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DX news

SV1GA/A Mount Athos

Time flows differently in the Holy Community as even the morning prayer starts at 4 AM. We can all learn and benefit from the Mont Athos lifestyle.

Most importantly, the SV1GA/A team is safe and in good spirits and excited to have brought on the air such a rare DX entity.

The matter of Amateur Radio in Mt Athos is in the hands of different entities within the Holy Community and all we can do at this point is serve as source of knowledge and expertise. For us the key entity is the authority that issued our invitation/permit to carry out the SV1GA operation. Our paperwork is as clear as water but outside sources have put everything on hold for further review

We are not trying to speculate the variety of arguments or opinions but just provide information for the parties involved. The final word is expected soon as we wait for the relevant authorities to meet and review our case.

As we also have limits for waiting, we will make the decision about our own standing very soon.

<https://www.dx-world.net/sv1ga-a-mt-athos/>



Saint Peter & Saint Paul DXpedition by George AA7JV

The Araucaria DX Group is pleased to announce it has received permission from the Marinha do Brazil (Brazilian Navy) for a DXpedition to Arquipélago de São Pedro e São Paulo (Saint Peter & Saint Paul archipelago). The operation will take place in the October – November 2025 time frame. The actual dates will be announced later.

The St. Peter & St. Paul rocks are located at 0 deg 55.2' N and 29 deg 20.9' W, about 60 miles north of the Equator, approximately 600 miles from the city of Natal, on the Brazilian mainland.

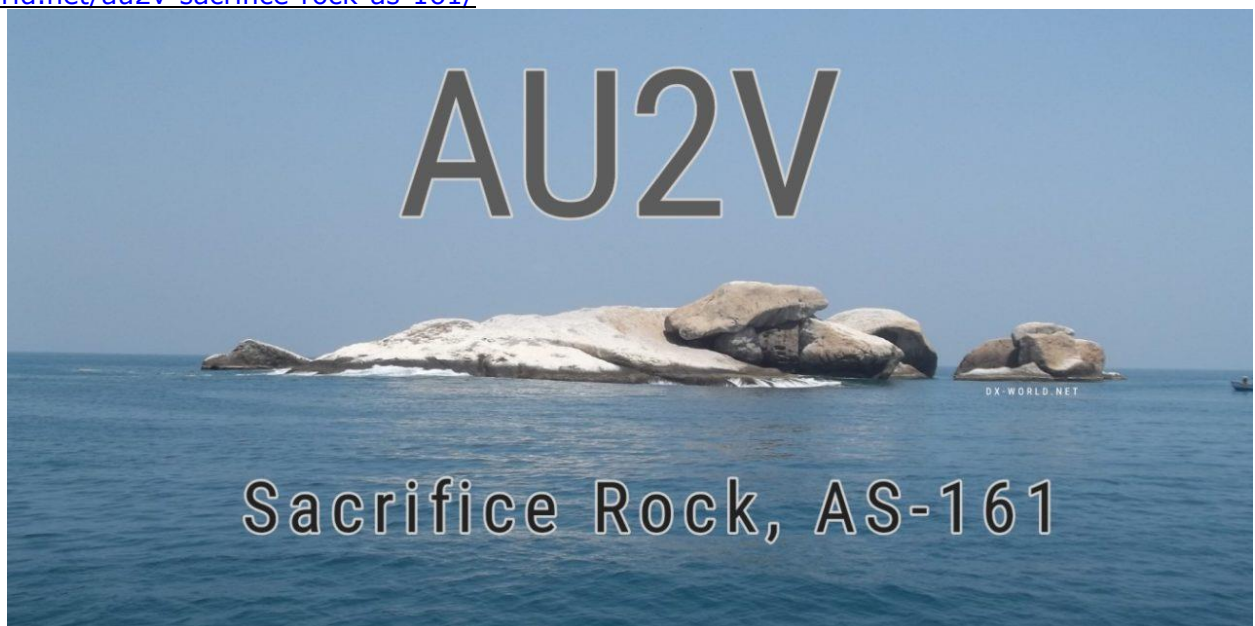
<https://www.dx-world.net/saint-peter-and-saint-paul-archipelago-dxpedition/>

AU2V Sacrifice Rock AS-161 –update

The Sacrifice Rock IOTA AS-161 expedition team is thrilled to announce that they have received the official callsign AU2V from the Wireless Planning and Coordination (WPC) authority, Government of India.

The team has set up a [website](#) to provide updates and information on the expedition. Donations to support the expedition can be made by Paypal at sarath@lven.in.

Despite receiving some generous donations and assurances of support from foundations, the team is still short of funds to purchase necessary equipment and accessories for the expedition. The team expresses its gratitude to the individuals and organizations that have contributed so far and looks forward to receiving the promised support after the expedition. <https://www.dx-world.net/au2v-sacrifice-rock-as-161/>



TX7N Marquesas Islands –now QRT

'We are nearing the end of our transmissions here in the Marquesas Islands. Despite the many challenges we faced, including difficult propagation conditions and warm weather, we are proud to announce that we have achieved over 40,000 QSOs! This success is thanks to your support and passion for radio. Every contact was a unique adventure and an unforgettable moment of connection. 73 from the entire TX7N team.'

C21TS Nauru –update by Phil FK1TS/C21TS

I had previously stated that I would finish in February 2025 in Nauru, but I have decided to stick it out a bit longer. Plans at this stage are to stay at least until September 2025 then take 2 months leave..after that?

The time here has been interesting and I have seen Nauru move from 54 on the most wanted to 106. That's mostly down to myself and of course **C21MM** in October last year (90K QSO).

Currently C21TS is at 83,000 QSO with minimal dupes as I do not use MSHV. I am hoping to leave here with 100K. My DXCC count is at 221 confirmed as I do some chasing as well as being chased.

<https://www.dx-world.net/c21ts-nauru/>

P29XZ Papua New Guinea

'I finally bought a 3-meter lifting pole over the weekend. Now I have set the V-shaped antenna to a resonant length of 18.074Mhz (17 meter). Using the X6100 antenna tuning device, the standing wave can reach about 1.2, which is very ideal. As soon as I go online, I will be surrounded by radio stations from all over the world, which makes me very embarrassed. I can only try to

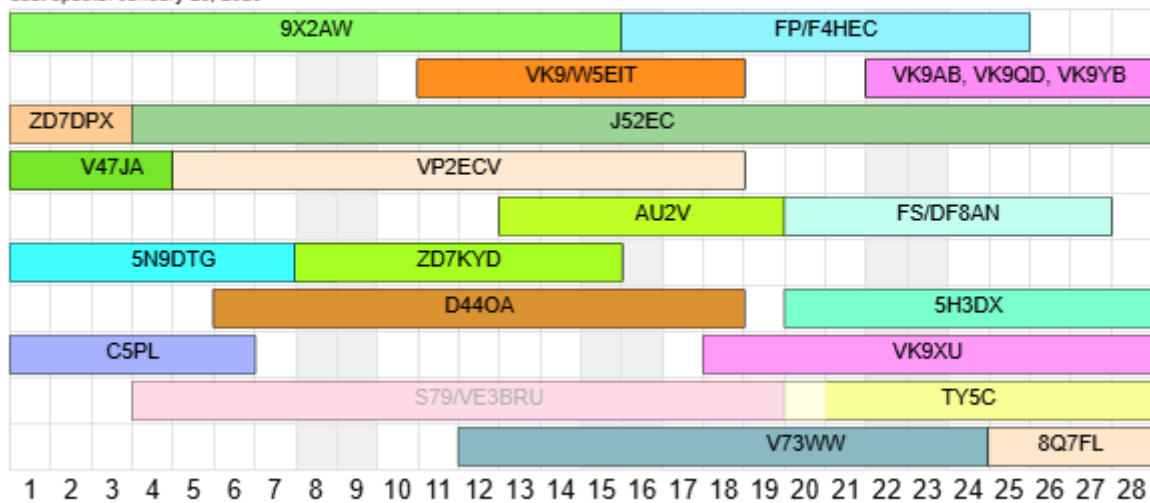
contact more radio stations. I will basically work on the 17-meter band before February 6. Then I will go back to China for a while, and I will come to Papua New Guinea again in mid-March. By then, my new 4-band antenna will arrive, and I may bring my FT-897 radio with me, so that I can contact more radio stations.'



DXCC Timeline

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DXCC

This week on air

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

Africa trip by Antonio IK7WUL

Antonio is going on a humanitarian mission to Africa, during his spare time he might be QRV (most likely on 10 meter SSB) as:

BURKINA FASO January 26-31 callsign pending

GHANA February 1-6 9G5IK

TOGO February 6-14 5V0DX

BENIN February 14-23 TY2AA

5N, NIGERIA The Rebel DX Group will be QRV around January 30 for 2 weeks. They will be QRV as 5N9DTG. Then it's on to South Africa to prepare their vessel for a Southern Ocean voyage. Bandplan and modes <https://www.qrz.com/db/5N9DTG>

6W, SENEGAL Willy ON4AVT will once again be active as 6X7/call between February 2 and April 10, 2025. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, digi and QO-100 sat. QSL via home call, Club Log.

7P, LESOTHO Mark KW4XJ and Arina KO4PZT are QRV as 7P8AB and 7P8NB until mid-2025. QSL via KW4XJ.

8Q, MALDIVES Ilian, LZ5KW is QRV as 8Q7KW for about 15 days until 2nd week of February. Operation in 'holiday-style' with portable equipment from 80 to 10 meter using mainly CW with some SSB and FT8.

8R, GUYANA Aldir, PY1SAD is once again active as 8RTM from Georgetown (Grid: GJ06vs) until February 8. Operation on all bands using CW, SSB, digi and SAT. QSL via LoTW or via home call direct.

9G, GHANA Before carrying out humanitarian work in Togo (5V0DX) and Benin (TY2AA), Antonio IK7WUL will also be active when time permits from Accra, Ghana as 9G5IK during February 1-6. Likely QRV on 10m SSB. QSL via I8KHC (ex-IZ8CCW), LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

9X, RWANDA Harold, DF2WO is once again QRV as 9X2AW until February 15. Operation in 'holiday-style' on QO-100 and all other bands using CW, SSB and FT4.

C5, THE GAMBIA A team with LB0OG, SP1C, SP1FM and SQ1GU will be operating as C5PL between February 1-6. Operation from 80 to 6 meter with a focus on 20-10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. They will be active from the POTA/WWFF:

Tanji Bird Reserve (POTA GM-0004; WWFF C5FF-0004)

West Kiang Marine Park (POTA GM-0008 ; WWFF C5FF-0001) as C5PL/P

Delta du Saloum National Park (POTA SN-0002 ; WWFF 6WFF-0002) as 6W/homecalls/p
<https://www.qrz.com/db/C5PL>

C5, THE GAMBIA Przemko, SP3PS is once again operating as C5SP until mid-March. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

D4, CAPE VERDE Claudio, HB9OAU will be operating from Sal Island (AF-086) as D44OA between February 5 and February 18, 2025. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

HR, HONDURAS Gerard, F2JD is operating as HR5/call until late March 2025. Operation on HF and 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via F6AJA direct or bureau.

<https://lesnouvellesdx.fr/voirlogs.php>

HP, PANAMA Bob, NC6Q will be active as HP1TT between February 1 and February 17. QRV on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

J5, GUINEA-BISSAU Livio, IZ3BUR is operating as J52EC until March 1 during his spare time. Operation on 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB and perhaps some digi. QSL via home call.

J7, DOMINICA Oliver, W6NV will be QRV as J79NV during February 2025. Operation mainly for the ARRL CW and SSB contest. He will be a single operator in the ARRL CW contest and then join with FM6BH (J79BH), F8AAN (J79AN) and F5VHJ (J79AC) for the ARRL SSB contest.

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA Take, JG8NQJ is once again active as call/1 until mid-February. Activity mainly in CW with some FT8. QSL via JA8CJY, LoTW.

KH9, WAKE ISL Allen, KH7AL is QRV as call/KH9 during his spare time.
Next: February 02 2000z 10 meter SSB, February 03 0730z 12 meter SSB

He has dipoles covering from 40 to 10 meter using SSB with some CW. He keeps an "Activation Blog" and an "Upcoming" section on <https://sites.google.com/view/kh7al/>. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. <https://kh7al.site/>

P2, PAPUA NEW GUINEA Xu, BG5DON is active during his spare time as P29XZ until end May.

Operation mainly in the weekends from 20 to 6 meter using FT8 with low power. QSL via home call.

PJ2, CURACAO Thaire, W2APF is active as PJ2/call until April 8. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW.

PJ2, CURACAO Andre, PD1DRE is QRV as PJ2/call until February 4. QRV on 40, 20 and 10 meter using SSB. QSL via eqsl.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Jeff, VA3QSL is operating as PJ7/call until February 16. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW.

TJ, CAMEROON Thierry, TK1CX is active as TJ/call from Douala until end February 2025.

Operation on HF using FT8. QSL via EA5ZD, LoTW. Thierry mentions: *'I'm currently on a business trip in Cameroon and I'm TJ/TK1CX. For professional reasons I cannot be active very often, and more with a solar power supply. I'll try to be on the air as much as possible. My traffic will be mainly FT8 because I can't use much power because of the solar panels. I hope to be able to contact as many people as possible on 10, 12, 15, 17, 20m.'*

TY, BENIN Gérard F5NVF is again QRV as TY5C from Godomey until April 2. He is active mostly from 80 to 10 meter using CW and FT8. QRV in 'holiday-style' using an IC-7000, 100w & wire antennas. QSL direct via F5RAV / free LoTW.

V3, BELIZE Walt W0CP and Mary K0ZV will once again be active as V31DJ and V31DK during February 2025. Operation on HF using SSB and FT8, an entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included. QSL via LoTW.

V4, ST KITTS Jon, W5JON is once again active as V47JA until February 5. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8 using a Yaesu FT-3000D, and Elecraft KPA500 amplifier. Antennas: Mosley MP-32N beam for 10/15/20m, 33' vertical for 10-80m and a 6m Yagi. QSL direct to W5JON or via LoTW.

VP2E, ANGUILLA Chuck, KG9N will be QRV as VP2ECV between February 4 and February 18. Operation on HF. QSL via home call.

VP5, TURKS & CAICOS Tony, WD8RTT is active as VP5/KD8RTT until February 2. QRV with focus on satellites and FT4/8. QSL via home call, LoTW.

<https://kd8rtt.com/2024/12/19/upcoming-turks-and-caicos-island-dxpedition-vp5-kd8rtt/>

ZD7, ST HELENA Giovanni, IZ2DPX is active as ZD7DPX until February 3. QTH is the shack of ZD7CTO, operation in 'holiday-style' from 160 to 6 meter using SSB and FT4/8. QSL via IK2DUW, Club Log.

On the scene...Giovanni IZ2DPX as ZD7DPX



Coming up soon

Central American Tour 2025 by the RRC team

Russian Robinson Team consisting Alex RW3RN, Hal W8HC, Mike K5MSK, Slava OK8AU, Raisa R1BIG, Tim NL8F, Vlad R9LR and Yuri N3QQ will be active from Central American DXCC entities (covering IOTA and POTA) during February 11 to March 7, 2025. As follows:

YN6RRC – Complejo volcánico San Cristóbal, POTA NI-0055 (Nicaragua)

H7RRC – Isla Del Cardon, NA-212 (Nicaragua)

TI1RRC – Isla Cano, NA-117 & POTA CR-0018 (Costa Rica)

3F3RRC – Chirique, POTA PA-0033 (Panama)

All calls are currently pending. QSL via LoTW or via M0OXO and RW3RN (RU/EW only).

5V, TOGO Prior to his humanitarian trip to Benin (as TY2AA), Antonio IK7WUL will also be visiting Togo again - this time between February 6-14, 2025. QRV only when time permits. QSL via I8KHC
C6, THE BAHAMAS Chip, K1KJD and John K4SGR will be active as C6ADA between February 12-16, 2025. Activation of 2 new POTA and as many lighthouses as possible. QRV on HF using CW and SSB with some FT8. More to follow.

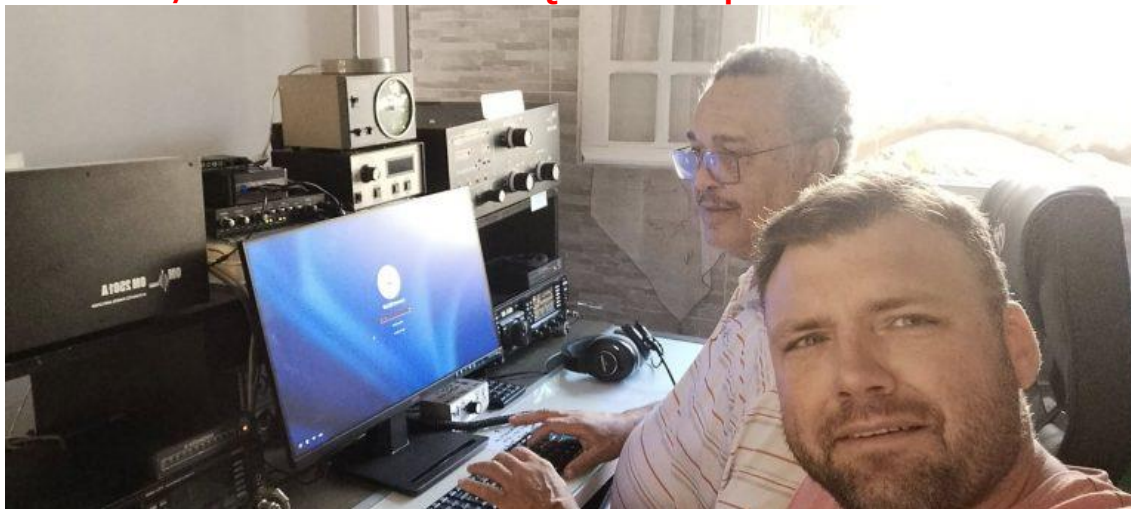
H44, SOLOMON ISL Bernard, DL2GAC will once again be active as H44MS between February 9 and May 7, 2025. QRV from Manakwai Village from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8.

V4, ST KITTS Tom, K0YA will be active as V4/call between February 6 and March 4 (from V47JA QTH). QRV in 'holiday-style' with an entry in the ARRL International DX CW contest as V47Y. QSL via LoTW for both calls.

VK9C, COCOS KEELING Larry, W5EIT will be QRV as BK9/call from West Island between February 11-18. Operation in 'holiday-style' using mostly CW and FT8 with some RTTY and SSB.

YS, EL SALVADOR Dave, W2JO will be operating from La Libertad as YS1/call during February 12-19. QRV on HF using CW. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included. QSL via N2ZN.

On the scene...FM/F4IFF from the FM5BH QTH Martinique



IOTA

This week on air

AFRICA

AF-024 Eden Isl Bruno, VE3BRU will be QRV as S79/call between February 4 and February 20 from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

ASIA

AS-079 Miyako Isl Take, JS6RRR is operating as JS6RRR, JI3DST/6, JJ5RBH/6 or JR8YLY/6 until March 31. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. An entry in the CQWW SSB and CW contest are included as JS6RRR. More on QRZ.com.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-057 Roatan Isl Seju, N3UA is active as HQ9Y until February 1. Operation on all bands using all modes. QSL via E73Y.

OCEANIA

OC-022 Bali Emmanuel, F5LIT is once again QRV as YB9/call until February 16, 2025. Operation on HF. QSL via home call direct, LoTW. Previous operations were in 2018 and 2024.

OC-150 Lombok Isl Jozef, ON6HX is QRV as YB9/call until February 6. QSL via home call, LoTW.

QSL preview



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

5H, TANZANIA Charles, NK8O will once again be active as 5H3DX between February 20 and March 6. Now Charles will have a better QTH for an antenna farm.

FJ, SAINT BARTHELEMY Andreas, DK6AS will be operating during February/March (to be confirmed) as FJ/call. Operation on HF using CW and FT4/8 from grid FK87. An entry in the ARRL International DX CW contest is included (February 15-16). QSL via home call.

FP, SAINT PIERRE & MIQUELON The F6KOP team will be active as FP5KE from FP sometime 2025. A team with 16 operators and 7 stations will be active from 160 to 6 meter using all modes. More to follow.

FS, ST MARTIN Look once again for FS/K9EL between June 4 and June 18. Operation in 'holiday-

style' with a focus on 6 meter when its open and limited operation on other bands. Daily Club Log uploads and LoTW uploads are planned. QSL via home call.

PY0S, ST PETER & ST PAUL The Araucaria DX Group will be active sometime October-November 2025. Plans are to be QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. There will be six local operators: Adrian, KO8SCA, Fred PY2XB, George, AA7JV, Mike KN4EEI, Peter, PY5CC, Tomi, HA7RY, as well as a number of remote operators. The RIB equipment, which makes this operation possible, was developed with the support of the Northern California DX Foundation.
<https://py0s2025.com/>

THE REMINDERS

T30, W KIRIBATI

T31, C KIRIBATI

T32, E KIRIBATI

T33, BANABA

The Rebel DX group plans following (info via facebook)

T30TTT Tarawa. Sometime 2025.

T31TTT Kanton Island. April – May 2025.

T33TTT Banaba Island. Date unknown yet but 2025.

Operation mainly FT4 but all bands and modes will be used. QSL via LoTW.

3B9, RODRIGUES ISL David OK6DJ and Milan OK7GU will be active as 3B9DJ between March 23 and April 5, 2025. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via OK6DJ, OQRS and LoTW.

6Y, JAMAICA The EIDXG DX Group will be QRV as 6Y7EI between March 12 and March 24, 2025. More to follow.

8Q, MALDIVES Takio, JH3QFL will be active from the Maldives as 8Q7FL during February 26 to March 6. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using FT8. QSL via homecall.

8Q, MALDIVES Flavio, IW2NEF will be QRV as 8Q7EF from Filitheyo Island between April 3-10. Operation on HF using SSB and FT8. QSL via IK2DUW and LoTW.

8Q, MALDIVES Mamoru, JH3VAA will be active as 8Q7VA between February 26 and May . Operation on HF. QSL via home call.

C5, THE GAMBIA Luc F5RAV and Lui YU5R will be active from Kololi between April 19 and May 2. QRV as C5LT and C5R on HF using CW, SSB and FT8 + SATS (mostly RS44). QSL via LoTW.

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

E5, COOK ISL Steve, ZL2KE will once again be active as E51KEE next August 2025. More to follow.

E6, NIUE Bob, ZL1RS (YJ0RS, E51EME) will be operating as E6RS from Makefu during May 2025. More to follow but the focus will be on 6 meter and perhaps 10 meter is 6 is dead. QSL via LoTW and home call.

E6, NIUE Gavin ZL3GAV will be active as E6SP sometime May/June 2025. It will be a more advanced mini expedition. Extra antennas/radios including 6m and satellite operation, focus on IO117 Greencube (if still working) and other available satellites: linear/FM. More details will be advised when planning is advanced.

FM, MARTINIQUE Yuri, VE3DZ will once again be active as TO4A during February 13-17 and again from February 28 to March 3. An entry in the ARRL CW contest is included. Also activity outside the contest as FM/VE3DZ. QSL via home call, Club Log.

FO, AUSTRAL ISL Mladen 9A2NA, Rolando 9A3MR, Livio 9A7Y and Zik DK8ZZ/YT3ZZ will be active from Tubuai between April 25 and May 7, 2025. Focus on human modes with some FT8/FT4. They have already applied for a special TX callsign. QSL via DK8ZZ.

<https://austral2025.com/>

FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON Fred, F4HEC will be QRV as FP/call between February 16 and February 25. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and CW. An entry in the REF Contest SSB is included. QSL via home call direct and LoTW.

FS, SAINT MARTIN Jeff, VA3QSL will be operating as FS/call between February 16 and March 4. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW.

FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA The DX Obsessed Group with K6VHF, KA6IBM, 7HAN, NG7E, NJ7I and

NC7M will be operating as FW5K between October 20 and November 7. An entry in the CQWW SSB contest is included. Operation before and after the contest from 160 to 6 meter using RTTY, FT4/8 and SSB with 3 stations.

H40, TEMOTU Darren, VK4MAP will be operating as H40DA from Pigeon Island OC-065 during early 2025, dates to be confirmed. QRV on 80, 40, 20, 15, 12 and 10 meter using SSB.

HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL A large team with 20 operators currently formed by HC5VF, PY2DV, PY2EL, PY2MC, PY2PT, PY2WAS, PY3MM, PY4RGS, PY5CC, PY5HSD, PY5KD, PY6HD, PY6RT, PR7AB, PY7XC, PS8RV, PV8DX, VU2RS, YL2KL, N6PSE, K3NQ, WD5COV and YT1AD will be active as HD8G between April 18 and April 27, 2025. Operation with 10 stations from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via M0URX OQRS, LoTW. <https://hd8g.com/>

HK0, MALPELO Last active in 2012 (by **HK0NA** who still maintain the 2nd highest ever QSO count for a DXpedition), the Colombian League of Radio Amateurs (HK3LR) and its Board of Directors has announced its main goal – to stage a DXpedition 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 Mike, VE2XB will be active as J38XB between March 17 and March 31. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using SSB with some CW. QSL via home call.

QSL preview



JW, SVALBARD Tom, LA6VDA will once again be QRV as JW6VDA during September 12-22, 2025. Activity on HF using mostly SSB. QSL via LoTW, Club Log.

OY, FAROE ISL The 7163 Group with WB2REM, W9MK, W2WCM, G6TFL, VO1IDX, K3BAB, K4LT and W4VKU will be operating sometime June 2025 as OY/calls. An entry in the ARRL VHF contest is included, outside the contest they will be from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via WB2REM, Club Log.

PJ4, BONAIRE Frank, PH2M will once again be active as PJ4M from Kralendijk during May. Dates to be announced approx 4-6 weeks ahead of activity. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, Club Log.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Tom, AA9A will once again be QRV as PJ7AA from March 8 and April 5, 2025. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, FT4/8. QSO upload via LoTW and Club Log, QSL via home call, LoTW.

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN Gary, KC9EE will once again be QRV as PJ7EE around mid-March 2025 and be QRV during the CQWPX SSB contest.

TI9, COCOS ISL Pending approval from all relevant authorities, Charlie TI5CDA plans an HF and EME DXpedition to Cocos Island sometime in 2025. Callsign: TI9CDA. Updates to follow throughout the coming months. (Charlie uses EA5GL as QSL manager).

TY, BENIN Antonio, IK7WUL will again be on a humanitarian mission to Benin during February 14-23, 2025, and QRV (10m SSB) when time permits as TY2AA. QSL via I8KHC, LoTW.

TZ, MALI Ulmar, DK1CE will once again be QRV as TZ1CE from Bamako. Currently QRX due to

uncertain flights. QRV from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call. Ulmar mentions: 'On FT8, DX stations outside of EU have precedence at all times.

Based on my experience, there is not advantage to F/H mode.

I use only normal FT8 mode.

I will mostly operate on FT8 and SSB.

The log will be updated daily on Club Log; the LoTW log will only be available after the end of my operations in Mali.

In Mali operation on 60m is not permitted.'

V4, ST KITTS Fred, G4XWM will be operating as V4/call between March 8 and March 29.

Operation on HF using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW and Club Log.

V7, MARSHALL ISL Following their successful journey to Guyana under the callsign **8R7X**, the team is now setting their sights on a new destination in the Pacific region. Their next DXpedition will take them to the Marshall Islands, scheduled for February 2025.

Stay tuned for more details as they become available. Additionally, the team is in the process of launching a website, which will soon be accessible.

VK9C, COCOS KEELING

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISL

Gunter, DL2AWG and team DF4GV, DL2AMD, DJ9RR and VK6SJ will be active from Christmas Island as VK9XU between February 18 and March 4, 2025. Cocos Keeling will be on air between March 4 and March 12, 2025. QRV with 3 stations from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. More to follow.

VK9N, NORFOLK ISL Members of the Caboolture ARC will be active between February 22 and March 1 as VK9QD (club station), VK9YB and VK9AB. Operation is planned on HF including 630m and 2200m trying for the world distance record on those bands.

VP5, TURKS & CAICOS Paul, K3STX will be active as VP5/call between February 15 and February 19. An entry in the ARRL CW contest is included. Outside the contest activity in 'holiday-style' using CW. QSL via LoTW.

QSL preview



VP5, TURKS & CAICOS During most of March, Kevin W1DED will be in Turks & Caicos. Although not yet confirmed, he hopes to be QRV for CQ WPX contest as VP5E. Outside of contest look for VP5/W1DED on HF bands. QSL via LoTW.

NOTE: Kevin hosts and interviews well known ham radio operators from around the world – see his You Tube [channel](#).

VU4, ANDAMAN ISL A team with ON4AMX, ON4HIL, ON5UR, ON5RA, ON5TN, ON6CC, ON7FT, ON7USB, ON7RU, ON8AZ, PA9M and PA3EWP have announced that they will be on the air as VU4X from Andaman Islands during March 10-25, 2025. QRV on HF bands; CW, SSB and DIGI. 'Dx-Adventure is proud to announce its next DXpedition, taking place in the first quarter of 2025. Our international team, consisting of more than 10 experienced operators, is eager to

embark on this adventure.....

This time, we are focusing on VU4 from the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, currently ranked 54th most wanted DXCC country. During this DX expedition, we will be active on all bands, using CW, SSB and digital.

This provides a fantastic opportunity for radio amateurs around the world to work this DXCC and IOTA.

There will be more updates on our [website](#) – stay tuned for the latest news and details.'

YJ, VANUATU Bob, ZL1RS (last year as E51EME) will be active from Efate, Vanuatu as YJ0RS in June '25. More details to follow, however focus on 6m and possibly 10m (if 6 is "dead"). QSL via LoTW and paper QSL cards will also be available via ZL1RS.

ZC4, CYPRUS SBA Adrian, G0KOM will once again be active as ZC4MK during March 24-31. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is included.

ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA DX-World has learned that a Tristan da Cunha DXpedition is in the works for 2025. Whilst it is quite some time away, we have gleaned the following info.

It will be a 3-4 month long DXpedition to ZD9 which could be extended by another 2-3 months bringing it to (potentially) 6+ months. The additional months could depend on PayPal donations / extra donors. Focus is going to be on CW & SSB. There will be VERY LIMITED usage of FT8.

Infact, FT8 will ONLY be used on 80 & 160 meters. Bands of operation will be 10 meters to 160 meters. 1kW to monoband heavy duty vertical antennas due to Tristan da Cunha's very inhospitable weather.

ZK3, TOKELAU A QSP from the Rebel DX Group ZK3ZK: on target for around mid-June.

'We will be doing some delivery on one of our vessels for Tokelau. For now Tokelau borders remain closed due to several local issues. More info soon.'

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

On the scene...Allen KH7AL/KH9 Wake Island

"I am looking forward to building and operating my new DX Commander Expedition vertical from Wake Island."



IOTA

THE REMINDERS

ASIA

AS-161 Sacrifice Rock A team (previous AU2S) will try to activate this 'holy grail' before March, the goal is mid-February. Operation as AU2V. The team consists of experienced amateur radio operators, including Sara (VU2RS), Adersh (VU3WEW), Anil (VU3DXA), Sangeeth (VU2TT), Grisih (VU3GDS), and Renju (VU3TPW). The expedition's QSL Manager is Charles, M0OXO.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-079 Dry Tortugas The N4T team will be operating between February 21 and February 25, 2025. Main goal is 6 meter operation from the rare grid EL84 and from various POTA parks. QSL via W3NY.

NA-190 Isla Zacatillo Renato PY8WW will be active as YS3PY together with PY7RP, PY7XC and PY1WK. Operation between May 7 and May 17 from 80 to 6 meter. Renato mentions: *"as they activate this rare island, combining the thrill of amateur radio with exploration"*

NA-220 Maniitsoq Isl Joe, OZ0J will once again be QRV as OX0J sometime September 2025. Activity from 40 to 10 meter depending on free space for antennas. QSL via Club Log OQRS (prefer), LoTW or H/C. Joe will try to participate in the SAC CW on ONE band only if condx are good, and will also operate on CW, SSB and FT8 (mostly Fox/Hound) before SAC CW. Depends on local weather, he will put up the antennas on 13 September and take down on 22 September. Club Log Live Stream will be added if the Internet connection is stable. Information will be updated continuously **here** (and DX-World).

OCEANIA

OC-059 Kosrae Rikk, WE9G will be operating as V6WG during March 18 and April 1, 2025. QRV from 80 to 6 meter (160 might be possible) using mainly FT4/8 with some CW and SSB. QSL via Club Log.

OC-067 Bora Bora Nobby, G0VJG will be QRV during June 11-27 as FO/call. Operation on HF and 6 meter using high power.

OC-235 Camiguin Isl Kouichi, JI1FGX/DU9 is planning an IOTA DXpedition during next April-June when conditions on 50Mhz are more favourable. This will apparently be the first 6m activation from the island. He will use a HexBeam covering: 14, 18, 21, 24, 28, and 50MHz with the main mode being FT8. QSL via JJ2VLY, LoTW. <https://www.qrz.com/db/JI1FGX>

ARCTIC NEWS

Antarctica DXpedition by Eric KB1EHE and Elsie KB1IFZ

Eric KB1EHE and Elsie KB1IFZ will be on an Antarctica DXpedition beginning 28 January and wrapping up 2 February. They will be operating 20m SSB and FT8.

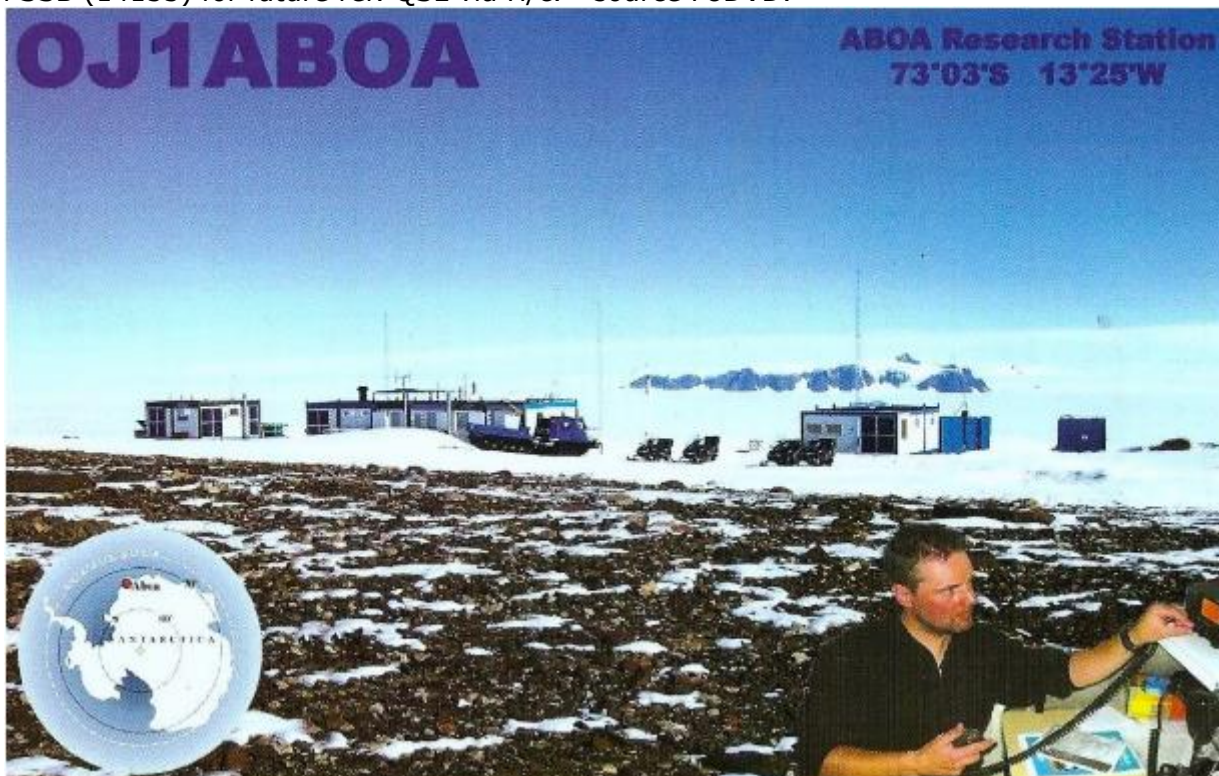
They will be based on the National Geographic Explorer ship, and will trek various destinations along the Antarctic Peninsula. Due to recent avian bird flu (H5N1) concerns, and potential impact to wildlife and the fragile Antarctica ecosystem overall, visitors to Antarctica have to take significant precautions. For instance, to prevent the transmission of pathogens, the bottoms of boots and tips of hiking poles are disinfected prior to any excursion. Only boots and poles can touch the walking surface, complicating remote radio-station setup.

Eric and Elsie, in collaboration with their Connecticut-U.S.-based colleagues, have created an entirely portable (nothing touching the ground) 20m station, comprised of a Xiegu G90, laptop, and battery power supply that's connected by a short piece of coax to a homebrew 5.6m / 18.4 ft. telescopic vertical antenna system with two substantially shortened counterpoise elements. The couple report to DX-World that they have extensively rehearsed "donning and doffing" their backpack-stowed gear and have had successful worldwide QSOs from their home QTH in Connecticut. They said they "feel like astronauts" suiting up each other in an airlock prior to a spacewalk! The couple said they analyzed the 20-watt output of the G90 and their portable configuration's SAR / RF exposure, and they are well within safe operating limits.

<https://www.dx-world.net/kc4-kb1ehe-kc4-kb1ifz-antarctica/>

Aboa Station

After several days of antenna testing, Mika OH2FFP is now active from Aboa Research Station (AN-016), Antarctica as OJ1ABOA when time permits. He is there until February 12, 2025. Check 20m SSB (14155) for future ref. QSL via H/c. - source F8DVD.



Bharati Research Station

Denney, VU2DGR is part of the scientific team (Polar Ocean Research) within the 44th Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica (44-ISEA) which will be based at Bharati Research Station, Larsemann Hills. When time permits he hopes to QRV as **AT44I**. QSL via H/c.



Neumayer Station III

Felix, DL5XL will again be returning to **Neumayer Station III**, Antarctica and hopes to be active as **DP1POL** when time permits during January 12 to February 25, 2025. He operates mainly CW on HF bands, with some DIGI and SSB activity too. QSL via DL1ZBO. New QSL design shown.



Wolf's Fang Runway

Oleg, ZS1ANF (UA10, ex UA1PBA) is active again as ZS7ANF from Wolf's Fang Runway, Queen Maud Land, Antarctica (AN-016) until late February 2025. He will operate mainly CW on 40-10 metres. QSL via DL5EBE or RK1PWA, and LoTW.

RI42SP Arctic travels

Oleg, RD1A is onboard "Severny Polyus / North Pole" and is active when time permits as RI42SP as the ship travels through various parts of the Arctic. Primarily QRV on CW & FT8 for approx end October 2025. QSL via Club Log OQRS. Position of boat using this tracker. Frank, F8DVD also mentions:

FT4YM Antarctica

David, F4FKT is again active as **FT4YM** from two Antarctic bases until early March 2025. [Website](#)

FT4YM: Base Dumont d'Urville, Petrels island AN-017.

FT4YM/P: Base Concordia.

QRV on HF bands when time allows outside of his working environment. QSL via F5PFP.



Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

A9, BAHRAIN Members of the Bahrain Radio Club celebrate IARU's 100th anniversary with the callsign **A9100IARU** on the first 5 days of each month in 2025. For more information see: <https://www.itu.int/hub/2024/04/world-amateur-radio-day-iaru-celebrates-a-century-of-connections/>. QSL via EC6DX. (TNX DXNL)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS PA800V commemorates Operation Veritable, aprt of the Market Garden operation, between Feb. 13 and 28; on Feb. 14, 15, and 16 the station will be operating in a public exhibition event in the old town hall of Gennep. For more see: <https://rclb.nl/pa800v>. (TNX DXNL)

VU, INDIA AU75BSG is the special callsign for the Rajapalayam International Radio Communicators Club (VU2IRD) to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Bharat Scouts & Guides during a jamboree between 26 January and 4 February. QSL via VU2JFF. (TNX 425DX)

THE REMINDERS

9V, SINGAPORE To mark the 60th anniversary of Singapore's independence, all members of the Singapore Amateur Radio Transmitting Society (SARTS) may substitute the prefix S60 for their usual **9V1** prefix between Jan. 1 and Aug. 9. Special events during that period are planned for introducing more young people to amateur radio, for example through cooperations with the Singapore Scout Association and the Singapore School of Science and Technology. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY DA0LH (special DOK 25ILLW), associated with the lighthouse Laesoer Rende will be active throughout 2025. QSL via DK5ON (d/B), ClubLog OQRS, LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY The Deutsches Museum in Munich, one of the largest science and technology museums in the world (<https://www.deutsches-museum.de>), celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2025. **DL100DM** is the special callsign to be used throughout the year by the amateur radio station which is part of and regularly active from the museum's "Electronics" permanent exhibition. QSL via DL8FA. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY Celebrating the city of Chemnitz, one of the European Capitals of Culture for 2025, special event callsigns **DL2025C**, **DL2025B**, **DL2025E**, **DL2025S** and **DL2025W** will be active from 18 January to 31 March. All QSOs will be uploaded to eQSL, LoTW, Club Log and DCL (DARC Community Logbook); paper QSL cards will not be issued, but digital QSLs - as well as a number of certificates - will be down-loadable from the event's website. Complete information on the "2025C Ham Radio Event" can be found on <https://2025c.de/>.

DL, GERMANY Radio amateurs in Kamenz (DOK S22) celebrate their city's 800th anniversary with the callsign **DM800KM** (special DOK 800KM) throughout 2025. QSL info see qrz.com. (TNX DXNL)

F, FRANCE Look for special event station **TM22AAW** to be on air on 2 and 3 February and from 8 to 20 February 2025.

Activity is to celebrate the 22th Antarctic Activity Week. All info on this event on <https://www.qrz.com/db/TM22AAW>

Operation will be made by François F8DVD from his Qth of Mâcon, east part of France, 60 km North of Lyon (JN26JH).

The new reference for WAP program is 354.

Operations will be on HF band from 10 to 40 meters.

QSL via F8DVD, Direct (SAE + 3 USD) or via Buro.

For more information about that Antarctic event, have a look to www.waponline.it

GM, SCOTLAND Terry, GM3WUX will be active as **GB200LB** on 4-31 January to celebrate the bicentenary of the invention of the Braille code. He will operate mainly CW. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. (TNX 425DX)

HB9, SWITZERLAND HB20SOTA is the special callsign for the Swiss SOTA Group (HB9SOTA) to celebrate its 20th anniversary throughout 2025. A certificate will be available, see <https://hb9sota.ch/en/> for more information. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Throughout 2025 ARI Fidenza will use a series of special callsigns, each representing one of the many patents registered by Guglielmo Marconi between 1897 and 1926: **II4FPEN** (January), **II4FPUS** (February), **II4SHLD** (March), **II4GHPR** (April), **II4JGGR** (May), **II4RXOS** (June), **II4COHR** (July), **II4LDMA** (August), **II4RADS** (September), **II4WLTX** (October), **II4EACC** (November) and **II4TJTB** (December). QSL via IQ4FE and LoTW. Information about the "Marconi - Patented By" award: <http://www.arifidenza.it/>.

LA, NORWAY LA100A is the special callsign for NRRL's Midt-Troms Gruppen (LA6M, <https://www.la6m.no/>) to use throughout 2025 to mark the 100th anniversary of the first amateur radio two-way contact between Norway and the US, made by Johannes Diesen, LA1A

from Moen in Malselv municipality and UIYB at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire (25 November 1925). QSL via the bureau, QRZ Logbook, or direct. (TNX 425DX)

LZ, BULGARIA Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special call signs during 2025 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ403ES** (January and February), **LZ372SG** (March and April), **LZ286MDK** (May and June), **LZ591MK** (July and August), **LZ117ME** (September and October) and **LZ306WW** (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2025 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/>. (TNX 425DX)

OH, FINLAND **OF60AP** is the special call sign for members of the Central Uusimaa Radio Amateurs Association (OH2AP) to celebrate their club's 60th anniversary throughout 2025. QSL via Club Log's OQRS. A certificate will be available, see https://oh2ap.fi/?page_id=491. (TNX 425DX)

OM, SLOVAKIA **OM25ISS** marks the anniversary of the first Slovak astronaut, Ivan Bella, in space 25 years ago. QRV until the end of September 2025 on all bands. An award is also available: <https://www.qrz.com/db/OM25ISS>. QSL via OM8ATE. (TNX DXNL)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS **PC80TT** is the special call sign for members of VERON Leiden (PI4LDN) to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands during World War II (5 May 1945). Look for activity between 1 January and 1 June. QSL via the bureau to PI4LDN. The special call sign honours the memory of Rudolf Tappenbeck (PCTT), a pioneer of Dutch amateur radio who died in Neuengamme concentration camp on 21 December 1944. (TNX 425DX)

W, USA The Straight Key Century Club's annual on-air event, commemorating the club's founding in 2006 and celebrating the original instruments of early radiotelegraphy (straight key, bug and cootie keys), will run on 2-31 January. Look for **K3Y** to be aired from the ten US call areas (K3Y/0 through K3Y/9), plus /KH6, /KL7 and /KP4. Information on the event and QSLing instructions can be found on <https://skccgroup.com/k3y/k3y.php>. (TNX 425DX)

ZS, SOUTH AFRICA On 20 May 2025, the South African Radio League will celebrate its 100th anniversary. The SARL Centenary Marathon QSO Party is set to kick off for a year-long operating during 2025. Throughout the year, the SARL, with the aid of its members and associated clubs, will be on the air with a special event call sign **ZS100SARL**, as well as the permanent call signs **ZS6SRL** and **ZS9HQ**, and possibly other special event call signs. A number of awards will be available, see <https://mysarl.org.za/centenary-marathon/> for more information. (TNX 425DX)