



**DX bulletin 602**  
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## **DX news**

### **VU4AX Andaman Islands -update March 12**

VU4AX is approaching 10K QSOs in the log with a good mix of CW, SSB and FT8. They continue to be very active although occasional power-cuts have occurred.





**6Y7EI Jamaica –update March 12**

All the team and luggage arrived safe and well in Jamaica. Set up begins in a few hours, says Dave EI9FBB.



**VK9CU Cocos Keeling Island -now QRT March 11**

At 0530z today, VK9CU went QRT making almost 35K QSOs – see [log](#). This now completes the combined [VK9XU](#) / VK9CU DXpedition.

### 3B9DJ Rodrigues Island -update

With the 3B9DJ DXpedition taking place near the end of this month, team members David OK6DJ and Palo, OK1CRM have recently been busy preparing some needed equipment.



### AU2M Arnala Island AS-169 -update by VU2RS

Our license application has been successful, and we're expecting to receive it within the next couple of days.

Our team is super excited to set up three stations, featuring a hexbeam, 10m beam, 6m beam, and two vertical antennas. We've had numerous requests for 6m operations, and we'll be monitoring and active on this band when conditions permit.

We'll be operating on CW, SSB, and Digital modes, but we'll adjust our modes based on propagation conditions to maximize contacts. Our goal is to make as many contacts as possible with the amateur radio community.

To take our setup to the next level, we're working hard to include at least two amplifiers. Hopefully, we'll also receive support for band-pass filters, which will significantly improve our station's performance.

We're grateful for the support we've received so far and invite you to be a part of our adventure!

If you'd like to contribute or stay updated on our progress, please visit our website: <https://vu2rs.com/au2m> or email me directly at [sara@vu2rs.com](mailto:sara@vu2rs.com). Stay tuned for more updates on our AU2M Arnala IOTA Reactivation project!

## DXCC

### This week on air

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

**FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA** Look for FO/F4LYI from French Polynesia, this is going to be a holiday-style QRV by operator Eric who intends to visit different FO-islands.

**Nuku Hiva OC-027** March 19-21

**Ua Hiva OC-027** March 21-25

**Maupiti Atoll and Petai Isl OC-067** March 26-31

**Bora Bora OC-067** March 31 T.B.C

Operation on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB with an IC-706MK2 and various antennas. QSL via home call. [FO/F4LYI - Callsign Lookup by QRZ Ham Radio](#)

**3D2, FIJI** Heath, VK3TWO will be operating as 3D2TWO between March 16 and March 27. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8 with an Icom 705. [3D2TWO/VK3TWO - Callsign Lookup by QRZ Ham Radio](#)

**5H, TANZANIA** Maurizio, IK2GZU will be active as 5H3MB between March 18 and April 8. Maurizio is doing volunteer work at a local school. Operation during his spare time from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via Club Log, LoTW or via IK2GZU, direct or buro.

**6W, SENEGAL** Willy ON4AVT is once again active as 6X7/call until April 10. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, digi and QO-100 sat. QSL via home call, Club Log.

**6Y, JAMAICA** The EIDXG DX group will be QRV as 6Y7EI between March 13 and March 24. A large team with DJ9RR, EI2II, EI2JD, EI4GZB, EI4HH, EI4L, EI5GM, EI6FM, EI8JB, EI3IXB, EI9FBB, EI9HQ, OZ1IKY will be QRV from 160 to 6 meter using various modes.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2104079446688708/?ref=share>

**6Y, JAMAICA** Iain, G4SGX is once again active as call/6Y from Robins Bay until March 21. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW only. An entry in the BERU contest is included. More on QRZ.com.

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

**8P, BARBADOS** Chris, WA7RAR is active as 8P9CB until March 16. Operation from 20 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW or direct via home call.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Nico S53A is operating as 8Q7NI. QRV so far on 10 meter using CW low power. Length of stay unknown.

**8R, GUYANA** Aldir, PY1SAD is once again active as 8R1TM from Georgetown until April 26. Operation on HF and satellite using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via LoTW, home call direct.

**9G, GHANA** Tommy, ON2TD is operating as 9G5TD during his spare time. Catch me on the air experimenting with antennas and chasing signals from this quiet QTH. QSLs and pics/updates to follow. 73!

**C6, BAHAMAS** Steve, KJ4LJB is again active as C6AJB until March 20. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 80 to 10 meter using SSB And FT8. QSL via LoTW.



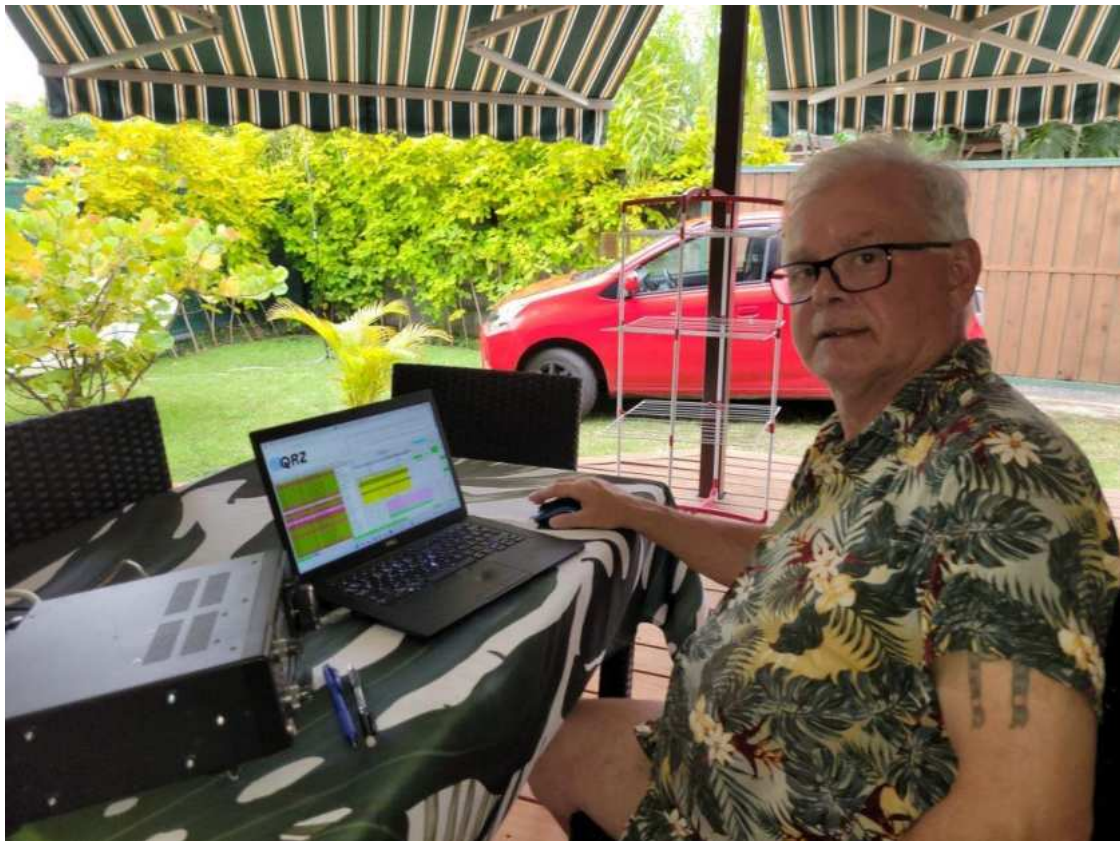
**C6, BAHAMAS** Chad, WE9V is active as C6ACK until May. QRV from 40 to 6 meter. Chad mentions that since he will be visiting various islands, his grid and IOTA will change so keep this in mind over the coming weeks. QSL via LoTW or via WD9DZV. More details here.

**D6, COMOROS** Elvira, IV3FSG is active as D68Z until March 18. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and FT4/8 with livestream on Club Log. Log upload to Club Log. QSL via IK2DUW and LoTW.

**FJ, SAINT BARTHELEMY** Andreas, DK6AS is operating during February/March (to be confirmed) as FJ/call. Operation on HF using CW and FT4/8 from grid FK87. QSL via home call.

**FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA** Olafur, TF1OL is active as FO/call from Tahiti. Currently he is active from a 5th floor hotel in Auckland as ZL/TF1OL, and runs FT8. Prior to his ZL activity, he was active from various Australian states (VK2, VK3, VK4, VK5, VK6, VK7).

**Olafur, TF1OL as FO/call**



**FS, SAINT MARTIN** Serguei, F4EQE is QRV as FS/call until March 22. Operation with a multiband GP antenna and a Yaesu FT-891 using FT8 and PSK31. QSL via home call.

**H4, SOLOMON ISL** Bernard, DL2GAC is once again active as H44MS until May 7. QRV from Manakwai Village from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8.

**HK0, SAN ANDRES** Adrian, HJ4ADR will be active as HJ4ADR/0 in 'holiday-style' between March 20 and March 26. QRV on 40 and 10 meter with low power using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

**HK0, SAN ANDRES** Ray, K3ARC is QRV as HK0A until March 19. Operation from 20 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call direct or 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>

**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.

**J6, ST LUCIA** Mike, M0MDS will be operating as J6/call during March 15-24. Activity from 15 to 10 meter using CW, FT8 and SSB. QSL via home call.

**J8, ST VINCENT** Ishmael, 8P6PE will activate some SOTA between March 16 and March 30. Operation from 20 to 6 meter using various antennas. QSL via home call.

**KH9, WAKE ISL** Allen, KH7AL is QRV as call/KH9 during his spare time.

Next:

March 13 06:45 08:30 30 meter

March 14: 07:00-09:00 15 meter SSB

March 15: 07:00-09:00 15 meter CW

March 16: 07:00-09:00 12 meter SSB

March 16: 19:30-23:59 15 meter SSB

March 17: 07:00-09:00 12 meter CW

*'As I see my travel date quickly approaching for my break from Wake Island, I feel the urge to log as many contacts as I can. Therefore, I have planned a multi-day (evening local time) radio activities to dish out some QSOs before I am wheels up and heading home for some fun time with my family. That starts tonight with "30-meter Thursday."*

QSL via home call, direct or bureau. <https://kh7al.site/>

**OX, GREENLAND** Bo, OZ1DJJ is once again QRV as OX3LX until March 14. Operation on HF from grid GP44de and perhaps GP35nj. QSL via OZ0J.

**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.

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

**TR, GABON** Roland, F8EN is once again QRV as TR8CR until at least April. Operation on HF using CW only. QSL via F6AJA.

**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.

**TZ, MALI** Jeff, K1MMB is operating as TZ4AM from Bamako until May. *'TZ1CE is operating my station DX style for the next 2 weeks, concentrating on FT8 and SSB to a lesser extent. He is currently operating from 80 through 6m. He has already worked into southern EU on 6m FT8.'*

**On the scene... Michael DF8AN as TO8AN Saint Martin – now QRT**



**V4, ST KITTS** Fred, G4XWM is operating as V4/call until March 29. Operation on HF using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW and Club Log.

**V7, MARSHALL ISL** Tim, KZ4V is touring during March and April. He is part of a scientific mission to several atolls including Enewetak (OC-087), Bikini (OC-028), Rongelap (OC-028), Majetto (OC-028), Wotje (OC-029) and Majuro (OC-029). Most operations will be marine mobile on SSB although he hopes to run FT8 portable on several of the atolls including Bikini. Updates to follow.

**VP5, TURKS & CAICOS** Rockwell, WW1X is operating as VP5/call until March 15. Operation QRP mainly using SSB with some FT8. QSL via LoTW only.

**VP5, TURKS & CAICOS** During most of March, Kevin W1DED is in Turks & Caicos. 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 is active as VU4AX from Andaman Islands until March 25. QRV on HF bands; CW, SSB and digi. QSL via MOURX.

## Coming up soon

**3B9, RODRIGUES ISL** David OK6DJ and team OK7GU, OK2ZA and OK1CRM will be active as 3B9DJ between March 23 and April 5, 2025. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via OK6DJ, OQRS and LoTW.

**FG, GUADELOUPE** Jean-Luc, F1ULQ will once again be active as TO1Q starting on March 24 for 2 weeks. Activity on HF and 6 meter using SSB and digi. An entry in the CQ WPX contest is included. QSL via home call, direct or buro, LoTW.

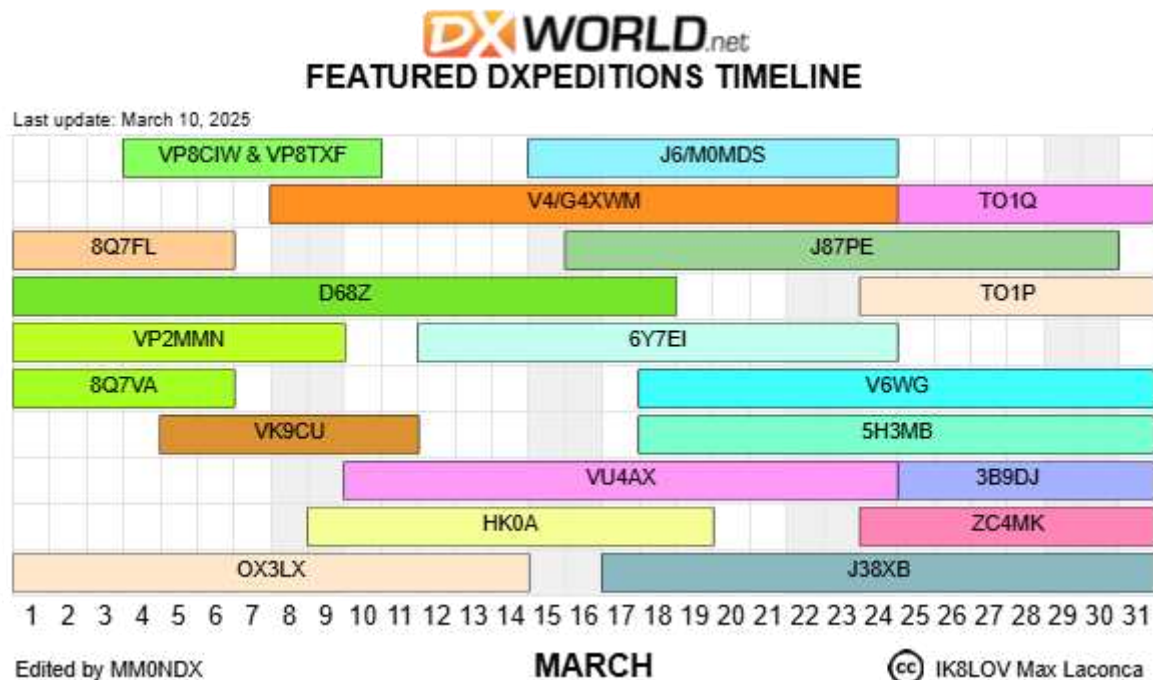
**FJ, ST BARTHELEMY** Janusz, SP9FIH will be operating as FJ/call end March. He will change call as TO1P during the CQ WPX contest. *'Between March 20-23, FJ/SP9FIH callsign will be in use, then from March 24 to April 4 look for TO1P to be on air.'*

**J6, ST LUCIA** A team consisting J68HZ, J69DS, KN2P, DL3ON, WA4PGM and W0CN will be active from St Lucia as J62K during the CQWPX SSB contest (March 29-30). Entry as M/2. Also QRV with individual J6 callsigns during the period March 26-31, 2025. J62K QSL via K9HZ, LoTW.

**PJ7, SINT MAARTEN** Gary, KC9EE will once again be QRV as PJ7EE between March 26 and April 5. An entry in the CQWPX SSB contest is included. He mentions that focus will be on JA, BY, YB etc on 10 & 12m. Also listening for any 6m openings.

**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.

## DXCC timeline



## IOTA

### This week on air

#### 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-008 Ellesmere Isl** Pierre, VE3KTB is once again operating as VY0ERC until April 2. Operation during his spare time as the main goal is his work related at the Polar Environment Atmospheric Research Lab.

## **OCEANIA**

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

## **Coming up soon**

### **OCEANIA**

**OC-093 Itbayat Isl** A team from the Mabuhay DX Group will be operating as 4I2I during March 27-31. Activity planned from 160 to 10 meter using SSB with an entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest. QSL via VE6GJP.

### **On the scene...VU4AX Andaman Islands**





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Announced DX

### THE NEWCOMERS

**JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA** Take, JG8NQJ will once again be active as JD1/call between mid-April and mid-June. Operation during his spare time using CW with some FT8. Take works at the weather station. QSL via JA8CJY.

**JD1, OGASAWARA** Look for JI1LET and JA1UII as JD1BOI and JD1BON between April 8 and April 17. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT4/8. QSL via homecalls, LoTW.

**PJ2, CURACAO** The Dave Kalter Memorial Youth DX Adventure will be operating as PJ2Y during July 17-22. The Caribbean Contesting Consortium (PJ2T) super contest station is hosting this event for the fourth time and housing has been reserved. More to follow.

**PJ7, SINT MAARTEN** Chris, N0UK will be QRV as PJ7UK ( Grid: FK881b) from November 27 until December 7. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included. Operation on HF and 6 meter. QSL via home call.

**T8, PALAU** Nobu, JA0JHQ will once again be active as T88PB during April 11-13. Participation in the JA International DX CW contest. QSL via home call.

### 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.

**5R, MADAGASCAR** The Italian DXpedition Team led by Silvano, I2YSB announce a new activity from Madagascar (Nosy Be, IOTA AF-057) during October / November 2025. Team of eight operators covering four stations. QRV as 5R8TT and 5R8XX. QSL via I2YSB. Full details to follow..

**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.

**C5, THE GAMBIA** Luc F5RAV and Lui YU5R will be active from Koloли 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.

**D4, CAPE VERDE** Warren KN6ZZI and Harald DF2WO will be operating "Holiday Style" from Ponta Achada, Paraia Baixo, Cape Verde during the month of May, 2025. After striking up a friendship based on a mutual interest in Africa, Harald (an Africa DX veteran), invited Warren (a newer, passionate DXer/Contester), to join him in Cape Verde to "learn the ropes of working as an African DX station".

Harald will use his faithful FT-991A and Warren his FTdx10. Harald will focus on CW and FT4 while Warren will operate SSB and FT8. We will also work QO-100 satellite as opportunities present. Antennas will include a BuddiHex for 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10, verticals for 160, 80, 60, 40, 30, and a home-brew 4 element 6 meter yagi. Antennas will be mounted rooftop at ~10m, close to the Atlantic on the South East coast of Santiago Island.

**D4, CAPE VERDE** Harald, DF2WO will once again be QRV as D44TWO during May. Activity on HF and 6 meter using CW and FT8. <https://www.grz.com/db/D44TWO>

**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 during August 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.

**FJ, ST BARTHELEMY** Otis, NP4G will be QRV as FJ/call between May 27 and June 2 in 'holiday-style'. QSL via LoTW.

**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, 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.

**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.

**GU, GUERNSEY** A team of 7 operators will be operating as GU6EFW between May 7 and May 14. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. <https://hamradioexpedition.com/>



**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.

**H40, TEMOTU** Look for Lance W7GJ as H40GJ between August 8 and August 27 from Pigeon Island. This is Lance's 20<sup>th</sup> 6 meter EME DXpedition. Full info

<https://www.bigskyspaces.com/w7gj/H40%202025.htm>

**HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL** A large team with 20 operators currently formed by HC5VF, PY2DV, PY2EL, PY2MC, PY2PT, PY2WAS, PY3MM, PY4RGS, PY5HSD, PY5KD, PY6HD, PY6RT, PR7AB, 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** Look for Jamie M0SDV as J38W between November 23 and December 2. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included on all bands high power. Focus before the contest on WARC bands, and SSB for other bands. See <https://www.m0sdv.com/>

**J3, GRENADA** Eric GM5RDX and Graham 2M0IJU will be operating as J38DX and J38LD during July 5-13. QRV on SSB with some FT8. QTH near a sea cliff on the south of the island.

**JD1, OGASAWARA** JA1YVT – Toshiba Fuchu Amateur Radio Club – is celebrating its 60th anniversary. As part of the celebration, team members will stage a DXpedition to Ogasawara. They will QRV as JA1YVT/JD1 during April 2-10. Operating as JA1YVT/JD1 Chichijima April 2nd to 7th. JA1YVT/JD1 Hahajima April 8th to 10th.

**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.

**JW, SVALBARD** Look for LA6VM, LA7XK and LA9DL as JW6VM, JW7XK and JW9DL during October 8-13. An entry in the Scandinavian Activity Contest is included as JW5X. QSL via homecalls, JW5X via LA5X.

**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.

**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/>

**T8, PALAU** Yutaka JH1MLO and Chusuke JR1FKR will once again be active as T88HR and T88TJ during June 6-11. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call and LoTW.

**T8, PALAU** Tetsu JF1GHX and Yoshi JK1SZX will be operating between May 22 and June 1. Operation on various bands and modes. QSL via operators instructions.

**T8, PALAU** Ichy, JH7IPR will once again be active as T88UW from Koror between April 16 and April 23. Operation mainly on FT8 with some CW and SSB. QSL via home call, buro or direct. Log upload to LoTW and Club Log.

**TI9, COCOS ISL** Pending approval from all relevant authorities, Charlie TI9CDA 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).

**TZ, MALI** Ulmar, DK1CE will once again be QRV as TZ1CE from Bamako. Currently QRV 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.'*

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** A team with DA1DX, DK9IP, DM6EE and DL8LAS will be QRV as VP2VI between April 10 and April 27. QRV from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW. [VP2VI - Callsign Lookup by QRZ Ham Radio](#)

**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.

**Z6, KOSOVO** The Italian DXpedition team led by Silvano I2YSB will be active as Z68TT and Z68XX during June/July. A team of 7 operators will be QRV with 4 stations from 80 to 6 meter. QSL via I2YSB, OQRS, LoTW. [Home](#)

**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.'

## **IOTA**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

#### **ASIA**

**AS-090 Seungbong-do** Ji, DS1RUW/2 will be active during May 3-5 on HF. QSL via OQRS. 'Found a good, affordable QTH with saltwater facing EU/NA. Since I don't expect to be able to work JA on 6m because of the hill located southeast, I will stick to HF rather than 6m.'



## **OCEANIA**

**OC-066 Fakarava Atoll** Haru, JA1XGI will be operating as TX7XG during April 9-15. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW with some SSB, FT8 and RTTY. QSL via LoTW, Club Log or home call.

## **THE REMINDERS**

### **ASIA**

**AS-037 Kami Koshiki Isl** Kenji, JA4GXS will be operating as call/6 during May 3-4. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via home call.

**AS-125 Chang Isl** The Red Star Contest Club will once again be active as E28AM/P during April 25-28. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via E21LLR, LoTW and Club Log.

**AS-169 Arnala Isl** The DX India Foundation will be active as AU2M during May 29-June 1. This is a rare opportunity for IOTA enthusiasts around the world to log this highly sought-after entity, currently the most wanted IOTA in India! The team consists of Sarath, VU2RS, Aderesh, VU3WEW Anil, VU3DXA, Renju, VU3TPW, Girish, VU3GDS, Huzefa Merchant, VU2HIT (Local Support) Jatin Shah, VU2KWJ (Local Support). More to follow.

### **EUROPE**

**EU-012 Shetland** Four operators G4AFF, G0DWW, M0NKR and G4LPP from Norfolk Amateur Radio Club will be travelling to Shetland and will be active from July 23 – 28. An entry in the IOTA contest is included. Operation from 80 to 10 meter with a station on 6m & 4m - CW/SSB and Digital modes.

### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-060 Tigre Isl** Renato, PY8WW will be operating as HR4/call during May 13-18. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via OQRS.

**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-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>

### **SOUTH AMERICA**

**SA-092 Papegaaien Isl** A team with Renato (PY8WW), Rico (PZ5JW), and Dieter (DL8TG) will be QRV during the first week of April as PZ5IP. The island is located at the mouth of the Corantine River, on the border between Suriname and Guyana (8R). The team plans to operate from 10 to 40 meters using SSB, CW, and digital modes. QSL via PY8WW, OQRS.

# **ARCTIC NEWS**

## **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.

## **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:

# **Special calls**

## **THE NEWCOMERS**

**DL, GERMANY** Celebrating World Amateur Radio Day, DARC special event callsign DA25WARD will be active between 8 March and 27 April. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards via DL2VFR.

**EA, SPAIN** The Union de Radioaficionados Espanoles (URE, Spain's IARU member society) will celebrate the centenary of the International Amateur Radio Union on 15-30 April. Look for special callsigns AO100IARU, AO1IARU, AO2IARU, AO3IARU, AO4IARU, AO5IARU, AO6IARU (Balearic Islands), AO7IARU, AO8IARU (Canary Islands) and AO9IARU (Ceuta & Melilla). QSL via EA4URE; a number of awards will be available, details will be published on <https://iaru100.ure.es/> in due course.

## **QSL preview**



## **THE REMINDERS**

**9A, CROATIA 9A2025HWC** marks the 29th edition of the IHF World Men's Handball Championship that is being held right now until 2 February. The special callsign, however, will be in use until 30 June. QSL via LoTW; QSOs are also uploaded to QRZ Logbook and Club Log. (TNX 425DX)

**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)

**A9, BAHRAIN** Members of the Bahrain Radio Club celebrate IARU's 100<sup>th</sup> 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)

**D4, CAPE VERDE** Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the independence of Cabo Verde (5 July 1975), the Monteverde Contest Team (D4C) and Paolo, D44PM will be active as **D450ICV** until 31 December. They will operate "across all bands and modes, primarily focusing on HF". QSL via

Club Log's OQRS. Bookmark <https://www.facebook.com/D4C.STATION> for updates. (TNX 425DX)  
**DL, GERMANY DA0LH** (special DOK 25ILLW), associated with the lightship Laesoe Rende will be active throughout 2025. QSL via DK5ON (d/B), Club Log 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 DA0IARU** is the special callsign for DARC Team SES to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the IARU. Look for activity between 1 February and 27 April. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards via DL2VFR. (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 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the callsign **DM800KM** (special DOK 800KM) throughout 2025. QSL info see qrz.com. (TNX DXNL)

**F, FRANCE TM100REF** The year 2025 will mark the centenary of the Réseau des Émetteurs Français (REF) and the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU). In commemoration of this significant event, the REF, a member of the IARU, is organizing a radio challenge for all licensed amateur radio operators and shortwave listeners (SWLs) worldwide.

For more information go to the website at <https://web.r-e-f.org/tm100ref/> or on <https://www.qrz.com/db/TM100REF>.

### QSL preview



**F, FRANCE** In France, from May 27 to June 10, Gaby F5PSI, also the members of the "Lillers radio club F4KIS", and many others OM and YL stations from Pas de Calais department (dpt 62), will be on the air with the special call **TM41GM** (GM for "Grève des Mineurs"), in tribute to the « Patriotic Strike of the 100,000 miners of Nord de Calais in 1941 » (la « Grève Patriotique des 100.000 mineurs du Nord Pas de Calais en 1941 ») during the occupation of the German army, from May 27 to June 10 1941. More historical information on QRZ.com about this important workers' strike, the first major collective act of resistance in France during World War II. For the QSL, visit the dedicated page on QRZ.com and follow instructions.

**G, ENGLAND GBOIARU** is the special callsign for the Radio Society of Great Britain to take part in the celebrations of the centenary of the International Amateur Radio Union. Look for activity on 1-30 April, and be aware that GBOIARU may be activated from all of the seven

different DXCC Entities in the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Guernsey, Jersey and the Isle of Man). QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW. (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)

**HL, REP OF KOREA** Celebrating the centenary of the International Amateur Radio Union, members of the Korean Amateur Radio League (KARL) will be active as **HL100IARU** from March to April. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, eQSL and Club Log; direct cards to HL1IWD. (TNX425DX)

**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: **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/>.

**I, ITALY II3MPL** is the special callsign celebrating the 50th anniversary of ARI Merano/Meran (IQ3MP). Look for activity between 1 February and 1 May. (TNX 425DX)

**ISO, SARDINIA IROAPT** is the special callsign celebrating the 50th anniversary of ARI Porto Torres (IQ0AK), Sardinia. Look for activity on all bands and modes between 12 February and 12 May. QSL via the bureau or direct. (TNX 425DX)

**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** Special event station **LZ75IPA** will be active throughout 2025 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the International Police Association. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or direct to LZ3HI. (TNX 425DX)

**LZ, BULGARIA** Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2025 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **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 callsign 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](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)

**ON, BELGIUM** Celebrating the centenary of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU), the local divisions of the Belgian IARU society (UBA) will activate 28 special event stations between 15 March and 15 May: **ON100I, ON100A, ON100R, ON100U OO100I, OO100A, OO100R, OO100U OP100I, OP100A, OP100R, OP100U OQ100I, OQ100A, OQ100R, OQ100U OR100I, OR100A, OR100R, OR100U OS100I, OS100A, OS100R, OS100U OT100I, OT100A, OT100R, OT100U** In addition, members of the UBA Board and HF Committee will be active as **OQ0IARU** and **OR0IARU**. A series of certificates will be available, see <https://www.uba.be/en/news/uba-iaru-100-event> for the details and the OQRS for bureau cards (TBA soon) (TNX 425DX)

**OZ, DENMARK OZ100IARU** is the special callsign for members of EDR, Denmark's IARU society, to celebrate the centenary of the International Amateur Radio Union on 19-27 April. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via the bureau to OZ1ACB. An award will be available, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/OZ100IARU> for the details. (TNX 425DX)

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS** Celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Dutch Marine Radio Amateur Club (<https://www.marac-radio.nl>), special callsign **PA40MARAC** will be active between 1 March and 31 December. A QSO with this station earns 10 points for the MARAC awards (see PI4MRC on qrz.com). QSL via PA3CNI.

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS PC80TT** is the special callsign 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)

**S5, SLOVENIA S5100IARU** is the special callsign for members of the Zveza Radio amaterjev



Slovenije (Association of Radio Amateurs of Slovenia) to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the IARU until 31 December. QSL via LoTW, or via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

**SM, SWEDEN** On 14 March 1925, electrician and radio pioneer Sven Bernholm made history in Gavle by conducting the city's first radio broadcast under the callsign SMXF and using a homemade transmitter with 10 watts. Bernholm and Gefle Radioklubb's efforts led to nearly fifty years of local broadcasts. **SM100XF** is the callsign for Gavle Kortvagsamatorer (SK3GK) to celebrate this centenary during the year. The 2<sup>nd</sup> activation will be on 14 March (10:00- 16:00 UTC). QSL via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

**SP, POLAND** The Polski Zwiasek Krotkofalowcow (Polish Amateur Radio Union) will celebrate its 95th anniversary and the IARU centenary by activating ten special event stations on 11-25 April: - **3Z95PZK, HF95PZK, SN95PZK, SO95PZK and SP95PZK**;- **3Z100IARU, HF100IARU, SN100IARU, SO100IARU and SP100IARU**. Details of a special award programme will be published soon on <https://hamaward.cloud/awards>. (TNX 425DX)

**VK, AUSTRALIA VI100SIG**, the special callsign celebrating the centenary of the Australian Corps of Signals, has been QRV since 14 February . QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/VI100SIG> for more information.

**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 callsign **ZS100SARL**, as well as the permanent callsigns **ZS6SRL** and **ZS9HQ**, and possibly other special event callsigns. A number of awards will be available, see <https://mysarl.org.za/centenary-marathon/> for more information. (TNX 425DX)

**Happy birthday to ON5TN at VU4AX who turns 50 today!!!**



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