

## Month on the Air by G3MGQ: October 2024

**DXpeditions in October 2024** (Dates, DXCC, Callsign, Info from ADXO with NG3K Bill's kind permission) (# **confirmed** on DX Watch at 25 , perhaps CW; QSL: TBA)

Sep 18-Oct 1 **St Kitts & Nevis V47JA** by W5JON fm Calypso Bay; 160-6m; SSB FT8; yagi, verticals; QSL: LoTW or via W5JON direct

Sep 18-Oct 6 **Tanzania 5H1WX** by OK2WX fm Mafia I (IOTA AF-054); 80-10m; CW SSB + digital; QSL: I8KHC

Sep 24-Oct 4 **Botswana A25AO** by HA5AO fm Chobe National Park (KH22ox); 80-6m; CW SSB FT8; QSL: HA5AO OQRS

Sep 28-Oct 7 **Reunion TO2DX** by OM2DX; HF; CW + digital; EFHWs; QRV for CQWW DX RTTY Contest; QSL: OM2DX

Sep 30-Oct 11 **Namibia V55LA** by LA7THA + team; HF; CW SSB; QSL: M0OXO

Sep 27-Oct 4 **Greenland OX3LX** by OZ1DJJ fm GP47ta, GP60xr & GP80kb; HF; spare time operation; QSL: OZ0J

Sep 29-Oct 1 **Guam KH2/JH3DJX** by JH3DJX fm Tamuning; 40-10m; CW FT8; 100w; QSL: JH3DJX Buro

Sep 29-Oct 14 **Botswana A25AO** by HA5AO fm Chobe National Park (KH22ox); 80-6m; CW SSB FT8; QSL: HA5AO OQRS

Oct 1-12 **St Kitts & Nevis V4/W4AUV** QSL: LoTW by W4AUV & K4RLC as V4/K4RLC fm St Kitts I (IOTA 104); 40m 20m; mainly CW; fm 3 POTA locations

Oct 3-10 **Samoa 5W0TE** by ZL4TE fm Apolina Uta; 40 20 10m; CW, some SSB FT8 10w; EFHW; QSL: LoTW or via ZL4TE w/ SAE + 4\$US

Oct 9-14 **Svalbard JW5X** by LA6VM LA7XK LA9DL; QRV for SAC SSB (Oct 12-13); outside contest using JW6VM JW7XK JW9DL QSL: LA5X

Oct 9-27 **Reunion FR/F5UOW** by F5UOW; 40-10m; CW + digital; QSL: LoTW or via F5UOW

Oct 10-29 **Nauru C21MM** by 14-man German DXpedition team; 160-6m; CW SSB FT8 RTTY; 5 stations; QSL: Club Log OQRS

Oct 10-Nov 11 **Tanzania 5H3MB** by IK2GZU; 80-10m; SSB CW + digital; spare time operation; QSL: LoTW, via Club Log OQRS or IK2GZI (B/d)

Oct 11-14 **Bermuda W9HT/VP9** by W9HT; HF + 6m; SSB CW FT8; QSL: W9HT Direct

Oct 12-Nov 24 **Guyana 8R1TM** by PY1SAD; HF; CW SSB + digital and satellite; QSL: LoTW or PY1SAD direct

Oct 15-31 **Chatham Is ZL7IO** by ZL3IO; HF; QSL: LoTW, via Club Log OQRS or DK7AO

Oct 16-30 **Vanuatu YJ0VV** by N4VGE + team; HF; QRV for CQWW DX Phone; QSL: LoTW

Oct 17-23 **Svalbard JW/DK1VK** by DK1VK fm Barentsburg (JQ78cb); 160-10m; SSB; end-fed longwire; QSL: DK1VK

Oct 17-24 **Mozambique C91BV** by CX2AM CX3AN CX8FB; 40-6m; CW SSB FT8; 100w; 2 stations; QSL: EB7DX; holiday style operation

Oct 20-25 **Cayman Is ZF2XX** by AE6Z fm Grand Cayman I; CW, perhaps FT8; QRP; QSL: LoTW

Oct 23-Nov 6 **Jamaica 6Y/G0RNU** by G0RNU fm Oracabessa, St Mary; 40-6m; SSB + digital; QSL: eQSL

Oct 23-Nov 6 **Madagascar 5R8WE** by SP9FIH & SP6CIK as **5R8CI** fm Nosy Be I (IOTA AF-057); 40-10m; CW SSB FT8; verticals, quad, yagi; QSL: Club Log OQRS

Oct 24-Nov 2 **Malawi 7Q1** by 7Q7CT CT1BOL EC7R 7Q6M EA7FTR fm Lilongwe; all bands; all modes; QSL: EA7FTR; QRV for CQWW DX SSB Contest

Oct 25-Nov 9 **eSwatini 3DA0DL** by DL7DF DK1BT DL4WK DL6SAK DL7BO DI7UFR; 80-10m; CW SSB + digital; QSL via DL7UFR (B/d), LoTW after 6 months

Oct 31-Nov 11 **Burkina Faso XT2MD** QSL: TBA by 14 ops fm Ouagadougou; HF w/ focus on low bands and WARC

### Long-term DX operations

Sep 19-Nov 12 **Namibia V51WH** by DK2WH; 160-10m, including 60m; SSB FT8, some CW; QSL: DK2WH (B/d)

### Contests (to enjoy or simply avoid!)

Lots of HF contests in the Autumn, particularly 80m short ones, when HF is usually at its best. The WAB DX Contest starts the month with the Oceania\* SSB & CW on successive weekends. In the middle, it's Worked All Germany with the JOTA weekend as a fun event and CQ\* WW DX SSB Contest as the big one at the end. Modes allowed in RSGB VHF contests are **only** SSB, CW, FM, AM, JT6M, ISCAT & FSK441.

**Tu** Oct 1 1800-1855 UTC **RSGB 144MHz FMAC; 2m FM only** (144.5125-144.7875 & 145.2-145.4MHz) <50W; Exchange: RS, Serial No, 6-digit IARU locator

Oct 1 1900-2130 UTC **RSGB 144MHz UKAC, Phone & CW 2m only** Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square.

**Tu** Oct 8 2000-2100 UTC **IRTS 80m Evening Counties, SSB & CW**; 80m only, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number (EI/GI stns; + county code)

**W** Oct 2 1900-2100 UTC **RSGB FT8 UKAC, 2m, FT8 (4hr)** 144MHz: Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator

Oct 2 1900-2100 UTC **RSGB FT8 UKAC, 2m, FT8 (2hr only)** 144MHz: Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator

Oct 2 2000-2100 UTC **UKEICC 80m Contest, SSB**; 80m only, Exchange: IARU 6-digit square (Cumulative Sept-Apr contest - individual & Club team entries)

**Th** Oct 3 0000-0100 UTC **Walk for the Bacon 40m Contest CW QRS** <13wpm **QRP**<5W 1hr only; Exchange: RST, State/province/country, Name, power/FP No

Oct 3 0700-1000 UTC **German Telegraphy Contest, CW, 80m & 40m**; Exchange: RST (DL also LDK)

Oct 3	1700-2000 UTC	<b>SARL 80m QSO Party, SSB</b> ; 80m; Exchange: RS + serial number + 4-digit IARU locator
<b>F</b> Oct 4	0200-0300 UTC	<b>Walk for the Bacon 40m Contest CW QRS</b> <13wpm <b>QRP</b> <5W 1hr only; Exchange: RST, State/province/country, Name, power/FP No
<b>Sa</b> Oct 5	1400-2200 UTC	<b>RSGB 1.2GHz Trophy, all modes</b> ; Exchange: RS(T) + Serial + No, 6-digit IARU locator
Oct 5	1400-2200 UTC	<b>RSGB 2.3GHz Trophy, all modes</b> ; Exchange: RS(T) + Serial + No, 6-digit IARU locator
Oct 5	1600-1800 UTC	<b>International Hell Contest; 80m</b> (3580-3600kHz) only, Exchange: RST + QSO number; Score: QSO's & QTC's*
Oct 5-6	0600-0600 UTC	<b>Oceania DX Contest, Phone</b> , 160-10m (Not WARC), work Oceania stations <b>only</b> . QRP<5W, LP<100W<HP; Exchange: RS + QSO number
Oct 5-6	1200-1200 UTC	<b>Russia WW Digital Contest, RTTY, BPSK63</b> ; 160-10m (Not WARC bands) <100W Exchange: RST(Q)+QSO number/Oblast
Oct 5-6	1400-1400 UTC	<b>RSGB &amp; IARU 432MHz-248GHz Contests; Phone &amp; CW</b> ; Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit locator
<b>Su</b> Oct 6	0900-1100 UTC	<b>International Hell Contest; 40m</b> (7040-7050kHz) only, Exchange: RST + QSO number; Score: QSO's & QTC's*
<b>Su</b> Oct 6	0600-0900 UTC	<b>UBA ON Contest, SSB</b> , 80m only, Exchange: RS + serial number (+ Rx Belgian Station ON Section)
<b>M</b> Oct 7	1900-2030 UTC	<b>RSGB 80m Autumn Series, CW</b> ; 80m (3.520-3.560MHz), <100W, Exchange: Both callsigns + serial number + Name
<b>Tu</b> Oct 8	1800-1855 UTC	<b>RSGB 432MHz FMAC; 70cm FM only</b> (432.525-432.975,433.400-433.475MHz) <50W;Exchange: RS(T), Serial No, 6-digit locator
Oct 8	1900-2130 UTC	<b>RSGB 432MHz UKAC, Phone &amp; CW</b> 70cm only Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square.
<b>W</b> Oct 9	1700-2100 UTC	<b>RSGB 432MHz FT8 AC, FT8</b> (4hr) 70cm only Exchange: Report + 4-digit square.
Oct 9	1900-2100 UTC	<b>RSGB 432MHz FT8 AC, FT8</b> (2hr only) 2m only Exchange: Report + 4-digit square.
<b>Th</b> Oct 10	1900-2130 UTC	<b>RSGB 50MHz UKAC, Phone &amp; CW</b> 6m only Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square.
Oct 12-13	0600-0600 UTC	<b>Oceania DX Contest, CW</b> , 160-10m (Not WARC), work Oceania stations <b>only</b> . QRP<5W, LP<100W<HP; Exchange: RS + QSO number
Oct 12-13	1200-1200 UTC	<b>Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB</b> ; 80-10m (Not WARC bands), Exchange: RS + serial number
<b>W</b> Oct 16	1900-2030 UTC	<b>RSGB 80m Autumn Series, Data</b> ; RTTY & PSK on 80m (3.520-3.560MHz), <100W, Exchange: Both callsigns + serial number + Name
<b>Th</b> Oct 17	0000-0100 UTC	<b>Walk for the Bacon 20m Contest CW QRS</b> <13wpm <b>QRP</b> <5W 1hr only; Exchange: RST, State/province/country, Name, power/FP No
Oct 17	1900-2130 UTC	<b>RSGB 70MHz UKAC, All modes</b> ; 4m only, Pwr <40/4W; Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square.
<b>F</b> Oct 18	0200-0300 UTC	<b>Walk for the Bacon 20m Contest CW QRS</b> <13wpm <b>QRP</b> <5W 1hr only; Exchange: RST, State/province/country, Name, power/FP No
<b>Sa</b> Oct 19	2000-2359 UTC	<b>Feld Hell Sprint</b> ; 160-6m (Not 20m or WARC bands), Pwr<100/5W Exchange: RST + FH No + State/Province/Country + 4-digit Locator
Oct 19-20	0000-2400 UTC	<b>Scouts International Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA)</b> All bands, all modes; Exchange: Greetings (QSO format, not contest)
Oct 19-20	0001-2359 UTC	<b>JARTS WW RTTY Contest, Baudot only</b> ; 80-10m (Not WARU bands); Exchange: RST + age (YL=00, Club=99)
Oct 19-20	0001-2359 UTC	<b>10-10 International Fall Contest, CW; 10m only</b> ; Exchange: Name + zero or 10-10 No. + state/province/country
Oct 19-20	1500-1459 UTC	<b>Worked All Germany Contest, CW &amp; SSB</b> ; 80-10m (Not WARU bands); Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + DOK area code/"NM"
Oct 19-20	1500-1500 UTC	<b>Stew Perry Topband Challenge, CW</b> ; 160m only, Exchange: 4-digit IARU locator
<b>Su</b> Oct 20	0000-0200 UTC	<b>Asia-Pacific Fall Sprint, CW</b> ; 20m & 15m (Band edge+30-50kHz), Single Op only, Exchange: RST + QSO number
Oct 20	0700-1000 UTC	<b>UBA ON 2m Contest, CW &amp; Phone</b> ; 2m only, Exchange: RS(T) + QSO number (+ Rx Belgian Station ON Section)
Oct 20	0900-1300 UTC	<b>RSGB 50MHz AFS Contest, All modes</b> ; 6m only, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square (+ UK&CD: 2-letter Postcode (TN)
<b>W</b> Oct 30	2000-2100 UTC	<b>UKEICC 80m Contest, CW</b> ; 80m only, Exchange: 6-digit square <b>only</b> (Cumulative Sept-Apr contest - individual & Club team entries)
<b>Th</b> Oct 24	1900-2030 UTC	<b>RSGB 80m Autumn Series, SSB</b> ; 80m (3.60-3.65 & 3.70-3.775MHz), <100W, Exchange: RS + serial number
Oct 26-27	0000-2359 UTC	<b>CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB</b> , 80-10m (Not WARC bands), Exchange: RS + CQ Zone (14)
<b>M</b> Oct 28	1900-2030 UTC	<b>RSGB HF FT4 Series #8</b> , USB 3576.79, 7047.5, 14080, 21140, 28180kHz: Pwr<100W or <10W, Exch: sig. rpt. Multi's: DXCC & Gx66HH
Oct 28-29	1300-0400 UTC	<b>QCX Monthly Challenge, CW</b> ; 160-10m, 3x1hr @ 1300,1900 & 0300UTC, QRP<5W>HP, Exchange: true RST, Name, state/country, rig

**Weekly Wednesdays CWops Mini-CWT, CW**;160-10m (not WARC); straight key; call "CQ CWT" 28-38kHz up from band edge; Exchange: Name & State/DX Country Prefix. At 1300-1400 UTC focus is Asia & Pacific; **1900-2000 UTC focus is Europe & Africa** & Thursday 0300-0400 focus is USA & Canada.

**Mondays** 0000-0100 UTC **K1USN SST, CW QRS<20wpm**; 80,40,20m (32-39kHz>band edge); any Morse key; call "CQ SST"; Pwr: QRP<5W<LP<100W; Exchange: Name & State/DX Country Prefix (GBR)

Also **Mondays** 2000-2100 UTC **Hastings ERC QRS CW Net** (G0ILN & G0JHK) 28.055MHz or 3563kHz (+/-QRM) with talkback FM on 145.275MHz

**Pre-contest Activity CQ WW DX Contest, SSB (Oct 26-27, 2024)**

<b>Call</b>	<b>CQWW/DXCC</b>	<b>CQZ QSL</b>	<b>Notes</b>
3G0Y	Easter I	12 CE2ML	By CE2ML CE2LR; QRV Oct 22-29 as XR0Y; HF; CW SSB, some FT8; 3G0Y previously used in 2001
3B9KW	Rodrigues I	39 LoTW	By M0CFW; QRV Oct 22-30 as 3B9/M0CFW
5H3MB	Tanzania	37 LoTW	By IK2GZU; QSL via IK2GZU (B/d)
7Q1	Malawi	37 EA7FTR	By EA7FTR CT1BOL 7Q6M 7Q7CT fm Lilongwe; QRV Oct 23-Nov 2
7Q2T	Malawi	37 LoTW	By W1VE; @7Q6M; callsign requested; may be QRV a week before contest; 160-10m
8P5A	Barbados	08 LoTW	By W2SC; QSL via HA1AG
CR2B	Azores	14 LoTW	By EA1BP; fm Sao Miguel I; outside contest using CT8/EA1BP
E6AQ	Niue	32 LoTW	By SP5EAQ; QRV Oct 22-Nov 9; 80-10m; SSB; QSL via E6AQ OQRS or SP7DQR (B/d)
FG4KH	Guadeloupe	08 LoTW	By F1DUZ; @FG5FI; QRV Oct 22-Nov 6; QSL via F1DUZ (B/d)
J62K	St Lucia	08 LoTW	By K9HZ (J68HZ), W0CN (J68CN), WA4PGM (J68SS), NY3B (J69DS), W0ZB W1DED; QRV Oct 21-27
JD1BQP	Ogasawara	27 JP1IHD	By JP1IHD; QRV Oct 21-Nov 3; 160-6m; SSB FT4 FT8
KH6J	Hawaii	31 AH6OZ	By AA6AA KH7U DL9DRA DL8DYL NH7T N6TV N6TJ KX7M; @KH6YY
KH0W	Mariana	27 KC0W	By KC0W
KP4AA	Puerto Rico	08 LoTW	By KP4AA W2XX N0HJZ AJ9C
P44W	Aruba	09 LoTW	By W2GD; paper QSLs to N2MM
PJ7PL	Sint Maarten	08 N2HX (B/d)	By N2HX; QRV outside contest
TK9R	Corsica	15 IK8UND	By IK8UND; possibly CW RTTY before contest
TO2X	Guadeloupe	08 LoTW	By M5RIC GW4XUM K1XX W1MD; QRV before and after contest as FG/homecall
TO5A	Martinique	08 LoTW	By FM5BH F8AAN FM5FJ F5VHJ; QSL via F5VHJ, REF Bureau, Club Log OQRS
V26B	Antigua & Barbuda	08 LoTW	By N3OC (V26OC), K3RA (V26RA), KC2GOW (V26AG), AA3R (V26FT), K3MTT (V26T); QSL via KA2AEV
V47T	St Kitts & Nevis	08 LoTW	By N2NT K5ZD KM3T K4ZW; fm St Kitts; QSL via W2RQ; QRV before contest; CW SSB FT8
V63CB	Micronesia	27 LoTW	By JJ2CJB; fm Weno I (IOTA OC-011); QRV Oct 25-29; 500w; QSL via JJ2CJB direct
VP2MDM	Montserrat	08 LoTW	By ND8L (VP2MMM), N0SMX (VP2MMX), K2DM (VP2MDM); QSL via K2DM w/SASE; QRV; FT8 CW; 6m
YJ0VV	Vanuatu	32 TBA	By N4VGE + team; 2 week operation
ZC4MK	Cyprus SBA	20 G0KOM	By G0KOM
ZD7W	St Helena	36 W6NV	By W6NV
ZL7IO	Chatham Is	32 LoTW	By ZL4IO; QRV Oct 15-31; QSL via Club Log OQRS or DK7AO