San Diego DX Club Bulletin

February 2026

Meeting Program

The February, 2026 meeting program will be a video presentation by Bill Salyers AJ8B entitled "Chasing DX During a Contest"

Meeting Notice

The February 2026 SDDXC meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2026 starting at 6:30 P.M. PST 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**

March is just around the corner with DXpeditions and major DX contests waiting in the wings. The much-anticipated Bouvet Island DXpedition (3Y0K) has been delayed by approximately 2-week due to maintenance issues with their maritime transportation. Bouvet is #10 on the ClubLog most wanted list. It is described as one of the most remote regions of the world located nearly 1600 mi SSW of South Africa. It is a volcanic island 93% covered by glacier. Additional reports will be forthcoming regarding their departure from South Africa.

The Sable Island DX'pedition (CY0S) has been delayed due to dangerous weather conditions in the North Atlantic. The six Flex Aurora radios have been tested and packed in anticipation of their air transport to Sable. As of now the anticipated dates of operation will be March 19-31, 2026.

Desecheo Island (KP5/NP3VI operations have been extended until March 3. They have logged more than 84K QSOs.

Upcoming contests include ARRL DX CW February 21, CQ WPX SSB March 28, and ARRL DX Phone March 7.

The 2026 Santa Maria Contesting and DX Convention is slated for April 10-12. Full details are highlighted elsewhere in this Newsletter.

This month's meeting will be a video presentation by Bill Salyers AJ8B entitled "Chasing DX During a Contest. The meeting will be on February 25 at 1830 local at Elijah's Restaurant 7061 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, SD. Zoom will also be available.

SCDXC is returning with an abbreviated monthly newsletter. I again want to welcome those from the Southern Cal Club that joined us. Hope to see everyone on the 25th. 73 DE

Rob, **WA3IHV**

SDDXC YouTube Channel

Recordings of monthly meetings are available on the San Diego DX Club YouTube channel.
[(1201) San Diego DX Club - YouTube]

Board Meeting Minutes

Bob, **W6ACU**

SDDXC Board Meeting February 9th 2026

1) Vote on new members at next general membership meeting
    a) Noel Encarnacion AG6KA
    b) Linda Souter W6QE
    c) Mark Raptis KF6WTN (YL?)
    d) William (Bill) Elketon W6ZN
    e) Quinn Lacey KI6LAT
    f) Mel Hughes K6SY
2) Letter to dues delinquent members
3) How to handle family membership
4)Treasurer's report
5) file taxes for 501(c)(7)
    a) IRS Form 990-N
    b) FTB Form 199-N
    c) Annual Treasurer's Report Form CT-TR-1 (CA)
    d) SI-100 (CA)
    e) Form 990-N (IRS)
    f) Form 199-N (FTB)
6) Feb Mtg, February 25, 2026 6:30 PM Elijah's (TBD)
7) Future meeting topics
    a) Tom Schiller N6BT, WTQ- What's the Question?
    b) Ed Fong WB6IQN, What makes the NanoVNA and TinySA tick
    c) John Portune W6NBC, Intro to Drone Field Strength Meter
    d) Rudi Wiedermann K7RAW, Drone Mounted Field Strength Meter System
    e) Kristen McIntire K6WX, SWR? Who Cares or Space Weather
    f) Michelle Paquette AA6MP, A Hank of Wire
    g) Dave Caster KE0OG, Using WSPR to See Band Openings
    h) Eric Swartz WA6HHQ, K4 update
    i) Steve Hicks N5AC Flexradio Update or Mike VA3MW
    j) Working DX, DXCC is easy
    k) Erik Gross KM6EOP, a brief history of machine learning for radio
    l) Phil Karn KA9Q, SDR design or KA9Q Radio
    m) recent DXpeditions

Bob, **W6ACU**

Secretary's Report

Bob, **W6ACU**

SDDXC Meeting Minutes January 2026

The meeting started at 6:30 PM January 28th, 2026 at Elijah's and on Zoom

There were 17 members in-person and 9 members on-line.

The meeting was recorded and is available on our YouTube Channel at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0yQhQcMMNKI&pp=ygURU2FuIERpZWdvIERYIENsdWI%3D

PRESENTATION

Bruce Perens, K6BP, talking about "The Counterpoise: The Other Half of the Antenna. Very interesting presentation with many follow-up questions from the members.

ROUNDTABLE

Members, both in-person and on-line gave updates on their latest related activities.

PRIZES

A raffle was held with seven prizes.

Bob, **W6ACU**

SDDXC Zoom Meeting Login

If the link does not work properly, log on to Zoom.com and use the meeting ID and passcode shown below.
San Diego DX Club is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Join Zoom Meeting
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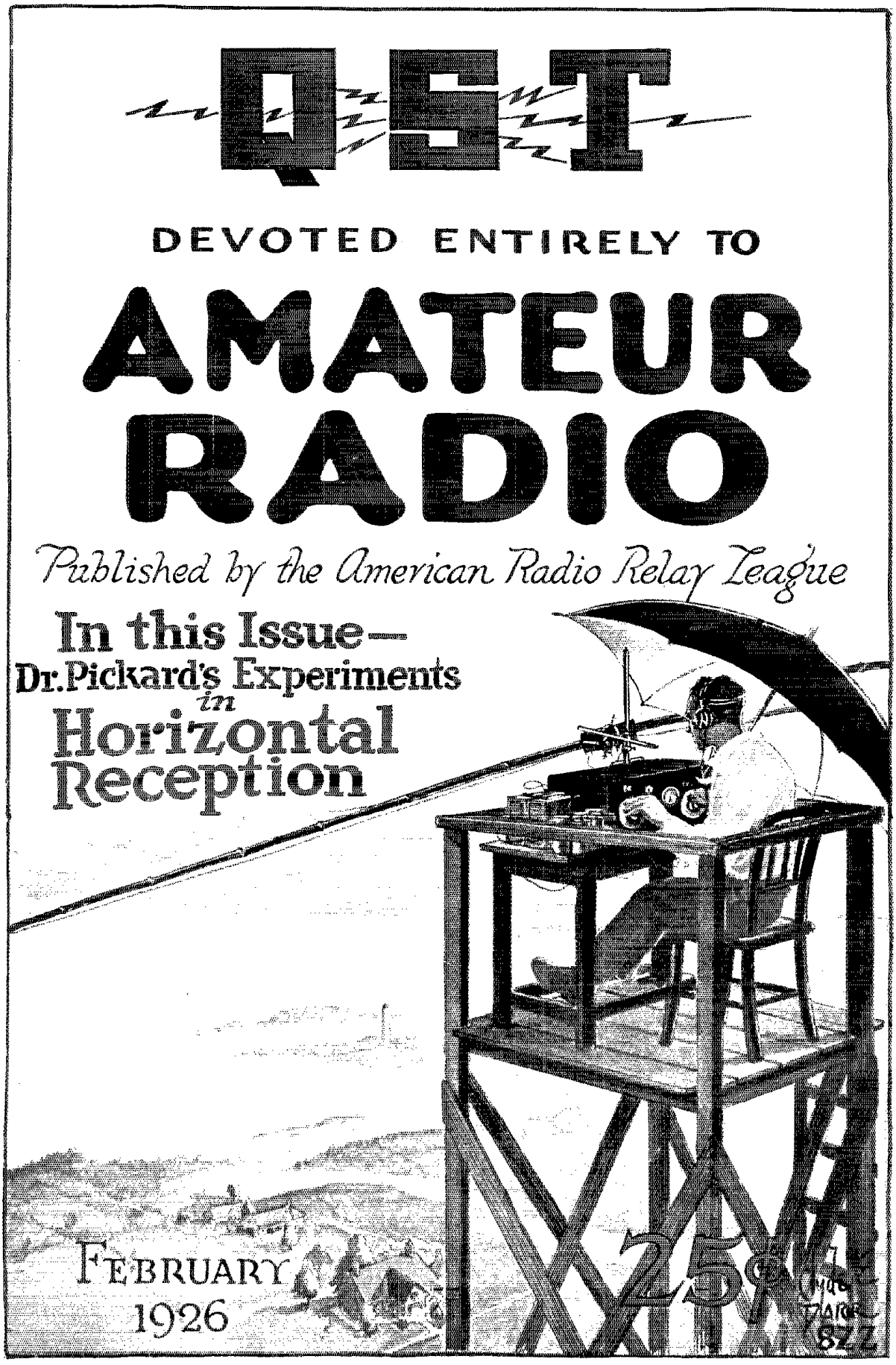

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SDDXC Treasurer's Report

Jim , **K6SMT**

January 2026 REPORT FIGURES *(Full Month)*

INCOME:
$299.10 (Membership Dues)
EXPENSES:
$213.91 (Door Prizes for Holiday Party)

CASH BALANCE 1-31-2026: $3,593.08

Jim , **K6SMT**

SDDXC Bulletin Archive

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

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

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Bud, **AE6BH**

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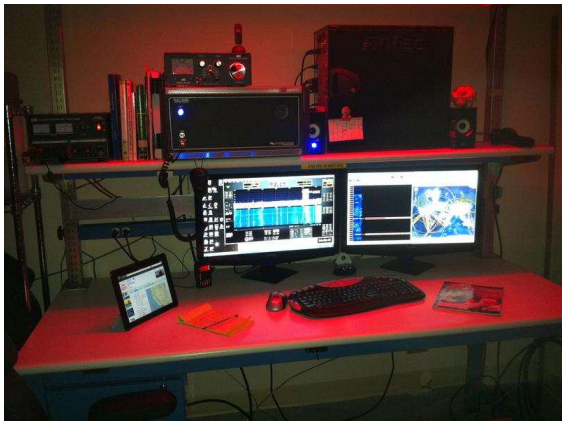
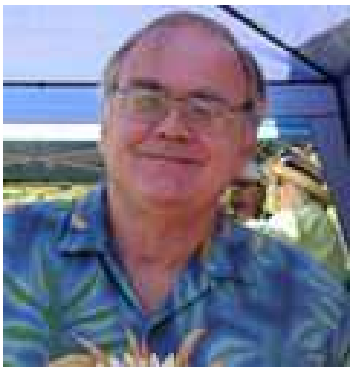


Bud, **AE6BH**

SDDXC Contest Results

John, **K6AM**



2025 CQ WPX PHONE DX CONTEST

CLASS	CALL	SCORE	QSO'S	MLTS	FINISH
SO HP ALL	**NT6Q** (N5ZO remote @WA6TQT)	9,450,456	3,274	1,236	**#1 W6** #3 US/VE
SO HP ALL	**NA6TT** (K6NA op)	2,486,448	1,582	744	#3 W6
SO HP ALL	**N6KI**	247,746	373	263	#15 W6
SO HP ALL	**W6JBR**	68,766	200	157	
SO LP ALL	**K6AM**	55,131	173	141	

John, **K6AM**

From the Editor

Bob, **K9RHY**

Desecheo Island: Access, Not Rarity

History, Remote Operation, FT8 — and the Long Arc from CW to Today

For a DXCC entity barely 13 miles off Puerto Rico's west coast, **Desecheo Island** has always been oddly elusive. Propagation is excellent. Distance is trivial. And yet KP5 has spent years perched near the top of the Most Wanted list. The reason is neither mystery nor myth: **Desecheo is not rare because it is far — it is rare because it is hard to access.**

The most recent KP5 activation underscored that reality while adding a new layer to the story. It was not simply a long-awaited return of a scarce entity; it was a demonstration of how DXing itself has evolved — technologically, operationally, and culturally — from CW tents and gasoline generators to hybrid deployments, remote operation, and FT8 waterfalls.

Access, Not Distance, Has Always Defined KP5

Desecheo's difficulties long predate DXCC spreadsheets. For decades, the island served as a U.S. military bombing and gunnery range, leaving behind unexploded ordnance and severe ecological damage. Later, designation as a National Wildlife Refuge shifted priorities entirely: habitat restoration, invasive species eradication, and strict limits on human presence.

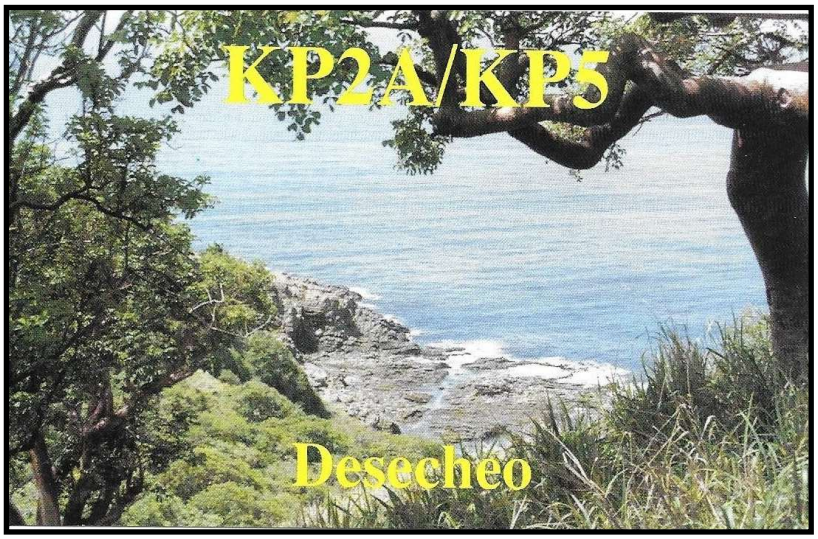
From a DXer's perspective, KP5's long absences were never about lack of interest. They were about **permission**. As access tightened, Desecheo quietly transformed from a Caribbean island into a policy problem — one that no amount of RF or skill could solve alone.

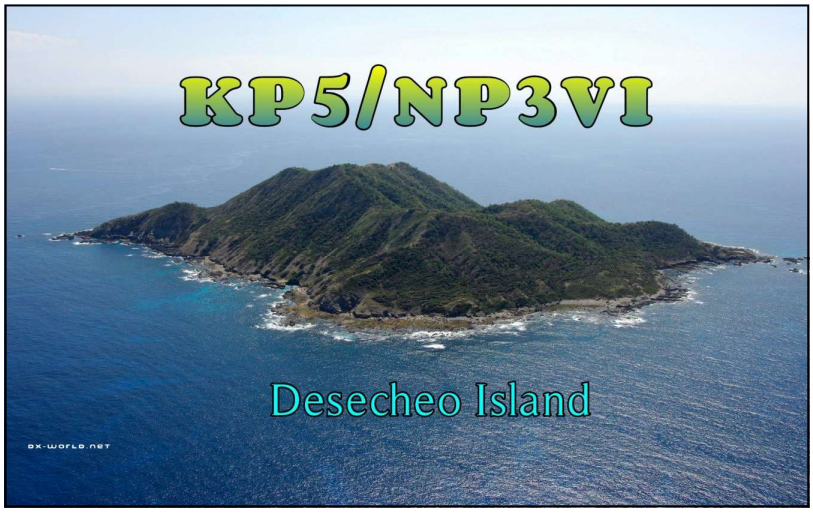
A Short Operating History — and a Lot of Silence

Desecheo's activation history is brief, but telling.

Early operations occurred before the latest award-driven intensity. The modern reference point remains **K5D in 2009**, a classic, boots-on-the-ground DXpedition. Full team on site. Physical hardship. Generators humming. Antennas strung wherever terrain allowed. CW pileups that tested wrists and patience, SSB calling frequencies stacked end to end. My own QSL collection includes gems from rare but limited activations in the 1980's and 90's.

For many DXers today, K5D wasn't just an activation — it was an experience.





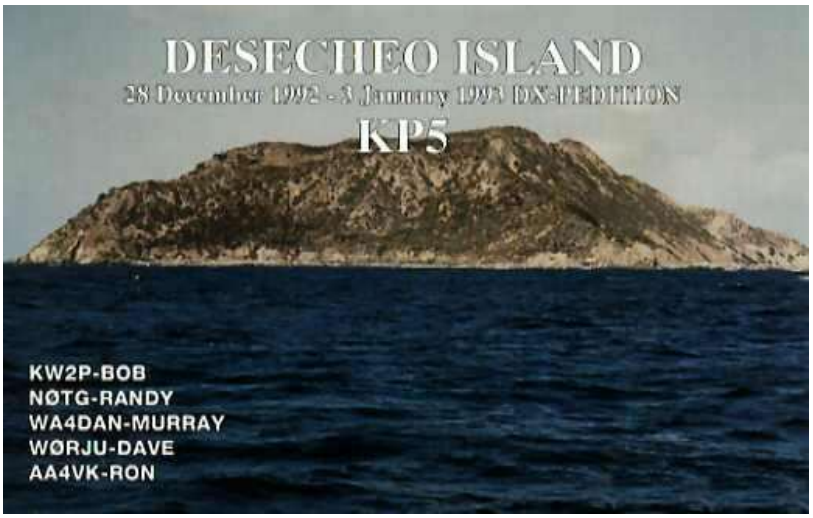
Sidebar — How Remote Ops (and FT8) Could Affect the DXCC Top 10

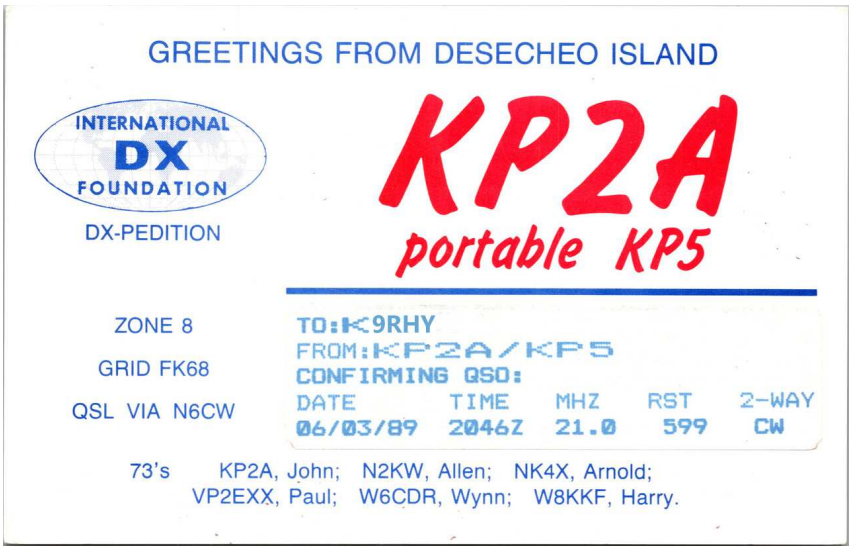
Snapshot: Feb 9, 2026 — sources: DXNews / DX-World / DXpedition sites.

(ClubLog "Most Wanted" — typical top 10 order)

1. **P5 — DPRK (North Korea)**

- **Remote feasibility:** Practically zero. Political/sovereign restrictions make any on-island transmitter deployment effectively impossible; remote control of gear on site is irrelevant unless permission is obtained.
- **FT8 impact:** None, unless a political breakthrough allows a true activation (unlikely). FT8 wouldn't change the diplomatic hurdle.
- **BS7H — Scarborough Reef**
- **Remote feasibility:** Very low. The reef lies in contested waters; permission and physical access are major political issues. Leaving unattended transmitters in contested maritime zones creates legal and logistic nightmares.
- **FT8 impact:** If access were ever permitted, FT8 would maximize the number of contacts in short windows — but access is the blocker, not the mode.
- **CE0X — San Félix (Chile)**
- **Remote feasibility:** Moderate. San Félix is a Chilean dependency — logistics and permits are the main obstacles. A hybrid model (small on-island footprint + remote ops) could reduce time ashore and therefore help satisfy conservation or administrative constraints.
- **FT8 impact:** High — FT8 would let limited on-island time produce many QSOs, improving the operation's cost-effectiveness and reducing human presence.
- **BV9P — Pratas Island (Taiping, Taiwan)**
- **Remote feasibility:** Low to moderate. Pratas is administered by Taiwan and has military/security sensitivity. Leaving equipment unattended or remotely controlled would raise security and permit questions.
- **FT8 impact:** High if an operation is permitted — efficient for limited windows and for serving smaller stations.
- **KH7K — Kure Island**
- **Remote feasibility:** Low. Kure is under strict U.S. control and often closed to the public (military/airfield / wildlife concerns). Physical-presence requirements or strict permit regimes are the real constraints.
- **FT8 impact:** If permission were granted,





- **KH3 — Johnston Atoll**
- **Remote feasibility:** Low. U.S. military and environmental restrictions make access highly controlled; unattended or remotely-operated gear would face similar authorization hurdles.
- **FT8 impact:** Minimal until a clearance model is accepted; once cleared, FT8 helps maximize short-term windows.
- **CE0Z / CE0X variations (San Ambrosio / San Félix region)** — (San Felix area entities appear in top lists)
- **Remote feasibility:** Moderate. These Chilean Pacific islands are logistically hard but not inherently political in the way P5 or Scarborough are. Hybrid models could lower impact and cost.
- **FT8 impact:** Strong — efficient use of precious on-island hours.
- **1S / Aves Island (Venezuela)** *(rankings vary by month; Aves frequently appears in top lists)*
- **Remote feasibility:** Low to moderate; political permission and environmental sensitivity are the constraints. Unattended gear raises sovereignty and enforcement issues.
- **FT8 impact:** High if permitted — again, FT8 maximizes fairness during short activations.
- **3Y0 / Bouvet Island**
- **Remote feasibility:** Moderate–low. Bouvet is physically one of the hardest places to reach (ice, weather). However, it is technically possible to place equipment on site; the real challenge is transport and survival of gear in extreme conditions. Remote control of on-island equipment is feasible in principle and would reduce the number of personnel exposed to risk. See active Bouvet planning (3Y0K team).

FT8 impact: Very high — a short, well-timed FT8 activation would dramatically increase the number of stations served in spite of brutal logistics.

What followed was not a pause, but a prolonged silence driven by environmental and regulatory realities. Repeating K5D in the same form became increasingly implausible. Desecheo did not fade from memory; it hardened into legend.

The Recent KP5 Activation: Adapting to Reality

The most recent KP5 operation succeeded because it acknowledged that **the old rules no longer apply**.

Rather than forcing a traditional expedition model onto a tightly protected island, the organizers treated access as the primary constraint. Physical presence was minimized. Environmental impact was a design requirement. The solution was a **hybrid approach**: transmitters and antennas physically on Desecheo, with some operating positions controlled remotely.

This model kept RF squarely within the entity while respecting modern conservation limits — and it naturally intersected with the way DXing itself has changed.

From CW to SSB to FT8: How KP5 Reflects the Evolution of DX

There is a certain nostalgia baked into any discussion of Desecheo. Many of us still associate KP5 with **CW pileups**, headphones clamped tight, fingers aching as the op on the island tried to pick a single call out of the chaos. CW wasn't just a mode; it was a test of discipline, timing, and operator skill. Getting KP5 on CW felt earned in a deeply personal way.

SSB broadened access. It brought voice, personality, and a different kind of chaos — less precise than CW, but undeniably human. For many, that first shouted "KP5?" answered through the noise was unforgettable.

Then came **FT8**, and with it, a fundamental shift.

FT8 has not merely added another mode; it has changed the *geometry* of DXing. For an access-limited entity like Desecheo, FT8 offers decisive advantages:

- Extremely high QSO rates in short operating windows
- Reliable decoding under marginal conditions
- Reduced operator fatigue
- The ability to serve modest stations that would struggle in CW or SSB pileups

For KP5, FT8 wasn't about convenience — it was about **equity and efficiency**. When access is measured in tightly controlled hours or days, FT8 allows more DXers to work the entity without extending on-island presence. In that sense, FT8 aligns perfectly with modern access constraints.

This does not diminish CW or SSB. In fact, it sharpens their legacy. CW and SSB are no longer the only tools, but they remain the modes that connect us most directly to DX's past. FT8, by contrast, represents its present — and perhaps its future — especially for places like Desecheo.

DXCC and IOTA: Where the Rules Draw the Lines

These operational choices inevitably collide with award philosophy.

The **American Radio Relay League** DXCC program has always been geography-focused. DXCC rules state, in essence:

> ***Contacts are valid when the transmitter and antenna are located within the DXCC entity.***

There is no requirement that the operator be physically present at the transmitter site. DXCC has consistently adapted to new technologies — SSB, digital modes, SDRs, remote contest stations — as long as the RF originates within the entity. Under this framework, the KP5 activation fits cleanly.

The **Radio Society of Great Britain** IOTA programme takes a more experiential view. Its rules explicitly require that:

> ***All operating must be carried out by operators physically present on the island. Remote operation is not permitted.***

IOTA values the act of being there. Living on the island, enduring the constraints, and operating from within its boundaries are integral to the award. From that perspective, hybrid or remote operation — even with equipment on the island — crosses a philosophical line.

Desecheo thus sits squarely between two valid but divergent worldviews.

What KP5 Ultimately Shows Us

Desecheo has never been about miles. It has always been about permission — and now, about adaptation.

The recent KP5 activation did more than satisfy pent-up demand. It demonstrated that the future of DX will be shaped less by ***geography*** and more by ***access policy, environmental stewardship, and operating efficiency***. CW and SSB remind us where we came from. FT8 shows us how we are adjusting to the world as it is.

For SDDXC members, KP5 is both a prized QSO and a cautionary tale. The rarest entities ahead may not be the most distant ones, but the most constrained. Activating them will require flexibility, diplomacy, and a willingness to rethink what “being there” means.

Desecheo remains rare — not because it’s far away, but because **access itself has now become the ultimate DX challenge**.

Bob, **K9RHY**

China says Philippines stoking tensions with Scarborough Shoal drill

Cao Jiaxuan

China has accused the Philippines of "deliberately stoking maritime tensions" following reports Manila had warned it would stage military exercises across a large area of the disputed South China Sea for more than two months.

The Philippine civil aviation authority issued a notice to airmen that set aside an expansive area north of Scarborough Shoal for military activities between January 21 and March 31, according to mainland Chinese and Taiwanese media.

The investigations are unfolding as Beijing weighs both opportunities and risks ahead of two major milestones next year: the 21st Communist Party congress, which traditionally sees an extensive reshuffle of the top leadership, and the centenary of the PLA, a key deadline for the first phase of the drive to modernise the military.

Although China has not fought a major war in decades, it has adopted an increasingly assertive posture in contested areas, including the East China Sea, the South China Sea and around Taiwan. Late last year, the PLA staged its largest-ever military drills around the island, which Beijing regards as part of China.

Most countries do not recognize Taiwan as independent, but Washington opposes any move to take the island by force and is committed to supplying it with arms to defend itself.

The nature of the drill warning drew sharp criticism from the South China Sea Strategic Situation Probing Initiative, a Beijing-linked think tank, which posted what it believed to be a screenshot of the coordinates of the exercise on social media.

Scarborough Shoal has long been one of the main flashpoints in the long-standing territorial dispute between China and the Philippines.

Last year, China approved the establishment of a nature reserve there – a move widely seen as an attempt to reinforce its sovereignty claims – and published a map outlining the precise nature of its claim.

In September, vessels from the two countries were involved in a collision near the shoal, which China said was caused by a Philippine ship deliberately ramming a coastguard vessel.

Earlier this month, Chinese coastguards rescued 17 Filipino crew members after a Singapore-flagged cargo ship capsized near the shoal, in an incident in which at least two sailors died.

2026 Santa Maria DXers & Contesters Convention
April 10-12, 2026

The 2026 Santa Maria Contesting and DX Convention, sponsored by the Southern California Club and San Diego DX Club, takes place on April 10, 11, and 12 at the Historic Santa Maria Inn. Santa Maria is along the coast of California between northern and southern California hams. America Airlines has direct airline service to Santa Maria Airport (SMX) from Phoenix. Santa Barbara Airport (SBA) to the south and San Luis Obispo Airport (SBP) to the north are both serviced by many airlines.

Convention information is at: https://socalcontestclub.org/SantaMaria2026/

The full event cost is $100. This includes the presentations and forums, the Saturday evening Happy Hour, Saturday evening buffet (tri-tip and chicken) dinner, and Sunday buffet breakfast. **If you intend to attend the meals, it is suggested that you sign up and pay for the asap.** The hotel's banquet room does not accommodate as many people as have attended in previous years.

No-meals registration is merely $10.

Friday's events include a full day's presentation on high-frequency operation for beginners, or those otherwise unfamiliar with HF. There are planned sessions dedicated to related popular activities such as SOTA, POTA, IOTA, and digital. Also, there are technical talks on antennas.

Saturday's DX, Contest, and ARRL Forums are all intended to be **two-way** exchanges with the audience on issues currently of interest in these areas. At the start of each Forum, there will be a presentation on a current specialty topic or several current topics.

If you anything that you would be willing to present, or other suggestions, please communicate with N6AA.

A few exhibitors are expected.

The Friday night contest dinner is at the Far Western Tavern, about 6 miles south of the hotel, and costs $62.

Register and pay at:

https://www.socalcontestclub.org/SantaMaria2026/register.php

HOTELS

The Santa Maria 2026 Convention will be held at The Historic Santa Maria Inn at 801 South Broadway, Santa Maria, CA 93454. To make room reservations, call the hotel directly at (805) 928-7777 and mention the Santa Maria 2026 (Southern California Contest Club) to get the special room rate of just $99 USD per night plus taxes for Friday and Saturday nights. This pricing includes all rooms except the Cabanas. Parking is free.

Cut-off Period: The room block has a 21-day cut-off period. Guest must make their reservations before March 19th, 2026 to ensure that they receive the discounted rates.

Rate After Cut-off: After the cut-off date, any unused rooms will be released. Guests can still register, but they will be subject to the best available rate.

A block of rooms at the **Best Western Plus-Big America Hotel** at 1725 N. Broadway, Santa Maria 93454. Room rate is $99 USD per night plus taxes. Parking is free. To make a reservation there call (805) 922-5200.

You can see who is registered at:

https://www.socalcontestclub.org?Santa Maria2026/attendee.php

Convention Chairman Jim Neiger N6TJ and Dick Norton N6AA hope to see you in Santa Maria in April

73, Dick Norton N6AA

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Why CW Still Exists in 2026

1. It works when nothing else does. CW can get through:
    a) weak signal
    b) QRM and QRN
    c) QRP
    d) simple often homebrew equipment and antennas

A CW signal can be readable when phone or digital modes fail. That reliability keeps it alive on the ham bands in 2026

2. It is incredibly efficient. It occupies very narrow bandwidth, even as speed increases.
    a) more stations can occupy a narrow slice of radio spectrum
    b) It is easier to filter and isolate than phone or digital
    c) More miles/watt is possible

Efficiency is a big reason why DX'ers love CW

3. It is a skills-based mode. Less than 1% of the human population know CW.
    a) It is a mental challenge
    b) It is a meditative practice
    c) It provides a connection to radio's history
    d) It is a craft rewarded by practice and rhythm

When you make a CW QSO, the realization that both operators have invested the time and thought into developing the skills necessary to communicate through this mode.

4. CW is universal and language agnostic. Operators with different native languages can communicate. This is a rare quality in communication systems.

5. CW is simple and resilient having been woven into the history of communication
    a) Maritime history
    b) Military history
    c) Telegraphy dating back to the 1830's
    d) radio culture

Despite it no longer being required for licensure, hams continue to keep it alive due to its roots in early amateur radio and a pride in operator proficiency.

6. CW is fun especially when you become proficient operator. Often overlooked is the multiple facets of CW: DXing, radiosport, ragchewing, QRP, POTA/SOTA activation which lend a personality and rhythm that many hams find addictive. By continuing to use CW we are furthering our radio culture and promoting good will around the globe.

72=73 for QRP stations

77=long live CW

You Remember *That* You Worked It — Not *How*

What FT8 is quietly taking from DXing

Here's the sentence that should make every serious DXer pause:

You don't remember *how* you worked a rare station on FT8.
You remember *that* you did.

That difference matters more than we like to admit.

DX was never just about acquisition. It was about **experience**.

You remember the night you stayed up too late because the band *might* open.
You remember the call you timed perfectly into a pileup.
You remember the operator's cadence, the tension, the moment when everything aligned.

Those memories are the currency of DXing. They're why we tell stories instead of reciting statistics.

FT8 changes that.

This is not a technical critique. FT8 is remarkable engineering. As a weak-signal mode, a propagation tool, and an accessibility gateway, it is genuinely valuable.

But culturally, FT8 does something subtle and profound: **it removes memory formation**.

When you work a rare station on FT8:

- You don't hear the operator struggle
- You don't feel the pileup breathe
- You don't sense urgency or fatigue

You don't make decisions in real time

You wait.
The software decodes.
The sequence completes.

Success arrives quietly, cleanly, impersonally.

Contrast that with traditional DX.

You remember:

- The call that *almost* made it
- The opening that vanished before your turn
- The adrenaline spike when your call came back

Even the failures matter, because they give success context. Difficulty creates meaning.

FT8 removes difficulty by design. That's its strength — and its cultural cost.

Now layer in the other half of the problem.

DXCC, the most influential award program in the hobby, has gradually shifted toward **order, predictability, and administrative neatness**. That's understandable. Stability matters.

But the side effect is that DXing increasingly rewards:

- Patience over skill
- Compliance over creativity
- Automation over judgment

FT8 thrives in that environment.

Clean activations. Predictable windows. Uniform signals. Uniform outcomes.

Everything works — and nothing leaves a mark.

This isn't about banning modes or judging operators. It's about recognizing what we're trading away.

A logbook full of FT8 confirmations can be impressive.
But ask yourself honestly:

How many of those QSOs can you *feel*?

How many come with a moment, a sound, a decision you remember?

DXing has always been unfair. That was the point.

It favored preparation, timing, intuition, and sometimes sheer nerve. Not everyone got the rare one. Not everyone got it easily. And when you did, it stayed with you.

If success becomes inevitable — if it's only a matter of waiting long enough — then DX stops being an achievement and becomes a transaction.

So here's the quiet warning:

If DXing continues down a path where the dominant mode produces confirmations without memories, the hobby may remain active — but it will grow emotionally thinner.

Contacts will increase.
Stories will fade.

And one day we'll realize that we remember *what* we worked…
but not *why it mattered*.

That's a loss no award can quantify.

3YØK DXpedition to Bouvet Island, February 2026

ClubLog #10 most wanted DXCC entity
Dependency of Norway in South Atlantic Ocean
Volcanic origin, 49 km2, 93% covered by glacier

The most remote uninhabited island on Earth

- **[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 Dxpedition'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*.

Peter I Island Dxpedition 2026

Peter I Island DXpedition 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 DXpedition will be released shortly. Fundraising is expected to start 2024

Team leader Ken LA7GIA, Co-leader Adrian KO8SCA, Co-leader Cezar VE3LYC and Co-leader Dave WD5COV.

Media Officer: James Gallo KB2FMH.

Club Log DX Report for February, 2026

Most active bands

Band	QSOs	% DX	Graph
160M	15,728	15.60	
80M	85,488	12.31	
60M	16,712	28.33	
40M	232,963	25.85	
30M	68,890	42.22	
20M	255,872	33.24	
17M	64,737	56.57	
15M	206,908	56.14	
12M	68,941	69.49	
10M	187,406	70.44	
6M	3,702	61.24	

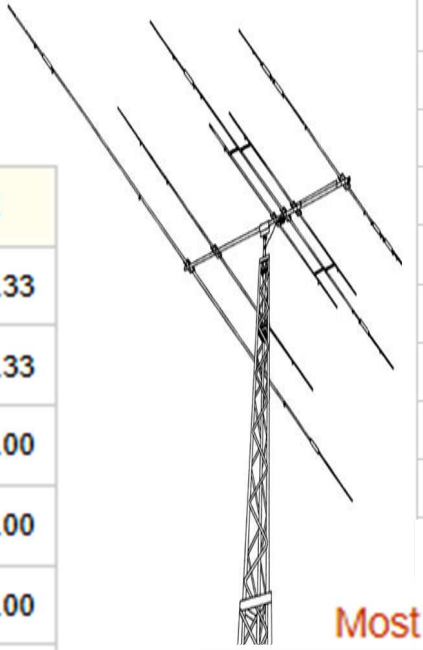
Rank	Prefix	Entity Name
1.	P5	DPRK (NORTH KOREA)
2.	BS7H	SCARBOROUGH REEF
3.	CE0X	SAN FELIX ISLANDS
4.	BV9P	PRATAS ISLAND
5.	KH7K	KURE ISLAND
6.	KH3	JOHNSTON ISLAND
7.	FT/G	GLORIOSO ISLAND
8.	3Y/P	PETER 1 ISLAND
9.	FT5/X	KERGUELEN ISLAND
10.	YV0	AVES ISLAND
11.	3Y/B	BOUVET ISLAND
12.	ZS8	PRINCE EDWARD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

Active expeditions

Callsign	DXCC	Last QSO	# QSOs
KP5/NP3VI	DESECHEO ISLAND	2026-02-20 14:30	85,727
3D2USU	FIJI ISLANDS	2026-02-20 14:07	315,723
VP2MAA	MONTSERRAT	2026-02-20 10:47	102,075
TZ1CE	MALI	2026-02-20 10:02	55,275
S9BV	SAO TOME & PRINCIPE	2026-02-20 06:25	1,575
LZ0A	SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS	2026-02-16 11:50	13,817
V6CU25	MICRONESIA	2026-01-28 11:15	4,283
8Q7JI	MALDIVES	2026-01-24 05:41	3,712
HK0/DF3TJ	SAN ANDRES ISLAND	2026-01-17 14:26	5,217
KP4/AB2RF	PUERTO RICO	2026-01-01 23:24	5,064
XF4B	REVILLAGIGEDO	2026-01-01 01:22	2,378

Solar activity

Date	SFI	A	K
2026-02-20	116	10	2.33
2026-02-19	119	10	2.33
2026-02-18	122	11	2.00
2026-02-17	118	29	3.00
2026-02-16	118	26	3.00
2026-02-15	117	11	2.67
2026-02-14	117	14	0.33



Most active modes

Mode	% Use	QSOs	Graph
FT8	51.88	630,797	
RTTY	22.89	278,330	
SSB	9.05	110,069	
CW	8.41	102,268	

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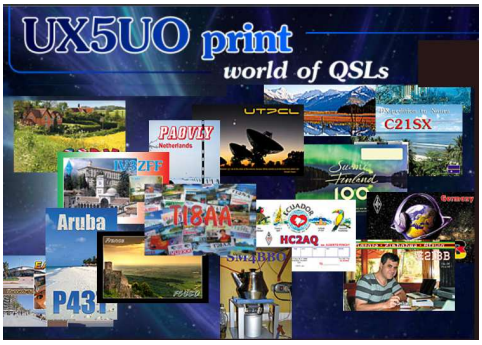

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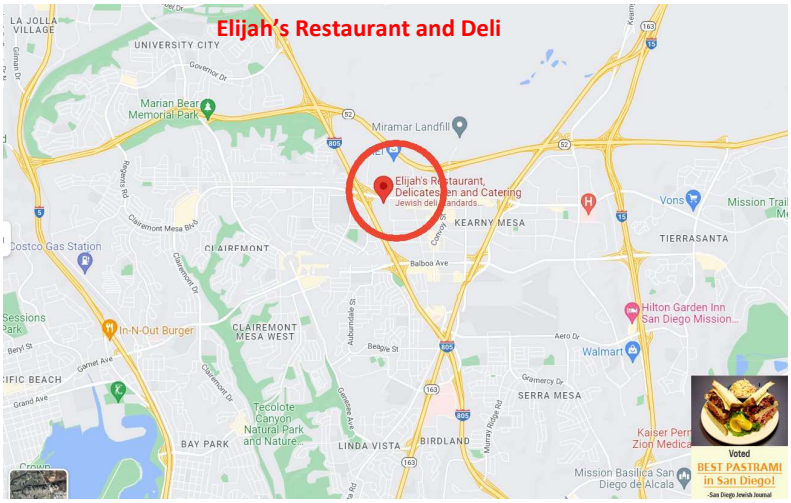

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