



Long Path



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Greetings Fellow DXers!

Well by now most of you have worked one of the VU4s on at least one band or mode. I must say they are not a push over but with a lot of patience they can be worked. I for one am hoping they put some effort into working North and South America on RTTY before they leave.

Propagation has been very poor with solar flux numbers in the low to mid 70s and the K index around 1 or 2. What happened to our numbers near 100 we had a couple weeks ago? Never fails, does it? Good luck and keep plugging away.

Our program last month was put on by AC8W, K8DD, K8MM and K8GL. It turned out being a very nice presentation and it was good to see the gang. The one point of interest that caught my attention was the Chocolate. That alone would entice me into going up there even if the weather turned nasty. Thanks guys for a great program and a great contest effort. Hope you all did well.

Our May meeting is not cast in stone yet other than the date and it will be on May 12 at the Troy Elks Club. I was told by K8NA that the sale of the Elks fell through so we are getting a reprieve. I

have asked YI/WD8CRT to do a presentation for us and providing he does not have a new set of orders he will be able to do it. I have already seen some of his photos and I think he will put on an excellent program. I am hoping this does not fall through but as a back up I have a CD of the YB7M DX-pedition we will show if it does.

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By the way for those that did not make last month's program we used the new projector and once again I would like to thank all of you for the support.

In closing, I would like to remind you it is almost antenna raising season once again and if you have such a project think twice before doing it and by all means work safe. After all we need your dues for the continued support of the club.

Take care and I am off now to look for the VU4 boys on 30 Meters.

Oh yes, one more thing, Dayton comes up on the 19th..... See you there?

K8SIX,
President

April Minutes!

Meeting called to order at 7:50 PM by President **K8SIX**. Thirty members and guests present.

Welcome back to **N8CQA** who observed that it's good to be *anywhere!* (What simple wisdom in this statement; *Long Path* Editor).

K8SIX received an e-Mail from **K8SIA**

who will be the new "S" bureau manager following **WT8S**. Sorting is a big job that takes 16 to 24 hours monthly..... if you are interested in volunteering to help out, contact **K8SIA**. (K8SIA@ARRL.Net)

Treasurer **N8SNM** tells us the March 1 Treasury balance was \$575.35. He deposited \$20.00 dues and **K8AJ** expenses were \$241.26 which leaves \$354.09 in the general fund. The special Projector Fund was \$534.98, he deposited \$641.87 for a total of \$1530.94. The new projector cost

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\$1,176.85 so far and a few additional accessories have yet to be purchased.

W8LU, Club Webmaster urges members to submit their band totals. At present only fifteen members are listed. The totals equal the number of confirmed contacts per band/mode.

Nothing from **K8NA** or **W8GF**.

We have two DXCC card checkers as members and **K8KHZ** is an authorized WAS checker.

KK8I reminds us about the Michigan QSO Party April 15 from noon local time 'till midnight. Get in a little or a lot, your participation will be appreciated. **K8DD** suggest you turn in your logs for **SEMDXA**.

K8KHZ passed around some special **3Y0X** coins he received when he made a donation.

K8KHZ introduced **K8DD** and **AC8W** to tell us about their November, 2005 DX-pedition to St. Pierre and Miquelon (FP) for the CQ WW CW Contest. **AC8W** introduced **K8MM**, **K8GL** and **W8IQ** who were members of the crew who went. **K8AQM** was not able to attend this meeting.

St. Peirre and Miquelon is the last French soil in North America and is located just southwest of Newfoundland about 1,400 miles from Detroit. There are three main islands. The Capitol, St. Pierre has about 6,000 inhabitants and is located on the Island of St. Pierre. Langlade is the largest island but is largely uninhabited and mostly used for grazing and hunting. Miquelon, our final destination, has a population of about 600.

Because of flight schedules, the group flew to Halifax from Detroit on November 20, stayed overnight and then continued to St. Pierre the next morn-

ing. Because we were self-continued we ended up paying a lot of overweight charges.... some on Northwest, but a lot on Air St. Pierre.

K8DD also observed that you can drive there, either by ferry from the mainland to Nova Scotia and then to Halifax to catch the Air St. Peiere flight or up the St. Lawrence, then by ferry to Newfoundland around to Fortune and then by ferry to St. Peirre..... it's a long, long drive!

When we arrived at the St. Pierre airport, **K8AQM**, **K8GL** and **W8IQ** took necessities including radios and wire and continued on via the small airplane to Miquelon, our final destination. **AC8W**, **K8DD** and **K8MM** got two taxies (lots of luggage) and proceeded to the Hotel Robert in St. Peirre to spend the night. We would take the ferry to Miquelon in the morning. **AC8W** set up his Buddipole on the fire escape and made a few CW contacts, but the city is not very radio-friendly. Lots of close buildings and plenty of QRM. It is, however, a DX spot and that adds to the thrill. We walked around town and had dinner at the Hotel Isle de France, the place **K8DD** and **AC8W** had stayed in their last two visits. We also met with Jean-Pierre, **FP5CJ**, who would be very helpful in getting us to the ferry with our luggage. Jean-Pierre says there is not a lot of interest in Ham Radio from locals and that the club call would soon expire.

Next morning after breakfast, we loaded our luggage into a borrowed pick-up truck and drove up the block to the 40' Jet Catamaran that took us to Miquelon. We were met by Christine, the manager of the Maxotel, a very Ham friendly facility on the northern part of the village on Miquelon. The hotel is built of logs that resemble "Lincoln Logs" and is very conducive to our operations. Four rooms were booked, two persons in each and one to operate from. Each room had four beds, bathroom and kitchenette. We usually ate together for lunch and

sometimes dinner and found that **K8GL** was an inventive and good cook! Breakfast was typical French fare consisting of strong coffee, croissant and French bread. Dinner was at the Cafe Brian "downtown" which was perhaps a half mile walk.

After unloading luggage the first order of business was setting up antennas. The early arrival crew had removed beds from the front room of the operating shack and put them in the bedroom.

Antennas included an 80 Meter Double L, 160 Meter dipole on a 45' fiberglass surplus military mast built by **K8AQM** and **W8IQ**. The Yankee Clipper "I" was fed in the center and both of the long wire portions extended to the west of a street light. For 40 Meters **K8MM** brought two HF2V verticals with over 30 radials for each and these were set up 33' apart and used end-fire on Europe and North America, switchable with an Ameritron coax switch.

On 20 Meters we used a German Spiderbeam loaned by **KK8I**. We put it up only 15' because high winds were predicted. **K8GL** used two **DK9SQ** wire and duct taped to build a 15 Meter Delta Loop with a driven element and reflector. On 10 Meters **K8GL** used three 20' telescoping fishing poles to make three verticals with quarter wave spacing and phasing similar to the 40 Meter array.

K8MM (nick-named Sputnik Boy) assembled his satellite antennas and worked several of the birds from Miquelon in Grin GN17. A memorable QSO with **K8NWD** (or was it **K8NLD**) was recorded and played for **SEMDXA** members.

On Wednesday we had 60+ MPH winds and rain. It was a good day to stay inside and test what we had. **AC8W** got on 20 Meter SSB and

helped lighthouse hunters with Phare du Cap Blanc SPM-002 and Miquelon Warf SPM-003. **K8MM** did RTTY and PSK-31. **K8AQM** and **K8DD** operated a log of WARC bands and later **K8GL** and **W8IQ** operated 80 and 160 Meters.

Our group was blessed by having **W8IQ** who had been a missionary in French speaking Africa and is fluent in the language. Not many residents of Miquelon speak English, so he was a definite asset. We enjoyed touring around town and adjusting to the European way of life. **W8IQ** even paid for a library membership that allowed Internet access which we all used to send messages home but using a French language keyboard is a real treat!

The weather, except for the windy/rainy day and half, was beautiful. The temperature got below 32 degrees a few mornings but generally, we had blue skies and sunshine and daytime temperatures in the 50s.

The main focus was on the CQ WW CW Contest. For equipment on 160 and 15 Meters we used an Elecraft K2/100 and a MFJ ALS-500M. As mentioned, the 160 Meter half-wave dipole was used and 15 Meters the Delta Loop. On 80 and 20 Meters another Elecraft K2/100 and a Heath SB-200 with the Double L/Spiderbeam. On 40 Meters it was an Icom IC-706 with a Yaesu FL-2100 and the phased HF2Vs and a dipole. 10 Meters had an Alinco DJ-70 and a choice of verticals or a Force 12 Sigma. Before the test we also had a 30 Meter half-wave dipole.

During the 48 hour contest we had 7964 Qs, 116 Zones and 466 countries all bands for a total score of 11,710,422 points. Propagation on the low bands was fantastic - 160 through 20 Meters. 15 Meters was fair and 10 Meters was almost non-existent.

Noise levels on Miquelon were very low and we had great European runs on 40, 80 and 160 Meters. After the contest we enjoyed a celebratory dinner at Cafe Brian and toasted our venture with some Beaujolais Buveau and a cigar courtesy of **K8AQM**.

Monday morning the antennas came down and the gear was packed. AC8W brought out his Buddipole and made a few more Qs before shutting down. The whole crew, shuttled by Christina, went to the quay and boarded the ferry back to St. Pierre. We once again stayed at the Hotel Robert and enjoyed a meal at the Hotel Isle de France. A highlight is Pave du Chocolate desert which is out of this world! AC8W's lack of French fluency was spotlighted when he and K8DD ordered the main course of Riz du Veau which turned to be veal sweetbreads. Oh well, "when in Rome" etc.

The next morning we left St. Pierre for Halifax, changed planes to Newark and then home to Detroit. A great adventure, lots of new experiences and we would do it again.

Great job all the way around.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM to general fellowship.

AC8W, Secretary

Not In The Log!

*How many times has this happened to you? If you are like most DXers, probably at least a couple. In my case, of three recent Qs with **OJOB**, one was not in the log (40 Meters, thank God it wasn't my 160 QSO!). To emphasize the point, QSL Manager Martti included this piece with the two other confirmations. If it looks familiar, it probably is because Hugh Cassidy, **W6AUD** (SK) wrote something along these lines some years past.*

Cut the Ground Wire!

One of the Local QRPers was by the other day, and he made his way up the hill. This one was, at the same time, looking down in the dumps and also showing the characteristic all knowing look. He was huffing and puffing a bit, and he sat down and looked at us without speaking. "What's new?", we asked in an upbeat tone, not wanting to ruin such a nice spring morning.

"I think conditions have changed so that we will not be able to work very much DX anymore.", he proclaimed, sitting down beside us. He handed us a few of his Q5L cards that had "5RI - not in Log" written across them. We looked at them carefully. "This happens from time to time", we advised, "even to the best of us. It doesn't mean you've lost your touch. Even the Old Timer speaks of the time when he was sure he had worked one of those Antarctic DXpeditions on 80 meters, and it came back marked 'NIL'. It just happens. Why is this going to stop anyone from working DX?"

The QRPer was starting to sweat a bit, and he looked at us, "Yeah, but not three times in one year! And two of them were with big gun stations who were at least 59. I was sure I worked them! I heard them come back to my call as clear as a bell, and I believe I've finally figured out what is going on. It's not good, either!"

We learned long ago that when a QRPer has a theory about why he can't work DX, it is usually better not to ask. But, it is equally as unpleasant to switch topics, for they always veer back onto the original subject with a vengeance. We took a deep breath, held on to the arms of the chair, and asked innocently, "Why is it that we won't be able to work as much DX?" His face lost its frown and he began talking, now with a look of new found knowledge. "It's got to do with global

warming and the affect it has on the-ionosphere, coupled with how well our stations are grounded.", he declared. "I never had a very good ground system until last year. Remember when I bought all those surplus ground rods and that big spool of wire?" We nodded slowly, and he pressed forward, "Well, I put all those rods in last summer, and I connected them together with the extra wire, and I have all of this tied to the base of my tower. I probably have the best ground system on the east coast!" We were skeptical about this for some of the low banders had miles and miles of radials, but we thought it best not to mention it.

"And you know that the better your ground system is, the lower your take-off radiation angle will be.", he continued. "So this should make long haul DX a lot easier, right?" We thought about what he was saying and it made sense, so we replied, "Yes, that's the general rule. Not always, but yes, in most cases that's true." "Exactly!", the QRPer said, "That's part of it. But there have been well grounded stations in years past, and they didn't miss the DX, so there is another factor. The global warming is making the air in the upper atmosphere warmer and lighter, and lighter air rises. It's taking the ionosphere up with it. Maybe only 10-15 miles, but the whole ionosphere is rising! And with my low take-off angle combined with the higher ionosphere, I'm skipping right over the DX station. When they are on DXpeditions, they usually don't have a very good ground, so their signals are hitting me, but mine are skipping right over them!"

Usually we just get up and walk away when faced with such nonsense, but this time we had to hear more. "OK, if your theory is right, why are they coming back to your call? If your signals are skipping over them, they can't hear you." The

QRPer grinned and replied, "That's it! They aren't hearing me. Not at all. What is happening is that the signal is traveling all around the earth, and when I let up on the key, I head my own signal off of the back of the beam! And in a pileup, when I hear my call, I think it is the DX, but it's really me! So I send 'R R 5NN' and that too skips over the DX, and I hear the report off of the back of my beam. So I've been working myself. And that's why I've been getting 'Not in the log' on a lot more of my QSLs!"

What could we say when faced with something like this? We looked at the QRPer for a moment and tried a logical approach, "How about split operations. If the DX is transmitting on 14.020 and you send on 14.025, why are you hearing yourself on his transmit frequency? How does your theory explain that?" He jumped up, staring at us with his beady little eyes and replied, "Doppler shift. If my signal has to travel all around the earth, it's shifting in frequency."

We gave up! We learned long ago to pick our battles, and this was one not worth fighting. So we simply said, "Then the solution to all of this is to unhook your ground system, right?" The QRPer nodded. "Yes. But don't tell anyone else. Let them think they got a report from the DX and they'll stop calling. And there will be more DX for us! Get rid of your grounds!" And with that he was off down the hill, confident that his days of not being in the log were over.

Son of a Gun! We had contemplated asking him if he had considered that maybe he heard his call wrong, or if the DX station simply had worked someone with a call that was close. Busted calls are not a new thing! Or maybe we should have told him that now and then we end up NIL when we are sure we should be. It's one of the Mysteries of the Ages and the Eternal Enigmas of DXing.

But, during the bottom of the cycle, when the Low Days of DXing are upon

us, Local QRPers come up with some interesting theories! And, back in the deep recesses of our mind, we recalled that VE1YX never grounded his station. Ever. And he has Number One Honor Roll. Maybe the QRPer was on to something. But more likely, he was simply not in the log! DX IS!

Martti, OH2BH

Performance Review

Just about all of us have had job performance reviews and have wondered just what the boss had said about us after our evaluation. If it was anything like these one-liners, it could explain the meager wage increases and marginal promotions.

1. "Since my last report, this employee has reached rock-bottom and has started to dig."
2. "I would not allow this employee to breed."
3. "This employee is really not so much of a has-been, but more of a definite won't be."
4. "Works well when under constant supervision and cornered like a rat in a trap."
5. "When he opens his mouth, it seems that it is only to change feet."
6. "This young lady has delusions of adequacy."
7. "He sets low personal standards and then consistently fails to achieve them."
8. "This employee is depriving a village somewhere of an idiot."

. "This employee should go far, and the sooner he starts the better."

10. "Got a full 6-pack, but lacks the plastic thingy to hold it all together."

11. "A gross ignoramus - 144 times worse than an ordinary ignoramus."

12. "He doesn't have ulcers, but he's a carrier."

13. "I would like to go hunting with him sometime."

14. "He's been working with glue too much."

15. "He would argue with a signpost."

16. "He brings a lot of joy whenever he leaves the room."

17. "When his IQ reaches 50, he should sell."

18. "If you see two people talking and one looks bored, he's the other one."

19. "A photographic memory but with the lens cover glued on."

20. "A prime candidate for natural de-selection."

21. "Donated his brain to science before he was done using it."

22. "Gates are down, the lights are flashing, but the train isn't coming."

23. "He's got two brains cells, one is lost and the other is out looking for it."

24. "If he were any more stupid, he'd have to be watered twice a week."

25. "If you give him a penny for his thoughts, you'd get change."

26. "If you stand close enough to him,

you can hear the ocean."

27. "It's hard to believe he beat out 1,000,000 other sperm."

28. "One neuron short of a synapse."

29. "Some drink from the fountain of knowledge; he only gargled."

30. "Takes him 2 hours to watch 60-minutes."

31. "The wheel is turning, but the hamster is dead."

Anonymous

YX0A/Aves Island

Tragedy struck this group only a day after landing on Aves when team member Jose Valdes, **YV5LIX** died suddenly from an apparent heart attack. His remains along with the DX-pedition physician were returned to Venezuela via helicopter. In his memory, the call sign during this event was changed to **YX0LIX**.

This is not the first time tragedy has occurred during a DX-pedition. In January, 1966 Chuck Swain, **K7LMU** and Ted Thorpe, **ZL2AWJ** were lost at sea while traveling between Wallis and Samoa. In 1983 a group of German Amateurs were nearing Spratly when attacked by Vietnamese soldiers with artillery shell fire.

Their catamaran owned and skippered by Peter Marx and his wife Jenny was set afire. **DJ4EI** died at the scene. The others escaped in a small dingy. **DJ3NG** succumbed on the eighth day awaiting rescue. **DF6FK** and **DJ6SI** and the ships crew were rescued on the tenth day by a Japanese cargo ship. Baldur, **DJ6SI** of course survives to this day and still provides DXers with rare ones. What a Friday night program this story would make for **SEMDXA** members! Sean?

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*If you haven't already and wish to contribute to the Projector Fund Drive, contact **SEMDXA** Treasurer Brad Nowak, **N8SNM**. Twenty dollars was the target amount from each member but any amount will be welcomed and appreciated! Plus you gain notoriety in the Long Path!*

Thanks to all.

N8SNM

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Our perpetual roster contains a total of 236 call signs. Of these 14 are Silent Keys (SK).

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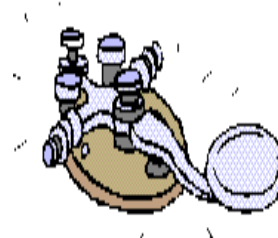
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