



Long Path



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Presidents Report

Greetings Fellow DXer's! I was overwhelmed by the large turnout at the February meeting despite the very cold, dreary weather. A very pleasant surprise, and one I hope carries forward. It was really good to see Dr. Rick is now able to make it. Maybe now he can see a presentation instead of being the presentation. Hi Hi.

Ken, **W8LU**, and myself are trying to get **K3ZO** to one of our meetings and if it pans out it will certainly be a meeting you will not want to miss. Let's hope Ken is able to pull this one off. **K3ZO** used to work for the U. S. Government and has been to many countries, and has many stories to tell. At one time he was beaten nearly to death but survived to tell about it and we are hoping he will be able to tell us.

By the end of the meeting last month we had a total of 42 members. Anyone wishing to keep up to date can contact Buck, **N8CQA**, to pay your dues, but as mentioned at the meeting last month if you are not paid up you will no longer receive a newsletter, nor be published on the web site.

I would like to thank Lee for bringing

the speaker every month but it has been suggested that the club get a smaller speaker with a microphone so I would like to leave you with some food for thought. If you have any suggestions for a PA system, either new or used, please bring it up at the March meeting. I/We are open to any suggestions.

Our March meeting will be presented by Ken, **W8LU**, on his Madeira Island contest DX-pedition. This will prove to be a very good presentation so let's all try to beat last months turnout. I wonder what the record turnout is ? Anybody know ?

With that I would like to wish you all best 73 and DX. See you all at the March meeting.

K8SIX

February Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President **K8SIX**. Twenty-eight members and guests present.

President **K8SIX** received email from the upcoming **3B9C** asking for donations. This will be a big effort with multiple stations. Discussion was held regarding a club donation and what criteria should be used to send club money. **K8SIX** proposed donating \$50.00 to the **3B9C** DX-pedition, seconded, and approved.

Dues are due! Your membership will not be valid if your dues are not paid tonight. Those not paid will not receive

the next *Long Path* and will be dropped from the Internet roster.

USECA is holding a "Pasta Social" on Thursday, February 26th at 6:00 p.m. at the Mt. Clemens Elks Lodge, 179 S. Main Street, Mt. Clemens, MI. It is intended as an informal social gathering to come together and enjoy a good meal and chat about our common interest, Ham Radio. Admission is \$7.00 per adult and \$5.00 for children. A portion of the proceeds will go the **ARRL BPL Defense Fund**. Limited

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200 seats. Info at w8dfg@k8uo.com.

The Michigan QSO Party date is April 17th. Sponsored by the Mad River Radio Club. Mark your calendar. See details elsewhere in the March 2004 issue of the *Long Path*.

K8SIX also recommends an article on propagation that appeared in the latest CQ Magazine.

W8GF says the FCC has gone one step closer to releasing an NPRM on BPL.

Tonight's program featured several DVD presentations. Unfortunately the **3XY7C** disc would not cooperate so we may see that one at a later date.

TS7N was a November, 2000 trip, primarily by DLs (also a JA and a IT9) and some local TNs to Kerkenah Island, Tunisia. Several goals were accomplished including:

Activating IOTA AF-073; first 6M operation from Tunisia; operation on WARC bands; special emphasis on W6 & 7 as well as JA's; and lastly, support of Amateur Radio in Tunisia. Mustafa, **DL1BDF** was very helpful in getting permission to operate via his contacts and connections. Leaving on 14 November from Frankfurt they flew to Monastir, Tunisia. A bus took them (and a rooftop of equipment) to Sfax where they boarded the ferry to the island. The Minister of Telecommunications and Culture welcomed them personally. Operations took place at the Hotel Cerinca where there were not many tourists in the "off" season. As usual the DLs planned and executed a well run operation the netted 45,000 Qs. In the CQWW contest they made 6,500 Qs for 15.5M points. They gave several demonstrations and helped establish four new Scout Club stations. Great job.

The second show was **IK2QEI**'s operation as **TO1A** on the island of Martinique Operating from **FM5BH**'s Duco QTH, Stefano (who was a WRTC team member) was a Single Op Assisted entry in the March 2003 CQWW SSB test where he made 6.5M points, beating the old record. Ken, **W8LU**, related that he purchased and sent Stefano a Yaesu FT1000MP...even with shipping over \$1,000 was saved over the cost in Europe!

Uli, **KK8I**, finished the evening with some short "Safety" videos...hilarious!

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. to general fellowship.

AC8W, Secretary

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**PAID-UP ROSTER**

*THIS ISSUE OF THE LONG PATH INCLUDES A DUES PAID ROSTER. DUES-DELINQUENT MEMBERS HAVE BEEN DROPPED FROM THE LONG PATH DISTRIBUTION LIST.*

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Six Meter Beacons

Here is a partial list of Six Meter beacons that 50 mHz DXers will find useful this coming Sporadic E (Es) season. Well over two hundred beacons are active full-time world-wide. This list covers a few of those that are within Es. A more complete list is available at: <http://www.keele.ac.uk/depts/por/50.htm> Most if not all of these beacons have been heard in the Southeast Michigan area via Es propagation in recent years.

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| 50012 | HP1RCP | FJ09 | - |
| 50015 | 9Y4AT | FK90 | 25 |
| 50018 | VE4ARM | EN09 | 50 |
| 50025 | YV4AB | FK50 | 15 |
| 50025 | VP9DUB | FM72 | 25 |
| 50028 | XE2ED | DM10 | 15 |
| 50033 | VE2RCS | FN25 | - |
| 50033 | VE7FG | CO83 | 50 |
| 50035 | HC8GR | EI59 | 30 |
| 50036 | VE4VHF | EN19 | 35 |
| 50039 | FY7THF | GJ35 | 10 |
| 50041 | VE6EMU | D033 | 35 |
| 50048 | VE8BY | FP53 | 25 |
| 50055 | V44KAI | FK87 | 2 |
| 50057 | TF3SIX | HP94 | 12 |
| 50060 | KE4WBO | EL96 | 10 |
| 50062 | K8UK | EN82 | 2 |
| 50065 | KH6HI | BL01 | 50 |
| 50067 | N7DB | CN85 | 5 |
| 50078 | TI2NA | EJ79 | 50 |
| 50088 | HC2FG | EI97 | 5 |
| 50091 | WP4F | FK68 | 5 |

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**Six Meter DX**

**J73CCM** will be active on Six Meters through March 5. **XF4IH** activity to begin March 3 for a two week stay. Rumors suggest that **YVØ** (Aves) will be active on Six Meters as well as other bands including the WARC bands.

## Disincentive Licensing

The following note regarding the codeless licensing proposal was received from George Race, **WB8BGY**, a former ARRL Board member.

*"I am a bit puzzled as well, over the direction the Board has chosen to go. Having been on the Board, I am not one that will sit back and second guess what has led to this FCC proposal being presented. Everything done by the Board is well thought out and not acted on in haste. Board decisions take many months of investigations prior to actions being taken.*

*"Our Director certainly has a lot of information and insight that I am no longer party to. One thing that I will always believe, is that the Board always acts on items that will be for the betterment of Amateur Radio in general. And yes, sometimes that may not appear to be in the best interest of the Membership or the general Amateur population.*

*"I certainly encourage you to let your Director and Vice-Director know exactly how you feel about Board actions. They are the ones who are in a position to do something about it, or at least explain the rationale behind the decision making that went into the process.*

*"It is that fifteen Board Members that make things happen, and quite often their decisions are based on input from their constituents such as you and I.*

*Being a Director, you can be very busy, especially just before and after Board Meetings".*

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MICHIGAN QSO PARTY

Attention Michigan Amateurs. Spring is here and it's time for the Michigan QSO Party. This is a great opportunity to get on the HF bands, have some fun, and represent the great State of Michigan. The organizers of this event would like to see as many Michigan stations on the air as possible. It is the activity of the Michigan stations that will make this event a success. This event, like other state QSO parties has seen an increase in activity in recent years. Last year, the number of MIQP logs submitted were up by 69% and the total QSO count was up by 27%. The MIQP is getting bigger and better every year. With the continued support of those that have discovered the fun and the addition of some new blood, the MIQP will continue to grow. It is now considered one of the better QSO parties in the country.

As you can see from the rules listed below, this is only a 12 hour event.. Please consider getting on the air for the whole thing, or any portion of the 12 hour period. You can operate from home, portable, or mobile. We again, with the support of mobile stations plan on having some activity in all 83 counties.

How about making this a club event? You can submit your individual or multi-op scores under the name of the club and maybe bring home the club plaque. Hey, why not challenge another local area club or other groups within your club? Are there others in your club that would consider a mini expedition for a portable operation in one of the Michigan counties with minimal activity? Those of you that have been in the QSO Party, please help us get the word out and encourage other Michiganders to participate and join the fun. The name of the game is to have fun and make Michigan "Radio Active" on April 17th. Hope to hear you on the air!

Date /Time: Michigan QSO Party, sponsored by the Mad River Radio Club, from 1600Z April 17th until 0400Z April 18th. Stations may operate the full 12 hours. (12 noon to 12 midnight local Michigan time on April 17)

Modes and Categories: Phone and CW on 80/40/20/15/10 meters. Single-op, multi-op, and mobile categories. Single-op entries are categorized by output power, QRP (5W or less), Low Power (100W or less), and High Power (greater than 100W)

Multipliers: Work stations once per band and mode. Work other states and Michigan Stations. Work portables and mobiles again as they change county, state or province.

Exchange: Exchange QSO number and location (county for MI stations, state/province or "DX" for others).

Frequencies: Suggested frequencies: CW-3545, 7045, 14045, 21045, 28045; Phone-3850, 7225, 14250, 21300, 28450.

Scoring: One point per phone QSO, two points per CW QSO. Count multipliers once per mode. Multipliers are MI counties for all entries, plus states & provinces for MI entries only. Final score is total QSO points times total multipliers.

Log Submittal: Mail logs no later than 30 days after the contest to:

Mad River Radio Club, c/o Dave Pruett, 2727 Harris Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48198 or via e-mail to **logs@miqp.org**

More Information: For complete rules, along with free logging software, log and summary sheets, see **http://www.miqp.org**

The information packet found on the web site may also be emailed. Contact NU8Z **cqnu8z@comcast.net**.

73, Mark **NU8Z**

Paid up *SEMDXA* members in alphabetical order:

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*Indicates perpetual membership

43 total call signs

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Our perpetual roster contains a total of 227 call signs. Of these 14 are Silent Keys (SK).

SEMDXA Membership Silent Keys include the following: **KB8IO, KC8OB, KM8Y, N8EOA, N8FGH, NG8S, W8BXM, W8KPL, W8KZM, W8LZV, W8QFR, W8URM, W8OHO** and **WD8CRY**

SEMDXA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

South Eastern Michigan DX Association (SEMDXA)

Date: _____

Application for new membership _____ or Application for renewal _____ (check one)

Full membership _____ or Associate membership _____ (check one) Dues: \$15.00 annually

(See SEMDXA website for membership requirements)

Present Call Sign: _____ Previous Call Sign: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____

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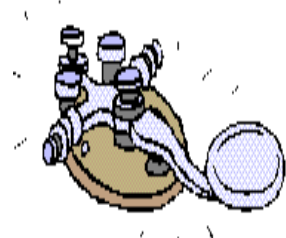
Make payment at next SEMDXA meeting or mail with remittance to:

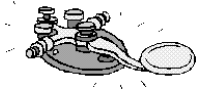
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SEMDXA Monthly Planner



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| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10  West Coast Qualifying Run | 11 | 12  SEMDXA Meeting | 13 Oklahoma QSO Party RSGB CW Test YL SSB QSO Party | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 NA RTTY Sprint Wisconsin QSO Party | 15  AJF Birthday | 16  W1AW Qualifying Run | 17  St. Patrick's Day | 18 | 19 | 20  New Moon Russian DX Test CW/SSB Spring Begins Virginia QSO Party | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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