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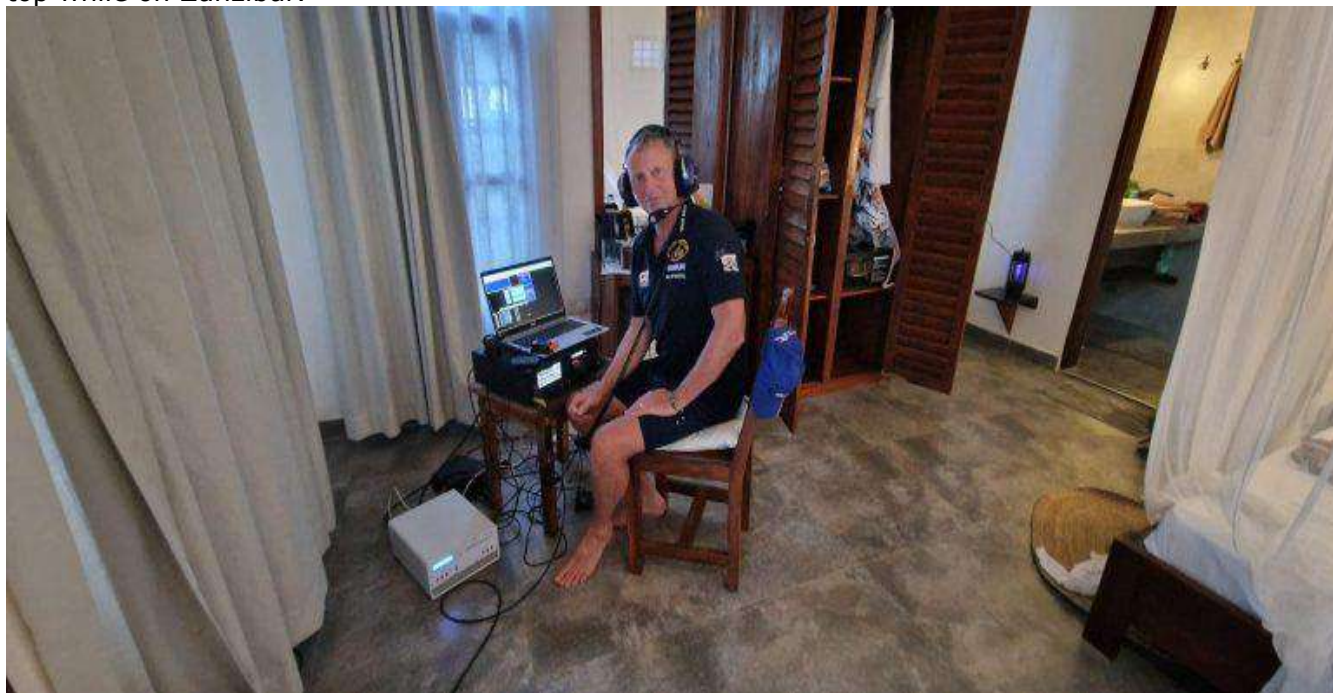
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DX NEWS

5H3VJG –now QRT

5H3VJG is now QRT with approx 4000 QSOs. Here's operator Nobby wearing his MM0UKI (Rockall) top while on Zanzibar.

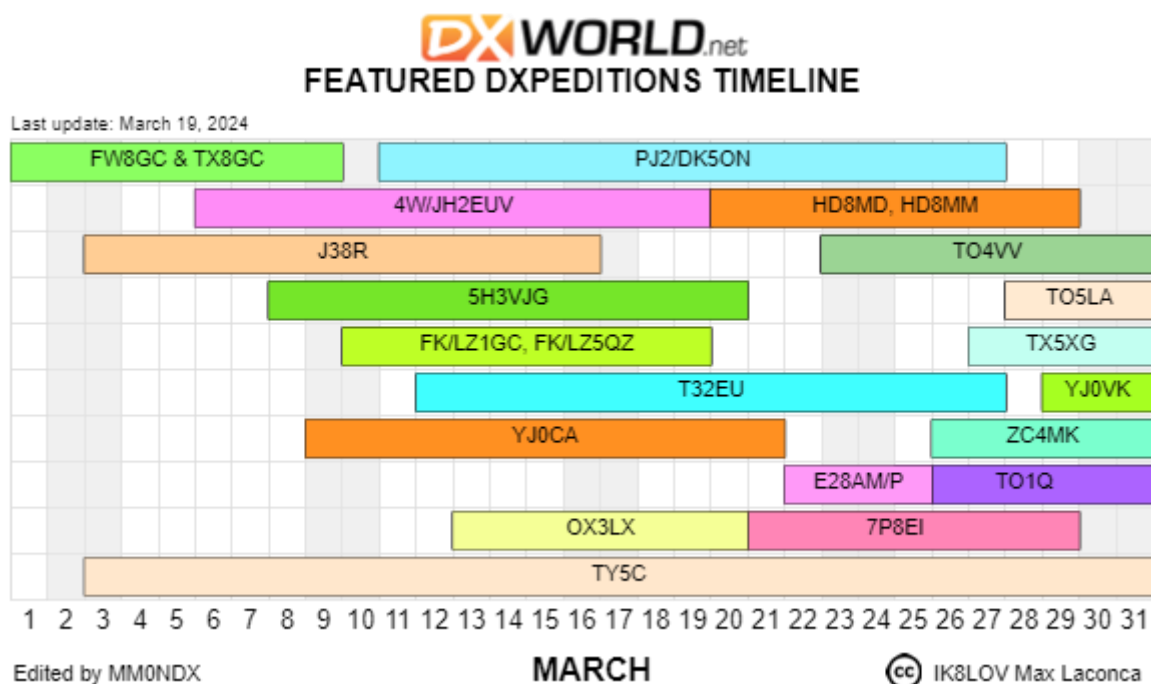


VP6G Pitcairn Island –update by Gerben PG5M

Conducting an expensive journey to a remote place requires equipment redundancy to avoid stopping operation due to equipment failure. For that reason I decided to bring a full backup station (laptop, PSU, radio, antenna). But this approach also brings a new opportunity, i.e. running two stations at the same time.

I will setup two stations and if the circumstance allow, operate simultaneously CW and FT8. This greatly depends on the antenna situation. If I can't have the antenna's place at a good distance, I may experience interference (despite using BPF's), and consequently operate only one radio. This will become clear once at the spot.

DXCC Timeline



DXCC

This week on air

This can change daily, please visit <https://www.dx-world.net/> for updates.

DK7PE Caribbean Tour Continuing his Caribbean tour (so far Rudi has visited and operated from C6, VP5, VP2E, FJ), DK7PE is now QRV from St. Eustatius as PJ5/DK7PE. Activity has been on 40-30-17-15m, CW.

3D2, FIJI Almost two years has passed since the passing of Zorro, JH1AJT. As a tribute, Dom 3Z9DX / 3D2USU is running special event station 3D2AJT for the next 30-40 days. QRV on CW, SSB, FT8/FT4. QSL via Club Log.



4S, SRI LANKA Peter, DC0KK is again operating as 4S7KKG until March 30. Activity mostly using FT4/8 with some CW and RTTY. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

6W, SENEGAL Once again, Willy ON4AVT is active as 6W7/call from Warang until April 13. Operation during his spare time mostly on 40 meter and higher using SSB. During his afternoon

between 14:00 and 15:00 UTC depending the propagation is the best chance. During his evening mostly on 40 and 30 meter. QSL via OQRS, LoTW.

7P, LESOTHO The EIDXG team is after the success of 9N7EI, 7Q7EI, 5V7EI and V26EI now operating as 7P8EI until March 29. A team of 15 will be QRV from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via M00XO. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/185038478993063/>

C6, BAHAMAS Jay, WA1JAY is once again operating from Paradise Island as call/C6A until March 22. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using SSB, FT4/8 and FM sats. QSL via Club Log or OQRS.

CE0Z, JUAN FERNANDEZ CE3SX will conduct a DXpedition mainly on 6 meter as CB0ZIX. Operation between March 21 and April 4. He will use a 5-element LFA (100w) and YS-30 directional antenna for HF during times when he does not have 6m propagation. QSL only via LoTW.

CN, MOROCCO Yannick, F6FYD is active as CN2YD from Marrakech, Morocco until March 23. Also plans to operate as CN2YD/p from AF-065 sometime during his stay. QSL via F6FYD.

On the scene...team 7P8EI on the move



E5, SOUTH COOK Frank, DJ5NQ IS operating as E51ANQ (from the E51JD QTH). Operation on 20 meter using SSB. Length of stay unknown. QSL via home call.

FG, GUADELOUPE Jean-Luc, F1ULQ will once again be active as TO1Q from March 25 for 2 weeks. Operation on HF and 6 meter using SSB and digi. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW.

FH, MAYOTTE Marek, FH4VVK will be operating as TO4VV during March 23-31, April 6-7, April 13-14 and April 20-21. Operation using SSB and FT8. QSL direct, LoTW or Club Log.

FH, MAYOTTE Ros 4Z5LA and Ruben 4Z5FI will be operating as TO5LA between March 28 and April 2. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via 4Z5FI.

FK, NEW CALEDONIA Until approx May, look for Alain FK/FO4AE and Patricia FK/FO4EF sporadically active from Noumea, New Caledonia. QRV on HF bands from the QTH of FK8IK. QSL via LoTW. Visit FO4EF blog here.

FO0, AUSTRAL ISL Haru, JA1XGI will be operating as TX5G between March 27 and April 3. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW and digi. QSL via LoTW.

H44, SOLOMON ISLANDS Bernard, DL2GAC is once again QRV as H44MS from Manakwai Village until end April. Operation on SSB and FT8, an entry in the CQ160 SSB contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL Rick, NE8Z and Maria, HC1MM is active from Shipwreck Bay as HD8MD & HD8MM until March 29. QRV from 40 to 6 meter SSB using a Windom antenna, 2x element 6m Moxon and an Outbacker vertical. QSL both calls via LoTW or via K8LJG or NE8Z.



HI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC Jean, VA2VKG is operating from Boca Chica as HI8/call until April 12. QRV on 40, 20 and 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

J8, ST VINCENT Kevin, W1DED will once again be active as J8NKI between March 25 and April 1. An entry in the CQWW WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via LoTW.

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA Take JG8NQJ/JD1 is again active from Minami Torishima until mid-April. QRV mainly on CW and some FT8 (spare time). QSL via JA8CJY, LoTW.

PJ2, CURACAO Andy, DK5ON are again operating as PJ2/call until March 27. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via DK5ON direct or bureau, LoTW and OQRS.

T32, EASTERN KIRIBATI A German team with DF4GV, DK2AMM, DL4SVA, DJ7TO, DL1KWK and DL2AWG is active until March 27. Operation 24/7 with 3 stations as T32EU. QSL via DL2AWG.

T8, PALAU Ichy, JH7IPR is once again operating as T88UW until March 24. Operation mainly using FT8 with some CW and SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW, Club Log.

TY, BENIN Look for Gerard F5NVF, Luc F5RAV and Abdel M0NPT as TY5C until March 29. Activity on HF using CW, SSB, FT8 and sat QO-100. QSL via F5RAV direct an LoTW.

V4, ST KITTS & NEVIS Pete, G0TLE will once again be active as V4/call from March 23 until April 6. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW.

V5, NAMIBIA Frank, DL7ATA is on a road trip until March 23. Operation during his evening hours as V5/call using SSB. QSL via home call.

V5, NAMIBIA Gunter DK2WH is active as V51WH until April. QTH near Omaruru. Operation from 160 to 10 meter, 60 also included.

VP2M, MONTSERRAT Thaire, W2APF is once again active as VP2MDX until April 11. Operation on HF using BuddiPole portable Hexbeam, Doublet for 30M, End-fed for 40M. QSL via home call, LoTW.

VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS Look for AF3K, KH6M and W2TT as VQ5P between March 26 and April 2. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via N2OO and LoTW.

Z3, MACEDONIA Al, DJ0LZ is QRV as Z36T until March 25.

ZC4, CYPRUS SBA Adrian, G0KOM will be active as ZC4MK between March 26 and April 1. An entry in the CQWW WPX contest is included. QSL via home call.

ZD7, ST HELENA Torsten, DL9GG is operating as ZD7GG from Jamestown. QRV until end March on HF. QSL via home call.

Coming up soon

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN Ken, KJ9B will be operating from Philipsburg as PJ7/call during March 30 and April 6. Operation mainly using FT4/8. QSL via LoTW.

VP6, PITCAIRN ISL Gerben, PG5M will be operating as VP6G between April 4 and April 14. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. If possible he will try to run 2 stations, primarily CW and additionally FT8. <https://dx.to/vp6g/>

YJ, VANUATU Luke VK3HJ, Alan VK6CQ, Matt K0BBC and Chris VK3QB will be active from Port Vila, Vanuatu on 40 through to 6 metres from 29 March until 11 April. For the first week their focus will be on SSB and CW, with FT8 as a 'back-fill' mode. The second week will be CW and FT8. Updates to follow here and Facebook plus DX-World.net.

On the scene...T32EU Eastern Kiribati



IOTA

This week on air

AFRICA

AF-090 Sainte-Marie Isl Eric, F6ICX is once again operating as 5R8IC until end March. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using mainly CW and QO-100 satellite. QSL via LoTW or home call.

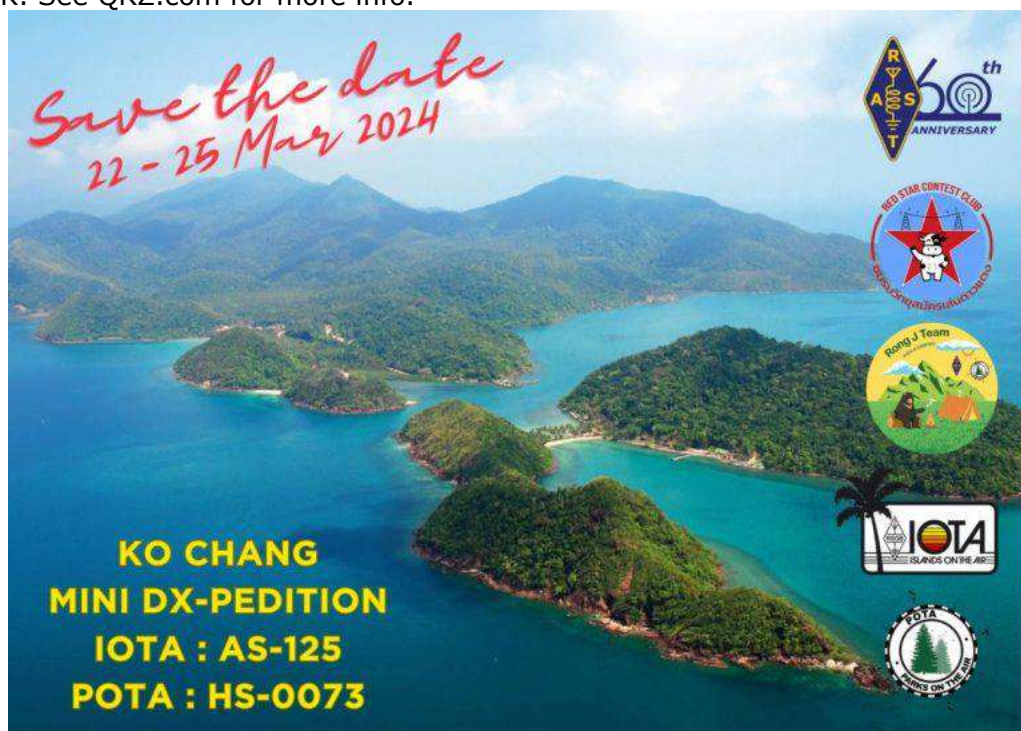
ASIA

AS-058 Langkawi Isl Jacek SP5APW got in touch to mention: 'I'm going to Malaysia in March 2024 and will be active from the island of Langkawi (AS-058) between March 9-17. The callsign assigned to me is 9W2/SP5APW. I will be working on 10-20m bands FT8/SSB using wire antenna but the main focus is on the 6m band where I will operate using 4 element yagi.'

AS-079 Miyako Isl Take JS6RRR is operating as JI3DST/6, JJ5BRH/6 or JR8YLY/6 until April 1. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. The various calls are mentioned on

different modes. An entry in the CQWPX SSB contest is included. QSL via QRZ.com.

AS-125 Chang Isl The Red Star Contest Club will be active in 'holiday-style' as E28AM/P during March 22-25. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via E21LLR, Club Log, LoTW. Team members: HS5NMF, HS1JZT, E20EHQ, E21LLR, AK6DP, IV3GMZ, E25KFR, E25VVE and E23WIK. See QRZ.com for more info.



EUROPE

EU-125 Romo Isl Stefan, DL7AOS will be QRV in 'holiday-style' as 5P5K between March 23 and April 6. An entry in the CW WW WPX SSB contest might be possible. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-056 Isla de la Juventud A group of 9 Cuban operators will be QRV as T44DX between March 21-25. Operation on HF and VHF using various modes and SAT's. QSL via RW6HS and LoTW



SOUTH AMERICA

SA-027 Sao Francisco Isl Amauri, PP5BB is active as PV5B until end March. QSL via home call.

SA-028 Ilha dos Buzios A team with PY4YY, PY4KM, PY2ITM, PY2AE and PS8RV will be active as

ZZ2FF from Ilha dos Búzios during March 15-17. QRV on 80-40-20-15-10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via PY4YY.

Coming up soon

EUROPE

EU-064 Noir-Moutier Isl Philippe EA4NF and Jerome F4DXV will be operating as TM4J on April 1-4. This is a satellite operation only. QSL via EA4NF and LoTW. https://twitter.com/TM4J_SAT

NORTH AMERICA

NA-086 Cayo Romano The Camagüey DX Group (Camagüey DX Team) will be operating stations T47C and CO9JAB on an expedition to Cayo Romano, where two simultaneous activities will be carried out: an IOTA activation with the reference NA-086 corresponding to this geographical area and a POTA activation with reference CU-0291 corresponding to this protected area. The president of the FRC Camagüey Branch and leader of the expedition, Manuel Tello Luaces CO7MTL, points out that the days of activity will be from March 29 to 31, 2024. All requests for QSL Cards designed for the occasion will be directed to the expedition manager, IK2DUW Antonello Passarella. In your profile at www.qrz.com you will find all the information necessary to obtain it. Additionally, all QSOs will be logged in LoTW, QRZ, HRDLog and ClubLog.



ANTARCTIC BASES

Davis Base Until November 2024, David VK2JDS will occasionally be active from Davis Station, Antarctica using the callsign VK0DS. He hopes to be QRV on HF bands and will also try 2m EME using a single 12el yagi and 100 watts from an IC9700 using JT65A or Q65A-60 (or similar). He mentions that nothing is certain, and weather conditions and station duties will have precedent. David hopes to have LoTW up and running from Davis Station – updates to follow.

Vernadsky Research Base Andrii, UT3UTQ, currently signs EM1UTQ from the Ukrainian base Akademik Vernadskyi on Galindez Island. Serhii, UW5EHR, is also there and operates as EM1EHR. Both are members of the current Ukrainian Antarctic Expedition and will stay until the end of March.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

A2, BOTSWANA Remo, HB9SHD will be active as A25SHD from different locations in Botswana. QRV during his spare time between April 30 and May 13. QSL via home call.

HBO, LIECHTENSTEIN Anne, OH2YL will be operating as HBO/call between April 6 and April 13. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW and FT8. QSL via home call.
<https://www.qrz.com/db/HBO/OH2YL>

THE REMINDERS

Caribbean trip by Eric GM5RDX

My 2024 Caribbean Islands DXpedition will see me operating from both the Dutch and French sides of St Maarten as PJ7/G5RDX and FS/G5RDX. Additionally, I'll be entering the IOTA contest from Anguilla (VP2EGM) and then spending a few days on St Kitts (V4). This trip will take place during the last two weeks of July.

African tour by Pista HA5AO

Pista, HA5AO – celebrating 50 years anniversary of his HAM license – informs DX-World that he will be active from four African countries in September/October 2024. The operating sites are within 40-80 km circle of the common borders of Zimbabwe, Zambia, Botswana and Namibia. Ten days of operation can be expected from each country on CW, SSB, and FT8 from 80m up to 6m. The licenses are in hand, the QTHs are booked. He will use K3S and FT-710 transceivers with KPA 500 power amplifier. The antenna is a DX Commander vertical for 40-6m bands and multi-band inverted-V (80m-6m) on a 12m HD Spider pole, donated by Spiderbeam. The planned schedule is as follows,

03-13 September, Zimbabwe, Zambezi National Park as **Z22AO**, QRA: KH21ww

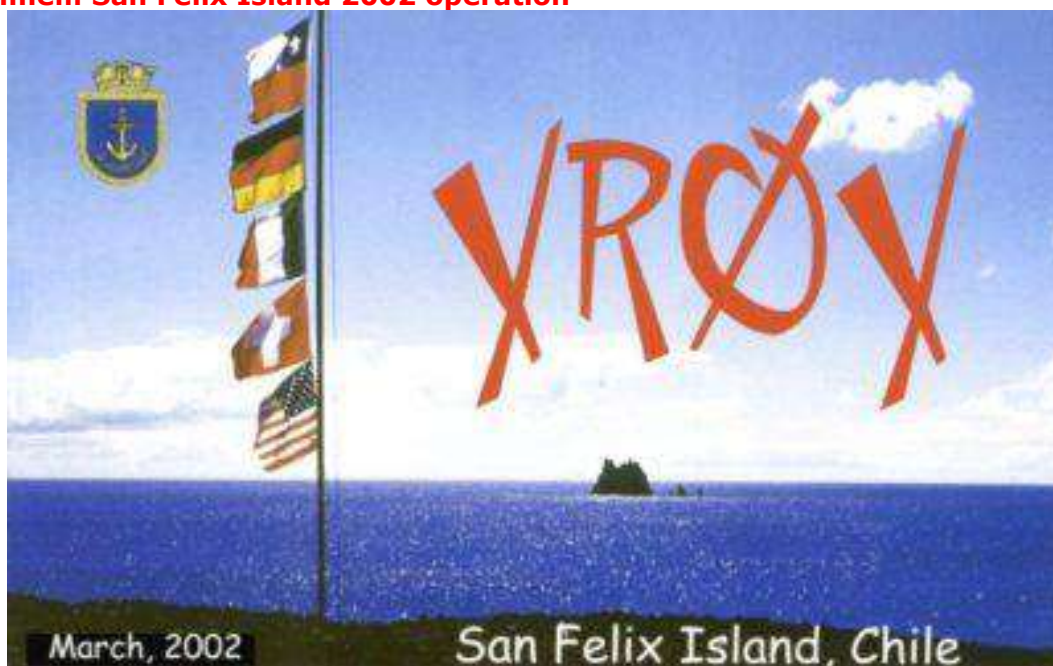
14-23 September, Zambia, Victoria Falls region as **9J2AO**, QRA: KH22wc

24 Sept-04 October, Botswana, Chobe National Park as **A25AO**, QRA: KH22oc

05-14 October, Namibia, Katima Mulilo region as **V5/HA5AO**, QRA: KH22dm

Other details, QSL policy and OQRS can be found [here](#).

Back in time... San Felix Island 2002 operation



4W, TIMOR LESTE Alan, VK2MET/VK1AO will once again be active as 4W/VK1AO from Dili during August 17-30. Operation mainly from 40 to 12 meter using CW and FT8 in QRP power. QSL via home call, LoTW, Club Log.

5N, NIGERIA The Rebel DX Group are off to Abuja, Nigeria after their Tuvalu DXpedition. They have requested the callsign 5N5N. Three ops with up to 10 stations; 160-6m, mainly CW & FT8. Dates will be announced soon.

8Q, MALDIVES Tev, TA1HZ will be operating as 8Q7HZ from Dharavandhoo Island between April 6 and April 15. QRV in 'holiday-style' on HF. QSL via LoTW.

8Q, MALDIVES Felix, DL6JF will be operating from Helengeli as 8Q7JF between June 16 and June 29. Operation in 'holiday-style' using CW and digi. QSL via DM5JBN, LoTW.

8Q, MALDIVES Rolf, DO4RKR will be operating in 'holiday-style' as 8Q7KR from Joy Island between May 19-31. Operation on 10 meter SSB only using low power. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

8Q, MALDIVES Look for Mariusz, SP5MDB from Vaavu Atoll as 8Q7SQ (dates TBA). Activity on 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call.

9U, BURUNDI Antonello, IK2DUW confirms there is a DXpedition in preparation, sponsorship is sought. More to follow.

On the scene...TY5C Benin



A5, BHUTAN Janusz SP9FIH / A52CI and SP6CIK / A52P will be active between April 19 and May 4. *'It is extremely difficult to find good QTH in Bhutan. The country is very mountainous with deep valleys surrounded by steep mountain ranges. Moreover, there is a high level of electromagnetic interference in the valleys.*

We will stay high in Dochula Eco Retreat at about 3070m above sea level. Seems to be good open area short path to USA, Europe and Japan. However long path to North America will be through mountain range 3500m about 2 km from our hotel, so rather rely on a short path.'

CP, BOLIVIA An Argentinian team with LU1FM, LU7MT, LU9FHF, LU6FOV and LU7HN will be QRV as CP7DX from Tarija during May 11-19. Operation on HF. QSL via LU1FM, Club Log.

CY9, ST PAUL ISL The CY0S team, along with members of the previous CY9C DXpeditions, is pleased to announce their plans to go back to St Paul Island CY9 during August 26 and September 5. The larger, main island (Atlantic Cove site) is controlled by the Canadian Wildlife Service and is off-limits. DXpeditions can only be set up on the much smaller "Northeast" Island (Rock!). The CY9C team will once again have a helicopter available to access the Northeast Island as there is no dock or landing area for a boat. Much more information, including a website, will be available later this year and into 2024.

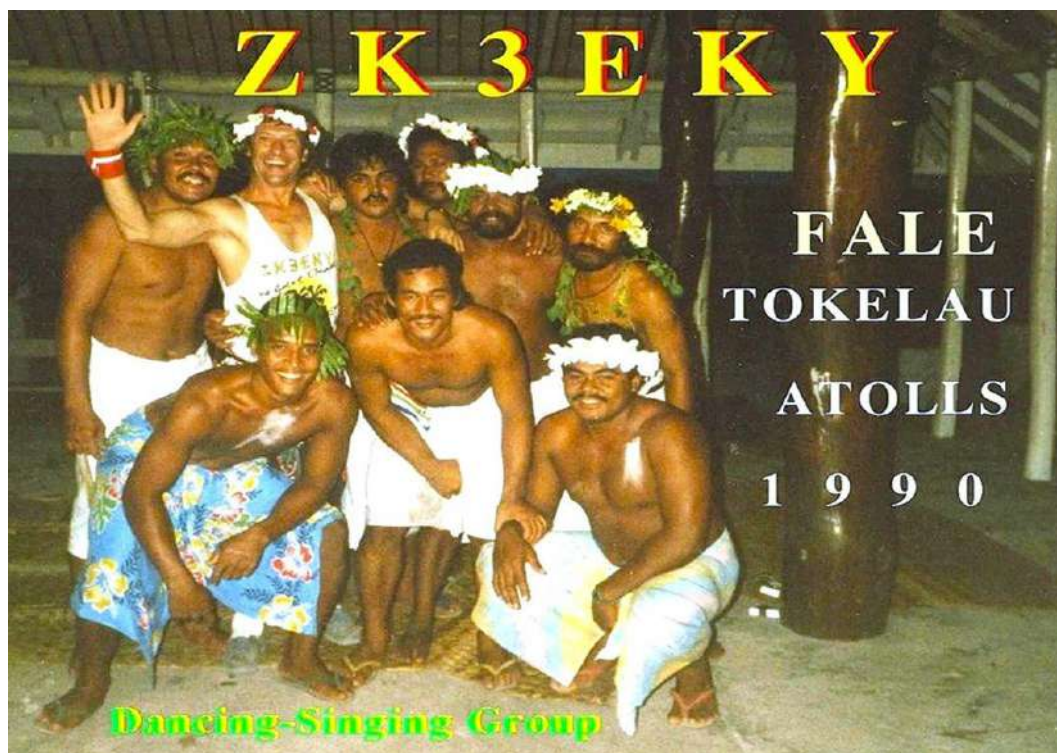
E5, COOK ISL Tom K7TLM and Leslie KD7YZE will be active as E51TLM from Rarotonga between April 7 and April 13. Working conditions: IC-705 running 5 Watts to a horizontal 10 Meter end-fed half-wave wire antenna at 16 feet high just above sea level. SSB at 28.385 MHz, QRSS CW at 28.060 MHz. Look for them approx 1900 to 0100 UTC. While there they will visit Jim, E51JD. QSL info via QRZ.com.

EL, LIBERIA The Czech DXpedition Group (OK1BOA, OK1CRM, OK1FCJ, OK1GK, OK2ZA, OK2ZC, OK2ZI and OK6DJ) will be active as A8OK between April 5-19, with "full operation" expected on 9-16 April. Activity with multiple stations from 160 to 6 meter using SSB, CW and digital modes (RTTY, FT8, FT4, PSK). The idea is to use Club Log's Livestream. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via OK6DJ.

FOO, AUSTRAL ISL Jeff K5WE and Craig W5CCP will be operating as TX7W from Raivavae between April 16 and April 30. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via OQRS or via K5WE. <https://k5we.com/tx7w/>

FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON Tino VE2GCE, Mark VA2MM, Malcolm VE2DDZ, Jonathan VA2XZA, John VE2YNI and Vlad VA2AN will be active as TO8FP during August 10-22. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, digi and sats. QSL via Club Log.

FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON Once again, FP/KV1J will be operating between July 2 and July 16. An entry in the IARU contest is included. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call or LoTW.



FR, REUNION ISL Dates still to be confirmed, but look for Giovanni IZ2DPX as TO7PX. QRV from 40 to 6 meter using SSB & FT8 using fishing rod antenna. Operation in 'holiday-style'. QSL via IK2DUW.

FR, REUNION ISL Giovanni, IZ2DPX will be operating as TO7PX between July 8-14. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via IK2DUW.

FS, ST MARTIN Gregg, W6IZT and Hal, W8HC will be returning to Falaise des Oiseaux, St. Martin (FS) for a one week DX-cation from June 25 to July 2. They will be active 6m-40m with a K3S, KPA500, HF vertical and sloping dipole for HF and 5 element LFA yagi for 6m. Gregg will be taking one, and possibly two, of his NexGenRiBs following the successful debut and remote operation from Robinson Crusoe Island, CB0ZEW. Gregg says that tentative plans are to identify a suitable location for the RiB on the Dutch (PJ7) side of the island while operating simultaneously from the French (FS) side. More information to follow.

FT/G GLORIOSO ISL Mark, FH4VVK will be active from Grande Glorieuse, Glorioso Islands as FT4GL in the near future. Support team: F5IRO, F8CRS, F5RQQ. QSL via F4FTV. Check QRZ.com for further updates. A website is under construction. This operation, planned for more than a year with a lot of effort, has finally been rewarded. It will be atypical and difficult because the Glorieuses are ranked 7th in the DXCC Most Wanted List, and the amateur radio traffic will be carried out exclusively by a single radio amateur, Marek FH4VVK in parallel with his professional duties. We will inform you regularly about the progress of preparations.

FT/X, KERGUELEN It's apparently no secret that Thierry F6CUK of FT8WW fame plans (emphasis on plans) to go with a second operator to the Kerguelen Islands in late 2024. Wait and see for more..

J6, ST LUCIA Seth, N4XTT will be active as J6/call during August 10-17. Operation on 'holiday-style' from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via home call and LoTW.

'I am also planning to activate POTA reference J6-0001, which hasn't been activated yet. This will be a part time operation (holiday style) using a 100w radio and a DX-Commander Expedition 40-10m vertical. Bands and modes: 40-10M; CW, SSB & FT8/FT4. I'm a youth op and looking forward to having fun on the island!'

JD1, OGASAWARA Look once again for JD1BQP between April 22 and May 3. Operation from 15 to 6 meter using mainly SSB. QSL via home call direct.

JW, SVALBARD Look for LA6VM, LA7XK and LA9DL as JW6VM, JW7XK and JW9DL between October 9-14. An entry in the Scandinavian Activity Contest SSB is included as JW5X. QSL via homecalls, JW5X via LA5X.

JW, SVALBARD Kaare, LA8EKA will be active as JW8EKA between April 18-21. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and digi. QSL via home call.

KH0, MARIANA ISL Toshi, JH6HZH will be operating as KH0/call between April 24 and May 1. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

KH0, MARIANA ISL Look for KH0/JA6REX, KH0/W6HZH and WH0B between April 25-30. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using FT4/8. QSL via home call, LOTW.

On the scene...TY5C Benin



KH5, JARVIS ISL The Dateline DX Association has received a permission from the USFWS for a DXpedition to Jarvis. It's ranked number 9 in Europe's most wanted list. The small team of four, consisting of George, AA7JV, Don, N1DG, Tomi, HA7RY and Mike, KN4EEI, will install 6 RIB stations on Jarvis, operating on 160 to 6 meters, using CW, SSB and FT8 modes. The on-island team will be augmented by 25 remote operators from Asia, Europe and North America, running CW and FT8. FT8 operations will use the Fox/Hound mode. The RIB equipment, which makes an efficient small footprint operation possible, was developed with the support of the NCDXF. Operation will be around August 1 depending the WX. More to follow.

OJ0, MARKET REEF A Norwegian team with LB5SH, LA1UW, LA3EAA and LB0VG will be operating as OJ0T and OJ0/calls for FT8. Operation between April 27 and May 4 from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via EA5GL and LoTW.

V4, ST KITTS BJ, WA7WJR will be operating as V4/call between July 8 and July 12. Operation in 'holiday-style' with some Parks on the Air activations. QRV from 20 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

V4, ST KITTS Tim, N5TCH will be operating as V4/call between May 10 and May 17. Activity on

HF during his spare time (mainly his mornings). QSL via QRZ.com and LoTW.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Dave, W9DR will be active as VP2V/call from Anegada Isl sometime June 2024. Operation on 6 meter only using FT8, CW and SSB. QSL via QRZ.com information.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Dario, KP4DO will be operating from Tortola as VP2V/call. Dates not yet mentioned. More to follow.

VP6, PITCAIRN ISL Dave W2JO mentions: 'I'm working on a trip to VP6 (OC-044). Hope to be on 10 through 160 with 100 watt CW only. Expect to be QRV from FO as well (either Tahiti OC-046) or Gambier OC-063 or maybe both. I've been in conversation with Meralda VP6MW who has been very helpful. Anybody wishing to donate equipment to her for the great job she does keeping the island active, let me know and I'll see if I can pack it. QSL via N2ZN and will be using LoTW. Dates to be determined.'

VP6, PITCAIRN ISL Bill, G0VDE informs DX-World that he will be active as VP6WR during September 5-15. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using vertical / wire antennas and PA. Modes: SSB & FT8, maybe some CW. QSL info to follow.

QSL preview



YJ, VANUATU Look for a team led by N4VGE to be active as YJ0VV between October 16-30. An entry in several contests is included. 'There are openings in the group for three to four more hams and their spouses. We are expecting excellent spring propagation for making European and North American contacts. Of course, the location will bring an abundance of Asian contacts as well. Antennas we plan on taking and erecting include parasitic phased verticals, BuddiHex Hexbeam, 160 Cable Help long wire, and 40-80 meter G5RV long wires.'

YN, NICARAGUA Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Dates are still in planning phase due to COVID. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. <https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO>

ZC4, CYPRUS SBA Dates still to be firmed up, however Martin MW0BRO will be active from Cyprus Sovereign Base Area as ZC4GW next March or April. Martin's main mode of operation is CW. QSL via home call.

ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA Lance, W7GJ will be active as ZD9GJ on a 6m EME DXpedition. QRV between August 23 and September 30.

ZK3, TOKELAU Hrane YT1AD and team YU3AA, RC9O and UA9OYL will be active from Tokelau end 2024 or beginning 2025. The reason is that New Zealand's State activities on the island of Tokelau during February and March, which have PRIORITY!

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ASIA

AS-125 Chang Isl Members of the Red Star Contest Club will be QRV as E28AM/P between March 22-March 25. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via E21LLR.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-047 Baffin Isl Rick, WE9G will be operating as call/VY0 during April 11-16. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, FT4/8. QSL via LoTW.

THE REMINDERS

AFRICA

AF-005 Santiago Isl Harald DF2WO / D44TWO (FT8 and CW) and Franz DG9KAN / D44KAN (SSB) will once again be active between June 8 and June 20. Operation mainly on 6 meter using FT8 and CW on all bands. <https://www.qrz.com/db/D44TWO>

EUROPE

EU-029 Lolland Isl A team of 8 Belgium operators will be active as 5P5LI during April 29 to May 5. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and Digi. Also active daily on 2m/70cm via ISS. QSL via ON6EF. No LoTW. <https://hamradioexpedition.com/>

OCEANIA

OC-063 Mangareva Isl Bill, G0VDE will be operating as FO/call during September 17-21. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, FT8 and some CW. QSL info to follow.

OC-144 Mendanau Isl Irfan, YE4IJ will be operating as 7B4M during September 14-16. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using all modes.

OC-144 Ketawai Isl The Bangka Belitung DXpedition Team, signing as 7B4K, will be active from Ketawai Island, OC-144 (Bangka and Belitung Islands) during May 24-26. QRV on HF bands. Check QRZ.com entry for more info including QSL manager.

OC-261 Flinders Isl The team that activated VK5TIL last year is going to be active again this year from Flinders Island, South Australia, between April 14-21. 6 Operators (VK5GR, VK5PAS, VK5HS, VK5LA, VK5FR and VK5GA) will be running all modes from 160m-70cm, including both both terrestrial and satellite modes. We will be participating in both the IOTA programs (OC-261) and the WWFF programs, with the main station is located in VKFF-0175 and additional island portable activities also planned from the two other parks zone VKFF-1717 and VKFF-4307 while there.

The last IOTA activation from the island was by Craig VK5CE/P back in August 2013 so this has been dormant for some time now. We hope that the combination of IOTA and WWFF activity will be of interest not only domestically but globally as well. QSLs will be handled by M0OXO via his OQRS service. Cards and LoTW will be available at the appropriate times. We are also looking at how we might use Club Log during the event as well.

If you would like to find out more, you can visit our [website](#) . We will be adding further information as the project planning is completed. The team is looking forward to working everyone in April!

Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

F, FRANCE Celebrating the 135th anniversary of the official inauguration of the Eiffel Tower (31 March 1889), Michel, F8GGZ will be active as **TM135TE** on 24-31 March. QSL via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Members of ARI Sondrio (IQ2UL) will operate special event station **II2AUT** from 25 March to 7 May for the World Autism Awareness Day. QSL via the bureau and eQSL; QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log. Back in 2007 the United Nations General Assembly declared 2 April as World Autism Awareness Day to highlight the need to help improve the quality of life of autistic individuals so they can lead full and meaningful lives as an integral part of society. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Special callsign **II4CLM** will be active on 1-30 April in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Guglielmo Marconi. QSL via the bureau. Joining the celebrations will be IY4FGM (the amateur radio station at the Guglielmo Marconi Foundation) and the club stations of

the 17 ARI branches in the Emilia-Romagna region (namely **IQ4AD, IQ4AX, IQ4BQ, IQ4DJ, IQ4FA, IQ4FC, IQ4FD, IQ4FE, IQ4FH, IQ4FJ, IQ4HI, IQ4LH, IQ4PI, IQ4RA, IQ4RE, IQ4RN and IQ4SC**). Further information, including real time log search, can be found on <https://www.150marconi.org/>. (TNX 425DX)

OK, CZECH REP In celebration of World Amateur Radio Day (18 April), Martin, OK1RR and Slavek, OK1TN will be active as **OL1WARD** on 1-30 April. They will operate CW only on the HF bands. QSL via LoTW; paper cards will not be available. (TNX 425DX)

ON, BELGIUM Special event stations **OR24WARD** and **OP24WARD** will be active on all bands and modes on 1-30 April in celebration of World Amateur Radio Day (18 April). QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via eQSL. A certificate will be available, see <https://www.uba.be/en/hf/awards/uba-awards>. (TNX 425DX)

SP, POLAND **SN55DIG** is the special callsign that Adam, SQ9S will be using until the end of the year to celebrate the 55th anniversary of the Diplom Interessen Gruppe. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. See <https://diplom-interessen-gruppe.info/> for information about the DIG. (TNX 425DX)

TA, TURKEY Once again members of the TC Special Wireless Activity Team and the Giresun Wireless Radio Amateurs Association will be active as **TC18M** on 15-22 March to commemorate the anniversary of the naval battle of 18 March 1915 during the Dardanelles Campaign. QSL via LoTW; a certificate will be available on <https://tadx.org/awards>. (TNX 425DX)



THE REMINDERS

9A, CROATIA Throughout 2024 Tom, 9A2AA will use **9A67AA** to mark his 67 years of activity on the amateur radio bands. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

9A, CROATIA **9A100RKZ** is the special callsign celebrating the 100th anniversary since Radioklub Zagreb was founded (24 March 1924). Look for activity throughout 2024. QSL via 9A1ADE. (TNX 42DX)

DL, GERMANY The following special event stations call attention to the formation of the German Radio Cartel, a first consortium of German broadcasting stations, 100 years ago: **DB100FK, DC100FK, DD100FK, DF100FK, DL100FK, DM100FK, DQ100FK, DR100FK, DM100MW, and DR100PE**. QRV from Jan. 1 until May 31 in 2024. Awards are also available, see: <https://100fk.de>. Confirmations will only be handled digitally: eQSL, LoTW, Club Log, DCL, and a downloadable "card". (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY **DP9GLHN** is the special callsign that members of DARC's Ortsverband Norderney will be using from 1 February to 31 December to mark the 150th anniversary since the Norderney Island (EU-047) lighthouse was put into service. QSL via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY **DP75AFUG** (special DOK 75AFUG) celebrates 75 years of amateur radio legislation in Germany between March 1 and April 20. An award is also available, see: <https://www.qrz.com/db/DP75AFUG>. Cards will be sent automatically via the bureau; direct via DL2VFR. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY The special event callsign **DA0RC** will be active around the FunkTag 2024

exhibition. QRV until April 27 with the special DOK FTK24. Sending a card is not necessary, there will be an automatic bureau service and also confirmations via the DARC's DCL system. Direct cards for the above time period only go via DL2VFR (d). (TNX DXNL)

EI, IRELAND Special event callsign **EI80MB** will be active from 1 November to 31 May 2024 to commemorate the 80th anniversary since 168 German seamen were miraculously rescued from the waters of the Bay of Biscay after a battle between British and German naval forces (29 December 1943). QSL via Club Log's OQRS or via EI6AL. (TNX 425DX)

EI, IRELAND Between 1 September and 31 August 2024 **EI4FOTA** will be active from all around Ireland - including SOTA and POTA locations, UNESCO World Heritage Sites, lighthouses and IOTA islands. Apparently the first operation will be on 17-24 September from the Giant's Causeway - which is in Northern Ireland (GI), though; then on 5-15 October from the Blasket Islands (EU-007). (TNX 425DX)

FY, FRENCH GUIANA Active during various dates in April, May and July, look for **TO60CSG** from French Guiana. This special event callsign is used to celebrate 60 years of Europe's Spaceport based in Kourou. More info here. LoTW uoloads end of every month.

HB9, SWITZERLAND Members of the Zurich City Police Radio Amateur Club (HB9SP) will be active as **HB20SP** throughout 2024 to celebrate their club's 20th anniversary. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log and qrz.com; do not send any card via the bureau. (TNX 42DX)



HH, HAITI The special event station **HI180RD** remains active until April 30, celebrating the 180th independence anniversary. An award is also available:

<https://independencia2024.org/contest/9>. (TNX DXNL)

I, ITALY Special callsign **IY9MM** will be active on 1-31 March to memorialize the experiments conducted by Guglielmo Marconi from the ship "Regina Elena" in the port of Augusta (9 March 1914). QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or direct to IT9MRM. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Throughout 2024 ARI Fidenza will use a series of special callsigns each representing a "keyword" that summarizes and characterizes the content of a sentence from one of Guglielmo Marconi's many public speeches: II4TENC (January), II4INTU (February), II4SUCC (March), II4DETR (April), II4SEAS (May), II4RDFE (June), II4INNV (July), II4BFRE (August), II4OTSR (September), II4VISN (October), II4BTFU (November), II4FCGD (December). QSL via IQ4FE. Information about the "Discovering Marconi" award: <http://www.arifidenza.it/>.

LZ, BULGARIA Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special 15allsigns during 2024 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ543BN** (March and April), **LZ44IZ** (May and June), **LZ302IT** (July and August), **LZ1515IW** (September and October), and **LZ311PA** (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2024 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/>. (TNX 425DX)

OE, AUSTRIA **OE24BI** draws attention to Bad Ischl, European Capital of Culture 2024. QRV from

January until the end of June. (TNX DXNL)

OE, AUSTRIA OE100RADIO celebrates the centennial of radio broadcasting during 2024. (TNX DXNL)

OE, AUSTRIA OE40WO celebrates the 40th anniversary of the club Wolfsberg ADL 084 until 4 April 2024. QSL via OE8XDX (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

ON, BELGIUM Throughout 2024, the Radio Club de Liège (LGE) will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. To mark the occasion, the special call sign **OR100LGE** will be activated from 6m to 160m, mainly on FT8/FT4, CW and SSB. Livestream on Club Log. <https://clublog.org/livestream/or100lge>. QSL via LOTW, Club Log and e-qsL.

SM, SWEDEN SK100FRK is the special callsign celebrating the 100 anniversary since Falu Radioklubb (SK4AO) was founded. Look for activity during 2024. A very special diploma will be available - see <https://www.qrz.com/db/SK100FRK>. (TNX 42DX)

SM, SWEDEN SK50B is the special callsign for members of the Botkyrka Radioamatörer to celebrate their club's golden jubilee throughout 2024. The club was founded on 18 January 1974. QSL via the bureau to SK0HB. (TNX 42DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Islands On The Air programme, special event callsign **VI60IOTA** will be in use across Australia during 2024: "whenever VI60IOTA is heard on the air", the organizers say, "it will be from one of the VK IOTA entities", including the main islands of Australia (OC-001) and Tasmania (OC- 007). QSOs will be made available for Club Log and LoTW Matching on the IOTA website; traditional QSLs via M0OXO's OQRS. (TNX 425DX)

VU, INDIA The special event callsign **AT3POG** is operated by Guru VU3GWN, Arvind VU3CIQ, Rajesh VU3TBU, and Shyam VU3UZD until March 31. (TNX DXNL)

YO, ROMANIA Celebrating the 95th anniversary of the first amateur radio association in Romania's Arad County, special callsigns **YR95AR, YR95CC, YR95CH, YR95IN, YR95LI, YR95PE** and **YR95SE** will be active from 16 February until 31 May. The event is being organised by C.S. Radioclub Admira (YO2KBQ), the successor of the club that was established almost a century ago. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/YR95AR> for more information. (TNX 42DX)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND Active from 1 October to 31 May 2024, **ZL6WG** is a special event callsign promoting the 98th NZART annual conference that will be held in Christchurch on 1-2 June next year. QSL via LoTW; paper cards will not be available. (TNX 425DX)
<https://hamradio.co.nz/award/>