

## Month on the Air by G3MGQ: February 2025

***DXpeditions in February 2025*** (Dates, DXCC, Callsign, Info from ADXO with NG3K Bill's kind permission) (# **confirmed active** at 24 January on DX Watch)

- ~~Jan 17-Feb 2~~ **Mozambique C8K** by OK1BOA +7 OK ops in Czech DXpedition team; 160-6m, incl 60m; SSB CW RTTY FT8 FT4 PSK *Riots so postponed to next year*
- Jan 28-Feb 2 **Turks & Caicos VP5/KD8RTT** by KD8RTT fm Providenciales I; HF; QSL: LoTW or KD8RTT direct
- Jan 21-Feb 3 **St Helena # ZD7DPX** by IZ2DPX; @ZD7CTO; 160-6m; SSB FT8 FT4; QSL: IK2DUW or via Club Log OQRS
- Jan 26-Feb 5 **St Kitts & Nevis V47JA** by W5JON fm Calypso Bay; 160-6m; SSB FT8; yagi, verticals; QSL: LoTW or via W5JON direct
- Jan 1-Feb 8 **Guyana # 8R1TM** by PY1SAD; HF; CW SSB + digital; QSL: LoTW or via PY1SAD direct
- Jan 25-Feb 8 **Nigeria 5N9DTG** by 2 Rebel DX Group ops; 160-6m; CW SSB FT8 FT4; QSL LoTW or via Club Log OQRS
- Jan 27-Feb 15 **Rwanda 9X2AW** by DF2WO fm KI48xb; 160-10m; CW FT4 SSB; QSL: LoTW or M0OXO OQRS
- Jan 28-Feb 20 **Mali TZ1CE** by DK1CE fm Bamako; 160-6m; SSB FT8; QSL: LoTW, via Club Log OQRS or DK1CE (B/d)
- Jan 26-Mar 1 **Guinea Bissau J52EC** by IZ3BUR fm IK21dt; 20 15 10m; SSB + digital; QSL: IZ3BUR Direct spare time operation
- Feb 1-6 **Senegal 9G5IK** by IK7WUL; 10m; SSB; spare time operation; QSL: LoTW or via I8KHC, Club Log OQRS
- Feb 1-6 **Gambia C5PL** by LB0OG SP1C SP1FM SQ1GU; 80-6m; CW SSB FT8; POTA WWFF activations; QSL: LoTW or via Club Log OQRS
- Feb 2-Apr 10 **Senegal 6W7/ON4AVT** by ON4AVT fm Warang; 80-10m; SSB + digital; QSL: Club Log OQRS via ON4AVT
- Feb 4-18 **Anguilla VP2ECV** by KG9N fm Welches; HF QSL: KG9N (B/d)
- Feb 5-18 **Cape Verde Is D44OA** by HB9AOU; 40-10m; CW SSB FT8 QSL: LoTW
- Feb 6-Mar 4 **St Kitts & Nevis V4/K0YA** by K0YA fm Calypso Bay Resort, Frigate Bay (IOTA NA-104, FK87pg) QRV as V47Y for ARRL DX CW Contest (Feb 15-16)
- Feb 7-Mar 11 **Aruba P4/KE4TT** by KE4TT; HF; FT8 RTTY CW SSB; QSL: LoTW or via Club Log OQRS, KE4TT
- Feb 8-15 **St Helena ZD7KYD** by KY8D; @ZD7CTO; 17-10m; CW; 50w; QSL: KY8D
- Feb 11-18 **Cocos Keeling VK9/W5EIT** by W5EIT fm West Island; HF; CW FT8, perhaps RTTY SSB QSL: LoTW
- Feb 11-23 **Marshall Is V73WW** by DK6SP DJ4MX HA8RT M0SDV E77DX DK1YH; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY FT8; 4 stations; QSL: LoTW or via DJ4MX
- Feb 12-16 **Bahamas C6ADA** by K2KJD K4SGR; HF; CW SSB, some FT8; QSL: LoTW
- Feb 6-14 **Togo 5V0DX** by IK7WUL; 10m; SSB; spare time operation; QSL: LoTW or via I8KHC
- Feb 16-Mar 4 **Sint Martin PJ7/VA3QSL** by VA3QSL; 40-6m; SSB CW + digital; 100w; Buddipole; QSL: LoTW
- Feb 16-25 **St Pierre & Miquelon FP/F4HEC** by F4HEC; 80-6m; SSB CW; QRV for REF SSB Contest; QSL: LoTW or via F4HEC direct
- Feb 16-Mar 4 **St Martin FS/VA3QSL** by VA3QSL; 40-6m; SSB CW + digital; 100w; Buddipole ;QSL: LoTW
- Feb 18-Mar 4 **Christmas I VK9XU** by DL2AWG DF4GV DL2AMD DJ9RR CK6SJ; HF; CW SSB FT8 RTTY; 3 stations, 24/7; QSL: LoTW (after 6 mths) or DL2AWG
- Feb 19-27 **St Martin FS/DF8AN** by DF8AN; 80-6m, incl 60m; CW + digital, perhaps SSB; QSL: DF8AN
- Feb 26-Mar 6 **Maldives 8Q7FL** by JH3QFL fm Keyodhoo I; 40-6m; FT8; QSL: LoTW or via JH3QFL

**Pre-contest Operation:** ARRL International DX CW Contest (Feb 15-16, 2025)

Call	DXCC	QSL	Notes
J79NV	Dominica	LoTW	By W6NV
KH6LC	Hawaii	KH6LC	By N6TJ
KH0W	Mariana Is	KC0W Direct	By KC0W
TI7W	Costa Rica	M0URX	By N4YDU
TO4A	Martinique	VE3DZ	By VE3DZ
V31DJ	Belize	LoTW	By W0CP; QRV during February; 160-10m; SSB FT8; also K0ZV using V31DK
V47Y	St Kitts & Nevis	LoTW	By K0YA; @V47JA; QRV Feb 6-Mar 4 as V4/K0YA; fm Calypso Bay Resort, Frigate Bay, St. Kitts (NA-104)
VP5/K3STX	Turks & Caicos	LoTW	By K3STX; QRV Feb 15-19; CW; holiday style operation

## Contests (to enjoy or simply avoid!)

**Big ones this month are ARRL DX CW Contest & CQ WPX RTTY Contest. Also to try 160m; e.g. RSGB (CW) & CQ (SSB)**

**RSGB have kept Tues FM Activity Contests (AC) on 2m & 70cm to encourage those with only FM to try contests. Also there are specific FT8 data AC's; with 2hr & 4hr sections 2m on 1<sup>st</sup> & 70cm 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays.**

**NB:** Modes allowed in RSGB VHF contests are **only** SSB, CW, FM, AM, JT6M, ISCAT & FSK441, **except** for dedicated MGM events when any MGM but **not** CW or EME Users of WSJT-X should enable EU VHF Contest mode; **DO NOT USE** the WSJT-X software dedicated Contest formats or Fox in Fox & Hounds mode.

**N.B.** UKEICC 80m Contests: Cumulative Sept-Apr contests for individual & Club team entries

	Sa Feb 3	1600-1900 UTC	AGCW Straight Key Party, CW; 40m only, Class: A<5W, B<50W, C<150W. Exchange: RST/Serial No./Class/Name/Age.
Feb 1-2	0001-2359 UTC		<b>10-10 Int. Winter Contest, SSB;</b> 10m only; QRP 10W<LP<150W; Exchange: Name + 10-10 member No./zero + state/province/country
<b>Th</b> Feb 6	1800-2200 UTC		<b>NRAU 10m Activity Contest; CW, SSB, FM, Data (PSK/RTTY) hourly;</b> work only Nordic stations; Exchange: RS(T) + 6-char locator
Feb 1-2	1200-1200 UTC		<b>EU DX Contest, CW SSB;</b> 160-10m; QRP 5W<LP<100W; Exchange: RS(T)+ EU Region (4-char)/non-EU ITU Zone (UK=27)
<b>Su</b> Feb 2	0000-0359 UTC		<b>North American Sprint, CW;</b> 80m 40m & 20m; Work NA only. Exchange: Callsigns, serial number, Name, Country/State
Feb 2	0900-1300 UTC		<b>RSGB 432 AFS Contest;</b> Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator
<b>M</b> Feb 3	2000-2130 UTC		<b>RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB:</b> Pwr<100W or 10W, Exchange: RS + serial number
<b>Tu</b> Feb 4	1900-1955 UTC		<b>RSGB 144MHz FMAC;</b> 2m (144.5125 - 7875 & 145.2-145.4MHz) <b>FM only</b> <50W & <10W; Exchange: RS(T), Serial No, 6-digit locator
Feb 4	2000-2230 UTC		<b>RSGB 144MHz UKAC; All modes;</b> 2m only, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator.
<b>W</b> Feb 5	1700-2100 UTC		<b>RSGB 144MHz FT8 UKAC (4hr);</b> 2m only, Exchange: RS + 4-digit IARU locator.
Feb 5	1900-2100 UTC		<b>RSGB 144MHz FT8 UKAC (2hr);</b> 2m only, Exchange: RS + 4-digit IARU locator.
Feb 5	2000-2100 UTC		<b>UKEICC 80m Contest, SSB;</b> 3.700-3.775 only; HP>100W> LP,QRP<5W;Upload log<1hour;Exchange: only 6-digit IARU locator, <b>not</b> RS
<b>Sa</b> Feb 8	1100-1300 UTC		<b>Asia-Pacific Spring Sprint, CW 40 &amp; 20m</b> Exchange: RST + serial number
Feb 8	1900-2300 UTC		<b>RSGB 1<sup>st</sup> 1.8MHz Contest, CW:</b> (1810-1850kHz only); Exchange: RST + serial number; Logs <25hrs
Feb 8-9	0000-2359 UTC		<b>CQ WW RTTY WXP Contest,</b> 80-10m (not WARC bands) Exchange: RST + serial number
Feb 8-9	1200-1200 UTC		<b>F9AA Cup, CW;</b> 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 2m, Exchange: RST + Serial No. + License Type + (Country/REF Dept)
Feb 8-9	1200-1200 UTC		<b>Dutch PACC Contest, SSB CW:</b> 160-10m (not WARC bands) Work PA stations/provinces Exchange: RS(T) + serial no (+PA province)
Feb 8-9	1200-2400 UTC		<b>SKCC Weekend Sprint, CW;</b> HF+6m (not WARC bands); Exchange: RST + Name + Country/State + SKCC No./"None"
<b>Tu</b> Feb 11	1900-1955 UTC		<b>RSGB 432MHz FMAC;</b> 70cm (432.525-975 & 433.400-475 MHz) <b>FM only</b> <50W & <10W; Exchange: RS(T), Serial No, 6-digit locator
Feb 11	2000-2230 UTC		<b>RSGB 432MHz UKAC; All modes;</b> 70cm only, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator.
<b>W</b> Feb 12	2000-2130 UTC		<b>RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data:</b> PSK31 & RTTY only; Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: RST + serial number
<b>W</b> Feb 12	1700-2100 UTC		<b>RSGB 432MHz FT8 UKAC (4hr);</b> 70cm only, Exchange: RS + 4-digit IARU locator.
Feb 12	1900-2100 UTC		<b>RSGB 432MHz FT8 UKAC (2hr);</b> 70cm only, Exchange: RS + 4-digit IARU locator.
<b>Th</b> Feb 13	2000-2230 UTC		<b>RSGB 50MHz UKAC;</b> 6m only, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator.
Feb 15-16	0000-2400 UTC		<b>ARRL International DX Contest, CW;</b> 160-10m (not WARC bands) Exchange: RST + power (+Rx NA stns: State/province)
Feb 15-16	1200-1159 UTC		<b>Russian PSK WW Contest, BPSK31,63,125;</b> 160-10m (not WARC bands) Exchange: RST + serial number/RU 2-letter Oblast
<b>Th</b> Feb 20	2000-2130 UTC		<b>RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW;</b> Pwr<100W or 10W, Exchange: RST + serial number
Feb 20	2000-2230 UTC		<b>RSGB 70MHz UKAC; All modes;</b> 4m only, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator.
Feb 21-23	2200-2200 UTC		<b>CQ 160m Contest, SSB;</b> Exchange: RS + CQ Zone (14) (+Rx: NA stations: + State/province)
<b>Sa</b> Feb 22	0000-2400 UTC		<b>Thinking Day on the Air;</b> World Association of Girl Guides & Girl Scouts jamboree celebrates Lord Baden-Powell's birthday on 22 Feb.
Feb 22-23	0600-1800 UTC		<b>REF Contest, SSB;</b> 80-10m (not WARC bands) Exchange: RS + QSO No.(+Rx: French Department/Colony prefix)
Feb 22-23	1300-1300 UTC		<b>UBA DX Contest, CW;</b> 80-10m (not WARC bands) Exchange: RST + QSO No. (+ ON Province)
Feb 22-23	1800-0559 UTC		<b>North American QSO Party, RTTY;</b> 80-10m (not WARC bands) work NA stations only; QRP>5W>LP>100W Exch: Name + Rx NA State
<b>M</b> Feb 24	2000-2130 UTC		<b>RSGB HF FT4 Series #2,</b> USB 3576.79, 7047.5, 14080, 21140, 28180kHz; Pwr<100W or <10W, Exch: sig. rpt. Multi's: DXCC & Gx66HH
Feb 24-25	1300-0400 UTC		<b>QCX Monthly Challenge, CW;</b> 80,40,20m, 3x1hr@ 1300,1900 & 0300UTC, QRP<5W>HP, Exchange: true RST, Name, state/country, rig
<b>W</b> Feb 26	2000-2100 UTC		<b>UKEICC 80m Contest, CW;</b> 3.51-3.56 only; HP>100W> LP,QRP<5W; Upload log<1hour; Exchange: only 4-digit IARU locator, <b>not</b> RST

**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