

Month on the Air by G3MGQ: September 2026

DXpeditions in September 2026 (Dates, DXCC, Callsign, Info from ADXO with NG3K Bill's kind permission) (**# not active** at 28 August on DX Watch)

Aug 29-Sep 8 **Papua New Guinea P29YY** by OH7O fm Kavieng, New Ireland I (IOTA OC-088); HF; QSL: LoTW
Aug 31-Sep 6 **Madeira CT9/LX1MDA** by LX1MDA fm IOTA AF-014; 40-10m focus on 20m; SSB FT8; holiday style operation; QSL: LoTW or via LX1MDA Buro
Sep 1-12 **Grenada J38LD** by MM8IJU & GM5RDX as **J38DX** fm IOTA NA-024; 80-6m; SSB FT8 FT4; QSL: LoTW or via M0OXO
Sep 3-7 **San Andres I HK0** by PY8WW fm IOTA NA-033; 20-6m; SSB CW + digital; holiday style operation; QSL: LoTW or via Club Log OQRS
Sep 4-7 **Palau T88PB** by JA0JHQ fm Koror I (IOTA OC-009, PJ77fi); HF; CW; QRV for All Asia DX SSB; QSL: LoTW or via JA0JHQ direct
Sep 4-11 **Kosovo Z68PX** by IZ2DPX fm Grashtice; 60-6m; SSB FT8 FT4; vertical, dipoles; QSL: LoTW, via Club Log OQRS or IZ2DPX (B/d)
Sep 4-12 **Vietnam 3W9C** by SP5APW fm Hon Son I (IOTA AS-128); focus on 6m, some 20 15 10m; QSL: LoTW or via Club Log OQRS
Sep 9-25 **Franz Josef Land RI1FJZ** by RA1ZZ R9LR RA9USU RW6MD R9LM fm IOTA EU-019 (LR30us); 160-10m; CW SSB FT8; QSL: LoTW, via Club Log OQRS or R9LR
Sep 9-30 **St Kitts & Nevis V47YA** by K0YA fm St Kitts I; 160-6m; CW SSB FT8, & W5RCX as **V47RCX** (FT8 only); QSL: LoTW or via home_call
Sep 10-24 **American Samoa KH8WW** by YL2GM EA5EL fm Aunu'u I; 160-10m incl 60m; CW SSB RTTY FT8; Spiderbeam, vert, DXCom'er, inv'd V; QSL: LoTW
Sep 12-19 **Ogasawara JD1/JG1PFR** QSL: DK7PE (B/d) by DK7PE; HF; CW
Sep 20-Oct 10 **Maldives 8Q7JH** by DJ3JH fm Thulhagiri I (IOTA AS-013, MJ64me); 20 15 10m; CW SSB FT8; verticals; QSL: LoTW or via DJ3JH (B/d)
Sep 21-Oct 12 **Samoa 5W0AF** by SP5EAQ fm Apia; 40-10m, perhaps 80m; SSB; QSL: LoTW
Sep 23-29 **Bermuda VP9I** by N7NU WJ7R K7AR; @VP9GE; CQWW DX RTTY; QRV Sep 23-29 as N7NU/VP9; HF; SSB CW + digital; QSL: LoTW or via N7NU
Sep 24-Oct 6 **Ogasawara JD1BON** by JA1UII & JI1LET, JE1NVD as **JE1NVD/JD1**, JI1CRM as **JI1CRM/JD1** fm Chichijima I (IOTA AS-031,TA33jr); 160-6m; CQ SSB FT8 FT4; Spiderbeam, dipole; QSL: LoTW or direct
Sep 25-28 **Mariana Is KH0/JR1FKR** by JR1FKR; 40 17 15 10 6m; SSB RTTY; holiday operation; JA stns; QSL: LoTW, via JR1FKR Buro or direct (w/ SASE)
Sep 30-Oct 11 **Dem Rep Congo 9T0MD** by MDXC Team; 160-6m; SSB CW FT8 RTTY; QSL: LoTW or via IK2VUC (B/d)

Long-term DX operations:

Aug 25-Oct 10 **Namibia V51WH** by DK2WH fm nr Omaruru; 160-6m, incl 60m; QSL: DK2WH; QRV as **V55Y** in CQWW RTTY Contest
May'26-Nov'26 **Willis I VK9WX** by VK4WXW, fm Aussie Met Weather Stn, SSB FT8, 40-10m, vertical. QSL via M0OXO

Lots of HF contests in the Autumn with HF at its best around the Equinox. The big ones this month are the RSGB/IARU Region 1 SSB Field Day concurrent with the RSGB 2m Trophy at the beginning & 80m Autumn Series also starts. Then CHOTA & ROTA weekends at the end are the fun events.

N.B. UKEICC 80m Contests: Must submit log to robot BEFORE 2200z. September to April. Register your Team for this Teams competition by the end of November 2025.

Tu	Sep 1	1800-1855 UTC	RSGB 144MHz FMAC ; 2m (144.5125 - 7875 & 145.2-145.4MHz) FM only <50W & 10W; Exchange: RS(T), Serial No, 6-digit locator
	Sep 1	1900-2130 UTC	RSGB 144MHz UKAC , All modes; 2m only Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square.
W	Sep 2	1900-2100 UTC	RSGB FT8 UKAC, 2m, FT8 (4hr) 144MHz: Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator
	Sep 2	1900-2100 UTC	RSGB FT8 UKAC, 2m, FT8 (2hr only) 144MHz: Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator
	Sep 2	2000-2100 UTC	UKEICC 80m Contest, SSB ; Exchange: 6-digit square (Cumulative Sept-Apr contests: individual + Club team entries) logs in by 2200z
Th	Sep 3	1700-2100 UTC	NRAU 10m Activity Contest; CW, SSB, FM, Data (PSK/RTTY) hourly ; work only Nordic stations; Exchange: RS(T) + 6-char locator
Sa	Sep 5	1600-1900 UTC	AGCW Straight Key Party, CW ; 40m only; Exchange: RST/serial/Class/Name/Age
	Sep 5	2000-2359 UTC	CWOps CW Open, CW ; 160-10m (not WARC) QRP<5W, LP<100W; 3x4hr from 0000,0800 & 2000; Exchange: Serial No+name
	Sep 5-6	0000-2359 UTC	All Asian DX Contest, Phone , 80-10m (Not WARC bands), Exchange: RS + 2-digit Age
	Sep 5-6	0800-1000 UTC	SARL Field Day Contest, CW SSB Digital , 160-10m (Not WARC), Exchange: RS(T), number of Tx's, Class (G=mains), Province/DX
	Sep 5-6	1200-1200 UTC	Russian WW RTTY Contest, RTTY ; 80-10m (not WARC); Exchange: RST + CQ Zone (14) /2-letter Oblast
	Sep 5-6	1300-1259UTC	IARU Region 1 Field Day, SSB . 160-10m (Not WARC bands). Exchange: RST + serial number
	Sep 5-6	1300-1300 UTC	RSGB SSB Field Day, SSB , 80-10m (Not WARC bands), Exchange: RS + serial number
	Sep 5-6	1400-1400 UTC	RSGB 144MHz Trophy Contest ; 2m only, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit locator

Sep 5-6	1400-1400UTC	IARU Region 1 2m Contest, All modes; 2m only Exchange: RST + serial number
Su Sep 6	1000-1400 UTC	WAB 144MHz QRO, Phone; 2m only, Exchange RS + serial number + (Rx: Country, Tx: WAB Square)
Sep 6	1100-1500 UTC	RSGB 5th 2m Backpackers, All modes; 2m portable only QRP (<5W or <25W) /P (<u>not</u> /M) Exchange: RS(T), Serial No, 6-digit locator
M Sep 7	1900-2030 UTC	RSGB 80m CC Autumn Series, SSB; 3600-3775kHz, QRP<10W, LP<100W; Exchange: RS + serial numb
Tu Sep 8	1800-1855 UTC	RSGB 432MHz FMAC; (432.525-975 & 433.400-475MHz) FM All modes. Exchange: serial number + 6-digit IARU locator.
Sep 8	1900-2130 UTC	RSGB 432MHz UKAC, All modes; 70cm only Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square.
W Sep 9	1700-2100 UTC	RSGB 432MHz FT8 AC, FT8 (4hr) 70cm only Exchange: Report + 4-digit square.
Sep 9	1900-2100 UTC	RSGB 432MHz FT8 AC, FT8 (2hr only) 2m only Exchange: Report + 4-digit square.
Th Sep 10	1900-2130 UTC	RSGB 50MHz UKAC, All modes; 6m only Exchange: RS(T) + CQ Zone (14)/2-letter oblast .
Sa Sep 12	0900-1500 UTC	Churches-on-the-Air (CHOTA) All bands & modes (e.g.SSB 7.14-7.18MHz); work SES in churches (QSO rather than contest format)
Sep 12	1500-1800 UTC	SARL Africa FT4 DX Contest, 80,40,20m, <100W, Exchange: sig rpt & 4-digit square
Sep 12-13	0000-2359 UTC	WAE DX Contest, SSB, 80-10m (Not WARC bands), Exchange: RS + serial number. Work only non-EU stations.
Su Sep 13	1300-1600 UTC	PW 70MHz Contest, SSB CW FM AM; 4m, QRP<10Wpep & QRO, Exchange: RS(T)+serial number+IARU 4-digit locator
Sep 13	1300-1330 UTC	IRTS 70cm Counties Contest. SSB & FM. (FM only: QSY after CQ answered) Exchange: RST + serial number (+Rx EI & GI county)
Sep 13	1330-1500 UTC	IRTS 2m Counties Contest. SSB & FM. (FM only: QSY after CQ answered) Exchange: RST + serial number (+Rx EI & GI county)
W Sep 16	1900-2030 UTC	RSGB 80m CC Autumn Series, CW; 3520-60kHz, QRP<10W, LP<100W; Exchange: RST + serial number
Th Sep 17	1900-2130 UTC	RSGB 70MHz UKAC, All modes; 4m only, Pwr <40/4W; Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square.
Su Sep 20	0900-1200 UTC	RSGB 70MHz AFS Contest, All modes; 4m only, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit locator
Sep 20	1700-2100 UTC	BARTG Sprint PSK63; 80-10m (Not WARC bands), QRP<5W, LP<100W<HP Exchange: serial number
W Sep 30	2000-2100 UTC	UKEICC 80m Contest, CW; Exchange: 6-digit square (Cumulative Sept-Apr contests: individual + Club team entries) logs in by 2200z
Th Sep 24	1900-2030 UTC	RSGB 80m CC Autumn Series, Data; 3580-3620kHz, QRP<10W, LP<100W; Exchange: RST + serial number
Sa Sep 26	1400-1700 UTC	AGCW VHF/UHF Contest, CW; 2m, Exchange RST/serial number/Class (A<5W, B<50W, C>50W)/IARU locator (6-digit)
Sep 26	1700-1800 UTC	AGCW VHF/UHF Contest, CW; 70cm, Exchange RST/serial number/Class(A<5W,B<50W,C>50W)/IARU locator (6-digit)
Sep 26-27	0000-2359 UTC	CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY, 80-10m (Not WARC bands), Exchange: RST + CQ Zone (14) + (Rx: US State/VE area)
Sep 26-27	0000-2400 UTC	Railways on the Air (ROTA) Weekend Mainly SSB around 3.65, 7.15, 14.25MHz; work SES on railways (QSO, not contest format)
Sep 26-27	1200-1159 UTC	YU DX Contest, CW SSB; 80-10m (Not WARC bands); QRP<5W<LP<100W<HP 1.5kW; Exchange: RS(T) + Serial/YU.YT County
Sep 26-27	2000-2400 UTC	AWA Amplitude Modulation QSO Party; 160-10m (Not WARC bands) Exchange: Name + state/country 3 Pts/QSO<25W, 2 pts <100W
Su Sep 27	0700-1000 UTC	UBA ON 50MHz Contest, Phone, CW; 6m, QRP<10Wpep SSB/5W CW & QRO, Exchange: RS(T)+serial number+ON Section
M Sep 28	1900-2100 UTC	RSGB HF FT4 Series #9, USB 3576.79, 7047.5, 14080, 21140, 28180kHz: Pwr<100W or <10W, Exch: report. Multi's: DXCC, G#6HH
Sep 28-29	1300-0400 UTC	QCX Challenge, CW; 160-10m, QRP<5W<HP, For 1 hour every 6 hours; Exchange: RST + Name + state/province/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

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