



# Long Path



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## President's Report

Greetings Lads and Lasses! Ok so St. Patrick's day is over I am part Irish and it's hard to get out of the groove. Hope all of you survived and stayed out of trouble. Prior to last months meeting, I called the Elks Club and made sure we had an adequate room. It was adequate with respect to size but rather warm and for that I apologize. In the future if we get stuck with that room I will get with Don and see if we can't have it moved back beside the bowling alley so we can breathe. I would open the door to help cool it off but then nobody could hear because of the outside noise. My guess is the sale they were having paid well for our room and we got moved. At least in the other room we could get a good game of pool going.

Bernie, **W3UR** put on a great presentation despite the circumstances and I am glad he survived. As a six meter operator I was especially interested in the information he gave us about **4U1UN** and their antenna dilemma. Wish I had some electrician friends in New York so we could hook them up. I would really like to hear them on both six meters and RTTY so maybe next time Bernie and his daughter go we can get those

slots filled.

Bernie's presentation on **AH3D** was very enlightening as well. To bad they had to tear that base down as they did. My guess is it will become like Navassa and be nearly impossible to get on unless you know somebody in high places. BTW I wrote a letter to my congressman and I hope you did as well. Thanks a bunch Bernie for a job well done.

Next months meeting features one of our own as Dr. Rick will be putting on a presentation on his trip to **PJ4**. While there the power plant blew up so I am sure he will have some interesting stories. Photos too I hope. We are booked up for May and June too so we're doing pretty good thanks to the membership. Thanks for all the help you guys/gals as it couldn't be done without you.

See you all at the meeting on April 8th. Till then 73, DX and be safe.

**K8SIX**, President

## VU4, Andaman

It now seems that one of our members did in fact QSO the recent **VU4** activity. Bela, **N8SHZ** managed to work this station on 20 Meter SSB on December 24 at 18:51Z. Bela is just three Entities short of the DXCC Honor Roll with his total now standing at 324! Congratulations to Bela. Those last few are always the most difficult. The recent **FT5XO** activity should help out!



**April's meeting will include the details of NE8Z's latest DX adventure. Plenty to tell and will be interesting!**

## SEMDXA CLUB OFFICERS

*President:* Al Bailey, **K8SIX**

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*LP Publisher:* Gerry Fasse, **W8GF**

## March Minutes

Called to order at 7:38 p.m. by **President K8SIX**. Thirty-eight members and guests present. **Treasurer N8CQA**, reports the January 31st treasury balance was \$568.26. Deposits totaled \$135.00 and expenses were \$68.00 leaving a February 28th balance of \$638.26 If you would like to receive the *Long Path* via email let **W8LU**, or **K8SIX** know. **N8ZX**, has a TS-850SAT for sale (cheap according to him!) Tim, **K8NWD**, is looking for one 3-500Z tube. Tonight's program featured Bernie, **W3UR**. Most DXers know Bernie from his publications that include *The Daily DX* and *The Weekly DX* and editor of the *Hows DX*" column in *QST*. He has also been on many DX-peditions and has lots of tales to tell. A trip to operate **4U1UN**, United Nations Headquarters in New York was the result of many months planning and communications with the station manager Mohamed, **KA2RTD**. Finally, they secured permission to visit and operate so Tony, **N3ME** (Bernie's Dad), Krista, **KB3JIU** (his young daughter) and Bernie set out by train for this DXCC entity. QSL manager **KU9C** had planned to participate but was unable due to last minute business concerns.

The hotel across the street from the Headquarters provided convenient access, although they could not get in 'till 10 a.m. Because of security restrictions they were unable to bring their intended FT1000MP rigs and could only bring laptops for logging. **4U1UN** is located as part of a multi-purpose room on the 40th floor of the tallest structure in the three building complex. The UN club is not very active and Mohammed does operate occasionally. Because of the security already mentioned, Mohammed had to be present at all times during his operation. In fact, when one of the "team" had to go to the restroom, he

had to lock the others in and go with the person who left the room. Their host was particularly interested in operation of the radio by Krista. All told they made 1,062 contacts in a short period of time and got to visit the regular sights as well as to see a part of the UN most tourists never see.

**AH3D**, Johnston Island DX-pedition, sponsored by the *Daily DX* was a slightly more complicated operation that operated from January 28 through February 3, 2003. In December 2002 word was given that chemical disposal plant on the island would be shut down by the EPA. All personnel and most of the buildings would be razed and the environment would return to nature. Martti, **OH2BH**, and Pertti, **OH2PM** joined with Brnie, **W3UR** joined together to try to give the deserving one more chance to work this one because it would surely become more rare after being given over to the Fish and Wildlife Service. Invaluable help was received from David, **KH3AC**, magistrate who would be their sponsor. No was allowed to land on Johnston Atoll without a sponsor and the necessary paperwork. This caused much consternation because, up till 48 hours before departure, the group had not yet received the papers that would allow them off the plane. Luckily documentation did arrive and **W3UR** and his crew went forward.

Aloha Airlines made the two hour flight from Honolulu to KH3 and then went on the V6 and V7. After getting off the plane they had to view an 8 minute video about where they could and could not go on the Atoll. The facilities on the Atoll were extensive and included everything that most military installations would have including dorms, cafeteria, stores, recreation facilities, water plant and generator plant. After the island was closed, all buildings were eliminated except for one. They operated from the building which had housed to club station as well as **KJBZ-AM**. The years had taken their toll on antennas and a lot

of work had to be put into getting antennas workable to hand out KH3 to the deserving. Their strategy was to work as many European stations as possible and also to get on 6 meters to give many a new one. Unfortunately, not much was heard on the "magic band".

In the eight or so days of operation they made 28, 804 contacts.

After his presentation Bernie fielded general questions regarding past and future DX-peditions.

\*The KP1/KP5 legislation was stalled due to conservation concerns about Farralons Islands in California which had been tagged on to the original bill. should it come up again, please be ready to write, call or email your legislators.

\* **KH8**, Swain Island, will count as OC-200, not as a separate DXCC country.

\***7O1YGF** still lacks any form of documentation that would make it count for DXCC credit.

\*When asked how he became editor of the "How's DX" column he related that Bill Kenamer, **K5FUV** asked and he accepted.

\*The ARRL DX Desk sends PR when they accredit operations and they do not keep a list of those not credited.

\*The *Daily DX* has been published for nine years. A free trial subscription is available...check it out at [www.dailydx.com](http://www.dailydx.com)

A great program and or thanks to Bernie, **W3UR**, for coming. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. to general fellowship.

**AC8W**, Secretary



## 1967 Station at W8UCI

The station receiver is a Collins 75A3 which included an 800 Hz CW filter as well as the normal crystal filter. The exciter is a Heathkit AT-1. The VFO is a converted ARC5 WWII surplus transmitter. The rack to the left contained a 500 Watt all band 160—10 meter amplifier using a single 813 and also a 20 meter only amplifier using a pair of 813's running one KW input. The rack also contained the main high voltage supply equipped with a Variac for quick QRO and 813 screen supply which included meters to monitor 813 grid current.

Later, the amplifiers were denoted to one of our former club members.

The antenna was a Telrex Tribander at 70' together with assorted inverted Vs, dipoles and slopers. The Heights Tower now stands in the backyard of former club member **VA3RT**. The sturdy Telrex Tribander still hunts but for a certain AA8 local DXer.

DX totals at that time were 244/234 all CW. SSB capability had to wait four more years before a bargain but flawed SB401 was discovered in the Yellow Pages (both, now long gone).

**If any of our present members have photographs of their vintage stations, pass them along to the Long Path Publisher and other club members can share in their nostalgia trips.**

*The Mad River DX Club requested that this story which appeared last month in the Long Path be inserted again to encourage greater participation in the Michigan QSO Party.*

## 2005 MICHIGAN QSO PARTY

Attention Michigan Amateurs. It's that time of year again! Time to start talking about the 2005 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 make this event a success.

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 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 your 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 Michigan hams to participate and join the fun. The name of the game is to have fun and make Michigan "Radio Active" on April 16th. Hope to hear you on the air!

Date /Time: Michigan QSO Party, sponsored by the Mad River Radio Club,

om 1600Z April 16th until 0400Z April 17th. Stations may operate the full 12 hours. (12 noon to 12 midnight local Michigan time on April 16)

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. MI to MI QSOs are allowed. 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).

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.

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

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](mailto:logs@miqp.org)

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

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Mark NU8Z

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Paid up *SEMDXA* members in alphabetical order:

<u>CALL SIGN</u>	<u>E-MAIL</u>	<u>CALL SIGN</u>	<u>E-MAIL</u>
AC8W	AC8W@ARRL.NET	N8HZM	MLS1@COMCAST.NET
AD4UU	AD4VU@COMCAST.NET	N8JV	N8JV@COMCAST.NET
K8CC	K8CC@COMCAST.NET	K8KF	N/A
*K8CW	K8CW@ARRL.NET	N8KIE	N8KIE@AOL.COM
K8DD	K8DD@ARRL.NET	N8LJ	N8LJ@USOL.COM
K8ESQ	K8ESQ@AOL.COM	N8MOJ	N8MOJ1@AOL.COM
K8FT	JIM.KUHNS@IEEE.ORG	N8MR	N8MR@ARRL.NET
K8GT	K8GT@ARRL.NET	N8OZ	N8OZ@ARRL.NET
K8IY	DFWOOD@OAKLANDCC.EDU	N8QGC	N8QGC@ARRL.NET
K8JM	K8JM@USOL.COM	N8SHZ	N8SHZ@COMCAST.NET
K8KHZ	K8KHZ@K8KHZ.COM	N8SNM	BNOWAK@SPEAKEASY.NET
K8MSU	K8MSU@JUNO.COM	NE8I	NE8I@ARRL.NET
*K8NA	K8NA@ARRL.NET	NE8Z	NE8Z@YAHOO.NET
K8NWD	K8NWD@ARRL.NET	W1SKU	W1SKU@ARRL.NET
K8SIA	K8SIA@ARRL.NET	W4CEO	SCAT42@EARTHLINK.NET
K8SIX	K8SIX@COMCAST.NET	W8AP	W8AP@GEOGBH@NETZEROL.COM
K8UP	JOHN@FLEMING-PHOTO.COM	W8GF	W8GF@COMCAST.COM
K8UT	K8UT@ARRL.NET	W8LU	W8LU@SCHANG.NET
K8ZE	K8ZE@CHARTER.NET	W8PP	W8PP@COMCAST.NET
K8ZZU	K8ZZU@SBCGLOBAL.NET	W8SJ	W8SJ@AOL.COM
KC8JAY	KC8JAY@ARRL.NET	W8UA	W8UA@MYVINE.COM
KC8OBH	KC8OBH@AOL.COM	WA8BIJ	WA8BIJ@ARRL.NET
KC8PKY	KC8OBH@AOL.COM	WD8S	WD8S@ARRL.NET
KK8I	DL2HBX@DARC.DE	WQ8T	WQ8T@ARRL.NET
KP4E	KP4E@AMSAT.ORG		
KQ8D	ROGER49201@YAHOO.COM		
KT8X	KT8X@PRODIGY.NET		
LZ4GU	N/A		
N4JQQ	STRUTLEDGE@OIL.NET		
N8CQA	N8CQA@ARRL.NET		

\*Indicates perpetual membership. 54 Total Call signs

Note: If your call sign does not appear on the above list, you will not receive further issues of the *Long Path* until your dues are brought up to date. Check with Buck, **N8CQA** *SEMDXA* Treasurer. If you have paid your 2005 dues and your call is not indicated, check with Buck to resolve any issues.

Our perpetual roster contains a total of 234 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, WB8OHO** and **WD8CRY**

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# 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: \$20.00 annually

(See SEMDXA website for membership requirements)

Present Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Previous Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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***MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO SEMDXA***

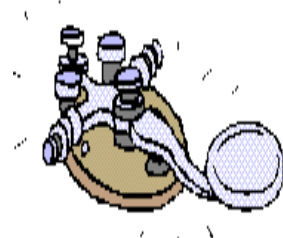
***Make payment at next SEMDXA meeting or mail with remittance to:***

***Leon Switzer, Treasurer***

***427 Jeffrey Avenue***

***Royal Oak, Michigan 48073***

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