

# The SKYHOOK



HOLIDAY CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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September 2024

Toms River, NJ

## Our President's Message



Even though September is known to provide Indian Summer, hopefully the heat of July and August will subside. As the school year begins people are buying supplies and organizing areas to study. Amateurs can imitate this exercise by putting their manuals and paperwork (especially magazines) in order, so they are easily accessible when needed. This also a good time to get rid of unnecessary materials. Some of the items which are no longer appealing to you might be of interest to others. Bring these unwanted items to the club meeting; I am sure you will not take them home.

Our September meeting will feature a member who has taken the challenge of building a "balun" for his antenna. The steps taken along with the lessons learned will be shared. This should inspire other members to consider venturing into areas of the hobby where they are unfamiliar.

Doug Poray KC2TZC

## Oriental Buffet Luncheon



We are scheduling another of our Oriental buffet style lunches. The luncheon will be at the Fortune Buffet September 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon.

Please let Larry Puccio [K2QDY](mailto:K2QDY) 732-349-2950 know if you will be attending as he needs to make the reservation.

## Happy Birthday To:

- Raymond Barton KE2CIR
- Steve Jackson N2WLH
- Richard "Wolf" Wallace KD2ZIW
- Janice Loscalzo
- Jeanne Poray
- Joann Wallace



## Happy Anniversary To:

- Doug & Jeanne Poray
- Mike & Candice Larkins
- Richard & Joanne Wallace



**OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**  
 Thursday September 5th at 7:00 PM  
 Holiday City South Clubhouse A  
 Santiago Drive at Mule Road

## Ocean County ARES® News

September 2024

Ocean County ARES will be providing communications support for the 2024 Walk to Build fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity on September 21<sup>st</sup>

with a rain date of September 28<sup>th</sup>.

This year the walk will be on the Seaside Heights Boardwalk versus the Lavallette Boardwalk.

The walk starts at the northern end at Hiering Ave and proceeds south to Dupont Ave. It turns around at the Beachcomer Bar and Grill and proceeds back to the starting point at Hiering Ave.

Operators are needed along the route as in previous years. Please contact WX2NJ if you can support the event. The event start time is 9:00 am and will be done by 11:00 am. It will be best to have operators on the boardwalk at 8:00 am. The exercise will be discussed in detail at the next ARES meeting.

The next Simulated Emergency Test (SET) for Southern New Jersey (SNJ) ARES is Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. I'm pretty sure the exercise will involve the Red Cross and message handling. Please consider participating.

If you are a CoCoRaHS member and measure rainfall daily, there is a new approved rain gauge that is a huge improvement over the original Stratos gauge and is known as the Tropo gauge. The manufacturers website is <https://climalytic.com/tropo>

There is also a comprehensive poster on the product at <http://www.wa2res.com/tropo%20poster.pdf>

**73 de WX2NJ**

Bob Murdock

Ocean County Amateur Radio Emergency Service®

## Ocean Co. ARES Regular Net Schedule

**Schedule A, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday every month and also the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep & Nov:**

7:30pm 145.170 MHz,

8:30pm 449.825MHz

**Schedule B, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday every month:**

7:30pm 449.825 MHz,

8:30pm 145.170 MHz

Meetings are scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, & Dec.

## The Other Great White Starliner

A hundred and twelve years ago, the **White Star** Lines had a **liner**. It was the RMS **Titanic**. It failed on its first trip.

### Our Volunteer Examiner Crew

Larry [K2QDY](#) (Liaison) 732-349-2950,

John [KQ4WR](#), Stan [KB2PD](#),

Steve [N2WLH](#), Michael [WA2CWX](#)

*License exams are given by appointment at 6:45pm on the first Wednesday after each HCARC meeting at Holiday City South Clubhouse Bldg A, which is at the corner of Mule Rd. and Santiago Dr. **Call Larry Puccio, [K2QDY](#), at 732-349-2950 for an appointment.***

*Directions: From either Route 37 W or Davenport Road, take Mule Road to Santiago Drive. Clubhouse A is the building nearest the street corner.*

### Holiday City Amateur Radio Club

Toms River, New Jersey

Web Site [www.hcarc.us](http://www.hcarc.us)

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Membership is open to all interested persons. Ham license is not required. Dues are \$25.00 per year, payable Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. Members joining during the year will have the dues prorated. Family membership \$30.00 per family.

Meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the first Thursday of every month except December.

Location: Meeting Room #1 in Holiday City South Clubhouse.

Directions: From either Route 37 W or Davenport Road, take Mule Road to Santiago Drive. Turn into the parking lot from Santiago Drive, park near the pool. Enter Building A (the building nearest the street intersection).

Newsletter: The SKYHOOK is the HCARC's official newsletter, circulation about 75. Original articles and photos are appreciated. Editor is John Roberts, [KQ4WR](#), 732-350-1162.

## September QSO Parties

### Tennessee

- Tennessee QSO Party
- 1700Z, Sep 1 to 0300Z, Sep 2, 2024

### New Jersey

- New Jersey QSO Party
- 1400Z, Sep 21 to 0159Z, Sep 22, 2024

### Texas

- Texas QSO Party
- 1400Z, Sep 21 to 0200Z, Sep 22, 2024  
& 1400Z-2000Z, Sep 22, 2024

### Iowa

- Iowa QSO Party
- 1400Z, Sep 21 to 0200Z, Sep 22, 2024

### New Hampshire

- New Hampshire QSO Party
- 1600Z, Sep 21 to 0400Z, Sep 22, 2024  
& 1200Z-2200Z, Sep 22, 2024

### Washington

- Washington State Salmon Run
- 1600Z, Sep 21 to 0700Z, Sep 22, 2024  
& 1600Z-2400Z, Sep 22, 2024

### Maine

- Maine QSO Party
- 1200Z, Sep 28 to 1200Z, Sep 29, 2024

## Haiti Commemorates Battle Of Savannah

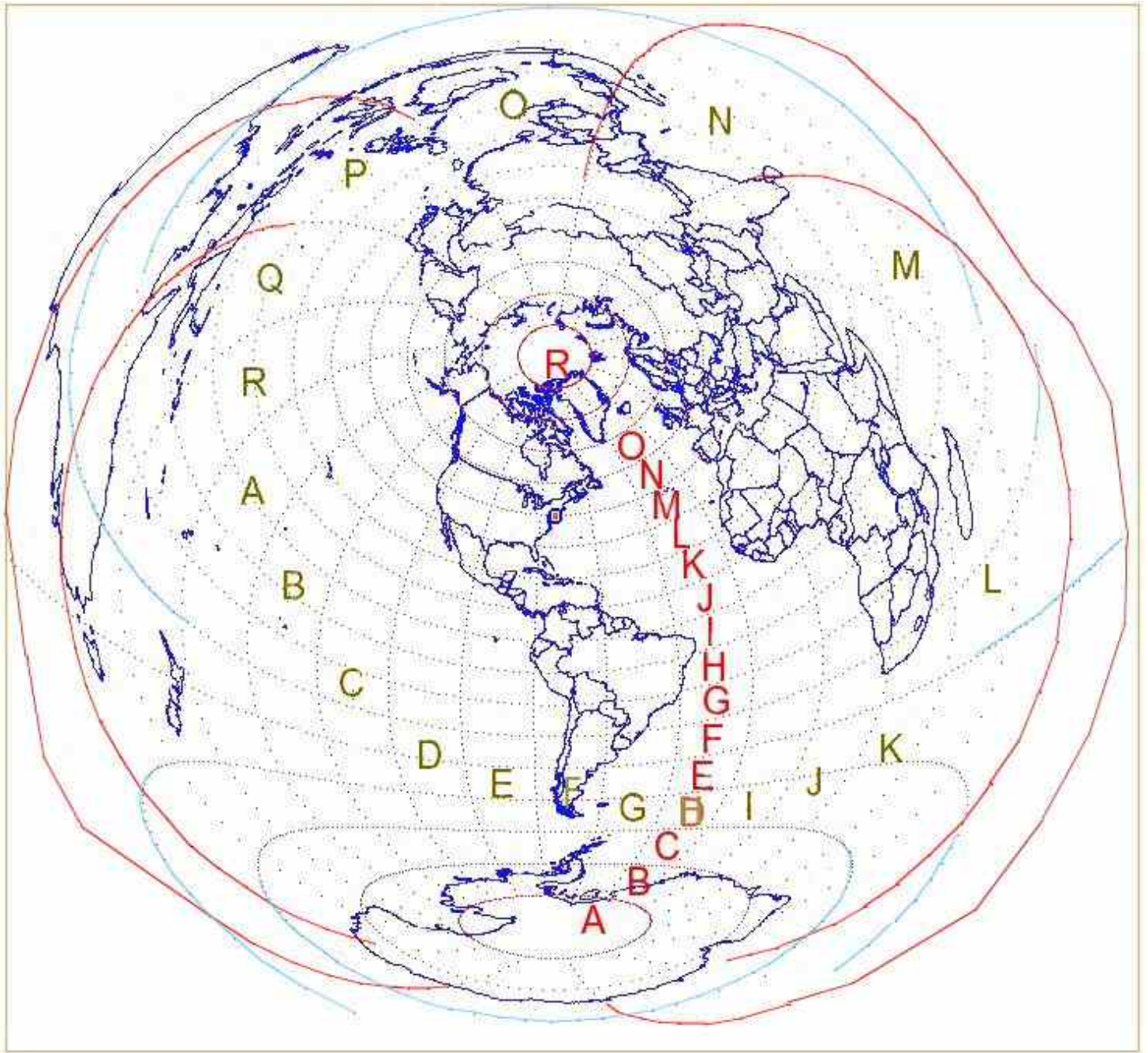
From SJDXA > Bob Schanck N2OO > Carl Lee >  
SKYHOOK :

In order to commemorate the 245th. anniversary of the Battle of Savannah, the Chasseurs-Volontaires de Saint-Domingue, the largest black regiment to fight for American Independence, Radio Club D'Haiti (RCH) has been issued the Special Callsign:

4V1SAVANNAH

for the period 16 sept through 20 oct 2024.

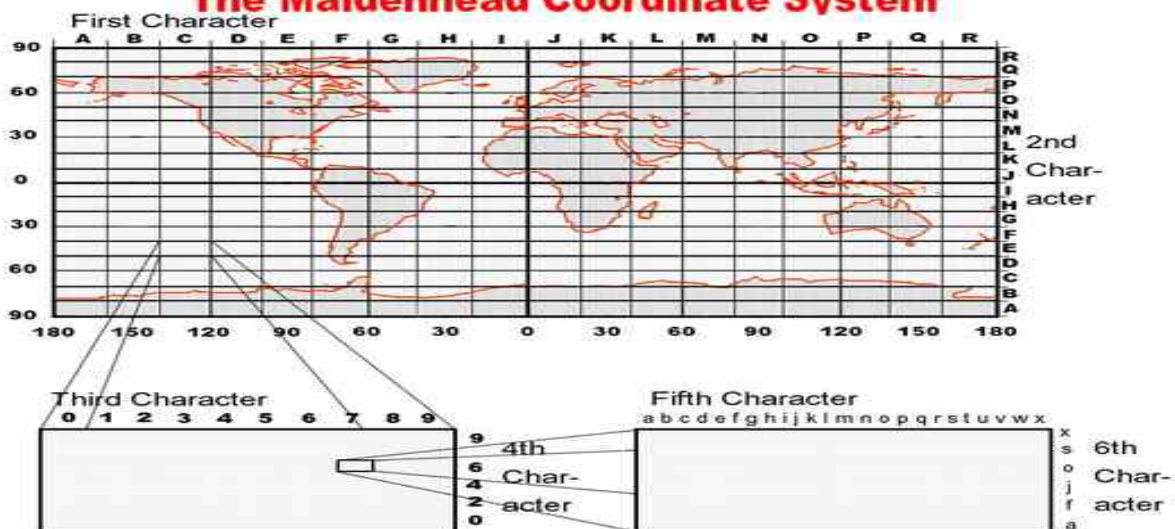
### The Earth By Distance And Direction



**Larry Puccio K2QDY Worked:**

DATE	TIME	FREQ	MODE	CALL	ENTITY	IOTA	LOC	MILES	DIR
5/25/2024	21:54	14.06	CW	HG21TISZA	Hungary		JN97mm	4394	NE
5/25/2024	21:55	14.06	CW	II4M	Italy		JN62ks	4304	NE
5/25/2024	22:03	14.06	CW	DL4UNY	Germany		JN58ve	4079	NE
5/25/2024	22:08	14.01	CW	LZ5R	Bulgaria		KN22ie	4830	NE
5/25/2024	22:10	14.03	CW	HA8T	Hungary		KN07na	4495	NE
5/26/2024	15:47	21.03	CW	9A5D	Croatia		JN92bp	4535	NE
5/26/2024	15:52	28.03	CW	PA40	Netherlands		J033gh	3726	NE
5/26/2024	15:54	28.02	CW	EA6T	Balearic Is.	EU-004	JM29du	4011	ENE
5/26/2024	15:56	28.02	CW	PY4HO	Brazil		GG78mr	4629	SSE
5/26/2024	15:58	28.02	CW	VE3EJ	Canada		FN03ed	355	NW
5/26/2024	16:00	28.02	CW	PX2A	Brazil		GG66se	4753	SSE
5/26/2024	16:04	28.02	CW	XM3R	Canada		FN04jm	404	NW
5/26/2024	16:07	28.02	CW	PS2E	Brazil		GH49eq	3761	SSE
5/26/2024	16:10	28.01	CW	PT5J	Brazil		GG52kh	4942	SSE
5/26/2024	16:13	28.01	CW	EA5EL	Spain		IM98pc	3828	ENE
5/26/2024	16:17	28.01	CW	EA5GX	Spain		IM99wv	3801	ENE
5/26/2024	16:25	28.03	CW	8P5A	Barbados	NA-021	GK03ef	2048	SSE
5/26/2024	16:27	28.03	CW	II9P	Italy	EU-025	JM76ix	4597	ENE
5/26/2024	16:34	28.03	CW	D4Z	Cape Verde	AF-086	HK76mu	3338	ESE
5/26/2024	17:15	28.03	CW	CR6K	Portugal		IN50ru	3370	ENE
5/26/2024	17:18	28.04	CW	ED4J	Spain		IN80dj	3615	ENE
5/26/2024	17:20	28.04	CW	DP9A	Germany		J061ls	4015	NE
5/26/2024	17:22	28.04	CW	IP9T	Italy	EU-025	JM67ss	4514	ENE
6/27/2024	20:58	21.02	CW	EZ0T	Turkmenistan		"Vladio"??		
7/31/2024	21:01	14.01	CW	GM0LIR	Scotland	EU-005	I085as	3275	NE
8/03/2024	00:03	14.02	CW	CX5UA	Uruguay		GF26ts	5210	SSE
8/03/2024	00:15	14.01	CW	NP4C	Puerto Rico	NA-099	FK78bk	1567	SSE
8/03/2024	02:28	14.03	CW	UT7LW	Ukraine		KN59rb	4803	NE
8/03/2024	02:31	7.02	CW	OP5K	Belgium		J020lw	3722	NE

**The Maidenhead Coordinate System**



## Some DX Opportunities

Opportunities shown in alphanumeric order of callsigns.

Mode codes: 3 = PSK31, 4 = JP4, 8 = JT8, C = CW, D = "digital", F = FM, O = Olivia, R = RTTY, S = SSB, T = Image (SSTV)

Many thanks to Bill Feidt NG3K for ADXO. Also to Wikipedia, the ARRL, the RSGB, DX World, The Daily DX & QRZ.com.

START	FINISH	ENTITY	PFX	CALLSIGN	IOTA	BANDS	MODES	QSL via	LOC	MILES	DIR	INFO by	
2024 Sep05	2024 Sep09	Monaco	3A	3A/MM0NDX		160-6m	S R 8	EB7DX	JN33rr	4033	ENE	DXW.Net	
2024 Sep05	2024 Sep09	Monaco	3A	3A/MM0SAJ		160-6m	S R 8	EB7DX	JN33rr	4033	ENE	DXW.Net	
2024 Sep04	2024 Sep19	Fiji	3D	3D2YY	OC-016	80-10m	S C	LoTW	RH82xe	7927	W	OPDX	
2024 Aug29	2024 Sep30	Georgia	4L	4L/F4JZW		80-6m	8 S	LoTW	LN11ux	5569	NE	TDDX	
2024 Sep16	2024 Oct20	Haiti	HH	4V1SAVANNAH	NA-096				FK38uk	1490	S	SJDXA	
2024 Aug19	2024 Sep04	Timor Leste	4W	4W/VK1AO	OC-148	40-10m	C 8	LoTW	PI21sk	9942	NW	425DXN	
2024 Aug17	2024 Aug30	Timor Leste	4W	4W/VK2MET	OC-148	40-10m	C 8	LoTW	PI21sk	9942	NW	DXW.Net	
2024 Sep18	2024 Oct06	Tanzania	5H	5H1WX	AF-054	80-10m	C S D	I8KHC	KI92wh	7826	E	DXW.Net	
2024 Sep10	2024 Sep20	Madagascar	5R	5R8SR	AF-057	80-10m	C 8 S	OQRS	LH31rd	8705	E	TDDX	
2024 Sep09	2024 Sep30	Somalia	60	600T		160-6m	C D	LoTW	LK40ma	7430	ENE	DXW.Net	
	2024 Nov01	Maldives	8Q	8Q7JM	AS-013				BG4JMI	MI69oj	9028	NE	ARLD031
2024 Sep06	2024 Sep13	Maldives	8Q	8Q7WN	AS-013	40-10m	S 8	I8KHC	MJ63is	8754	NE	ARLD032	
	2024 Dec31	Croatia	9A	9A100RKZ					9A1ADE	KM641o	5506	NE	ARLD004
2024 Aug26	2024 Sep04	Ghana	9G	9G5AS		20-10m	S 8 4	eQSL	GJ34uu	2782	SE	TDDX	
2024 Sep14	2024 Sep23	Zambia	9J	9J2AO		80-6m	C S 8	HA5AO OQRS	KH22wc	7526	E	DXW.Net	
2024 Sep24	2024 Oct04	Botswana	A2	A25AO		80-6m	C S 8	HA5AO OQRS	KH22ox	7454	E	DXW.Net	
	2024 Nov13	India	VU	AT78I		80-10m	C S	VU2JOS	ML88pq	7349	NNE	ARLD031	
2024 Aug24	2024 Sep04	Mozambique	C9	C91/CT1EYQ		15-10m	C 8	eQSL	KG64ga	8196	E	TDDX	
2024 Aug26	2024 Sep05	St Paul I	CY9	CY9C	NA-094	160-6m	C S 8 R	LoTW	FN97we	863	NE	WA4DAN	
2024 Aug26	2024 Sep05	St Paul I	CY9	CY9R	NA-094	160-6m	C S 8 R	LoTW	FN97we	863	NE	WA4DAN	
	2024 Dec31	Philippines	DU	DU3/F4EBK	OC-042	20-10m		F4EUO	PK04kw	8515	NNW	ARLD024	
2024 Sep01	2024 Sep08	South Cook Is	E5	E51WLG	OC-013	40-10m	C D	LoTW	BG08cs	6918	WSW	DXW.Net	
	2024 Dec31	Armenia	EK	EK/RX3DPK		160-10m	8	RX3DPK	K085vt	4716	NE	ARLD001	
2024 Aug16	2024 Sep15	Guadeloupe	FG	FG/F4IDN		40-10m	S	LoTW	FK96ea	1819	SSE	TDDX	
2024 Aug15	2024 Sep15	<b>French Polynesia</b>	FO	FO/F1SMB	<b>4 IOTAs</b>	40-10m	S 8	LoTW	BH52gh	6249	WSW	DXW.Net	
2024 Sep17	2024 Sep21	<b>French Polynesia</b>	F0	F0/G0VDE	OC-063	80-10m	S 8 c	TBA	CG26mv	5846	SW	DXW.Net	
2024 Aug31	2024 Sep03	St Pierre & Miq.	FP	FP/DC8TM	NA-032	80-10m	S 8	LoTW	GN16tw	1014	NE	DXW.Net	
2024 Aug31	2024 Sep03	St Pierre & Miq.	FP	FP/DF3TS	NA-032	80-10m	S 8	LoTW	GN16tw	1014	NE	DXW.Net	
2024 Sep01	2024 Sep15	Sardinia	IS0	IM0C	EU-165	40-2m		IK5WWA	JM49dd	4222	ENE	ARLD032	
2024 Sep02	2024 Sep10	Grenada	J3	J3/N9GB		40-10m	C S	LoTW	EM28qu	1088	W	TDDX	
2024 Jun20	2024 Sep20	<b>MINAMI TOROSHIMA</b>	JD1	JG8NQJ/JD1	AS-031	80-10m	C 8	JA8CJY LoTW	QL64xg	7018	NW	TDDX	
2024 Sep02	2024 Sep16	American Samoa	KH8	KH8T	OC-045	80-10m	C S 8	M0URX	AH45op	7189	W	TDDX	
2024 Sep11	2024 Sep16	Jersey	MJ	MJ/TA1HZ	EU-013	80-10m	S	LoTW	IN89wf	3466	NE	DXW.Net	
2024 Aug18	2024 Aug24	Market Reef	OJ	OJ0JR	EU-053	40-10m	8 C	LoTW	JP90nh	3978	NE	TDDX	
2024 Aug28	2024 Sep24	Crete	SW	SW9IL	EU-015	40-10m	C	DJ5IL (B/d)	KM25hf	5116	ENE	TDDX	
2024 Aug25	2024 Sep05	Dodecanese	SX	SX5GB	EU-001	160-2m	S C D	SV2MAC dir	KM36xf	5219	NE	TDDX	
	2024 Sep01	<b>SOMALIA</b>	T5	T5/IT9HRK		80-10m	C r 8 4	IU5RPJ	LJ22pa	7659	ENE	QRZ.com	
2024 Sep12	2024 Sep19	Palau	T8	T88FM	OC-009	160-6m	S 8	J03LVG Buro	PJ77fi	8684	NW	OPDX	
2024 Sep12	2024 Sep19	Palau	T8	T88JH	OC-009	160-6m	S 8	J03LVG Buro	PJ77g1	8674	NW	OPDX	
2024 Sep12	2024 Sep19	Palau	T8	T88MK	OC-009	160-6m	S 8	J03LVG Buro	PJ77fi	8684	NW	OPDX	
2024 Sep28	2024 Oct07	<b>Reunion</b>	FR	T02DX	AF-016	80-10m	C D	OM2DX	LG78ox	9200	E	DXW.Net	
	2024 Sep16	Cote d'Ivoire	TU	TU/TA2YGT		20m SAT	8 s	TA2YGT	IJ85ag	4940	E	ARLD028	
2024 Sep10	2024 Sep17	St Kitts & Nevis	V4	V4/WE9G	NA-104	80-10m	D s	WE9G OWRS	FK87pg	1712	SSE	DXW.Net	
2024 Sep18	2024 Oct01	St Kitts & Nevis	V4	V47JA	NA-104	160-6m	S 8	LoTW	FK87pg	1712	SSE	W5JON	
2024 Sep19	2024 Nov12	Namibia	V5	V51WH		160-10m	S 8 c	DK2WH OQRS	JG88ap	7162	ESE	TDDX	
2024 Sep30	2024 Oct11	Namibia	V5	V55LA		80-10m	C S	M0OXO	JG87mi	7268	ESE	OPDX	
	2024 Nov01	Antarctica	VK0	VK0DS		80-10m		VK2JDS	MC81xr	10214	SSE	ARLD051	
2024 Sep05	2024 Sep15	Pitcairn	VP6	VP6WR	OC-044	80-10m	S 8 c	LoTW	CG44ww	5749	SW	DXW.Net	
2024 Sep20	2024 Sep22	Greenland	XP	XP2I		80-10m	C	LoTW OQRS	GP47pa	2075	NNE	DXW.Net	
2024 Sep08	2024 Sep22	Burkina Faso	XT	XT2AW		80-10m	S 4	LoTW OQRS	IK92fh	4759	E	DXW.Net	
2024 Aug20	2024 Aug27	Vanuatu	YJ	YJ0VK		40-6m	C 8	LoTW M0OXO	RH42ch	8438	W	DXW.Net	
2024 Sep03	2024 Sep13	Zimbabwe	Z2	Z22AO		80-6m	C S 8	HA5AO OQRS	KH22ww	7491	E	DXW.Net	
2024 Aug23	2024 Sep30	Tristan da Cunha	ZD9	ZD9GJ	AF-029	6m, EME	s 8	LoTW	IE59aq	6857	SE	DXW.Net	

# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> TN QSO Party; See page 4	<b>2</b> Labor Day; QSO Party continues	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> ARES A nets see page 2	<b>5</b> HCARC 7pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> North America CW Sprint
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 12:00 Oriental lunch; 6:30 VE; ARES B Nets	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> ARES A nets see page 2	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> NJ & 4 other QSO Parties see page 4
<b>22</b> QSO Parties continue	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 12:00 HCARC Board lunch; ARES B nets	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> ME QSO Party see page 4
<b>29</b> QSO Party continues	<b>30</b>					
					Updated on	8/29/2024

## QSO Party Rules

See *State QSO Parties* at **WA7BNM's Contest Calendar** .

## Thank You All

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