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DX news

FT8 mode and working DX, by Marc DO4DXA

More and more stations and DXpeditions are using the new FT8 mode. It's a great mode, but there has to be some improvement in the operating procedure (with the current software) when working DXpeditions or rare DX stations in general. When there are a couple callers at the same time on the same frequency in FT8 it's nearly impossible to decode anyone. See the article at <https://dx-world.net/ft8-mode-and-working-dx/>

PJ7 and FS DXpedition cancelled due to hurricanes

~~PJ7, SINT-MAARTEN~~

~~FS, ST-MARTIN~~

~~Joe W3HNK and James K3NK will be operating from October 23 until November 1. Joe will be QRV as PJ7A and FS5KA (SSB). James will be active as PJ7/K3NK and as FS/K3NK (CW and digital). QSL via homecalls.~~

DXCC

This week on HF

3B8, MAURITIUS Hans, PA3HGT is active as 3B8/call until September 22. Activity on 40, 20 and 10 meter. QSL via home call.

5T, MAURITANIA A team with Petr OK1BOA, Palo OK1CRM, David OK6DJ, Petr OK1FCJ, Pavel OK1GK, Ruda OK2ZA and Karel OK2ZI are active as 5T5OK until September 29. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via OK6DJ, OQRS and LoTW. <http://www.cdpx.cz/>

5W, SAMOA Al, K7AR is operating as 5W0RA until September 28. Operation on all bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, logsearch on Club Log.

7X, ALGERIA Rodrigo, EA7JX is operating as 7U1X from Djelfa until September 25. Operation on HF and 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. An entry in the CQWW RTTY Contest is included. QSL via Club Log OQRS or via home call, direct or bureau. <http://www.7u1x.com/>

A2, BOTSWANA Pavel R2AD, Yuri RM0F and Elena RC5A are operating as A25BE, A25BI and A25SP until September 25. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via homecalls, OQRS Club Log and LoTW.

A3, TONGA Haru, JR4OZR will be active during the CQWW RTTY DX Contest (September 23-24) as A35W. QSL via JJ2VLY, LoTW.

CT3, MADEIRA A German team with DF5EM, DF6QV, DG7JB, DJ8NK, DJ9RR, DK4QT, DL6TK and DM3BJ is QRV as CR3W until September 27. An entry in the CQWW RTTY DX Contest is included. Outside the contest they will sign as CT9/call. QSL via DL5AXX, OQRS and LoTW.

E6, NIUE Grant, VK5GR is active in 'holiday-style' as E6AG until September 24. Operation from 40 to 6 meter, perhaps on 80 meter also using digital modes and some SSB. QSL via OQRS (details coming soon). <http://www.e6ag.net/>

FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA Heinz, DL1YP is active again as FO/call from Moorea (OC-046) until October 1. QRV on 20, 17 and 15 meter using SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

FP, ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON Members of the Cambridge University Wireless Society are operating as FP/M0WUT, FP/M0BLF, FP/DK2AB, FP/G3ZAY, FP/DH5FS and FP/G7VJR. QRV until September 23 on HF using all modes. QSL via homecalls and Club Log OQRS.

FR, REUNION ISL Alain, F8FUA will be operating as FR/call between September 22 and September 28. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call.

GU, GUERNSEY A Belgian team with ON4ANN, ON4CCV, ON5PDV, ON2BDJ, ON4ACP, ON6MI, ON8CW and ON4AAQ is operating as MU/ON6NB until September 24. Special attention goes to 160, 80, 40 and 30 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via M0URX.

HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN Tina DL5YL and Fred DL5YM will once again be operating as HB0/calls until October 7. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using mainly CW with some RTTY and SSB. QSL via homecalls.

JD1, OGASAWARA Take, JA1UII will be active again as JD1BON from Chichijima from September 21 until September 30. All QSO's will be confirmed automatically via bureau and LoTW, for direct cards via home call.

OH0, ALAND ISLANDS Wolfgang DK2DO, Rainer DL1ZBO and Peter DL5FF are once again QRV as OH0JWL until September 25. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW and RTTY. QSL via DK2DO (CW) or via DL5FF (RTTY), bureau or direct.

P4, ARUBA Mike KB8KB and Jim K8JH will be QRV as P40M and P40N from September 27 until October 3. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via homecalls.

PJ4, BONAIRE Ant, MW0JZE is QRV as PJ4/call until September 30. Operation on HF using SSB and RTTY. QSL via M0OXO OQRS.

PY0F, FERNANDO DE NORONHA Leo, PP1CZ will once again be active as PY0F/PP1CZ between September 22 and September 27. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via OQRS.

SU, EGYPT Christian, DM4DX is currently living in Cairo and is QRV during his spare time as SU/call until November. QSL via LoTW.

SV5, DODECANESE Claudio, HB9OAU is QRV as SV5/call from Karpathos. Operation until September 22. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW.

SV9, CRETE Ron, WB2GAI is QRV as SV9/call/P until September 29. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW. QSL via home call.

T8, PALAU Look for JA3KIO as T88XA and JA3JND as T88ON until September 28 from Koror. QSL via homecalls, direct or bureau.

TZ, MALI Fredo, TZ4PR is active from northern Mali until October. QSL via F1UIJ, direct.

V2, ANTIGUA Bud AA3B and Brian N3OC will once again be QRV as V26OC and V26K between September 26 and October 2. Operation on HF using CW, RTTY and FT8. QSL via homecalls, LoTW and OQRS.

V3, BELIZE Victor, WB0TEV will be operating as V31VP during the CQWW RTTY contest. Also operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, Club Log OQRS.

V6, MICRONESIA Yutake, JH1MLO will be operating as V63MLO from South Park Hotel, Pohnpei. Operation between September 27 and October 1. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call.

V6, MICRONESIA Chusuke, JR1FKR will be operating as V63FKR from South Park Hotel, Pohnpei between September 27 and October 2. Operation on HF. QSL via home call.

XW, LAOS Champ, E21EIC will be active as XW1IC between September 21 and September 25. Operation from 80 to 6 meter with an entry in the CQWW RTTY contest. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW or via home call direct.

YB, INDONESIA Bert, PD1SA is active as YB1/call until October 2. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

Z2, ZIMBABWE David, G4NRT is active as Z21NRT from Harare. Operation until September 29 from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call, LoTW.

ZL7, CHATHAM ISL Chris ZL2DX and Catherine ZL2QT are now active as ZL7DX. QSL via M0OXO. ZL7DX, Chris, says he and ZL2QT, Catherine, do not yet have their longer term accommodations and are still in a studio apartment size place with no room for radio yet. He is working on it and hopes the wait for a better QTH will not be too much longer. The space limitation also has unpacking the shipping containers with the gear in them on hold. They plan to be there for three years and operate on HF and 6 EME.

Coming up soon

H40, TEMOTU PROVINCE Stan, LZ1GC will once again be QRV as H40GC between September 30 and October 20. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, PSK and RTTY. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW. <http://www.c21gc.com/>

SV5, DODECANESE Oliver, DK7TX will be active as SV5/call from Kos, Kalymnos, Nisyros and Telendos between October 3 and October 13. Operation in 'holiday-style'. QSL via home call.

VK9C, COCOS KEELING ISLAND

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND

Chris VK3FY, Lee VK3GK, Tony VK3TZ, Luke VK3HJ, Peter VK3FN and David K3LP will be active as VK9XI from Christmas and as VK9CI from Cocos Keeling Isl.

-Christmas Isl from October 2 until October 10

-Cocos Keeling Isl from October 10 until October 17

Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY with a focus on the low bands. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS.

<http://christmascocos2017.vkdxq.com/index.php/category/news/>

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND

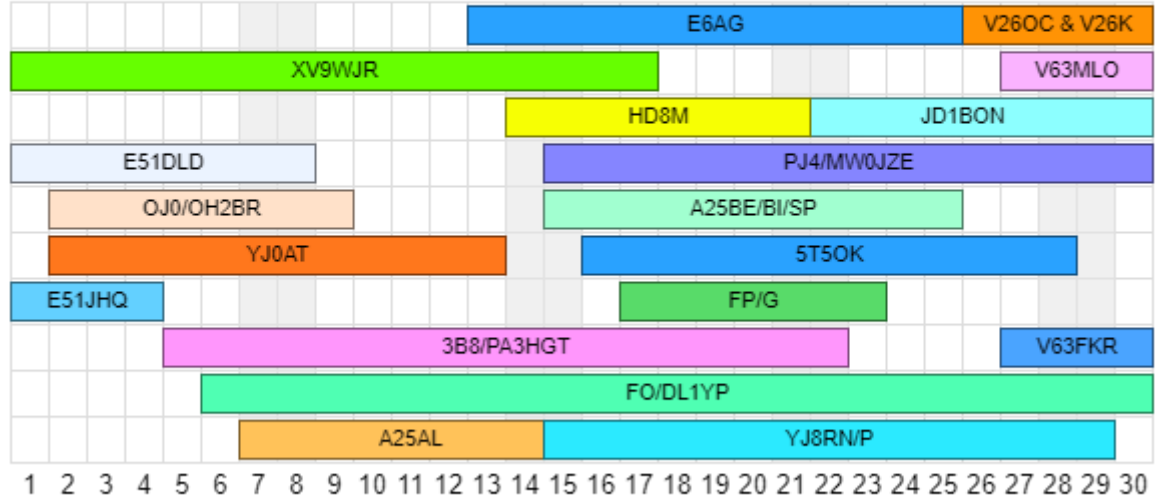
Lance, W7GJ is operating as VK9XGJ between October 2 and October 18. This will be a 6 meter EME DXpedition. QSL via home call, direct only.

<http://www.bigskyspaces.com/w7gj/>

DXCC Timeline

DXWORLD.net FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

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On the scene

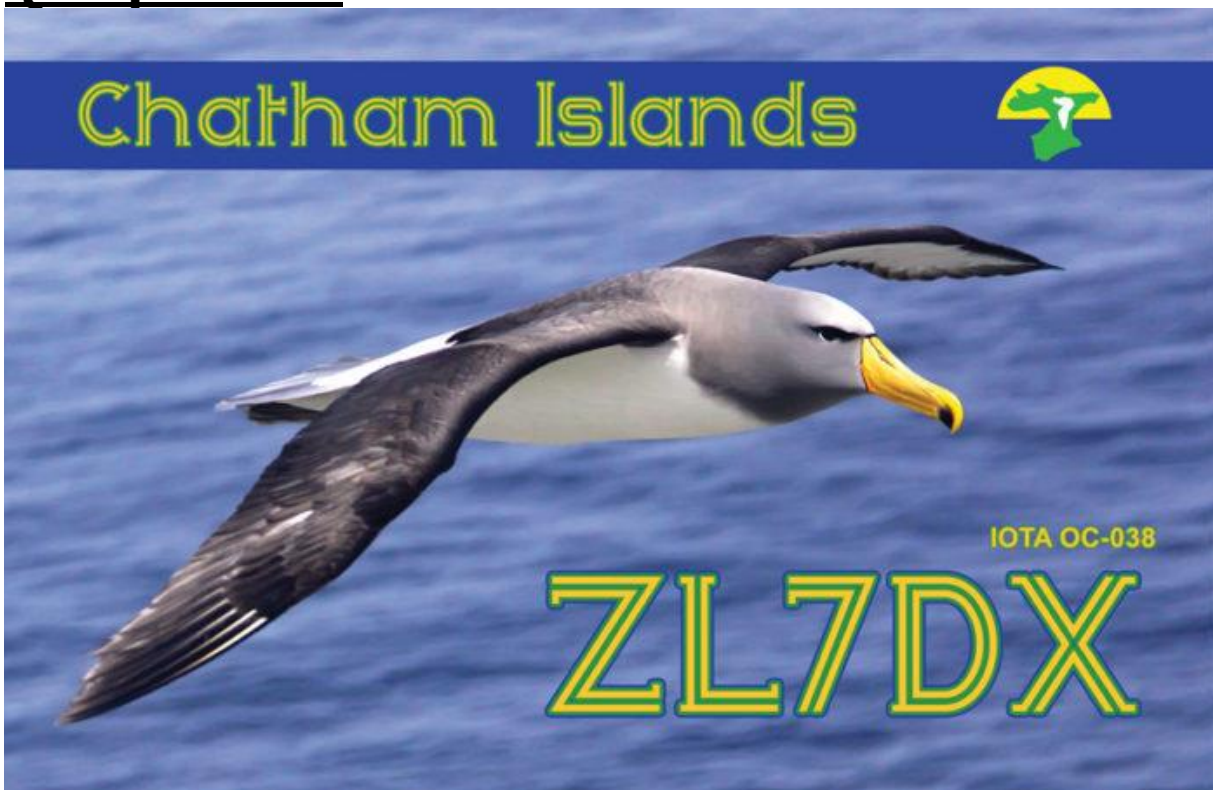
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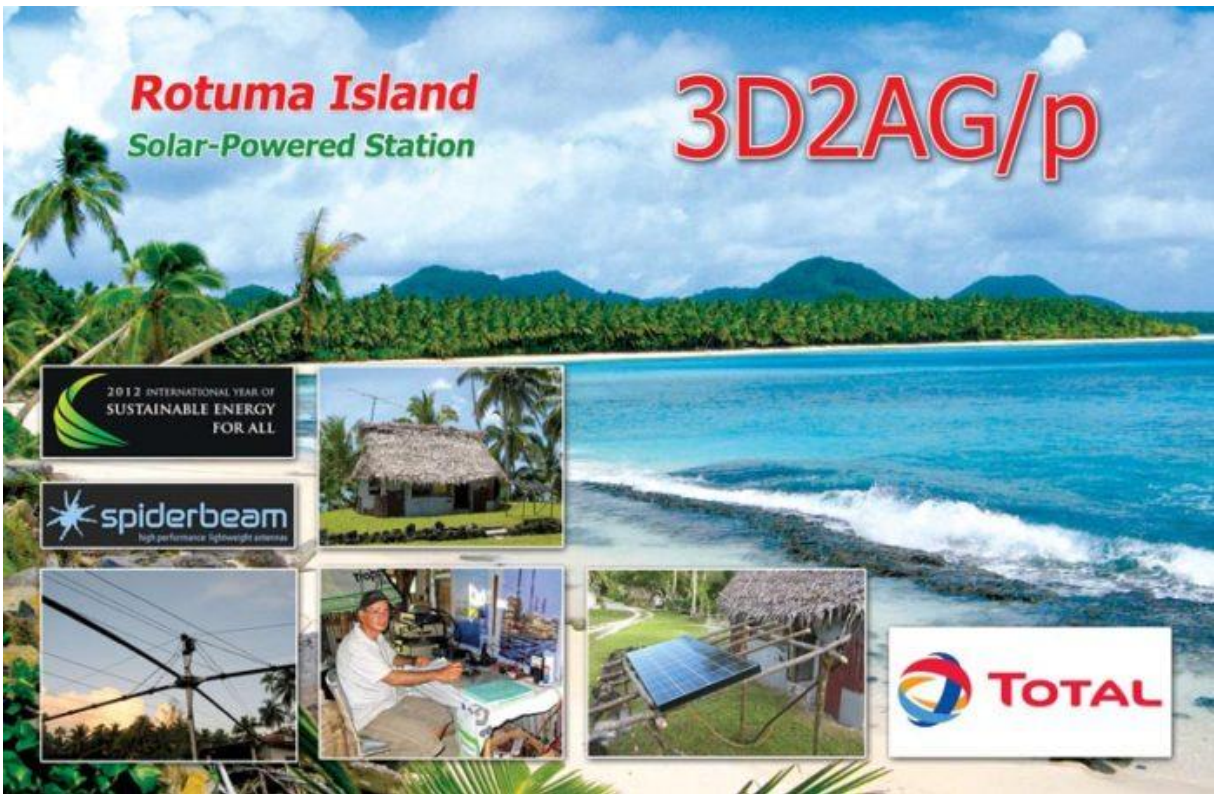


5T50K QTH



QSL preview





IOTA

The IOTA'S marked with a yellow box are claimed by less than 25% of IOTA participants. These IOTAs are rather rare. Follow the link to find out more.

This week on HF

ASIA

AS-037 Kami Koshiki Look for JA4GXS/6 on September 24-25. Activity on 40, 30, 20 and 17 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS037>

EUROPE

EU-037 Oland Isl Stefan, DF8HS is active as SM7/call until September 30. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU037>

EU-045 Ventotene Isl Aurelio IZ8EGM and Pasquale IK0JAY will be operating as IB0C between September 22 and September 24. QSL via Club Log OQRS or via IZ8EGM direct only. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU045>

EU-125 Fanoe Isl Members of the DARC Bad Salzungen ARC will be operating as OZ/calls between September 23 and September 30. Operators are DJ2AS, DH8WW, DL1AQU, DL2AMT, DL3ARK, DL4AMK and DL5ASE.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU125>

EU-171 Vendsyssel Isl Tom, DL4VM is QRV as OZ/call until October 7. Activity on 40 and 20 meter. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

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

EU-187 Gavdos Isl Joerg, DM1OS will be operating as SV9/call between September 23 and September 25. Operation in 'holiday-style' around the SSB IOTA frequencies. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU187>

OCEANIA

OC-042 Luzon Isl Mike, W6QT is active as DU3/call until December 31. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using all modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW.

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

OC-110 Loh Isl <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc110>

Rod is QRV as YJ8RN/P during his spare time from Loh Island until September 29. QSL via NZ4DX.

Coming up soon

AFRICA

AF-104 Grand Cavallo Isl The Radio Club of Djelfa with the cooperation of ARU will conduct a DXpedition as 7Y7AI from September 30 until October 10. Operation on HF. QSL via 7X2DD. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AF104>

ASIA

AS-096 St Mary Isl A large team from India will operate from September 30 until October 1 as AT7M. The team will be active on HF using battery power. QSL via VU3NPI. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS096>

<http://www.vu2.in/>

EUROPE

EU-190 Viktoriya Isl The RI1F team (up to 12 ops) depart for the NEW IOTA on September 27, 2017. Depending on sea conditions, it should take approx 3-4 days to reach the island so we expect them to be active from October 1 until October 7.

[Bookmark for updates. https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU190](https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU190)

NORTH AMERICA

NA-213 Dauphin Isl Steve, KJ4KKI will be operating from Dauphin between October 2 and October 5. Operation most likely on 20 and 40 meters. QSL via home call and LoTW. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA213>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

3D2, ROTUMA Next 3D2AG/P expedition is scheduled for February-March 2018 and will have a high focus on low bands.

J6, ST LUCIA Gary K9AW/J68GD is assembling a 5 band Hex beam in preparation for the coming CQWW contests during October/November. Both SSB and CW this year. QSL via home call, direct only or LoTW.

HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL An Argentinian team featuring LU3YK, LU5FF, LU7VB, LU7YS, LU8YD and LU9VEA will be active from San Cristobal as HC8LU between November 29 and December 8. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using SSB, JT65, FT8, PSK31 + SAT. QSL via IK2DUW. <https://hc8lu.blogspot.be/>

KG4, GUANTANAMO BAY Henry, W2DZO will be QRV a HG4HH from October 6 until October 9. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, direct only.

P4, ARUBA Mathias, DL4MM will be active as P4/call from January 24 until January 31, 2018. An entry in the CQWW 160 CW contest is included as P40AA. Outside the contest he will focus on the low bands. QSL via home call.

PJ4, BONAIRE Eric K9ES and Charles AD4ES will be QRV between November 21 and November 28. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included as PJ4E and PJ4I. Outside the contest they sign PJ4/calls. QSL via homecalls and LoTW.

T32, EAST KIRIBATI Ken, KH6QJ will once again be QRV as T32AZ from Crystal Lodge. Activity from October 5 until October 10 on 40, 20 and 15 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

VP2M, MONTERRAT Look for Dennis N0SMX / VP2MMX and George K2DM / VP2MDG during the CQWW SSB DX contest. QSL via LoTW.

ZD7, ST HELENA Bill, G0VDE will be operating as ZD7VDE starting around October 14. Activity on HF using SSB and some digital modes. QSL via Club Log OQRS. See Bill's website for more details. <http://www.sthelenadx.com/>

THE REMINDERS

3B7, AGALEGA and ST BRANDON Seb, F5UFX announces 'after our successful dxpeditions to tromelin (ft4ta) and juan de nova (ft4ja), we are very happy to announce our new project. Our team will be active from Saint Brandon island 3B7 in March-April 2018 for a two weeks operation. more details to follow soon!'

3B8, MAURITIUS Flavio, IW2NEF will be QRV from Pearle Beach Resort as 3B8/IW2NEF from October 16 until October 23. Operation on HF. QSL via IK2DUW.

3X, REP OF GUINEA Luc F5RAV and Gérard F5NVF will be operating as 3XY4D between October 27 and November 6. More to follow.

3Y, BOUVET ISL A large team led by Bob K4UEE, Erling LA6VM and Ralph K0IR will be operating from the most remote place on earth as 3Y0Z. The DXpedition is taking place early 2018. QSL via N200. <http://www.dx-world.net/3y0z-bouvet-2018/>
<http://www.bouvetdx.org/>

5X, UGANDA Anton, ON6NL will again be active from Entebbe, Uganda as 5X8C at the end of October 2017. Operation on HF with an entry in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29). Will try FT8 mode too. QSL via home call.

6W, SENEGAL Dave, VE9CB will be operating during the CQWW CW Contest (November 25-26). Operation as 6W1SU from 80 to 10 meter. QSL via M0URX OQRS, LoTW.

6Y, JAMAICA Look for AA4V, N4SF, K8AJA and W4HE as 6Y4V, 6Y4F, 6Y4J and 6Y4E from October 21 until October 31. An entry in the CQ WW DX SSB contest is included as 6Y4V. QSL see ops instructions.

8P, BARBADOS Mac, WT4BT will be operating as 8P9MT from November 4 until November 10. Operation on HF. QSL via LoTW.

8P, BARBADOS Operators Bob WB2YQH/8P9RN, Steve WF2S/8P9SL and Bob W2KZZ/8P9KZ will be active from Christchurch from October 17 until October 25. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via Club Log OQRS, homecalls and LoTW.

8Q, MALDIVES Roland, HB9VQQ will be QRV from Kandima Island Resort. Operation as 8Q7HB from December 22 until December 30 on HF. QSL via home call.

8Q, MALDIVES John, MM0VEG will be QRV in 'holiday-style' as 8Q7BI from October 7 until October 16. Operation exclusively on 20 meter using SSB or PSK31 if conditions are poor. QSL via home call, direct, logsearch on Club Log and LoTW.

9G, GHANA A team with S54W, S57GM, S57SU, S57UN, S59A, S59ZZ and OZ7AM will be active from Kokrobite as 9G5W. Activity from November 21 until November 29.

Operation from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via S59ZZ and LoTW. <https://ghana.si/>

9M0, SPRATLY ISLAND Originally announced for December, the 9M0W DXpedition to the Spratly Islands has been postponed to March 10 – March 20 2018, owing to the unavailability of the resort on Layang Layang. Plans are for Hrane, YT1AD and a large group to be QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. The team has two vacant positions.

9M2, WEST MALAYSIA Rich, PA0RRS will once again be QRV as 9M2MRS between December 1 and January 30, 2018. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW, OQRS and logsearch on Club Log.

9U, BURUNDI The MDXC team led by Antonio IZ8CCW and co-leader Gabriele I2VGM will conduct their next DXpedition as 9U4M, this between November 6 and November 17. QRV with 5 stations using all band and all modes. QSL via IK2VUC, direct or bureau, LoTW, logsearch and OQRS on this website: <http://www.mdxc.org/9u4m/>

9X, RWANDA Harald, DF2WO will again be active as 9X2AW between November 15 and November 30. QSL via M0OXO.

9Y, TRINIDAD & TOBAGO Nick, VE3EY will be operating as 9Y4/call during the CQ WW CW contest (November 25-26). Focus on the low bands, WARC bands outside the contest between November 22 and November 27.

C6, BAHAMAS Rich, N0JHZ will once again be operating as C6ARW from October 23 until November 1. An entry in the CQWW DX SSB Contest is included. Outside the contest he will be active on WARC bands using SSB and CW.

CY9, ST PAUL ISL Once again, CY9C will be active during August 2018. The team with WA4DAN, N0TG, K4ZLE, AA4NC, N8AA, VA3QR, WW2DX, W2RE, N2IEN and N5TG will be operating between August 1 and August 9, 2018. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY, EME, SAT and maybe FT8. QSL via WA4DAN, LoTW, bureau and Club Log. <http://cy9c.com/index.html>

EL, LIBERIA Jeremy EI5GM, Dave EI9FBB and Col MM0NDX have been issued with the Liberian callsigns EL2GM, EL2BB and EL2EL. It's their plan to use these calls after the [5L3BI](#) activity from the LRAA (Liberia Radio Amateur Association) in Monrovia, probably on November 3rd. However, if due to bad weather / sea conditions we cannot land on the island, then we will revert to using these calls during late October / early November from mainland Liberia.

FJ, ST BARTHELEMY A team will AI5P, N0KV, W0ZA and WD0E will be active as FJ/AI5P and FJ/N0KV from October 17 until October 26. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via AI5P and N0KV.

FJ, ST BARTHELEMY A Polish team with SP3CYY, SP3GEM, SP6IXF, SP6JIU, K1CC and SP6EQZ as team leader will be operating as TO2SP from November 16 until November 30. Activity with minimum 3 stations using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via SP6IXF, OQRS and LoTW. <http://to2sp.dxing.pl/>

FK, NEW CALEDONIA Alex, 5B4ALX will be active as FK/call from a small village near Noumea. Activity between March 20 and April 4, 2018. More to follow.

J5, GUINEA BISSAU The Italian DXpedition Team will be active as J5T from November 13 until November 25. Operation with 4 stations on all bands using CW, SSB and RTTY.

QSL via I2YSB and LoTW, real-time logsearch and OQRS via <http://www.i2ysb.com/idx/>
J8, GRENADINES Brian, GW4DVB will once again be active in 'holiday-style' as J88PI from Palm Island between January 21 and January 28, 2018. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using mainly SSB. QSL via home call.

JW, SVALBARD Rene, DL2JRM will be active as JW/call from November 10 until November 13. Operation on all bands. QSL via home call.

KH1, BAKER HOWLAND ISLANDS The Dateline DX association (not recently K4M team) is announcing a DXpedition to Baker with Don N1DG, Tom N4XP, Kevin K6TD and others. Dates and other information will be provided once the vessel is arranged.

KH2, GUAM Miki, JJ2CJB will be QRV as AC2AI/KH2 between October 27 and October 30. An entry in the CQ WW SSB contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

P4, ARUBA John, W2GD will once again be operating as P40W from October 23 until October 31. An entry in the CQWW SSB contest is included. Some CW, WARC and 160 meter before and after the contest. QSL via N2MM direct only, LoTW.

PJ4, BONAIRE Look for PJ4Q (operators are W4PA, PJ4DX, PJ4NX, PJ4KY and G3XTT) during the CQ WW SSB contest on October 28-29. Before and after the contest they will focus on the WARC bands from October 23 until November 1. QSL via W4PA.

S7, SEYCHELLES Martin, G4XUM will once again be QRV as S79K during the CQ WW DX CW contest (November 25-26). QSL via G3NKC.

S7, SEYCHELLES Kasimir, DL2SBY will once again be active as S79KB from Mahe. Activity from October 20 until November 1 on HF using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, direct only or Club Log.

S9, SAO TOME & PRINCIPE Jose, EA5IDQ will be operating as S9CW from October 12 until October 21. Activity from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call.

T30, WESTERN KIRIBATI Chris, VK3FY will be active as T30T from Tarawa, Kiribati. Activity in December, dates to be announced. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS.

T8, PALAU Kay, JH3AZC informs that JH3AZC, JP3EXR, JH3QFL, JH3VAA will be active from Koror Island, OC-009 as T88CX, T88DG, T88CU, T88CV and T8EM between October 11 and October 17. QRV on HF, EME and satellites.

T8, PALAU Ichy, JH7IPR will once again be active as T88UW from October 11 until October 17. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW, Club Log.

TN, CONGO A team from DXfriends will be active from Brazzaville as TN5R. More to follow.

V3, BELIZE Robert, DL7VOA will be operating as V43AO from Hopkins. Activity from November 18 until November 30 from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via home call.

V4, ST KITTS Gary, G0FWX will be operating as C4/call from Calypso Bay. Activity between November 8 and November 15 in 'holiday-style' on HF. QSL via M0URX.

V4, ST KITTS John, W5JON will once again be operating as V47JA from Calypso Bay. Activity from October 15 until November 7. John will operate from 160 to 6 meter using SSB. QSL via home call, direct only and LoTW.

V5, NAMIBIA Tefvik, TA1HZ will once again be active as V51/call during the CQ WW DX SSB contest (Oct 28-29). Operation before and after the contest. QSL via LZ3HI.

V6, MICRONESIA Sho, JA7HMZ will once again be QRV from Pohnpei as V63DX. Operation from November 24 until December 1. QSL via home call, direct only.

VK0, MACQUARIE ISL John, VK3YP has announced planning has commenced for a Dxpediton to Macquarie Island (#9 on Club Log most wanted DXCC) in early 2018 with a total of 5 VK operators. More details to follow as we get closer to the date.

VK9C, COCOS KEELING ISLAND Keith GM4YXI and Chris GM3WOJ are once again QRV from October 23 until November 6. Operation as VK9CZ from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via N3SL and LoTW, logsearch on Club Log.

<http://www.vk9cz2017.com/>

VK9M, MELLISH REEF The VK9MA team will be QRV with nine operators (DL3DXX, LB8DC, N7QT, N9ADG, SM1ALH, SM5AQD, SM5GLC, W5XU and WJ2O). They will be active from November 3 until November 16 with four stations around the clock. "One of

our goals is to dedicate a lot of station time to the digital modes, particularly RTTY", they say. "If conditions are such that the bands are not open for RTTY, we most likely will operate JT65/JT9 and might try FT8. The lower bands (160-30m) are expected to "provide the best opportunity to work the world during the evening hours", while 17 and 20 meter will be "the most likely bands to work the world during the day". The pilot stations will be K4PI (all of the Americas), V51B (Africa) and ON9CFG (Europe). QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW and eQSL. Traditional requests via N7QT. <https://vk9ma.com/>

VP2E, ANGUILLA Henri OH3JR and Seppo OH1VR will be once again operating as VP2EHC and VP2ESM from November 21 until December 2. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL direct only.

VP2M, MONTSEERRAT A team with DJ6TF, DK1BT, DL4WK, DL7DF, DL7UFR, DL7VEE and SP3DOI will be QRV as VP2MDL between November 6 and November 20. Operation with 2 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY.

<http://www.dl7df.com/vp2m/>

VP8, FALKLAND ISLANDS Eberhard, DL7JLL will be operating as VP8JLL from November 15 until November 25. Operation on HF. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

XW, LAOS Bruce, AA4XR will once again be active as XW4XR from Vientiane between October 12 and October 24. Activity from 60 to 10 meter using CW, RRTY and FT8. QSL via E21EIC and LoTW.

YJ, VANUATU Michael, G7VJR (Club Log) will be operating as YJ0G from Epule. Activity between March 2 and March 19, 2018. Operation on HF. QSL via M00XO, OQRS.

YN, NICARAGUA Mike, AJ9C will once again be operating as YN2CC from Granada. Activity between November 21 and November 29 from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call and LoTW.

ZC4, CYPRUS SBA Adrian, G0KOM will be active as ZC4MK between October 27 and October 31. Activity in 'holiday-style'. Adrian might be longer on the island than published so might be longer QRV, license is valid for one year.

Announced IOTA

The IOTA'S marked with a yellow box are claimed by less than 25% of IOTA participants. These IOTAs are rather rare. Follow the link to find out more.

THE REMINDERS

AFRICA

AF-051 Los Isl Alain, F5OZC will once again be active as 3XY3D from Kassa, Los Island during November. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using mainly CW. QSL via home call. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AF051>

AF-108 Tigres Isl An experienced team will be active as D2TI. Operation around begin March, 2018. More to follow. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=af108>

AF-111 Baiyah Isl In collaboration with the Liberian Radio Amateur Association, a team consisting of Richmond EL2BG, Dickson EL2DT, Jeremy EI5GM, Dave EI9FBB and Col MMONDX are delighted to announce a much anticipated IOTA DXpedition to Baiyah Island AF-111 This IOTA has never before been activated. Tentatively, dates of activity will be around November 1-4, 2017. This may change slightly but we will update in due course regarding that. <http://af111new.com/>

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AF111>

ASIA

Bangladesh IOTA DXpedition

AS-127 <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=as127>

AS-140 <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS140>

A team with Derek G3KHZ, Hans SM6CVX, Axel DL6KVA, Steve G4EDG, Tuhin S21ED and Anup S21TV will be operating from October 13 until October 27. Operation from 40 to 15 meter using vertical dipoles for each band. QSL for AS-127 via SM6CVX, for AS-140 goes via G3KHZ, bureau or direct. <http://s21iota.weebly.com/>

EUROPE

EU-068 Sein Isl Fabien, F4GYM will be QRV as call/P between October 5 and October 8. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, Club Log OQRS. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU068>

OCEANIA

OC-175 Sarangani Isl Sergei R4WAA and Yan RZ3FW will be QRV as DU9/calls from November 21 until November 29. Operation on HF. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc175>

OC-198 North Isl Craig, VK5CE will be operating as call/8 from October 12 until October 16. This is a super rare IOTA. More on <https://oc198.wordpress.com/> <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc198>

Craig mentions *'THIS WILL BE ONE OF MY MOST ADVENTUROUS AND EXCITING ONE MAN DXPEDITIONS EVER. I'VE BEEN TRYING TO BRING THIS ON THE AIR SINCE 2011 AND SO I CAN'T WAIT TO GET ON THE AIR'*.

OC-216 Ashmore Reef Craig VK5CE, Mike AB5EB and Mike AD5A will activate this island between November 7 and November 10 as VK9AR. The IOTA is claimed by just 3% (and will go lower after the annual listings are updated) and it is equal 5th in the world in the IOTA Most Wanted List. This is an operation using a tent and generator and the cost is over \$14,000. Full details are at <https://ashmoreereef.wordpress.com/> <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC216>

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-100 Pajaros Rocks A new attempt by IT9YRE and I1SNW activating SA-100 will take place in March 2018. Exact dates not yet known. Maybe a special call will be used instead of CE1/calls. More to follow.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=SA100>

Antarctic base stations

Bellinghausen station Alex, UA1OJL is QRV as RI1ANO until March 2018. Operation during his spare time on all bands using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via RN1ON, direct or bureau, OQRS Club Log.

Dumont d'Urville Station Francois, F4HLT is active for one year at the Dumont d'Urville Station on Petrels Island (AN-017). In his spare time he will be QRV as FT3YL. His licence is valid until February 1, 2018. QSL via F6KPKQ. <https://f4hlt.wordpress.com/>

H. Arctowski Station, South Shetland Sebastian, SQ1SGB is active until October 23 as HF0ARC. Operation on 20 and 40 meter. QSL via home call, direct only.

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

Syowa research station Yath, JG2MLI is operating as 8J1RL until January 2018. In addition, to mark the 60th anniversary of Japanese Antarctic Research Expeditions, Yath will also use the call 8J60JARE. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using all modes. QSL via bureau and LoTW, for direct via JG2MLI.

Special call

THE NEWCOMERS

EA, SPAIN Look for **EG1ESA** to mark the 'European Space Agency' (ESA). Operation until October 5. QSL via DL0ESA, direct or bureau, LoTW and Club Log.

OE, AUSTRIA Look for **OE6YHOTA** to mark the Young Helpers on the Air (Fire Brigade and Red Cross). Operation on September 23-24 on 80, 40, 20 and 15 meter. QSL via OE6SWG, direct or bureau.

ON, BELGIUM Special station **OP36CLM** will be active between October 16 and November 15. The suffix stands for Canadian Liberation March, the annual event that celebrates the liberation of the town of Knokke on November 1, 1944. QSL via ON3AIM, direct or bureau. More information on the activity and the relevant award can be found on <http://www.qrz.com/db/op36clm>

SP, POLAND **HF27PLI** marks the 1st internet connection in Poland 27 years ago. Activity from September 23 until October 1. QSL via SQ8W.

THE REMINDERS

5B, CYPRUS **H2017PFO** is the special call until end 2017 to celebrate that Paphos (Cyprus) has the honour of being the European Capital of Culture for 2017 together with Aarhus (Denmark). QSL via Club Log OQRS or via 5B4AIE, direct preferred.

DL, GERMANY **DM200LFS** (special DOK 200LFS) commemorates the 200th birthday of Louis Ferdinand Schoenherr, a German inventor of power looms. Activity until end February 2018. All QSOs count as a "joker" and 10 points for the KIDS award that is supporting SOS Children's Villages in Saxony. QSL via eQSL, LoTW and bureau. <http://df0che.darc.de/dm200lfs.php>

DL, GERMANY **DR60VKL** is the special call to mark the 60th anniversary of the DARC ARC Voelklingen. Activity during 2017. QSL via bureau.

DL, GERMANY Special calls **DR500MLE**, **DR1517LU**, **DR5LUTHER**, **DC500LS**, **DM5LUTHER** and **DL500ML** are QRV during 2017 to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation initiated by Martin Luther.

DL, GERMANY The ARC of Pfronten Fuesen (DOK T11), is celebrating its 60th anniversary with the call **DL60TELF**. Activity until April 30, 2018. QSL via bureau, LoTW.

DL, GERMANY Operators of the club station DL0VBG from the railway museum Vienenburg are active as **DR0HARZ** during 2017 to mark the 25th anniversary of the return of the narrow gauge Brocken Railway. QSL via DF7AA, direct or bureau.

DL, GERMANY Look for **DB20ENERGY** to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the German Company DB Energie. Operation until end 2017. QSL via bureau or via DM2DX direct.

DL, GERMANY **DR60SAL** is the special call to celebrate the reunification of Saarland with the Fed. Rep of Germany 60 years ago. Operation during 2017. QSL via bureau.

DL, GERMANY Operators of the ARC Wittenberg (DOK W29) will be operating as **DR1517LU** during 2017. This to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. QSL via bureau.

E7, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA The ARC from Zenica is celebrating its 70th anniversary with the call **E770BAB**. Activity until end 2017. QSL via E71EZC, direct or bureau.

EI, IRELAND The EIDX Group is holding their first 'DX Feile' on October 6 – October 7 at the Aran Islands Hotel on Inis Mor. Therefore special call **EJ1D** will be activated from October 6 until October 9. Operation with 2 stations from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS.

EI, IRELAND The following nine special event calls are drawing attention to Ireland's "Wild Atlantic Way" along the island's western coast during 2017.

EI11WAW - County Donegal

EI22WAW - County Leitrim

EI33WAW - County Sligo

EI44WAW - County Mayo

EI55WAW - County Galway

EI66WAW - County Clare

EI77WAW - County Limerick

EI88WAW - County Kerry

EI99WAW - County Cork

QSL via Club Log OQRS or via EI6AL direct.

F, FRANCE **TM39CDXC** is the special call to celebrate the 39th Clipperton DX Club's Convention, held at Collonges-la-Rouge. Operation until September 22. All QSO will be confirmed automatically via bureau.

GM, SCOTLAND Look for **GB5TAM** from the H.M.S. Tern Naval Air Station Museum on Orkney Island during September. QSL via MM5DWW.

HA, HUNGARY Members of the FMV ARC are operating with the special call **HA60FMV**, this to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the foundation of the club. QRV until June 30, 2018. QSL via bureau. For an award see <http://ha60fmv.com/>

HB, SWITZERLAND Look for **HB600NVF** until December 31. This to commemorate the 600th anniversary of the birth of Niklaus von Flue, the patron saint of Switzerland. QSL via LoTW, for paper QSL via HB9JOE. <http://www.qrz.com/db/hb600nvf>

I, ITALY Look for **II2FIST** to celebrate the 30th FISTS Club anniversary. Operation from July until end 2017 using CW only. QSL via IZ2FME, direct or bureau. <http://fists.co.uk/>

I, ITALY Look for **II2XC** until end December to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Associazione Radioamatori Italiani. QSL via bureau.

I, ITALY Celebrating the 10th anniversary of Insubria Radio (IQ2IR), special call **IR2XIR** will be used during 2017. QSL via Club Log's OQRS or via 9A8MDC.

JA, JAPAN 8N0IIDA is the special call to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Iida City. Operation until end February 2018. QSL via bureau.

JA, JAPAN The Tokyo Bay Ham Club is celebrating their 40th anniversary with the special call **8J1ZIU**. Activity until end May 2018. QSL goes automatically via bureau.

JA, JAPAN Look for **8J2YAF** to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Nagoya College ARC until end 2017. QSL via bureau.

JA, JAPAN The Katayanagi Institute of the University of Tokyo celebrates its 70th anniversary on the air with the call **8J1YAC** until end March 2018. Activity from 160 meter to 70cm using CW and SSB. QSL via bureau or via JE1XUZ direct.

JA, JAPAN Look for **8N3H7OY** to celebrate the 70th anniversary of Hirakata City. Operation until March 31, 2018. QSL via bureau.

JA, JAPAN Special call **8J2016Y** is active until October 31. This to celebrate the Inuyama Festival, one of the 33 Japanese float festivals that in 2016 UNESCO inscribed to the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. QSL via the JARL bureau.

LA, NORWAY LA1742K is the special call to celebrate the 275th anniversary of the city Kristiansund. Operation until end 2017. QSL via LA6K, direct or bureau.

LA, NORWAY LM8OREX and **LM80Q** are the special calls during 2017 to celebrate the 80th anniversary of King Harald V and Queen Sonja. QSL via OQRS Club Log, LoTW or via LA9VDA.

LZ, BULGARY Once again Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use these special calls throughout 2017 to honor as many different Bulgarian saints: **LZ100SK** (September), **LZ251MKP** (October), **LZ307MU** (November) and **LZ710SG** (December). QSL via bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2017" award can be found at <http://www.lz1kcp.com>.

OE, AUSTRIA Special call **OE2XXM** and **OE5XMM** are active in the context of the International Fieldday in Gosau. Operation during September. QSL via bureau or via OE2IKN, direct.

OH, FINLAND Taking part in the celebrations of Finland's 100th anniversary as an independent state, amateur radio clubs around the country will activate the special call **OF100FI/#** (where # is the number of the call area, from 0 to 9). Activity during 2017. QSL via bureau.

OM, SLOVAK REP Look for **OM500R** to mark the Reformation celebrations until end 2017. QSL see QRZ.com.

OM, SLOVAK REP Pavel, OM3CND will use **OM685RADOLA** to celebrate the 685th anniversary of the town Radol'a. Activity during 2017. QSL via OM3CND.

OM, SLOVAK REP The Secondary School of Electrical Engineering in Kosice is celebrating its 50th anniversary with the special call **OM50SPSEKE**. Operation until end 2017. QSL via OM8AND, bureau.

ON, BELGIUM Members of the Belgian Radio Club ONZ will be operating during 2017 as **OP17HC**. This to commemorate the First World War. QSL via ON7PP.

<http://uba.be/en/latest/flash/uba-14-18-award>

OZ, DENMARK OZ44C marks Thor Heyerdahl's Kon-Tiki Expedition (LI2B/mm) 70 years ago. QRV until the end of 2017. QSL via 5P2BA, direct or bureau.

OZ, DENMARK Look for **OZ1AARHUS** to mark the City Aarhus being one of the two European Capitals of Culture in 2017.

OZ, DENMARK The Danish radio club Eksperimenterende Danske Radio-amatoere (EDR) will celebrate its 70th anniversary with the special event calls **5P90EDR**, **OV90EDR**, **OX90EDR**, **OZ90EDR**, **OZ7D** (only in JT-modes) during 2017. An award will also be available. QSL via OZ1ACB, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

OZ, DENMARK To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Treaty of the Danish West Indies, special call **OZ100DVI** will be active during 2017. In 1917 the Dansk Vest-Indien were sold to the United States and renamed the US Virgin Islands. QSL via OZ1IVA, direct or bureau.

PA, THE NETHERLANDS PA50LELY marks the land that was reclaimed from the IJsselmeer in 1952, which later became Lelystad. Operation until November 28. QSL via PA3HEB, direct or bureau.

S5, SLOVENIA Look for **S557E** during 2017 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Radio Club Cerklno (S50E). QSL confirmed automatically via bureau and LoTW, direct via S500.

S5, SLOVENIA S5100LIONS celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Lions Club International until end 2017. QSL via S53DOX.

SM, SWEDEN The Gotlands Radioklubb (SK1BL) on Gotland Island (EU-020) will use special calls **7S1GRK** and **SK70BL** until December 31 to celebrate its 70th anniversary. See <http://sk1bl.hamlogs.net/> for the award programme. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau.

SM, SWEDEN Special event station **SC90SM** is QRV until December 31, this to mark the 90th anniversary of the longwave broadcasting station in Motala. Inaugurated in 1927 and closed in 1962, it was one of the most powerful BC stations in Europe. QSL via SM5ELV, direct or bureau.

SP, POLAND SN1944W (via SP5PWA) and **SN0MPW** (via SP5KAB) are the special calls to commemorate the Warsaw Uprising during World War II. Operation until October 3. More on QRZ.com.

SP, POLAND Members of the Piastowski ARC are celebrating their 50th anniversary as **SN50PAZ**. Operation during September. QSL via SP6PAZ, direct or bureau, LoTW.

SP, POLAND The special event stations **SN40SONDA**, **SO40SONDA**, **SP40SONDA**, **HF40S**, **HF40O**, **HF40N**, **HF40D** and **HF40A** are marking the popular science TV programme "SONDA" of the 70s and 80s. Activity during September. QSL via bureau.

SP, POLAND Look for **SN250A** until end 2017. This to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the city Andrychow. QSL via SP9KUP, direct or bureau.

SP, POLAND Look for **HF700LUB** to celebrate the 700th anniversary of the city Lublin. QRV until August 2018. QSL via SP8AB.

SP, POLAND SN100F commemorates the revelation of the Three Secrets of Fatima in Portugal 100 years ago. QRV until end 2017. QSL via SP5CGN, direct or bureau.

UA, RUSSIA The Radio Marathon "Moscow-870" is QRV end 2017. Special call for September is **R1941OM** (September 21 – September 30). QSL via RK3AW. Detailed information on the event and the award programme can be found at <http://www.moscow870.com>

UA, RUSSIA UE80AR draws attention to the founding of the Archangelsk Oblast 80 years ago until the end of September. An award is available as well. QSL via RN1ON, bureau or direct.

UR, UKRAINE EN90QDG marks the beginning of the hydropower station Dniepr 90 years ago. Operation until October 30 on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via UR6QR.

UR, UKRAINE Look for **EM130QV** to celebrate the 130th anniversary of the city Polohy until end September. QSL via bureau, LoTW.

UR, UKRAINE The Druzhkivka Club is celebrating its 90th anniversary as **EN90IWA**. QRV until end 2017. QSL via bureau.

UR, UKRAINE Special call **EO25P** is active until end 2017. This to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Volyn Amateur Radio League. <http://www.qrz.com/db/EO25P> for information on the certificate available for contacts made with EO25P and other EO25 stations (EO25PA, EO25PD, EO25PG, EO25PL, EO25PQ, EO25PWC, EO25PWJ, EO25PWL, EO25PY and EO25PZ).

VE, CANADA X01X is the call for the Yukon CanAm Contest Club. This to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Canada's Confederation until December 31. QSL direct to KC1CWF or via LoTW.

VE, CANADA Members of the Kings County ARC are active as **XM1150CAN**, this to mark the founding of Canada 150 years ago. Active until end 2017. QSL via bureau and LoTW.

VK, AUSTRALIA VI4ALARA is the special call until September 30 to promote the Australian Ladies Amateur Association's ALARAMeet, this is held in Cairns, Queensland. QSL via operators instructions. <http://alara.org.au/>

VR, HONG KONG Commemorating the 20th anniversary of Hong Kong's reunification with China, Hong Kong licensed radio amateurs are allowed to use the special prefix **VR20** on a voluntary basis until June 2018.

W, USA The "KB7QPS Air, Space and Technology Operating Event "is commemorating man's historical milestones in air, space and technology over the last 400 years" by operating twelve callsigns (see below) during 2017. QSL direct to KB7QPS.

<http://airspacetechnology.webs.com/>

Callsign	SES Title	Event Dates
N6R	3 Generations of Mars Rovers	1/19/17 - 1/23/17
W7J	Discovery of Jupiter's Moons	2/2/17 - 2/6/17
W7C	First Flight of the Concorde	3/2/17 - 3/6/17
N7S	First Space Shuttle Launch	4/13/17 - 4/17/17
N7T	Hubble Space Telescope	5/18/17 - 5/22/17
W7S	Discovery of Sunspots	6/8/17 - 6/12/17
N7M	Man Walking on the Moon	7/20/17 - 7/24/17
K7I	Birth of the IBM-PC	8/10/17 - 8/14/17
W7F	First Flight of the F-22	9/7/17 - 9/11/17
K7S	Sputnik Launch	9/28/17 - 10/2/17
K7E	Invention of the Electron Tube	11/9/17 - 11/13/17
W7D	Dreamliner First Flight	12/14/17 - 12/18/17

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