

# San Diego DX Club Bulletin

May 2025



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**MEETING PROGRAM**

The May 2025 Meeting Program will be presented by Tom Stanford K7YMG. He will be speaking about digital voice (DV) on HF

**MEETING NOTICE**

The May 2025 SDDXC meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 starting at 5:30 P.M. PDST at Elijah's Restaurant located at 7061 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard as well as on Zoom. Come early for social hour and dinner.

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## From the Prez . . .

Rob, WA3IHV

HF conditions have been somewhat spotty of late due to an unstable solar pattern coupled with the commencement of waning of Cycle 25. 6 meter TEP has diminished for now. DXpedition activity continues to be robust.

As per our Club Constitution, nomination for Officers and Directors shall be made at the May general membership meeting with vote at the June meeting. I sincerely appreciate the hard work put forth by our current officers and directors. I would love to keep the current group together for one more year if possible. On the other hand, if anyone wants to come forward and serve, kindly notify me by email ([WA3IHV@gmail.com](mailto:WA3IHV@gmail.com)) or at the upcoming meeting on May 28, 2025.

Our next general membership meeting will be held on May 28, 2025 at Elijah's Restaurant or by Zoom at 1830 local. Our presenter will be Tom Stanford K7YMG. He will be speaking about digital voice (DV) on HF.

Finally, our Summer Bash is returning on Sunday July 20, 2025 at 1300 local at San Dieguito Park (Del Mar). We will be serving up BBQ ribs and chicken, coleslaw, potato salad, corn on the cob, fried onion rings, and assorted pies for dessert. Soft drinks and water will be provided. BYOB if wine or beer is desired.

We need a rough "head count" for food, etc. Kindly notify me at [WA3IHV@gmail.com](mailto:WA3IHV@gmail.com) or SMS at (760) 522-8688 if you are interested in coming?

Everyone have a safe and Happy Memorial Day. 73 and hope to see y'all at the club meeting on Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Rob, WA3IHV

## SDDXC YouTube Channel

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## Secretary's Report

Bob, W6ACU



### SDDXC Meeting Minutes April 23, 2025

The meeting began at 6:30 PM at Elijah's and via Zoom, presided over by our President, Rob, WA3IHV.

We had 14 in-person attendees and 16 people on Zoom.

The featured presenter was Frank, W3LPL, who gave an absolutely fantastic presentation: **Long Distance HF Propagation During the Slow Decline of Solar Cycle 25.**

A pdf of the presentation slides is available on our web page at:

[https://www.sddxc.org/download/HF\\_Prop\\_by\\_W3LPL.pdf](https://www.sddxc.org/download/HF_Prop_by_W3LPL.pdf)

After the presentation Rob mentioned that the Board has been discussing reinstating the Summer Bash. The Board's recommendation was to have it somewhere where it would be convenient to encourage visitors from the now-inactive Southern California DX Club. The date the Board is proposing is September 7<sup>th</sup>. One member suggested that July might be a better and the Board will be discussing that as well as the venue at the next BOD meeting.

There was also considerable discussion from attendees about the recent (then) Visalia DX Convention.

We then had our normal roundtable.

A complete video recording of the meeting is available on our YouTube Channel at:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iy25z\\_vpQtk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iy25z_vpQtk)

Bob, W6ACU

## SDDXC Bulletin Archives

Past issues of the SDDXC Bulletin are available on the Club website at:

<https://www.sddxc.org/docs/newslist/>

# Board Meeting Minutes

Bob, W6ACU



## SDDXC Board Meeting May 12<sup>th</sup> 2025

In attendance- Rob Reichmann, Brian Roberts, Jerry Stafford, Lou Poanessal, Steve Handrop, Bud Hennessy, Bob LaRose

SUMMER BASH – We reviewed the details, date, venue, etc. We came to the conclusion that July would be better than September and decided on Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup>.

We also discussed the location – to be as central as possible and to also be as convenient as possible for people to come down from the LA area. San Dieguito County Park came out on the top of the list. It is very close to I-5.

On May 19<sup>th</sup> Rob and Bob L visited the Park and found that Area 4, that has a capacity for 50, with plenty of picnic tables and a large covered area, can accommodate us very nicely. There are parking spaces – including several handicapped – right at it and there is the 100 car parking area just down the road. Rob has made the reservation with the County. Tentative plans are to order the food from Phil’s BBQ.)

TREASURER’S REPORT – Brian reviewed with us a delinquent account from the Holiday Party. Rob agreed to make another personal approach to collect. Brian also went over the list of non-renewals. There are several people that have moved or been unreachable. Several others have agreed to renew after being contacted.

ZOOM RENEWAL – Our annual subscription renews in June. Bob L will contact Zoom so that the name is changed to a “SDDXC club account” and is also more readily accessible by authorized members.

UPCOMING MEETING – The May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting will feature a presentation on digital voice for HF by club member Tom Stanford, K7YMG.

Bob, W6ACU



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# SDDXC Treasurer's Report

Brian, KN6MJK



## APRIL 2025 REPORT FIGURES (Full Month)

### INCOME:

\$80.00 - Membership Dues

### EXPENSES:

None

TOTAL EXPENSES -\$0

CASH BALANCE 04-30-2025: \$4337.17

Brian, KN6MJK

# SDDXC Zoom Meeting Notice

**The SDDXC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.**

The Zoom session can be accessed after 6:00 PM PDST and the meeting starts at 6:30.

Here is the Zoom link for this month's meeting:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/2973510648?pwd=ZzFSVzhKME9EbXUyRjdJTEQrb1g1Zz09&omn=98121827063>

Meeting ID: 297 351 0648

Passcode: 394011

Wednesday May 28, 2025 6:00pm – 9:00pm (Pacific Time –San Diego)

## Meeting Program

*Bud, AE6BH*

### SDDXC Meeting May 28, 2025

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### Signal to noise ratio what is it and why do we care?

Amateur radio communications are going digital. This enables many

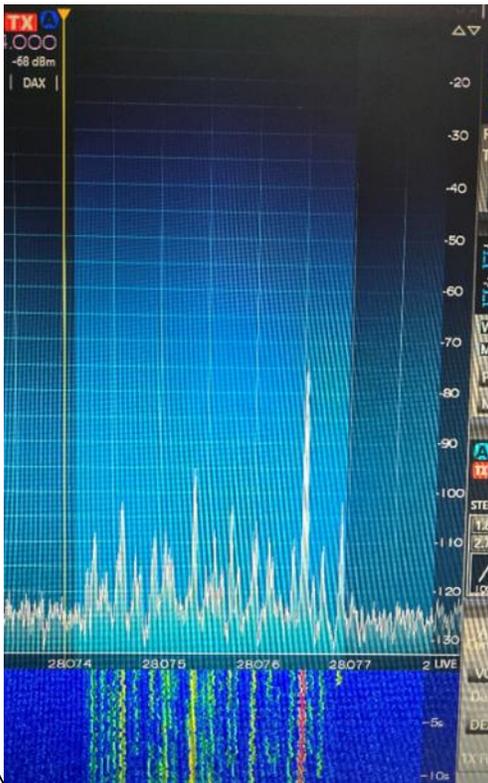
performance advantages not

available in the analog world. FT8 is a prime example and what about digital voice. Digital voice has been in development for 20 years.

An overview is given at (ARRL login required)

[https://www.arrl.org/files/file/QST%20Binaries/2023%20QST/09%20Sep%2023/Brodsky%2009%2023%20QST%20In%20Depth%20-%20HF%20Digital%20Voice%201\\_1.pdf](https://www.arrl.org/files/file/QST%20Binaries/2023%20QST/09%20Sep%2023/Brodsky%2009%2023%20QST%20In%20Depth%20-%20HF%20Digital%20Voice%201_1.pdf)

The performance of all these new modes is related to signal to noise ratio so come and see what it's all about and learn how you can try out digital voice with an app called FreeDV.



## SDDXC DX Standings

Standings are available on the SDDXC website at  
[San Diego DX Club \(sddxc.org\)](http://San Diego DX Club (sddxc.org))



*Glenn, AI6RR*

# SDDXC Contest Results

*John, K6AM*



## 2024 CQ WORLDWIDE CW DX CONTEST

CLASS	CALL	SCORE	QSO'S	MULTS	FINISH
M2	KL7SB (ops K6ZH N7CW NC6K KL7SB)	11,951,500	8,429	583	#1 ZONE 1
MS	DU0A (ops N5ZO* DU0A K1XM KQ1F)	11,554,393	5,470	743	#1 ZONE 27
SO - HP	NO6T (K16RRN @WA6TQT)	7,807,949	4,524	643	#1 ZONE 3
SO - HP	K6NA	3,082,470	1,966	555	#3 ZONE 3
SA - HP (10)	W6YI	391,125	839	175	#5 ZONE 3
SA - HP	N6CW	653,488	637	376	
SA - HP	N6KI	151,290	205	206	
SO - HP (C)	W6JBR	11,529	70	61	

\*NOTE: This was the 38th zone that Marko, N5ZO has operated the CQWW contest from. Just 2 more to go to reach his lifetime goal of working from all 40 zones.

\*\*\*\*\*BELATED RESULTS FROM LAST MONTH\*\*\*\*\*

## 2024 CQ WORLDWIDE SSB DX CONTEST

MS	VK1A (ops N5ZO* VK2IA VK2IM)	7,104,461	4,433	587	#1 ZONE 30
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\*NOTE: This was the 37th zone that Marko, N5ZO has operated the CQWW contest from. Just 3 more to go to reach his lifetime goal of working from all 40 zones.

*John, K6AM*



## From the Editor

Bob, K9RHY



### Russia/Ukraine New Ones or More of the Same?

First, the comments and interpretations in this editorial are my own. The events described might not happen. The results I describe may never occur. What you're about to read are my speculations and possible predictions about something that might never become reality. With that caveat:

When I started developing the May, 2025 *From the Editor* column For the SDDXC Bulletin, I first thought the topic and the results would be pretty straightforward. I didn't expect any surprises. Boy was I wrong. The topic of my column was going to simply be about what might become of the disputed territories of Donbas and Crimea if Ukraine (prefixes (EM, EN, EO, UR-UZ; UB during the USSR period) ultimately decided to conclude the current hostilities between the countries by ceding those territories to Russia.

To be clear, I don't have a "dog in this fight". Like my fellow Club members and many Americans, I am an observer of this dispute and want nothing more than peace and prosperity for both parties. But it looks to me that these disputed territories might end up being the pieces that complete this complex puzzle, like it or not.

The results of my research and my conclusions did ultimately prove to be fairly straightforward. However, what I had not expected was how the ARRL DXCC program had responded to the precedents for such turnovers and changes of control in the past. Indeed those surprises led me to further and rather lengthy research into the deep and dark past of the pre-World War 2 DXCC program. I will be sharing that information in a subsequent SDDXC Bulletin.

To restate my topic for this month's edition, if Ukraine capitulates to Russia in the current conflict and Ukraine turns over the Donbas and Crimea regions to Russia (R, UA), my question was whether there is a precedent in how the ARRL DXCC program might treat the DXCC status of those regions once they were turned over to Russia?

If you think quantum mechanics and topics like quantum entanglement are pieces of cake, I invite you to dig much more deeply into the ARRL's multi-faceted interpretation of "entities" within the DXCC program.

With that thought in mind, I thought the pre-war turnover of the Free City of Danzig (YM) (now Gdańsk in Poland) to the Nazis in 1939 might offer a clue, but there were also other examples as I will show in this piece.

First, about the Donbas and Crimea. The Donbas is a **region** located in eastern Ukraine, bordering Russia to the east. It includes the Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts, named after their major cities, Donetsk and Luhansk.

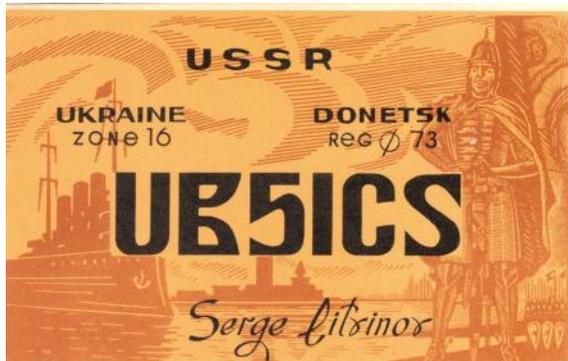
Crimea is a **peninsula** in the Black Sea, south of mainland Ukraine and west of Russia, connected to Ukraine by the Isthmus of Perekop and to Russia by the Kerch Strait (and the Crimean Bridge since 2018). It includes the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (a separate administrative unit). Major cities include Simferopol, Sevastopol, and Yalta.



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The DXCC program assigns “entity” status based on political and geographic criteria, and its treatment of territorial transfers is guided by these rules rather than international recognition or political disputes. Below, I explore how the ARRL might handle Donbas and Crimea if such a scenario occurred.



The ARRL DXCC Rules (Section II) define entities based on:

**Political Entities:** Areas with a distinct government or political division and an indigenous population.

**Geographic Separation:** Islands or regions separated by significant distance or natural barriers.

**Special Areas:** Entities added due to unique circumstances, often grandfathered from older rules.

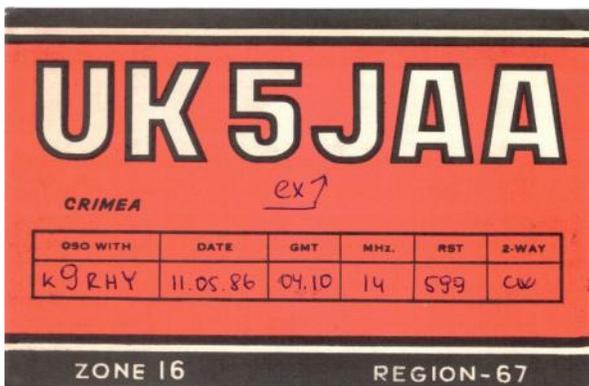
Entities can be deleted if they no longer meet these criteria (e.g., due to annexation or merger) or added if new political or geographic entities emerge. The ARRL emphasizes that the DXCC list is for amateur radio achievement and does not reflect positions on sovereignty (ARRL Awards Committee statements). For territorial transfers, the ARRL typically evaluates:

Whether the transferred region becomes part of an existing DXCC entity



(e.g., Russia, UA). Whether the region retains or gains distinct status due to political or administrative separation. The effective date of the transfer for QSO validity.

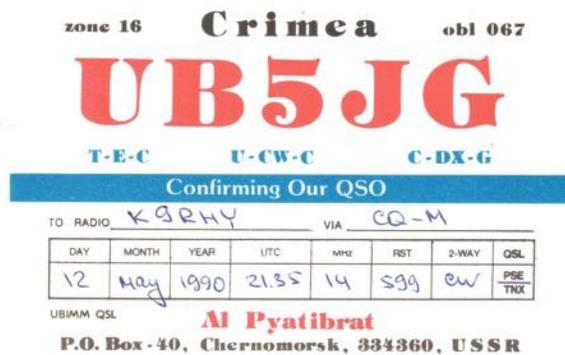
Thus, if Ukraine formally cedes Donbas and Crimea to Russia, the ARRL would likely assess the following:



**Political Status:** If Donbas and Crimea are fully integrated into Russia (similar to how Crimea

was annexed in 2014 and treated as part of Russia’s Kaliningrad Oblast administratively), they would likely be subsumed under Russia’s DXCC entity (UA, European Russia).

**ITU Call Sign Allocation:** The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) assigns call sign prefixes. If Russia assigns its prefixes (e.g., R, UA) to these regions, this supports their integration into Russia’s DXCC entity.



The ARRL would look at historical cases where territories were transferred between DXCC entities to determine if Donbas and Crimea remain part of Ukraine’s entity (UR) or merge into Russia’s. The Free City of Danzig (prefix YM) (1920–1939) provides a relevant precedent due to its distinct political status and eventual reintegration into another entity.

This is where I went over the cliff. More coming in a future edition of the SDDXC Bulletin.

Established by the Treaty of Versailles (1919), Danzig was a semi-autonomous city-state under League of Nations oversight, separate from Germany and Poland, with its own government and call sign prefix (YM). It was a DXCC entity from November 15, 1920, to September 1, 1939.

On September 1, 1939, Nazi Germany annexed Danzig following its invasion of Poland. Danzig was integrated into the German province of West Prussia, losing its distinct political status.

Danzig was removed from the DXCC active entity list and added to the Deleted Entities list effective September 1, 1939, as it no longer met the criteria for a separate political entity (DXCC Rules, Section II, Deletion Criteria 5(a)).

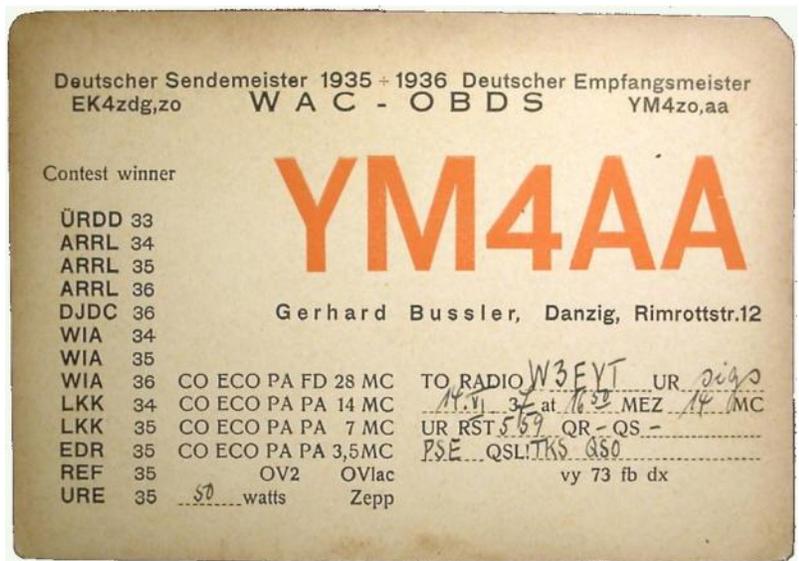
Contacts with Danzig (YM prefix) made between 1920 and 1939 count for DXCC credit under the Danzig entity. After 1939, contacts in the same geographic area count as Germany (DA–DL prefixes) until 1945, then Poland (SP) post-WWII, reflecting the region’s integration into new entities.

The ARRL treated Danzig’s annexation as a merger into Germany’s DXCC entity, with no retroactive change to its prior status. Danzig remains a deleted entity, and modern [Gdańsk](#) is part of Poland’s DXCC entity.

If Donbas and Crimea are ceded to Russia and fully integrated (e.g., as oblasts or republics within Russia), they would likely be treated similarly to Danzig post-1939: merged into Russia’s DXCC entity (UA), with Ukraine’s entity (UR) continuing for the remaining territory. Contacts in Donas/Crimea after the transfer date would count as Russia, while pre-transfer contacts would count as Ukraine.

Another DXCC precedent that I will not go into detail on was the entity of Memel (Klaipėda Region). Memel was part of Germany until 1919 before becoming a League of Nations “mandate” (1920–1923). It became autonomous within Lithuania (1923–1939), and was then reincorporated into Germany in 1939. Post-WWII, it became part of the Lithuanian SSR.

Memel was a separate DXCC entity from January 1, 1920, to March 22, 1939, due to its distinct status although firm evidence of this is in short supply. After Germany’s annexation in 1939, it was deleted and merged into Germany’s entity (D). Post-1945, it counted as the Soviet Union (UA2, Kaliningrad), and since 1990, as Lithuania (LY).



If Donbas/Crimea are annexed and integrated into Russia, they would likely be merged into Russia's entity, with a clear cutoff date for QSOs counting as Ukraine versus Russia.

Russia annexed Crimea in March 2014 following a controversial referendum, unrecognized by Ukraine and most of the international community. The ITU still recognizes Ukraine's authority over Crimea's spectrum, and Ukrainian call signs (UR, UU) are used by some operators, while Russian call signs (R, UA) are used by others.

The ARRL Awards Committee ruled in April 2014 that Crimea is not a new DXCC entity and remains part of Ukraine's entity (UR) for DXCC purposes. This decision was based on: Crimea's lack of distinct political status post-annexation (it was integrated into Russia but not recognized as a separate entity). DXCC Rule 4, requiring QSL confirmations to include the entity name (Ukraine or Russia) and call sign issued by the respective administration. The precedent of not creating new entities for disputed or occupied territories unless they meet strict criteria (e.g., UN membership or ITU prefix allocation).

A QSL with a Ukrainian call sign (e.g., UROXX) and entity name "Ukraine" counts as Ukraine. A QSL with a Russian call sign (e.g., R7XX) and entity name "Russia" counts as Russia. QSLs not meeting these conditions (e.g., ambiguous entity name) are rejected. The 2014 Crimea decision shows the ARRL's reluctance to alter DXCC status for territories under disputed control without clear political separation. If Ukraine cedes Crimea formally, the ARRL might reclassify it as part of Russia's entity (UA), as the transfer would align with administrative control, similar to Danzig's integration into Germany. However, the precedent suggests a conservative approach, maintaining Ukraine's entity status until a formal transfer is recognized.

- Saar (Saarland) After WWI, Saar was administered by the League of Nations (1920–1935), then rejoined Germany via a 1935 referendum. Post-WWII, it was a French protectorate (1947–1956) before reintegrating into West Germany in 1957. Saar was a DXCC entity during its League of Nations period (1920–1935) and French protectorate period (1947–1956) due to its distinct political status. After 1935 and 1957, it was merged into Germany's entity (D). Contacts during its active periods count as Saar, while post-1957 contacts count as West Germany (DA–DL).

Saar's multiple transitions show the ARRL's practice of adjusting entity status based on political integration. If Donbas/Crimea are ceded, they would likely follow Saar's post-1957 path, merging into Russia's entity after the transfer date.

- East Germany (GDR): East Germany was a separate state (1949–1990) with its own government and call sign prefixes (DM, Y2–Y9). It was reunified with West Germany in 1990.

East Germany was a DXCC entity until October 3, 1990, when it was deleted and merged into Germany's entity (DA–DL). Contacts before 1990 count as East Germany; post-1990 contacts count as Germany.

The peaceful reunification and clear administrative merger provide a model for how the ARRL handles voluntary or negotiated transfers. If Ukraine cedes Donbas/Crimea, the ARRL would likely set a cutoff date (e.g., the treaty's effective date) and merge the regions into Russia's entity, similar to East Germany's merger.

- Northern Ireland (Post-Partition Ireland): After Ireland's partition in 1921, Northern Ireland remained part of the UK, while the Irish Free State (later Ireland) became independent. Northern Ireland has distinct administration but is part of the UK. DXCC Treatment: Northern Ireland is part of the UK's DXCC entity (G, GI prefixes), separate from Ireland (EI). The ARRL recognized the political division, assigning entity status based on administrative control rather than disputed claims.

This case shows the ARRL's focus on de facto administrative control. If Donbas/Crimea are ceded to Russia, their integration into Russia's administrative structure would likely lead to their inclusion in Russia's entity, regardless of international disputes. Application to Donbas and Crimea Based on these precedents, the ARRL's likely approach if Ukraine cedes Donbas and Crimea to Russia would be:

If Donbas and Crimea are fully integrated into Russia (e.g., as oblasts or republics), they would be merged into Russia's DXCC entity (UA, European Russia), similar to Danzig (1939), Memel (1939), Saar (1957), and East Germany (1990). The ARRL would set a cutoff date (e.g., the date of the treaty or transfer) after which QSOs in these regions count as Russia.

The ARRL would not create a new DXCC entity for Donbas or Crimea unless they gain distinct political status (e.g., as a UN member or with a unique ITU prefix), which is unlikely given Russia's integration model (e.g., Crimea's post-2014 status). The 2014 Crimea decision reinforces this, as the ARRL rejected new entity status despite Russia's annexation .

Contacts in Donbas/Crimea before the transfer date with Ukrainian call signs (UR, UU) and entity name "Ukraine" would count as Ukraine (UR). Contacts after the transfer date with Russian call signs (R, UA) and entity name "Russia" would count as Russia (UA). Contacts with unclear entity names or call signs (e.g., Russian call signs claiming "Crimea" as a separate entity) would likely be rejected, per DXCC Rule 4.

Unlike Danzig or Memel, Donbas and Crimea are not currently separate DXCC entities but part of Ukraine (UR). Thus, their transfer would not result in a deleted entity but a geographic reassignment within existing entities (Ukraine to Russia), similar to how parts of Poland were reassigned to Germany pre-WWII.

A treaty or agreement ceding Donbas/Crimea would provide a clear administrative shift, prompting the ARRL to reassign the regions to Russia's entity, as seen in Danzig and Saar.

If Russia assigns its call signs (R, UA) to Donbas/Crimea, this would align with DXCC's reliance on ITU allocations, supporting a merger into Russia's entity.

The ARRL does not base decisions on UN or international recognition (e.g., Crimea's 2014 status remained Ukraine despite non-recognition of Russia's annexation). A formal cession by Ukraine would override such disputes for DXCC purposes.

The ARRL's conservative approach (e.g., rejecting Crimea as a new entity in 2014) suggests it would avoid creating new entities and favor merging transferred regions into the receiving entity's status.

Danzig and Memel were distinct DXCC entities before their annexation, leading to deletion. Donbas/Crimea are part of Ukraine's entity (UR), so their transfer would not delete an entity but reassign geographic areas, similar to post-WWII border changes (e.g., Poland's western territories).

The 2014 Crimea annexation was disputed and unrecognized, keeping it in Ukraine's entity. A formal cession by Ukraine would provide a clearer basis for reassignment, unlike the contested cases of Donbas/Luhansk (2014–present). The ARRL's 2014 Crimea decision reflects a modern emphasis on administrative control and ITU allocations over political disputes, differing from the interwar period's focus on League of Nations mandates (Danzig, Memel).

The self-proclaimed Donbas People's Republic (DPR) and Luhansk People's Republic (LPR) were established in 2014 and have not been recognized as DXCC entities due to their lack of UN membership, ITU prefix, or distinct political status. Even if Donbas were ceded as part of DPR, it would likely be treated as part of Russia's entity, not a new one, unless Russia grants it unique status (unlikely based on Crimea's integration).

The ARRL Awards Committee might delay a decision until the transfer's administrative details are clear (e.g., call sign assignments, governance structure), as seen in the 2014 Crimea evaluation. DXers would need QSL cards or Logbook of the World (LoTW) confirmations clearly indicating the entity (Ukraine or Russia) and date to claim credit. The ARRL's strict QSL rules (DXCC Rule 4) would apply, especially for contacts near the transfer date.

If Ukraine cedes Donbas and Crimea to Russia, the ARRL DXCC program would likely merge these regions into Russia's DXCC entity (UA, European Russia), based on precedents like Danzig (1939), Memel (1939), Saar (1957), and East Germany (1990). The ARRL would set a cutoff date, after which QSOs in Donbas/Crimea count as Russia, while pre-transfer QSOs count as Ukraine. Unlike Danzig, which was a deleted entity, Donbas/Crimea would not create a new deleted entity, as they are currently part of Ukraine's entity (UR). The 2014 Crimea decision reinforces this approach, prioritizing administrative control and ITU call sign allocations over disputed claims. Other cases (Saar, East Germany, Northern Ireland) confirm the ARRL's practice of reassigning transferred territories to the receiving entity's DXCC status.

So basically, if Ukraine cedes the Crimea and Donbas regions to Russia, the DXCC entity count would most likely remain unchanged.

Things would be much more complicated, however, if Donbas and Crimea were independent entities today rather than regions within Ukraine.

Donbas and Crimea are not legally separate entities from Ukraine under international law, but both have been subject to significant efforts, backed by Russia, to establish themselves as separate entities since 2014. Their current status and the attempts to separate from Ukraine are distinct but interconnected, driven by Russian intervention and local pro-Russian sentiment.

Crimea and Donbas remain legally part of Ukraine but have been subject to Russian-backed efforts to become separate entities. Crimea was annexed by Russia in 2014 following a disputed referendum and is under Russian control. Donbas, through the self-proclaimed DPR, declared independence in 2014, with Russia recognizing and claiming to annex it in 2022, but the region remains contested with ongoing conflict. Both cases involve Russian military intervention, coerced referendums, and international non-recognition, with Ukraine and its allies rejecting any separation.

I'm anxious to see how this all turns out even if my standing on the Honor Roll is unchanged by these world events whether they occur or do not occur. Maybe the ARRL will surprise me.

Bob, K9RHY

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• **[UPDATE]** –

We are pleased to announce that well known DXer and POTA Administrator KB2FMH, James Gallow has joined the 2026 Andaman Island DXpedition Team. His DX experience and POTA knowledge are important to the Team to improve the Andaman Dxpediton's QSO rate and activation of three rare POTA locations on Andaman Island.

The Andaman Island DXpedition is scheduled to begin transmitting on October 19, 2026. Then it will be entering the 2026 CQ WW SSB Contest representing India with a goal of first place for Asia. Three POTA locations, IN-0003, IN-0005, and IN-0007, will be activated between October 27-29. This will be the initial activation of all three locations

If you are interested in joining the 2026 Andaman Island DXpedition Team please contact Van Herridge, N4VGE, immediately at [N4VGE@worlddxpedition.org](mailto:N4VGE@worlddxpedition.org).

## Peter I Island Dxpediton 2026



Peter I Island DXpediton 2026 preparation has started!

Peter I is the #8 DXCC in ClubLog most wanted list.

We have secured a vessel, and we're now building a team of 19 operators that will go to Peter I Island in February 2026 and stay there for 14 days. The vessel is a proper Antarctica vessel with 2 helicopters, two Expedition leaders and with all permits needed.

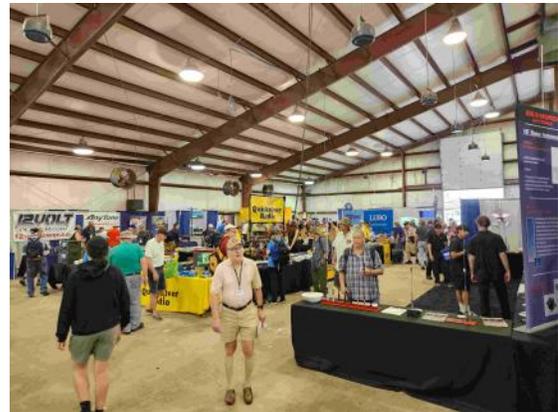
We are working closely with the Norwegian Polar Institute to obtain the landing permit. A website has been created and additional information about Peter I Island DXpediton will be released shortly. Fundraising is expected to start 2024

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# Club Log DX Report for May, 2025

## Most active bands

Band	QSOs	% DX	Graph
160M	1,637	8.19	
80M	26,981	12.88	
60M	9,160	28.64	
40M	138,237	18.29	
30M	62,238	40.97	
20M	229,608	37.92	
17M	85,217	57.39	
15M	99,494	58.03	
12M	15,740	70.74	
10M	49,676	72.12	
6M	52,128	16.20	

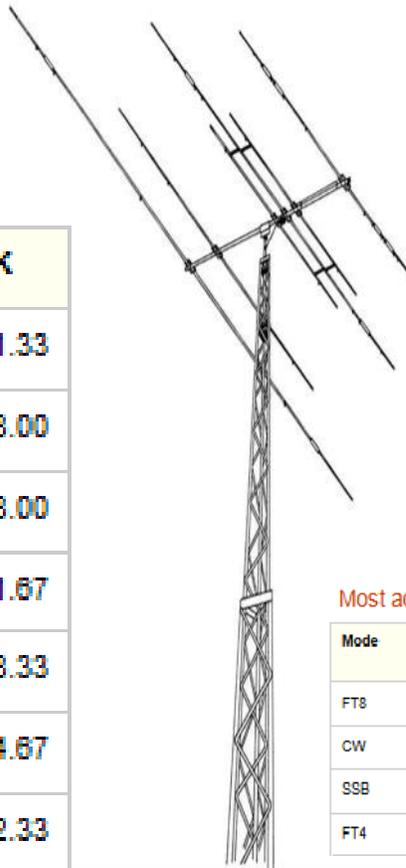
Rank	Prefix	Entity Name
1.	P5	DPRK (NORTH KOREA)
2.	BS7H	SCARBOROUGH REEF
3.	CE0X	SAN FELIX ISLANDS
4.	BV9P	PRATAS ISLAND
5.	KH7K	KURE ISLAND
6.	KH3	JOHNSTON ISLAND
7.	FT/G	GLORIOSO ISLAND
8.	3Y/P	PETER 1 ISLAND
9.	FT5/X	KERGUELEN ISLAND
10.	YV0	AVES ISLAND
11.	3Y/B	BOUVET ISLAND
12.	ZS8	PRINCE EDWARD & MARION ISLANDS

## Active expeditions

Callsign	DXCC
PJ4M	BONAIRE
ZL7IO	CHATHAM ISLAND
3W9C	VIET NAM
5H8HZ	TANZANIA
3D2USU	FIJI ISLANDS
YS3PY	EL SALVADOR
ZS8W	PRINCE EDWARD & MARION ISLANDS
VP2VI	BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS
HD8G	GALAPAGOS ISLANDS
3D2AJT	FIJI ISLANDS

## Solar activity

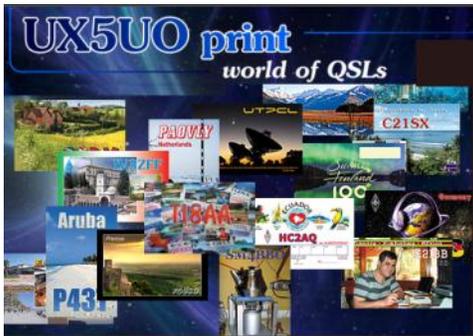
Date	SFI	A	K
2025-05-22	119	13	1.33
2025-05-21	119	13	3.00
2025-05-20	117	10	3.00
2025-05-19	118	22	1.67
2025-05-18	117	38	3.33
2025-05-17	117	13	4.67
2025-05-16	119	13	2.33



## Most active modes

Mode	% Use	QSOs	Graph
FT8	73.56	575,866	
CW	12.10	94,702	
SSB	8.61	67,411	
FT4	4.58	35,873	

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