



# Long Path



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## Greetings Fellow Dixer's,

Summer has finally arrived and June 9th will be the last meeting for this season. Our presentation will be put on by Don Craft who is a missionary in Thailand. His stateside call is **AB8RH** and while overseas he uses **HS0ZBH**. I am sure he has some good stories so this will be one meeting you won't want to miss. Also June is our election month so if your thinking of becoming a **SEMDXA** Officer, don't hesitate to take the plunge. All of our elected officials, myself included, would like a break, so think not what your club can do for you, but what you can do for your club. No matter what the outcome, I would like to thank all the current Officers for a job well done.

I was on my way home from West Virginia when I got a phone call informing me that Europe was worked on six meters from grid EN73 which is over by Grand Rapids. So keep your ears peeled as we may get lucky and have some short openings to Europe. Is so don't forget to call the Prez.

I am sure by now most of you have heard of the unfortunate tower accident near Klamath Falls, Oregon where Ron Spears, **W7IX** fell to his death! See the complete story inside this issue of the *Long Path*.

If you are planning any tower projects over the summer by all means think twice, work slow, and get plenty of good help. I want to see all of you at the September meeting so by all means work safe.

Take care and good DX

**K8SIX**, President

## May **SEMDXA** Minutes

Called to order at 8:15 p.m. by President **K8SIX**. Twenty-seven members and guests present. Al reminds us that June is election time. Current Officers have been in position for a long time and are looking for someone else to take over the duties. Please consider stepping up and running for office

The "free trial" period is over for the Go List. From now on your subscription must be paid. Treasurer, **N8SNM**, tells us the special Projector Fund total was \$1,257.13. Expenses were \$1,040.29 so far and a few additional accessories have yet to be purchased. Balance will be transferred to the regular fund. Discussion about purchasing a spare lamp. Since the warranty starts when purchased, it was decided not to get one until needed.

**KK8I**, recapped the Michigan QSO Party which was April 15th Generally poor conditions and lower scores and participation than in previous years.

Galen, **WD8PLQ**, commented that AES told him the FT1000MP Mark V was

phased out. **K8KHZ**, says all 1000's have ceased production.

**KK8I**, has received his **3Y0X** QSL card as have several other club members. Those who made donations got theirs first.

**K8SIX** introduced a video of the March 2005 **YB7M** IOTA DX-pedition to Moresses Island in South Borneo.

Although hampered by not having anyone in our club who spoke Indone-

## **SEMDXA** CLUB OFFICERS

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

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**K8KHZ**

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

sian, we were able to get the concept that eleven Hams set out by bus, then by small boat to provide a new IOTA for the deserving. It would also seem the smoking is a prerequisite in Indonesia.

This was a "minimalist" operation using barefoot rigs and battery power. Various devices including a solar panel, small generator, and a hand cranked generator were used to charge the batteries. Small tents were used and meals were served "picnic" style on the ground.

Early on they contacted **G3KMA**, IOTA Manager, and received the new IOTA OC-268 for this activation of Moresses Island. The final leg of the journey was by means of a long narrow boat, perhaps 25 to 30 feet long and about 5 feet wide. All eleven Hams plus crew piled in for the open sea journey.

Once on the island they began handing out contacts for the new IOTA. Good propagation into JA-land and small openings to other parts of the world. QSL manager is **YB9BU**. The video also showed skin diving and sea turtles laying eggs in the beautiful scenery of South Borneo islands.

Great job with minimal gear.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. to general fellowship.

**AC8W**, Secretary

## FOR SALE

**The ultimate amplifier, Command Technology Model HF2500E. Near perfect condition, this amplifier will deliver the goods when needed. Tired of hanging around in the pile-ups, here is the answer. Contact W8GF for details. W8GF@aol.com**

The following was extracted from an ARRL Letter recently published.

### *Tower Accident*

*Well-known DXer Ron J. Spears, W7IX, of Klamath Falls, Oregon, died May 14 when an Amateur Radio tower he was working on in Northern California broke and toppled. He was 44.*

*News accounts say Spears, an ARRL DXCC Honor Roll member (CW), attempting to retrieve a 40-meter beam from atop a 170-foot tower near Mac-Doel, California, when the structure collapsed and fell to the ground with Spears still attached by his safety belt. He was pronounced dead at the scene. His father, Aubrey, was assisting on the ground and witnessed the accident.*

*Spears had built the tower for its previous owner, Ray Balch, K6VX (SK), and used to do all of Balch's antenna work, so he had prior experience working on the structure. According to his father, Spears had first inspected the tower for safety. Spears earlier had bought the antenna from the current property owner and was attempting to bring it down in pieces. The heavy-duty support structure broke as Spears was about 10 feet from the top.*

*One unofficial report says that when Spears removed the antenna, it slipped and struck one of the top guy wires, starting the tower swaying until the guy broke. Another account says the beam "got away from" Spears and its huge boom struck and broke the tower guy. All but the lower 40 feet of the structure reportedly fell.*

*In addition to his father, survivors include his mother, Oletta, N7OHO, and a sister. Spears was a member of the ARRL and of the Southern Oregon Amateur Packet Radio Association.*



This will be the last issue of the *Long Path* until September. Have a great summer! 73 from the SEMDXA Officers.

### **FRC Amateur Regulations**

The following item was submitted by long-time SEMDXA member George Goldstone, **W8AP**. The entire rule book for 1927 amateur radio operators is printed upon a single typed page!

**WANT A COMPILATION OF AMATEUR REGULATIONS ON ONE PAGE?**

*Yes, there is such a thing! It is an official notice you'll find on the following page. Before you fire up on some of the frequencies authorized, observe the date of the notice and issuing agency. Don't forget that the Federal Radio Commission once part of the Department of Commerce, was succeeded by the FCC in 1934.*

*George Goldstone W8AP*

October 28. 1927.

Supervisors of Radio and Others Concerned:

For Your information and guidance the Federal Radio Commission has established the following regulations governing the licensing and operation .of amateur radio stations!

Amateur radio stations are authorized for communication only with similarly licensed stations and on wavelengths or frequencies within the following bands.

Kilocycles	Meters	Kilocycles	Meters
401,000 to 400,000	0.7477 to 0.7496	8,000 to 7,000	37.5 to 42.8
64,000 to 56.000	4.69 to 5.35	4,000 to 3,500	75.0 to 85.7
16,000 to 14,000	18.7 to 21.4	2,000 to 1,500	150 to 200

and at all times unless interference is caused with other radio services, in which event a silent period must be observed between the hours of 8.00 p. m. and 10.30 p. m., local time and on Sundays during local church services.

Amateur radio telephone operation will be permitted only in the following bands

Kilocycles	Meters
64,000 to 56.000	4.69 to 5.35
14.500 to 14,000	20.68 to 21.4
2,000 to 1,580	150 to 190

Spark transmitters will not be authorized for amateur use.

Amateur stations must use circuits loosely coupled to the radiating system or devices that will produce equivalent effects to minimize key impacts, harmonics and plate supply modulations. Conductive coupling, even though loose, will NOT be permitted, but this restriction shall not apply against the employment of transmission line feeder systems to Hertzian antennas.

Amateur stations are not permitted to communicate with commercial or government stations unless authorized by the licensing authority except in an emergency or for testing purposes. This restriction does not apply to communication with small pleasure craft such as yachts and motor boats holding limited commercial station licenses which may have difficulty in establishing communication with commercial or government stations.

Amateur stations are not authorized to broadcast news. music. lectures, sermons or any other form of entertainment.

No person shall operate an amateur station except under and in accordance with a~ operator's license issued to him by the Secretary of Commerce.

W. D. Terrell  
Chief, Radio Division.

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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@COMCAST.NET	N4JQQ	CROWNHAVEN@BELLSOUTH.NET
AD4UU	AD4VU@COMCAST.NET	N8CQA	N8CQA@ARRL.NET
K8BB	K8BB@COMCAST.NET	N8HZM	MLS1@COMCAST.NET
K8CC	K8CC@COMCAST.NET	N8JV	N8JV@COMCAST.NET
*K8CW	K8CW@ARRL.NET	N8KF	N8KF@ARRL.NET
K8DD	K8DD@K8DD.COM	N8KIE	N8KIE@AOL.COM
K8ESQ	K8ESQ@SBCGLOBAL.NET	N8LJ	N8LJ@USOL.COM
K8FT	JIM.KUHNS@IEEE.ORG	N8MOJ	N8MOJ1@AOL.COM
K8GT	K8GT@ARRL.NET	N8MR	N8MR@ARRL.NET
K8IY	DFWOOD@OAKLANDCC.EDU	N8OZ	N8OZ@ARRL.NET
K8JM	K8JM@USOL.COM	N8QGC	N8QGC@ARRL.NET
K8KHZ	K8KHZ@K8KHZ.COM	N8SHZ	N8SHZ@COMCAST.NET
K8MSU	K8MSU@JUNO.COM	N8SNM	BNOWAK@SPEAKEASY.NET
*K8NA	K8NA@WIDOPENWEST.COM	N8ZX	N8ZX@TDS.NET
K8NWD	K8NWD@COMCAST.NET	NE8I	NE8I@ARRL.NET
K8SIA	K8SIA@ARRL.NET	NE8Z	NE8Z@YAHOO.COM
K8SIX	K8SIX@COMCAST.NET	W1SKU	W1SKU@ARRL.NET
K8UP	JOHN@FLEMING-PHOTO.COM	W4CEO	SCAT42@EARTHLINK.NET
K8UT	K8UT@ARRL.NET	W8AP	GEOGBH@NETZERO.COM
K8VJV	K8VJV@ARRL.NET	W8GF	W8GF@WOWWAY.COM
K8ZE	K8ZE@CHARTER.NET	W8LU	W8LU@W8LU.NET
K8ZZU	K8ZZU@SBCGLOBAL.NET	W8PP	W8PP@COMCAST.NET
KC8JAY	KC8JAY@ARRL.NET	W8SJ	W8SJ@AOL.COM
KC8OBH	KC8OBH@AOL.COM	W8SYR	JDBUHL@AOL.COM
KC8PKY	KC8PKY2004@YAHOO.COM	W8UA	W8UA@MYVINE.COM
KK8I	DL2HBX@DARC.DE	WA8BIJ	WA8BIJ@ARRL.NET
KP4E	KP4E@AMSAT.ORG	WD8S	WD8S@ARRL.NET
KQ8D	ROGER49201@YAHOO.COM	WQ8T	WQ8T@ARRL.NET
KT8X	KT8X@PRODIGY.NET	WZ8K	WZ8K.SEMDXA@MIQRP.NET
K8YTO	K8YTO@ARRL.NET		
LZ4GU	LZ4GU@YAHOO.COM		

\*Indicates perpetual membership. 60 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 Brad, N8SNM *SEMDXA* Treasurer. If you have paid your 2005/2006 dues and your call is not indicated, check with Brad to resolve any issues.

Our perpetual roster contains a total of 236 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***

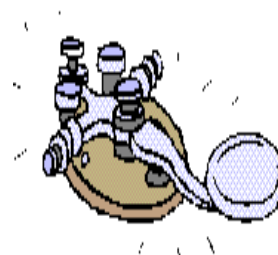
***Make payment at next SEMDXA meeting or mail with remittance to:***

***Brad Nowak, Treasurer***

***4665 Melanie Lane***



***White Lake, Michigan 48383***

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## SEMDXA Monthly Planner

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