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Special Election Results Edition

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Forsyth Amateur Radio Club Elects New Officers

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FARC Election Results

By Kevin Long, KQ4JGG

At the October 12, 2026 FARC Member meeting the club gathered to elect their choice of leaders to head the 95+ year old club in 2027. Both teams ran a spirited campaign with some last-minute messages to the membership.

The members met at the Red Cross Building but were in a different room as the main conference room was needed last minute by the Red Cross staff. The room was packed with members eager to make their selection while also holding on to their chairs that rolled too easily on the tile floor.

The meeting was called to order and the sign-in sheets were passed around.

In an unexpected development two of the current officers and one nominee withdrew their nomination citing upcoming personal situations that would prevent them from giving their usual 100% attention to the club.

Ken Kayser, K2KXK, took to the floor and thanked Mike Vernon, W4MAV, for agreeing to fill out his term through the remainder of the year along with the other officers.

Ken shared some ideas for the club in the upcoming year. More access to the shack was at the top of his list. While the Red Cross building has restricted access, he would like to offer some times each month a member with building access be available to usher in those that wanted to learn about CW, Phone, and, yes, digital modes with the shack's three stations and 100-foot tower antenna. Build activities were next with a teaser about a lightning detector built with inexpensive parts that sends email when lightning is detected within 40km. Of course, with thunderstorms close by that has to be disabled or risk being overwhelmed with "spam" from your own system. You really only need a couple. He stated the club has a great wealth of knowledge between the members and was sure everyone wanted to share that knowledge.

To make things official a motion was made to accept the new officers who will fill the roles by acclamation. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote with no nays heard.

Hands were shaken all around as the motion to adjourn was made and seconded. All in all a great meeting.

We wish to congratulate FARC's incoming 2027 slate of officers and look forward to a tremendous upcoming year.

President-Elect Ken Kayser, K2KXK
Current Vice President Brent Goodwin, KN4ACN
Secretary-Elect, David Shoaf, KC4X
Current Treasurers Bruce and Marcia Thompson, AD4ET & NC4MT

Forsyth Amateur Radio Club Board Members For 2026

President Mike Vernon, W4MAV
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Hamfest Chairman: Danny Staley, KE4UQO and Nic Keisler, KM4OUX
Field Day Chairman: Kevin Long, KQ4JGG
Hospitality: Crystal W4CAA, Jeff AC4YN
Webmaster: Ken Kayser, K2KXK
Welcome Committee: Ken Kayser, K2KXK
Chaplin: Rev. Doc Holiday, WB4DOC
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Incoming Officers for 2027:
President-Elect Ken Kayser, K2KXK
Current Vice President Brent Goodwin, KN4ACN
Secretary-Elect, David Shoaf, KC4X
Current Treasurers Bruce AD4ET and Marcia Thompson, NC4MT

Next FARC Meeting:

November 9, 2026 at 7:30pm

Location:
Red Cross Building
650 Coliseum Drive NW
Winston-Salem, NC 27106

New in the Member's Only Section

The 2027 Draft Budget is on the website for review by the members, w4nc.com.
The budget will be presented by the treasurer at the January 2027 meeting for approval. Any questions can be directed to treasurer at w4nc.com.

FARC Now accepting dues for 2027

It's that time of year again where dues are due. You can renew your membership at the next club meeting or via PayPal on the club website, w4nc.com.

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Also, the summary of the October 12th General Meeting is now available. The include the 2027 Officer details and will be approved at the November Business Meeting.

Interview With the Incoming President for 2027

Kevin Long, KQ4JGG

President-Elect Ken Kayser, K2KXK, was gracious enough to sit down for an interview with this fledgling journalist to share some information with us.

Kevin: Congratulations on becoming the 2027 FARC Club President. I understand this will be your first elected office. Why so long before throwing your hat into the ring?
Ken: Hey Kevin. Thanks for the opportunity to speak to the members. I've always felt that there were other members qualified to hold the leadership positions while I worked in the background on projects like Remote Hams and leading the New Shack project.
Kevin: Interesting. Tell our readers a little about yourself. When did you get the burn to become a ham?
Ken: Well, I've been interested in electricity and electronics since I was a little kid. My dad spent some time as a TV repairman in the '50's and I used to love to watch him work. That was back in the days when most repairs involved changing vacuum tubes. I got my Novice license in 1963 at the age of 13.
Kevin: Did you have an Elmer help you along or just figured it out yourself?
Ken: That's a great question. I wish I had had an Elmer when I started and I wish he had told me to work on my code speed. As it was, I learned enough CW to get my Novice and Tech but never got on HF with my CW privileges. As a result, I stayed a Tech for many years when I could have been on HF as a General. I didn't upgrade to Extra until I joined FARC and got back into all the action I'd missed while I was inactive. One of the activities I'd like to see the club put more emphasis on is our Elmer program
Kevin: What is the number one thing to do once you take office?
Ken: Well, as I mentioned at the October meeting, my highest priority is expanding member access to the shack. That goes along with really focusing on the members instead of the internal focus I think we've had for a while.
Kevin: You mentioned a few items you wanted the club to focus on during your acceptance speech. Can you elaborate on a few of them to whet the appetite of the members in the club's "Dues are due" season?
Ken: As I just said, expanding access to the shack is really important to me. You know, I headed up the effort to establish the new shack when we were forced to move out of our old building. That was a very gratifying experience and I got to work with so many dedicated club members and I learned a lot. Now that we have a world class station, I want to get more members to use it. We have a hurdle with physical access because the Red Cross building is a secure environment. What I have in mind is a series of dedicated days each month when one of our members that has access to the building will be "on duty" at the shack. We've had a few "open houses" in the past but they have usually revolved around major contest weekends. While some hams love contesting, it's not for everyone. And hams without a lot of experience can feel intimidated by them. I know I sure did. So my idea is to have different types of scheduled days. Some for contests and some for "normal" operation. Also, we've always focused on SSB phone operations. But there are many more modes that we can operate. So I can see having CW days, Digital days and even Slow Scan TV days. That way we can give more members what they want. And it can be a great way to introduce different modes to folks who want to learn about them. We'll publish the upcoming dates on the Website and in the Newsletter.
Another area I think we can improve on is getting new club members to feel welcome in the organization. Frankly, I've heard more than once that new members feel ignored or that the club seems "cliquish." We used to have a "Welcome" committee who would reach out to new members and make sure they knew about the resources available to them and have a point of contact. I'd

like to revive this committee and even expand it. Maybe we can have a Welcome Table at meetings and invite new members to sit with some of the older club members. Maybe we can have a "Hospitality" committee and plan events like POTA, social gatherings, etc. I'm really open to suggestions and volunteers on this one.

Kevin: Finally, I understand you drive a Tesla but not the Cybertruck. Did your ham background help decide to purchase one and do you have a radio mounted in it?

Ken: Sorry to have to say this, but ham radio didn't enter into my choice of vehicles. Frankly, I haven't operated mobile since the days of 2-meter autopatch which was before cell phones. Actually, I'm afraid to try and operate while I'm driving. I'm just now learning to walk and chew gum at the same time.

Thanks again for giving me the opportunity to discuss some of my ideas for the club and I welcome any and all comments or suggestions from the members. I'm excited about the coming year and I'll be laying out some additional ideas as we get rolling.

Interview With the Incoming Secretary for 2027

Secretary-Elect Dave Shoaf, KC4X, was also gracious enough to sit down for an interview to share some information with us.

Kevin: Congratulations on becoming the 2027 Club Secretary. I understand this will be your first time as Secretary although you have held the President's slot in the past. Did you miss the pressure of holding office or was it a team decision with Ken Kayser to run together?

Dave: Ken approached me in August with some ideas that I thought would benefit the club members and I agreed to serve as secretary. I know Ken and respect his leadership skills. We are like minded and know the importance of good leadership and the necessity of following good business practices to advance the club's goals.

Kevin: Interesting. Tell our readers a little about yourself. When did you get the burn to become a ham?

Dave: Thank you, Kevin and yes, I have served before as president several cycles back. I have always enjoyed radios and their magic ability to move information through the either. At about 8 years old, I built my first crystal radio and was astonished at the signals I heard were from places far away. As an inquisitive kid, I could not get enough. That inquisitive kid still lives and I enjoy serving to help others find that scratch to feed the itch. Ham radio is that kind of hobby. The more you scratch it, the more it itches.

In my 9th grade year there was a shop teacher, P. G. Stokes who was a ham and he taught the novice class after school. We learned the usual technical things plus we were introduced to Morse Code at 5wpm. Unfortunately, I was not able to follow through with getting a license but another class mate did and that classmate is still with us today. That would be my lifelong friend Jerry Minor. Boy, do we have some tales to tell but you can forget that idea. Some things are better left unknown, Hi Hi.

Kevin: Did you have an Elmer help you along or just figured it out yourself?

Dave: We had and Elmer in our neighborhood back then, Mr. Bray. W4BYA. He would hold the microphone and we could speak to people all over the world. My first conversation was with a man in South Africa. How can I resist this?

After getting married, and starting a family, I think I was invited to a field day event by this club. A member had access to a house up in the mountains where we were able to set up. That event set the hook and I am still on that hook. Learning and doing in this organization have been the thrill of a lifetime. I love seeing new peoples' eyes light up at the presentations to something new and exciting. It brings back that old familiar itch. Very satisfying. I actually got my license in 1974 and began my journey although I did spend about 30 years out of

the hobby due to raising kids, job changes and other obligations. I upgraded to the Advanced class in the 80's but did not go for my extra until about 2012. Without having the 20wpm Morse code requirement made the difference for me but now code is my primary means of communication. Just itching for the challenge.
Serving as president a few cycles back was a challenge for me. The club was looking for some younger and newer people in leadership pretty much as we are now. After being asked to serve, I recruited Geoff Rudy as vice president, Jim Register as secretary, and Kent Englebert as treasurer. All of us were serving in new roles but with an interest in improving our outreach and club direction. We had a successful service time although none of the events of that two years compare to what had to happen during the next president's term.
Kevin: I understand you are really like doing POTA. What makes that segment of radio so appealing to you?

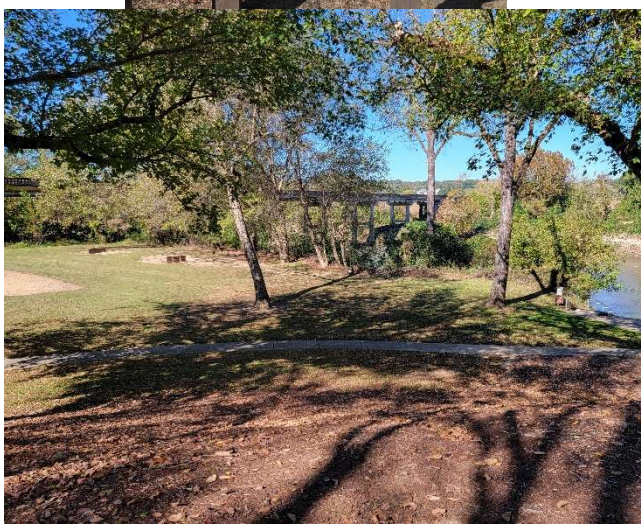
Dave: Like many hams today I have discovered something new, POTA. I am an avid outdoor person and the ability to take a station on the road and enjoy nature and ham radio was just irresistible. Running 5w qrp and CW were a bonus. Like most POTA operators, I have specific equipment I use at every activation so I am able to get on the air quickly and get the fun started. Dave Nicholson, N2AWE, is a big POTA fan so we frequently work a park together. If I can't figure something out I can bounce ideas off of Dave and we solve the problem together. Also, safety is important in remote locations so the "two-Dave" system is essential in case something bad happens.
For me, POTA is the crux, the central point of ham radio. Learning new things that scratch that itch we all have and having fun in the challenge of solving any and all kinds of problems and it is FUN. A MAJOR source of enjoyment for us and I want to spread as much of that love and enjoyment around as I can. This is why I serve.

Another Day In The Park

October 22, 2026

By Harold Richardson (N4HER)

Danny Staley (KE4UQO) and I did a POTA activation of park US-12320 Yadkin River State Trail via the Yadkin River access point at Old US 421 River Park at 7695 Old Yadkinville Road, Pfafftown, NC 27040. This park is just 12 miles from downtown Winston Salem.



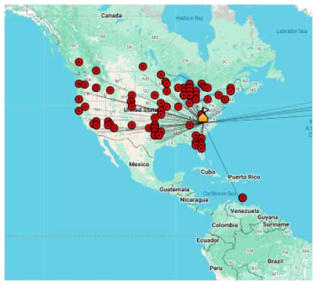
The park is very well maintained with restrooms, tables, grills, and a large field for antennas. The tables are well shaded by large trees that could hold a wire antenna if needed.

When we got there, it was around 9:00 AM. The park groundskeeper was just finishing the leaf blowing. A brief introduction and an explanation of why we were there, he was glad to meet us, we were very welcome to use the park. The parking aera is very close to the tables, so setup was very easy. A note If you plan to come out to the park early in the morning this time of the year be sure to bring something to dry the dew off the tables.

Danny set up a sloping end feed long wire antenna using a push up flagpole and I set up 4 Firestick antennas on my Jeep as my antenna platform. Danny was working SSB and I was working FT8/FT4 digital and we were far enough apart that we did not interfere with each other.

A new device added to this outing was a Starlink Mini for internet access. The internet access is used by my logging software and for spotting ourselves.

We were both on the air by 10:00 AM. Danny worked until about 1:00PM and made 52 contacts. I worked until about 3:00 PM and made 92 contacts.



We had a few visitors drop by through morning. Bruce Thompson (AD4ET) and Marcia Thompson (NC4MT),

David Shoaf (KC4X) and David Nicholson (N2AWE) to see our set up and how the day was going. A few other visitors to also stopped by and of course I talked their ear off.

This was my first activation at this park, but Danny had been there many times. I would recommend this park to everyone, first timers, groups and anyone looking for a nice day outside. Danny said that Tuesday is mowing day and the mowers are quite loud.

73,

Harold, N4HER

Special Events for November

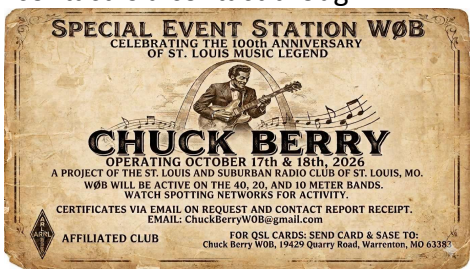
Kevin Long, KQ4JGG

I hope everyone enjoyed working some Special Events in October.

There were many special events to work and I didn't want to miss out for fear of disappointing my readers.

We had the final two events in the Chasing Cornwallis Challenge (K4M and K4Y,) the 249th anniversary of the Continental Army Encampment in Pennsylvania (W3T,) Eisenhower's birthday (W5I,K, and E [I have the I station],) the world's largest potato masher (W9P,) a club honoring Lester Dent who wrote the Doc Savage novels (W0D,) Chuck Berry's 100th birthday, (W0B,) the World Series (W2S,) and Bigfoot.

For the Bigfoot event, it felt like I couldn't buy a vowel to complete the spelling. Maybe the thick forest Bigfoot hides in was blocking my signal. I had a personal best of working four events on the same day and all over SSB too. Yes, this FT8 person does know how to operate a mic. The World Series event was operating out of the next grid square north of me so the propagation had to be just right for my signal to not pass over them. I was able to get them on both 40m & 80m FT8 and, looking at the PSKReporter signal reports, my signal had to have used ground skip sliding up Interstate 77 to get there. A contact is a contact though.



For you Chuck Berry fans, here is a YouTube clip of him performing Johnny B. Goode in 1995 where he does his often imitated, never duplicated, duck walk in the middle of the song. He is performing with a lesser-known artist trying to get them some exposure. That artist is Bruce Springsteen. Maybe you have heard of him.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6swgiM9vSEE

Back in September I worked the 239th anniversary of the signing of the US Constitution run by Jeff Widen, K6QCB. He let me know they made 1423 contacts across four callsigns, W3C being one of them. He is looking to expand the number of operators for 2027 so if you are interested, please reach out to him. There are several Halloween events planned but will occur after this column's deadline. I hope to work them and report of my success next month.

For this month here is a partial list of November Special Events pulled from the ARRL web site and the special events forum on QRZ. I will also be including any smaller events not well publicized that I worked in 2025 in anticipation of them occurring again.

https://www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

QRZ now has a dedicated sub-forum for special events.
https://forums.qrz.com/index.php?forums/Special-events/

Note some events are honored multiple times by different clubs.

Some events I worked in November of 2025:
Air Force MARS event
Godzilla Event W9G (Early November)

November Events:
Author Note: The second half of the month is thin of events due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Remember, it is only a myth that Turkey makes you sleepy. I'll be trying to disprove that when the opportunity presents itself unless a fluffy pillow and warm blankie are nearby.

51st Anniversary, Sinking of the SS Edmund Fitzgerald
Nov 1-Nov 14, 0000Z-2359Z, W8F, Livonia, MI. Livonia Amateur Radio Club. 14.260, 7.260, 7.050, 14.050.
https://www.qrz.com/db/W8F
https://livoniaarc.com

88th Anniversary of the War of the World Broadcast
Nov 1, 12:00-5:00 pm Eastern Time, W0W, Grovers Mill, NJ. Delaware Valley Radio Association. 7225, 14255, 7050, 14050.
https://www.qrz.com/db/w0w
w2zq.com

2026 Remembering the Edmund Fitzgerald - Split Rock Lighthouse
Nov 6-Nov 8, 1600Z-2355Z, W0JH, Stillwater, MN. Stillwater (MN) Amateur Radio Assoc. (SARA). 3.860, 7.260, 14.260, 21.360. This marks the 51st year since the famous iron-ore carrier was caught in a fierce fall storm on Lake Superior. The event pays tribute to the crew of 29 who all perished. This is the 22nd consecutive year the SARA has conducted this event.
https://www.qrz.com/db/W0JH
www.radioham.org

Veteran's Day, National D-Day Memorial
Nov 11, 1430Z-1900Z, W2B, 14.262. Veteran's Day from the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford VA.
https://www.qrz.com/db/W2B

Veterans Day
Nov 11, 1500Z-2130Z, W4V, Tampa, FL. American Victory ARC. 14.265
https://www.qrz.com/db/W4V

1st Transatlantic QSO
Nov 14, 1400Z-2200Z, K3S, Baltimore, MD. Nuclear Ship Savannah ARC. 7000. QSL. Ulis Fleming, 980 Patuxent Road, Odenton, MD 21113.
qrz.com/db/k3s

USS Cobia Veterans Day Special Event
Nov 14-Nov 15, 1420Z-1420Z, NB9QV, Manitowoc, WI. NB9QV Cobia Club. 7.240 14.240.
Author note: The USS Cobia is an Air BNB so you can stay aboard and relive your time in the Navy or just pretend you are in the Village People band. In The Navy! [you can sail the seven seas] I digress.
www.qrz.com/db/nb9qv

Veterans Day (11-11-1919) & USMC Birthday (11-10-1775)
Nov 14, 1700Z-2359Z, NI6IW, San Diego, CA. USS Midway Museum Ship CV-41 COMEDTRA NI6IW. 7.250, 14.320, 14.070.
Author note: Once a Marine, always a Marine. We salute you!
www.qrz.com/db/ni6iw

A peek into December:

W2W Pearl Harbor Day Commemoration
Dec 4-Dec 14, 1300Z-2200Z, K3NEM, Middle River, MD. Amateur Radio Club of the National Electronics Museum. 7.041 7.241 14.041 14.241.
www.qrz.com/db/k3nem

Christmas in Bethlehem special event
Dec 5, 1400Z-2330Z, W9WWI, Bethlehem, IN. Clark County Amateur radio club of Indiana. 7.180.
https://www.clarkcountyarc.org

Pearl Harbor Day
Dec 7, 1500Z-2130Z, W4V, Tampa, FL. American Victory ARC. 14.265.
www.qrz.com/db/W4V
www.w4avm.org

WX3MAS
Dec 10-Dec 13, 1400Z-2200Z, WX3MAS, Nazareth, PA. Christmas City ARC. 3850, 7270, 14265.
DLARC.club

OSCAR-1: 65th Anniversary of First Amateur Radio Satellite Launch
Dec 12, 0000Z-2359Z, W0O, Cottage Grove, MN. South East Metro Amateur Radio Club. 7.244, 14.035, 14.074, 14.244.
www.qrz.com/db/W0O
semarc.org

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (12-7-1941)
Dec 12, 1700Z-2359Z, NI6IW, San Diego, CA. USS Midway Museum Ship CV-41 COMEDTRA NI6IW. 7.250 14.320 14.070
www.qrz.com/db/NI6IW
Remember, only one month until the Christmas shopping season is upon us.

73,
Kevin Long, KQ4JGG

FARC POTA Community: Get Out, Get On the Air, and Connect!

By Terry Wiley, K4SGD

New features on W4NC.com make it easier than ever for Parks on the Air enthusiasts to connect!

Meet Your POTA Partners

The new POTA Partners page provides a place to identify FARC members who are active in Parks on the Air. Whether you're looking for a fellow operator to join you on your next activation, someone to share equipment tips with, or simply another ham who enjoys operating outdoors, this is a great place to start. Members who self-identify as active in POTA can help grow our community and make those on-the-air adventures even more enjoyable.

Join the Conversation on the FARC Forum

We've also added a dedicated POTA topic area to the FARC website Forum. Use it to discuss activation locations, antennas, radios, operating techniques, and lessons learned. It's also a place to coordinate outings, find operating partners, and share upcoming POTA plans with other club members.

Are you a Parks on the Air (POTA) enthusiast, a seasoned activator, or someone who has been thinking about getting started? The Forsyth Amateur Radio Club (FARC) is making it easier to connect with fellow operators, share ideas, and coordinate activities with two new additions to W4NC.com!

New to POTA? You're Invited!

You don't have to be an experienced activator to participate. If you've been curious about POTA, these new resources are a great way to ask questions, learn from other members, and take your first steps toward operating from a park.

Let's build a stronger FARC POTA community! Visit W4NC.com, check out the POTA Partners page, and join the conversation in the Forum. Identify yourself as a POTA participant, introduce yourself to fellow enthusiasts, and help turn online connections into more fun on the air.

Find your partners, share your experiences, and let's get more FARC members on the air from the great outdoors!

73,
Terry Wiley, K4SGD

DX Operations for November

by Kevin Long, KQ4JGG

GENERAL

Club Log has FARC at #98 (99) in the league listing, up one from last month. Our average DXCC for the club is up one to 239 (238.) We have 22 operators and our operating year average remains unchanged at 23. To remain in the club ranking you have to upload your log at least once a year.
If you have a Clublog account, are an active club member, and have not associated it with us I encourage you to do so no matter your DXCC count. It doesn't affect your ranking but hopefully gets you more interested in making contacts.

Steps to join are in previous newsletters.
https://clublog.org/league.php?club=278

Since my last column deadline, I was able to make a contact with operators on the island of Sao Tome & Principe, gridsquare JJ30, callsign S9R which is off the west coast of Africa in the "elbow" as I call it. Otherwise my signals have stayed within the continental US.

Here's looking forward to a contact-rich November. Now on to the list of exciting places this month.

Current Events Ending Soon / Upcoming Events:

Rwanda
Oct 31 – Nov 11
Al, F8FUA announces that he will again be active from Kigali, Rwanda as 9X5KM during October 31 to November 11, 2026. Holiday-style operation using an Elecraft K3, Hexbeam, dipoles and verticals; CW, SSB & Digi. Possibly QRV on low bands depending on local situation.
https://www.dx-world.net/9x5km-rwanda/

Kosovo
Nov 1 - 8
S58MU and S50X will be active from Gjilan, Kosovo as Z68MU & Z68WW during November 1-8, 2026. QRV on 160-10m. Participation in the IPARC contest (Nov 7-8) as Z68IPA.
https://www.dx-world.net/z66ipa-z68mu-z68mw-kosovo/

Uganda
Mid November thru 2026
Look for Anders SM0HPL to again be active as 5X7W from Kampala, Uganda starting mid-November until the end of the year. QRV on HF bands using a vertical antenna and Carolina Windom when time permits.
https://www.dx-world.net/5x7w-uganda/

Nepal
Thru Nov 11
Previously active in 2022 (as 9N7MK), Matjaz S57MK will again be visiting Nepal from October 24 to November 11, 2026. During his time there, he will be trekking the Kanchenjunga North Base Camp Area, and visiting Kathmandu too. QRV when time permits as 9N/S57MK.
https://www.dx-world.net/9n-s57mk-nepal/

North Cook Islands
Now – Nov 16
Although their website is yet to be updated, E51MWA is again QRV from Manihiki in the North Cook Islands – until November 16, 2026. Operations mainly by Rob, N7QT. There will also be some remote operating by Brian N9ADG, Jack N7JP and Robin WA7CPA.
https://www.dx-world.net/e51mwa-north-cook-islands/

Lesotho
Thru Nov 2026
Wolfgang, HB9CCS announces he will be active from Lesotho as 7P8EA from time to time at the end of October to the end of November '26. QTH: Thaba Tseka (KG40hl). Look for him mainly on 15m CW / SSB (21.050 Mhz / 21.223Mhz) ; possibly 17-12-10m too. Antenna: End-fed wire.
https://www.dx-world.net/7p8ea-lesotho/
Author note: End Fed Wire. Woohoo!

Cambodia
Nov 13 – 23
The XU7X Cambodia DXpedition scheduled for November 13–23, 2027 on Koh Rong Island will bring together international amateur radio experience and Cambodian technical education.
https://www.dx-world.net/xu7x-cambodia/

Mauritius
Nov 20 – Dec 3
Darko, E70A (ex-J28AA, 6O3A, YI9DX) will be active from Mauritius as 3B8/E70A during November 20 to December 3, 2026. QRV on HF bands.
https://www.dx-world.net/3b8-e70a-mauritius/

Thru 2026:

Novolazarevskaya Station, Antarctica
Thru 2026
Yuri, RI1ANY is now QRV via QO-100 satellite from Novolazarevskaya Station (JB59vf). After some test SSB contacts, today he operated FT8 and FT4 modes. He does not speak fluent English nor he has pileup experience, so please be patient. He is assigned to this base for a full year, so there will be plenty of opportunities to QSO. For more information (including Log Search), check his QRZ.com page.
https://www.qrz.com/db/RI1ANY
https://www.dx-world.net/ri1any-novolazarevskaya-station-antarctica/

DP0GVN Neumayer III Station Antarctica
The season at Neumayer Station III, Antarctica has begun. New ham operator Lasse, DL9LU, arrived on November 18th together with the entire wintering team for 2026. He will be active as DP0GVN until December 2026.
In addition, Felix, DL5XL will again be at Neumayer starting early January to mid-February 2026, and active as DP1POL.
https://www.dx-world.net/dp0gvn-neumayer-iii-antarctic-station/
Author note: With so few operators on the continent I'll keep including the stations in the column as a reminder as it is a cool place (no pun) to brag about to friends. One tip that worked for me was calling them while the grey line passed over my house. It took several attempts before they acknowledged my FT8 call and over a month before they uploaded their logs. Their QSL card from the station is now framed on my desk.

Antarctica:
February – December 2026
Tom, VK2TBC is going to be based at Casey Station, Antarctica and plans to be operational as VK0TBC between February and December this year. He will be running with a Flex-8400 and DX Commander plus other wire antennas. QRV when time permits on SSB & FT8.
https://vk2tbc.com/

https://www.dx-world.net/vk0tbc-casey-station-antarctica/

Antarctica
Thru 2026:
Andrew's 11th season to McMurdo Station, Antarctica. I'll be operating from there as KC4USV and as KC4/KL5SE from field camps nearby during the 2025-2026 Austral summer season.
https://www.qrz.com/db/KC4/KL5SE
https://www.dx-world.net/kc4-kl5se-kc4usv-antarctica/

Please note that I did not cover all of the trips out there. Please check the timeline link at:
https://www.hamradiotimeline.com/timeline/dxw_timeline_1_1.php

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The DX world of today is a very rapidly changing beast, and impossible to track with a monthly NL. The following links will take you to multiple sources of information concerning DX activities. This column would like to take the opportunity to credit the following websites for a majority of our news.

https://dx-world.net
https://425DXN.org
https://clublog.org
https://dxheat.com
https://dxnews.com
https://ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html

Until next month, happy DX'ing.

73,
Kevin Long, KQ4JGG

Classifieds

For Sale:

Linear Amp Power Supply
Mean Well RSP-3000-48 Power Supply. 200-240 vac 20a 48v output
Never used.
Retail $600.40 Digikey.com
Local Pickup $250.00
Shipped to contiguous 48 $325
Contact Dave, kc4x at mail.com

Misc Ham Radio Gear
CDE/HyGain Ham-M rotator control box (only), works fine. $85
Posted October 19, 2026 by: K4HF
Contact: K4HF
k4hf953 at yahoo.com

Have a Hot Tip? Ringy Dingy's are always accepted. Email kq4jgg (at) gmail.com.

All tips are anonymous unless you would like credit.

Halloween Photo of the Month

Never tell your electrical engineer parent you want to be a transformer for Halloween.