as T32AZ from Kiritimati (Christmas Island, OC-024), East Kiribati in September and October. An entry is included in the Oceania DX Contest (3- 4 October), and maybe the Arizona QSO Party (10-11 October). QSL via KH6QJ, direct or bureau.

V4, ST KITTS Tom K0YA / V47YA and Toni W5RCX / V47RCX are operating until September 30. QRV from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT8 in 'holiday-style'. QSL via LoTW.

V5, NAMIBIA Gunter, DK2WH is operating as V51WH 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.

On the scene...YM7KK/0 Giresun Island AS-154 -now QRT



V5, NAMIBIA Hanspeter, HB9BFM is QRV as V5/call until September 20. QRV from different locations between 16-19 UTC in Olivia 8/250 at 14072.000kHz.

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.

VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS Rick, K5UR (President of ARRL) is active as VP5/call until September

17. Operation on HF using CW and FT8 with some SSB. QSL via LoTW.

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.

YJ, VANUATU Barry, KD6XU is active as YJ0BP until early October. Barry mentions: *'I'm on the island of Efate and will be operating from a beach house on the south side, as well as doing some portable operations at a couple of POTA sites. Then, later on if weather permits, I plan to make my way to Erromango and operate there as well as Tanna (both OC-035).'*

Coming up soon

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/>

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.

FH, MAYOTTE Ludovic F1TEQ will be active as FH/call from September 26 until September 30. Operation on HF. Follow F1TEQ on X for updates.

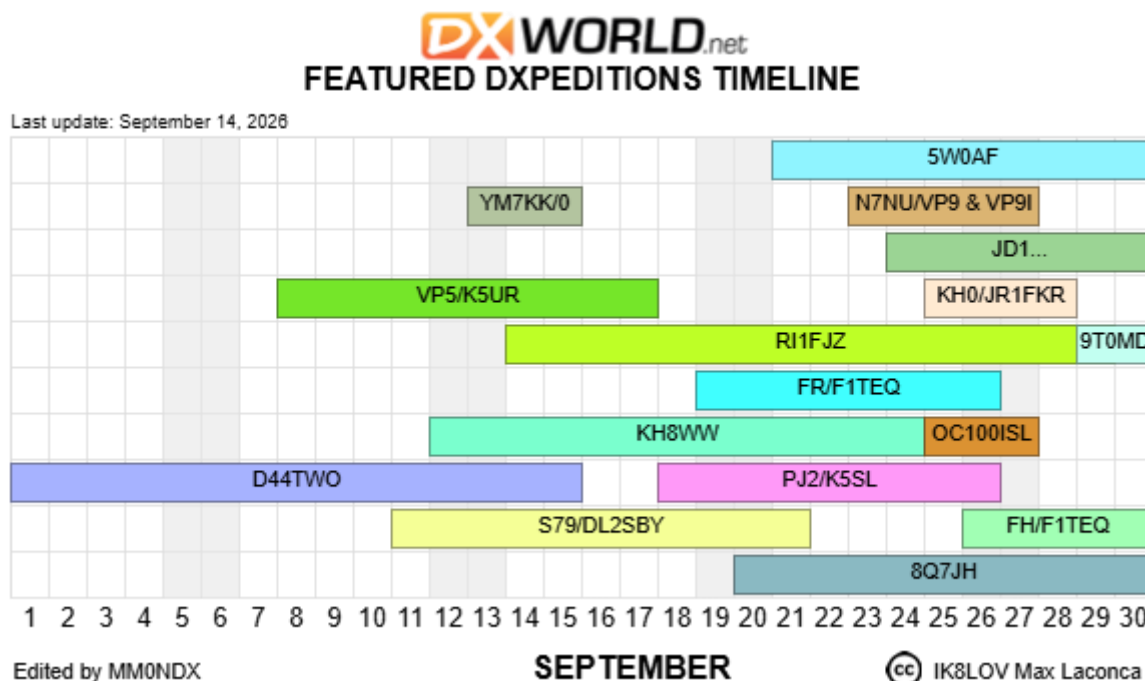
JD1, OGASAWARA From September 24 to October 6 look for Take JA1UII (as JD1BON), Koji JI1LET (as JD1BOI), Take JE1NVD/JD1 and Koji JI1CRM/JD1 will be active from Chichijima, Ogasawara Islands during September 24 to October 6. QRV on various bands & modes using a combination of antennas, including Spiderbeam, dipoles and TA33jr yagi. QSL via LoTW.

KH0, MARIANA ISL Chusuke, JR1FKR will be QRV as KH0/call during September 25-28. QRV in 'holiday-style' on 40, 17, 15, 10 and 6 metres using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW.

On the scene...S79/DL2SBY Maldives



DXCC timeline



IOTA

This week on air

EUROPE

EU-024 Sant Antioco Isl Alberto, IK2GAO and Elli IU2SMJ are QRV as IM0/calls until September 20. Operation on 40, 20 and 10 metres using CW. QSO upload via LoTW.

EU-049 Samos Isl Dirk, ON5CT is operating as J48S until October 10. Operation from 80 to 10 metres using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT4/8. An entry in the CQWW RTTY contest is included. Log upload to Club Log. QSL via LoTW.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-007 Southampton Isl Mike, VE2XB is active as VY0ZOO until September 23. QRV from 80 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via home call direct.

NA-067 Ocracoke Isl Jon, WB8YJF is once again QRV as call/4 until September 19. Operation using CW, FT4/8, RTTY and some SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW and Club Log.

SOUTH AMERICA

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>

Coming up soon

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-052 San Lorenzo Isl Eduardo OA4BSA, César OA4CLU, Diego OA4DKN, Giancarlo OA4DSN, Carlos OA4EBQ, Manuel OA4ECK and Juan Carlos OA4EEE will operate as OC100ISL (ARLHS PER-006) during September 25-27. QRV from 80 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and digi.

<https://www.qrz.com/db/OC100ISL>

On the scene...KH8WW American Samoa



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

C6, BAHAMAS Eric, K9GY will be operating as C6AYM during February 18-23. Operation from 80 to 10 metres using CW only. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included. QSL via LoTW.

D4, CAPE VERDE Giovanni, IZ2DPX will be active D44PX from Boa Vista during November 4-11. Operation from 40 to 6 metres using SSB and FT4/8. He will use a combination of dipoles and verticals with a FT-891. QSL via home call, OQRS.

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN Garry, KC9EE will be QRV as PJ7EE from November 18 until December 2. An entry in the CQWW CW Contest is included. Outside the contest he will focus on HF using FT8 towards Asia and 6 meter FT8 to NA.

V6, MICRONESIA Haru, JA1XGI will be active as V6XG from January 14 until January 22, 2027. He says the main purpose of this dx-vacation is to make QSOs with stations in Europe, North America, and South America on 160 meters, but he will also be setting up antennas for other bands covering 80 meter to 6 meter. <https://islandvacation.amebaownd.com/>

THE REMINDERS

Look for Chris DL1MGB in 'holiday-style':

FS, ST MARTIN FS/call November 30 – December 9

VP2E, ANGUILLA call to be announced November 20-23

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN PJ7WW November 23-30

Operation from 160 to 10 metres on PJ7, 40 to 10 metres on VP2E and FS. An entry in the CQWW

CW contest is included from PJ7. QSL via home call, OQRS and LoTW.

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 Dxpedition 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-DXpedition>

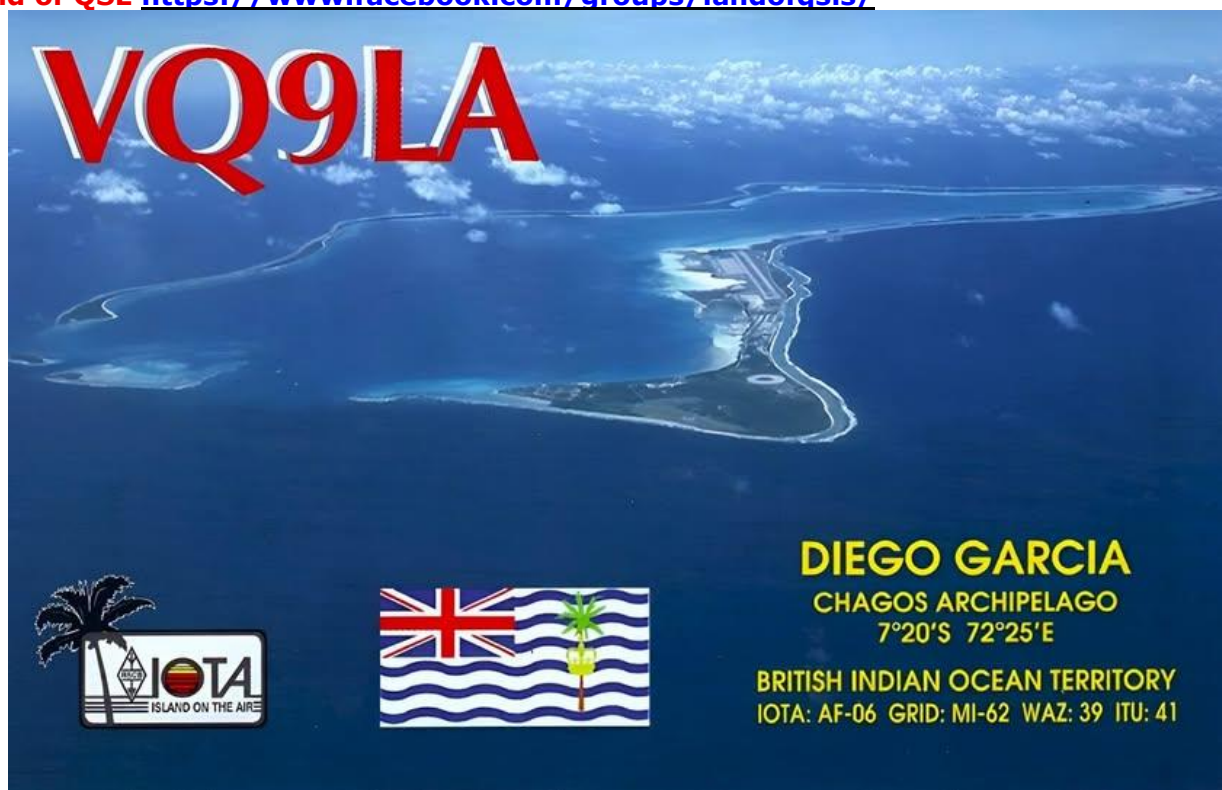
4K, AZERBAIJAN Jan, DL4XT will be back as 4K/DL4XT this summer for 2 weeks. More to follow. [Youth Contest Team](#)

5H, TANZANIA Maurizio, IK2GZU will once again be operating as 5H3MB from October 18 until November 18. QRV from 80 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and digi. Also QO-100. QSL via Club Log, LoTW or via home call. Maurizio is a volunteer at the Ikelu hospital in the South Highlands.

5H, TANZANIA Rafal SP3RK will be operating as 5H1RK during December 23 and January 6. QRV from 20 to 10 metres using mainly FT8, FT4, FT2 and some CW; QRP operation. More info here. <https://www.qrz.com/db/5H1RK>

5H, TANZANIA Chas NK8O will once again be QRV as 5H3DX during November. Chas mentions: *'I will be returning to Tanzania in November to host guests from Dartmouth College. We will potentially have an influx of students and residents from a consortium of medical schools in the Northeast. Picture shows the Guest Hostel in development. Radio shack on the left below the water tank.'*

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



60, SOMALIA Pertti, OG2M will be QRV from Garowe as 602M between October 5 and October 25. Operation from 40 to 10 metres using CW and SSB during his spare time. QSL via LoTW.

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 DXpedition, 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.'

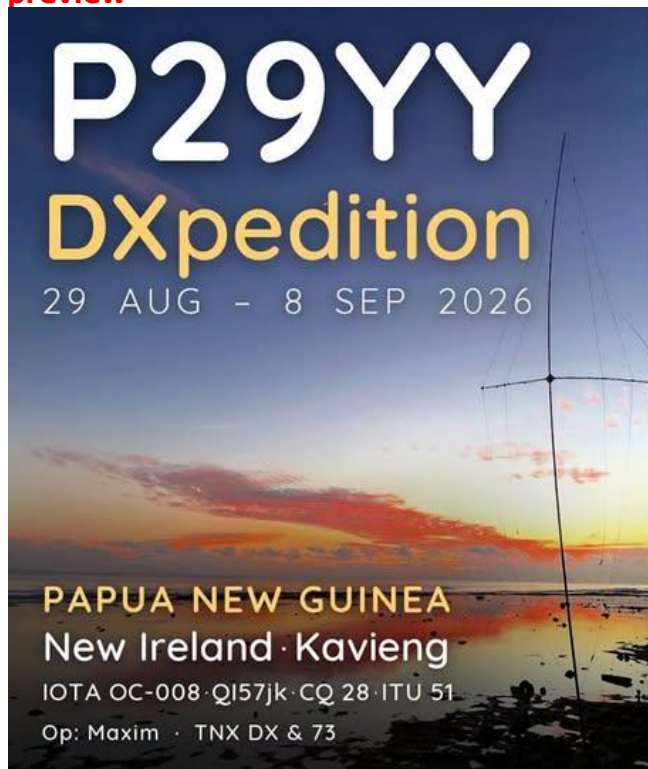
A Belgian-Dutch-American team with Paul N6PSE, Marc ON4AMX, Patrick ON4HIL, Max ON5UR, Karel ON5TN, Marc ON6CC, Wim ON6DX, Franky ON7RU, Geert ON7USB, Francis ON8AZ, Casper PA7DX and Ronald PA3EWP will be QRV on HF and perhaps QO-100 and EME. Website under construction.

6W, SENEGAL The Italian Dxpedition Team has announced their next trip to Senegal between October 28 and November 9. Look for Elvira IV3FSG, Tony I2PJA, Oscar IK2AQZ, Alfeo I1HJT, Silvano I2YSB, Franco I1FQH, Stefano IK2HKT and Angelo IK2CKR will be active as 6W/I2YSB (CW, SSB & RTTY) and 6W/IK2HKT (FT8) Operation with 4 stations on all modes and frequencies. QSL via I2YSB direct and OQRS.

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.

9H, MALTA Members of the Calabria DX Team will be operating as 9H/IQ8BV during October 10-12. QRV from 80 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSOs will be uploaded to Hrdlog in real time. Ops: Alex IK8YFU, Luigi IU8GUK, Pino I8YGZ, Edo IU8HEP. QSL via LoTW, Direct via Manager IU8HEP.

QSL preview



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>

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 Billy F4GJE will be active as C5H from December 27 until January 3. Operation from 40 to 6 metres using SSB and FT4/8 with a vertical and a long wire. QSL via home call, logs will be uploaded to Club Log and LoTW.

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.

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/>

CT9, MADEIRA Helmut, DF7EE will once again be active as CT9/call from October 20 until October 27. An entry in the CQ WW SSB contest is included as CQ3W. Planned operation on 60m also. QSL via OQRS.

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.

Guess the QSL



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 From 22 November to 2 December 2026, a team of six operators will be QRV from Grenada (J3). They will have several J3 callsigns available throughout the visit, with activity planned across the HF bands on CW, SSB and digital modes. A particular callsign to look out for

is J38W, which will be used during the CQ Worldwide CW Contest (28–29 November) in the Multi-Two category. The team consists of: Jamie M0SDV, Martin GW4XUM, Dave G3NKC, Paul G4PVM, Mike G3WPH & Rich NN3W.

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.

J7, DOMINICA Laurent FM5BH together with F5VHJ, FM5FJ and FM1HN will be active as J79BH, J79A, J79FJ and J79H from October 17 until October 27. An entry in the CQWW SSB contest is included as J75A.

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.

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.

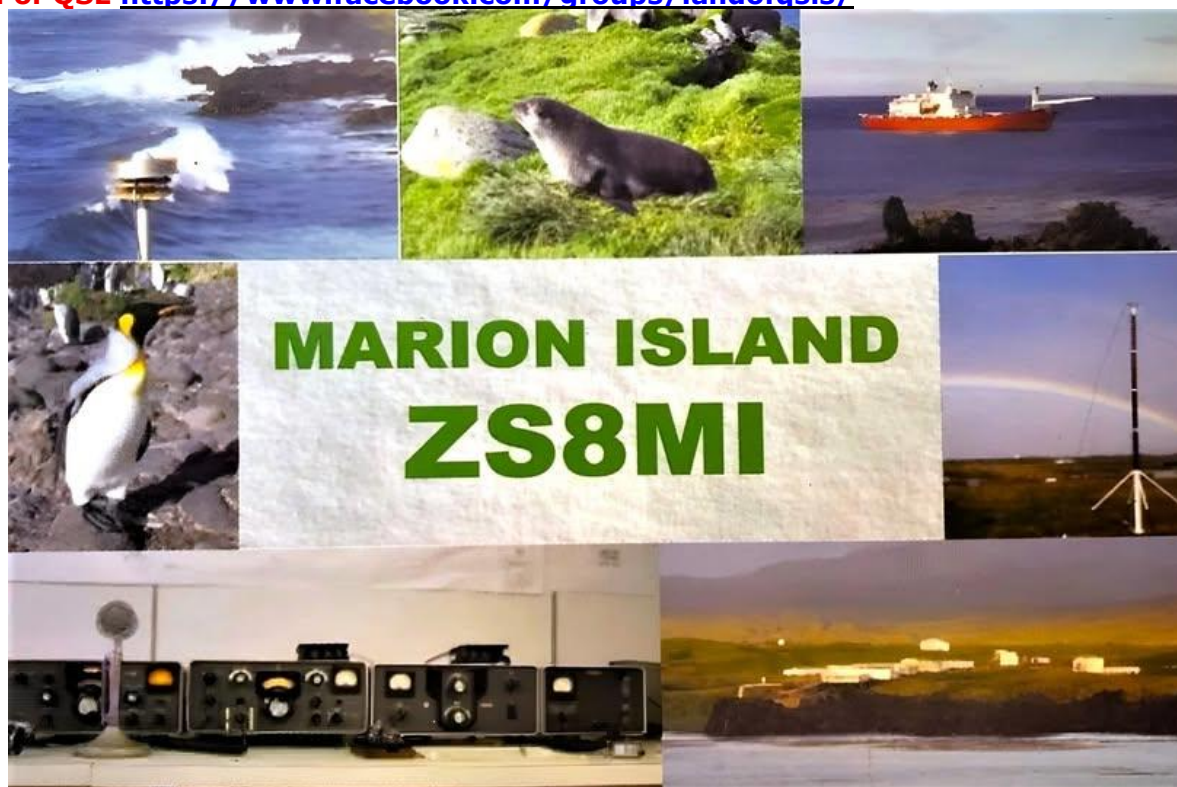
KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA A team that previous activated T2C, C21MM and V6D will now be operating as KH8A between October 29 and November 13. The team includes nine operators DJ9KH, DK5WL, DL1KWK, DL2RNS, DL4SVA, DL6KAC, DL6KVA, DL7JOM and DL7VEE. We are planning to operate 4 stations 24/7 from 160m to 6m in CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY.

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

S7, SEYCHELLES 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/>

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



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 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).

TF, ICELAND Dervin, PD9DX will once again be active as TF/call from October 7 until October 14. Operation on HF using SSB and FT4/8. An entry in the Scandinavian Activity Contest is included. QSL via M0URX.

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/>

V4, ST KITTS Jon, W5JON will once again be operating as V47JA from October 28 until November 6. Operation from 160 to 6 metres using SSB and FT8 with a Yaesu FT-3000D and Elecraft KPA500 amplifier. Antennas: Mosley MP-32N beam for 10/15/20m, 33' vertical for 10-160m and a 6m Yagi. QSL direct to W5JON or via LoTW.

On the scene...J38DX and J38LD, heading home to GM (Scotland) from J3 (Grenada) via J6 (St Lucia).



V6, MICRONESIA Masa, JM1LBO will once again be active s V63SC during October 22-26. Activity from 80 to 2 metres using FT8 and SSB. QSL via LoTW or via home call direct.

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 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.

Operating 430Mhz mobile style in JA. Picture by JM7RMZ.



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>

XT, BURKINA FASO From early January '27, XT2MAX will again be on air using an IC-7300, vertical and OCF dipole antennas. Power: 100w; modes: CW, SSB, FT8 (MSHV). QSL via DK1MAX. LoTW uploaded daily free of charge. This won't be a 24/7 activity, says Max. Check QRZ page for further updates.

ZA, ALBANIA John, AE5X will be active as ZA/call from October 8 until October 30. Operation in

'holiday-style' with POTA sites as priority. Operation CW only. More on <https://ae5x.blogspot.com/>
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 2027. 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/>

On the scene...V55A during the WAE SSB contest



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-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-058 Sapelo Isl The Sapelo Island Expedition Group will be active with Ricky K4JTT, Ian NV4C and Tim WK4U as N4N during October 8-11. This operation commemorates the 16th anniversary of the group's first Sapelo Island activation during International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend in 2010. Amateur radio operators around the world are invited to work N4N as the team operates from one of Georgia's most unique barrier islands.

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.

Guess the QSL



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-101 Alexander Selkirk Isl Moises CE3VTZ and Felip XQ7IR will be operating as XR0Z for about 10 days in October. Activity from 160 to 10 metres using FT8, CW and SSB with 2 stations. The team will establish their shack at a shelter located 1,057 meters (3,468 feet) above sea level. Reaching the site is a tough physical and logistical undertaking. Getting there involves a four-hour, seven-kilometre hike from the village to the mountain summit. To transport all necessary equipment each operator will carry a 15 kg backpack, with additional support provided by local fishermen. Bookmark <https://www.xr0z.net/> for more information and updates. QSL via M0URX's OQRS.

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.

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



Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

F, FRANCE On Sept. 19 and 20 (the European Heritage Days), **TM73FT** operates from the Fort du Telegraphe, a once-important site in the optical telegraph network in France. QSL via bureau.

F, FRANCE The radio club Mazirat (F4KOK, dept. 03) uses the callsign **TM3CF** on Sundays during September and October, drawing attention to one of the officially recognised geographical centres of France in Nassigny.

LU, ARGENTINA Radio Club QRM Belgrano, with STC **LS2E** will activate the river "Arroyo de la Cruz" on September 26st, 2026. Look for activity on HF bands, SSB and FT8. Information available in: <https://lu4aao.org/activaciones/activacion-arroyo-de-la-cruz> and <https://www.qrz.com/db/LS2E>

ON, BELGIUM Special callsign **OT5IDPD** will be active from 4 November to 3 December for the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, whose annual observance (3 December) was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 1992. All operators will be hams with a disability. The logs will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log and eQSL; all QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau.

S2, BANGLADESH The 13th Hussars Open Rover Scout Group is pleased to announce the activation of special event station **S21HRG** for Jamboree-on-the-Air / Jamboree-on-the-Internet (JOTA-JOTI) 2026. This station will serve as an educational and operational hub. During the event they will introduce approximately 100 non-licensed Rover Scouts to the magic of amateur radio under licensed supervision.

- Dates: 16th October 2026 – 20th October 2026
- Location: Tetulia, Panchagarh, (northern) Bangladesh
- Grid: NL46el

Bands & Modes:

HF (80m–10m): SSB, FT8, CW

VHF / UHF: 2m, 70cm, and

V/U LEO Satellite Repeaters

Geostationary QO-100 (13cm Uplink / 3cm Downlink)

QSL Routes:

LoTW

Club Log

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.

9M, MALAYSIA Celebrating National Day (31 August) and Malaysia Day (16 September), several special event stations located in various Malaysian states and federal territories are expected to be activated between 22 August and 30 September. Active from East Malaysia will be **9M26MS** (Sabah) and **9M26MQ** (Sarawak). Active from West Malaysia will be **9M26MA**, **9M26MB**, **9M26MC**, **9M26MD**, **9M26MJ**, **9M26MK**, **9M26MN**, **9M26MP**, **9M26MR**, **9M26MW**, and possibly **9M26MM** and **9M26MT**. QSL via operators' instructions.

CE, CHILE On the occasion of the 90th jubilee of the Radio Club Rancagua (CE4RG), the club members will use the special event callsign **XR90RG** until the end of the year. QSL direct via CE4RG.

DL, GERMANY The International Day of Democracy (September 15th) is celebrated with the callsign **DMOCRACY** throughout the month, with the special DOK IDD26. QSL via OQRS, LoTW, DARC DCL, bureau, or direct via DK5ON.

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 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.

DL, GERMANY **DB26YLB** (for the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup 2026) and **DMOCRACY**

(for International Day of Democracy) are two special call-signs to be used by the DARC Team SES between 1 and 30 September. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, DCL (DARC Community Logbook), or via DK5ON.

DL, GERMANY The 125th birthday of Rudolf Hell, inventor of the the HELL/Feld-HELL mode, will be celebrated with the special event callsign **DA125RH** from October 1 until the end of the year. More information on QRZ.com.

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.

On the scene...team KH8WW American Samoa



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>

EA, SPAIN Special event callsign **ED3PDA** (19-20 September). QSL via EA1AUM (direct or bureau), LoTW and eQSL. More information, including online logs and downloadable certificates, can be found at <https://asturias.dxfun.com>

F, FRANCE Nicolas, F4HZS mentions: During Pope Leo XIV's trip to France, I will briefly activate two special call signs: **TM26SP** (26 for 2026, SP for Saint Père / Sancte Pater) and **TM14LEO** (LEOn 14). From JN19VS HF Bands, September 23 to September 30. QSL via buro.

F, FRANCE The Radio Club Vendeen (F6KUF) will be active as **TM4GGR** at various times between

7 September and 9 October. The special callsign's suffix stands for Golden Globe Race, the single-handed, round-the-world sailing race without assistance that will start from Les Sables-d'Olonne, France on 6 September. QSL via F6KUF (bureau) or F5OEV (direct). See the TM4GGR portal on <https://live.f6kuf.fr/> for much more information

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>.

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": **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/>

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: **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 Members of the radio club PI4CQ will activate the callsign **PH82MG** from September 15 to 20 from the Airstrip B-82 Grave.

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 Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Polish State Railways (Polskie Koleje Panstwowe), special callsigns **3Z100PKP, HF100PKP, SN100PKP, SO100PKP, SP100PKP, and SQ100PKP** will be active on 1-30 September. Certificates and eQSLs will be available on HamAward (<https://hamaward.cloud>)

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

TA, TURKEY A team of TRAC (Türkiye Amateur Radio Society) operators will activate special event station **TC8KHT** from Karahantepe in Şanlıurfa province — the largest site of the Taş Tepeler ("Stone Hills") archaeological landscape and sister site of Göbekli Tepe. Raised around 9400 BCE, before agriculture, pottery or writing, Karahantepe's chambers of T-shaped pillars are among the oldest monumental architecture on Earth — and for three days, radio waves will rise from it for the first time. QRV 18-20 September 2026 on 80-10 m in SSB, CW and FT8/FT4, and via the QO-100 geostationary satellite, from grid KM97PC. All QSOs will be confirmed via QRZ Logbook and eQSL.

TF, ICELAND TF80IRA is the special callsign used by the club station of Icelandic Radio Amateurs (IRA) to celebrate the 80th anniversary since the foundation of Iceland's IARU member society (14 August 1947). Look for activity between 14 August and 31 December. QSL via the bureau, direct, and LoTW.

UR, UKRAINE Special callsigns **EO210WLP** and **EM70WWW** will be active from 1 September until 31 December for the 210th anniversary of the Lviv Polytechnic National University, and for the 70th anniversary of the Polytechnic's club station. QSLs via LoTW; see qrz.com for the certificates available for QSOs made with the special calls.

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.

W, USA Organized by the Citrus Belt ARC for the 25th year in a row, the annual Route 66 On The Air special event celebrates the historic US Highway 66, officially established 100 years ago. Twenty-three amateur radio stations using 1x1 callsigns (**W6A-W6W**) will be QRV from cities and communities along the "Mother Road" on 12-20 September. See <https://w6jbt.org/> for complete information about the event.

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 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.

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