



# Long Path



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## President's Report

The weather is not so good for outside work lately, but the bands, in particular, 10 and 12 meters have been doing well.

According to a recent progress report that I received, the Amsterdam Island DXpedition (FT5ZM) is on schedule to be QRV by the end of January of next year. FT5Z is number 4 on the SEMDXA most wanted list.

As I write this, I am preparing to head up north to operate in the CQWW SSB test among other things, and then for those who couldn't find a microphone the CQWW CW test is coming up the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November. Both are good ways to fill in some of those missing Band Countries.

Hope to see you at the meeting and in the pileups.

**SEMDXA  
Dues Are Due**

## Meeting Presentation

**Friday, November 8, 2013  
IOTA operations  
Presented by Jack KB8RJ  
Former SEMDXA member**

73 Dave K8ESQ

## Meeting Minutes

Called to order at 7:25 p.m. by President Dave K8ESQ. Fourteen members and two guests present at Jimi's Restaurant in Royal Oak.

Welcome to guests Bob, N5ITN, from Dekalb, TX, and Jess, AI9L, from Kingman, AZ

Secretary Stan, AC8W, reports the minutes of the September 2013 meeting were printed in the Long Path. Motion to accept by K8SIX, second by K8QKY, mcu\*

Treasurer Brad, N8SNM, reports a September 1<sup>st</sup> checking balance of \$1,716.52. Six renewals of \$120.00. Deductions included -\$20.00 to the State of Michigan, leaving a checking balance of \$1,816.52 as of September 30. PayPal balance started at \$83.67 with five renewals for a balance of \$179.27. Motion to accept by VA3RD, second by AC8W, mcu\*

President Dave, K8ESQ, thanked Treasurer Brad, N8SNM, for running the meeting last month in his absence.

Long Path editor Linda, KC8PKY, will be out of town the end of October and needs material submitted early for the November issue.

Programs: Gerry, K8GT, has lined up Jack, KB8RJ, to talk about IOTA expeditions at the November meeting.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Stan, AC8W, is still seeking input for the DX Advisory Committee regarding 1.) remote operation, and 2.) new entity qualifications (like Kosovo, for instance). A short survey was distributed. Email him at [ac8w@arrl.net](mailto:ac8w@arrl.net) with your thoughts

## NEW BUSINESS:

President Dave, K8ESQ, passed out a list of callsign/country clarifications to update software:

- TX5D is Austral Islands (FO/ A)
- TO2TT is Mayotte Island (FH)
- TO4FM is Martinique (FM)
- ZM90DX is New Zealand (not

## SEMDXA OFFICERS

*President:* Dave De Rain, **K8ESQ**

*Vice-president:* Bob Crawford, **K8VFW**

*Treasurer:* Brad Nowak, **N8SNM**

*Secretary:* Stan Arnett, **AC8W**

*Program Director:* Gerry Treas, **K8GT**

Steve Culp, **K8QKY**

*Directors:* Ted, **K8NA**, Fred, **W1SKU**, and Lee, **N8LJ**

## Club Appointees:

*Web Site Editor:* Larry Gauthier, **K8UT**

*LP Publisher:* Linda Metz, **KC8PKY**

## ARRL and CQ Appointees:

*DXCC Checker:* Stan Arnett, **AC8W**

*DXCC Checker:* Bill Jones, **N8KF**

*VUCC Checker:* Al Bailey, **K8SIX**

*VUCC Checker:* Jim Sanford, **K8ZZU**

*CQ Checker:* Mike Rudzki, **N8MR**

Auckland and Campbell Islands-ZL9) 3D2GC and 3D2RA/p are both Fiji starting October 5<sup>th</sup> and after 3D2GC/p and 3D2RA were both on Rotuma from September 27<sup>th</sup> until October 2nd

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Due to the government shut-down the Wake Island DXpedition has been postponed.

For Sale: Al, K8SIX, has a Rohn 45 fold-over tower for sale, \$600.00

### Program

Gerry, K8GT, showed a DVD of the March 2012 TN2T, Republic of Congo, DXpedition Five Belgian operators and one Dutchman using three stations operated from the Malonda Lodge at Pointe Noire. Using Elecraft K-3 rigs with amps and a variety of vertical antenna and a Hex Beam they were active 160M thru 6M. From January 22 to the 31<sup>st</sup> they made 50,569 QSOs.

As a bonus, K8GT, showed a DVD of the 2012 TO2D trip to St. Barts in the Caribbean by HB9CVC and HB9EOU. 12,866 Qs were made 40M thru 6M

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. by K8SIX, second by AC8W. mcu\* Stan, AC8W, Secretary

**Save the date: Zukey Lake Lunch  
December 16, 2013**

**Next Long Path  
issue will be  
January 2014**

### Proposed US Postal Rates For January

The United States Postal Service has announced proposed price changes, including an increase in the price of a First-Class Mail single-piece letter from 46 cents to 49 cents.

The proposed changes, which would go into effect January 26, 2014, are intended to generate \$2 billion in incremental annual revenue.

Price increase highlights include:

Letters (1oz.) - 3-cent increase to **49 cents**

Letters additional ounces - 1-cent increase to **21 cents**

Letters to all international destinations (1 oz.) - **\$1.15**

Postcards - 1-cent increase to **34 cents**

### ZS8Z, Marion Island

#### Activity

Dave, **ZS8Z**, has been active during recent months. He works SSB and has been on 10, 15 and 20 meters including the 14238 net. See DX Summit for typical op times.

From QRZ.COM:

**“Operating will be mostly after working hours. Feel free to contact me to arrange a QSO: zs8z@hamcity.co.za”**

Chet, K8YTO

### BANABA ISLAND T33A (#33) November 5-18

The **T33A** DXpedition to Banaba Island (OC-018), is fast approaching and is expected to be active between November 5-18th. Banaba is number 33 on the 100 Most Wanted List.

The latest status report from the team was October 17: "Our container just departed Suva, Fiji, at 14 knots now on the way by sea to Tarawa. Our advance team will arrive in Tarawa Oct. 31st to attend to picking up local provisions and getting our container unsealed and through customs, and loaded onto our boat in preparation for a Nov. 3rd departure to Banaba Island."

Elecraft is supplying six K3 Transceivers and five KPA-500 Amplifiers.

The team will be using DXA interface for their operation. DXA is an innovative Web site that allows DXers to view the status and activities of a DXpedition in near-real-time, including, within a few minutes after making a contact. The DXA Web page for the T33A operation is located at:

<http://dxa2.org/t33a>

See T33A DXpedition's Blog page:

<http://banaba2013.wordpress.com>

For more details about the DXpedition, visit the T33A Web page at:

<http://www.t33a.com/>

Source: OPDX

Chet, K8YTO

**Juan Fernando  
XR0ZR (#43)**

Juan Fernando Archipelago (CE0Z), is number 43 on the 100 Most Wanted List. It is located about 370 miles off the coast of Chile and is sparsely populated. It and reliant on tourism and fishing.

About 1800 on November 8 XR0ZR be on the air from Robinson Crusoe Island.. The eight man team plan to be QRV from 6 through 160 meters on CW, SSB and RTTY. They will use 4 stations, each with a 500 watt amp.

According to the XR0ZR web site:

“Unfortunately, the island is surrounded by high mountains, and certainly does not allow us to be open to 360 degrees. Despite this, we will place our setup of antennas in order to satisfy the largest number of amateur radio operators as possible.

We believe to be able to install 3 beams looking on the sea, two loops, one for 30 and one for 40 meters, other than the usual verical for 80 and inverted L for 160. Will also install a beverage of about 200 meters on the beach facing the sea.

A major focus will be on RTTY, which we think is highly requested by the hamradio community.

We should have sporadic access to the Internet, and then try to send the logs to clublog, once a day. **If for any reason this is not possible, do not panic, know that we will do so as soon as possible, and in any case the logs will be saved in 3 backup copies.**

As always, we ask you not to make dupes QSOs, in order to give the opportunity for everyone to contact us in various bands and modes.

We would like to remind you again,



**Town of San Juan Bautista,  
Robinson Crusoe Island**

BAND	CW	SSB	RTTY
160	1826	1840	-
80	3526	3780	3590
60	5371.5		-
40	7026	7060/7150	7035
30	10106		10142
20	14026	14150	14080
17	18076	18140	18100
15	21026	21270	21080
12	24896	24940	24920
10	28026	28470	28080
6	50103 CW-SSB // 50193 EME		

Station	TX/RX	PA	Antennas
Station 1	Elecraft K3	Elecraft KPA500	<b>TX:</b> 10 - 12 - 15 - 17 -20 : 2x Spiderbeam 30 - 40 - 80 : 2el Vertical array HF Vertical multiband 6 : M2 6M8GJ whit elevation <b>RX:</b> 80-160 Beverages
Station 2	Elecraft K3	Acom 1000	
Station 3	Elecraft K2	Transistor 500w	
Station 4	Elecraft K2	Transistor 500w	
Backup	Icom 7000	Transistor 500w	

how important for us, is your financial support. At the time we were able to cover only part of the huge costs that this expedition required.

To give you an idea of costs, the total budget of the whole operation is approximately \$ 56,000 (42,000 €)."

### Juan Fernando Archipelago

From Wikipedia:

"Juan Fernando is composed of three main volcanic islands; Robinson Crusoe Island, Alejandro Selkirk Island and Santa Clara Island, the first two being formerly called Más a Tierra and Más Afuera respectively.

The islands are mainly known for having been the home to the marooned sailor Alexander Selkirk for four years, which may have inspired the novel *Robinson Crusoe*. The islands have an area of 38 sq mi, of which 19 sq mi are taken up by Robinson Crusoe together with Santa Clara, and 19 sq mi by Alexander Selkirk.

The population of the archipelago is 900 (843 on Robinson Crusoe); of those, 800 reside in the capital, San Juan Bautista, on Cumberland Bay on the north coast of the island (2012 census). The islands belong administratively to Chile's Valparaíso Region (which also includes Easter Island), and more specifically form one of the nine communes of Valparaíso Province named **Juan Fernández**, including the Desventuradas Islands."

For more **XR0ZR** information see:

[www.juanfernandez2013.com/](http://www.juanfernandez2013.com/)

Chet, **K8YTO**

### Z6, KOSOVO Update By OH2BH, Martti

Work first, worry later applies to Kosovo as Martti reported the United Nations recognized Kosovo on October 18. The ITU previously assigned **Z6** to Kosovo. Here's the Martti, **OH2BH**, update:

(**Z68BH** - IN THE CQWW CONTEST October 26-27).

Martti, **OH2BH**, sent out the following press release on October 18th:

"CQWW SSB will bring several Kosovar stations active from this new state recognized today by 105 United Nations member states and qualifying as separate country multiplier in the CQWW Contest.

Among the activity, **Z68BH** will be operated by Martti, **OH2BH**, using the new antennas of Driton, **Z61DX**, with great support of Igor, **UA2FZ**.

<http://ant-depot.com/en.html>

During the most recent European DX Contest (WAEDC) many non-EU stations had difficulty with their contest logging programs on Z6 prefix. A new CTY.dat file can be loaded at:

<http://www.country-files.com>

QSL **Z68BH** via **OH2BH**."

### T30TS & T30 NK, WEST KIRIBATI Nov 28—Dec 4

Operators Ted, **JF1CCH**, as **T30TS** and Kazu, **JA1FUF**, as **T30NK**, will be active from West Kiribati between November 28th and December 4th.

Activity will be on the HF bands (all mostly 40-10m) using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. Ted will operate mainly on CW and SSB, while Kazu will operate mainly RTTY and PSK.

They will use 100 watts into a dipole.

### JG8NQJ/JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA Mid December

If you missed Take, **JG8NQJ/JD1**, from Marcus Island in the Minami Torishima group, you will have another chance sometime in the middle of December.

He is usually there to work on the island's weather station. Activity will be limited to his spare time. He will be mainly on 17 meters but also on 15/12/10 meters CW. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct to **JA8CJY**. Online log is available at:

<http://dx.qsl.net/cgi-bin/logform.cgi?id1-jg8nqi>

The source for DX information on this page was **OPDX**

## Contest Calendar

QST Magazines provides a list of most of the contests. Here is a brief summary of some major ones:

Nov 2 Ukranian DX  
 Nov 2 Himalayan  
 Nov 9 WAE DX—Digi  
 Nov 9 Japan Int'l DX SSB  
 Nov 9 OK-OM DX CW  
 Nov 16 LZ DX SSB, CW  
**Nov 16 RSGB CW 1.8 MHz**  
 Nov 23 CQ WW CW

Chet, K8YTO

## December ARRL Contests

Dec 6—ARRL 160 M

This is a 42 hour Contest. It starts 2200 and runs through 1559 on the 8th. Work ARRL/RAC sections and DX. See:

[www.arrl.org/160-meter](http://www.arrl.org/160-meter)

Dec 14—ARRL 10 Meters

## Hamfest Calendar

**11/16/2013 Fort Wayne**  
 Sponsor: Allen County ARTS  
 Website: <http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com>

**11/30/2013 Evansville**  
 Location: Evansville, IN  
 Sponsor: EARS  
 Website: <http://w9ear.org/hamfest.htm>

**12/08/2013 L'Anse Creuse**  
 Sponsor: L'Anse Creuse ARC  
 Talk-In: 147.08 (PL 100)  
 Website: <http://www.qsl.net/n8lc/>

## Nov/Dec - 100 Most Wanted Activity as of OCT 11 - In QRV Date Order

QRV	End	Prefix	Call	Entity	2012	Web Site	LP Date
NOW	15-Apr-14	ZS8	ZS8Z	MARION ISLAND	9		
NOW	01-Nov-13	T6	T6MH	AFGHANISTAN	48		
30-Oct-13	06-Nov-13	FO/A	<b>TX5RV</b>	AUSTRAL	47		
NOW	30-Nov-13	ZD9	ZD9KX	TRISTAN DE CUNHA	53		01-Nov-10
NOW	07-Dec-13	T6	T6RH	AFGHANISTAN	48		
NOW	15-Dec-13	T6	T6JR	AFGHANISTAN	48		
NOW	01-Jan-14	T6	T6MC	AFGHANISTAN	48		
NOW	01-Mar-14	VP8/H	<b>R11ANU</b>	SOUTH SHETLAND	95		
01-Nov-13	28-Feb-14	YV0	<b>YW0A</b>	AVES ISLAND	35	<a href="http://www.avesisland.info/">http://www.avesisland.info/</a>	
05-Nov-13	18-Nov-13	T33	T33A	BANABA	33	<a href="http://www.t33a.com/">http://www.t33a.com/</a>	01-Nov-08
08-Nov-13	20-Nov-13	CE0/Z	<b>XR0ZR</b>	JUAN FERNANDEZ ISL.	43	<a href="http://www.juanfernandez2013.com/">http://www.juanfernandez2013.com/</a>	01-Nov-13
12-Nov-13	22-Nov-13	KH8	<b>W8A</b>	AMERICAN SAMOA	93	<a href="http://www.n8a.eu/">http://www.n8a.eu/</a> <a href="http://www.mdxc.org/bangladesh2013/">http://www.mdxc.org/bangladesh2013/</a>	01-Nov-11
16-Nov-13	22-Nov-13	S2	S21ZBC	BANGLADESH	52		
17-Nov-13	26-Nov-13	XT	XT26DJ	BURKINIA FASO	97		
17-Nov-13	26-Nov-13	XT	XT2FCJ	BURKINIA FASO	97		
18-Nov-13	19-Nov-13	KH8	KH8/N9YU	AMERICAN SAMOA	93		01-Nov-11
18-Nov-13	19-Nov-13	KH8	KH8/WD5COV	AMERICAN SAMOA	93		01-Nov-11
18-Nov-13	19-Nov-13	KH8	KH8/N7AFW	AMERICAN SAMOA	93		01-Nov-11
23-Nov-13	24-Nov-13	KH8	<b>N8A</b>	AMERICAN SAMOA	93	<a href="http://www.n8a.eu/">http://www.n8a.eu/</a> <a href="http://www.mdxc.org/bangladesh2013/">http://www.mdxc.org/bangladesh2013/</a>	01-Nov-11
23-Nov-13	29-Nov-13	S2	S21ZBB	BANGLADESH	52		
15-Dec-13	30-Dec-13	JD1/M	<b>JD1/JG8NQJ</b>	MINAMI TORISHIMA	42	End Date?	01-Jan-10
21-Dec-13	10-Jan-14	H40	H40FN	TEMOTU	46		01-Feb-10

LP Date is date of Long Path article about the Country/Entity - Red Means Check Call Sign in Log Prefix Table

<b>Nov/Dec Other DX</b>
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QRV	End	Prefix	Call	ENTITY	QSL Mgr	Web site
NOW	24-Jun-14	Z6	Z6/LZ1BJ	Kosovo	LZ1BJ	(ARRL Not Recognize)
NOW	03-Nov-13	HL	HL05GDB	South Korea	HL4CEL	
NOW	08-Nov-13	FO/F	FO/F5LCI	French Poly (FO)	F5LCI	
NOW	15-Nov-13	D2	D2CT	Angola	CT2HPM	
NOW	16-Nov-13	5X	5X1NH	Uganda	G3RWF	
NOW	27-Nov-13	H44	H44HP	Solomon Is. (H4)	DL2NUD	
NOW	27-Nov-13	H44	H44MS	Solomon Is. (H4)	DL2GAC	
NOW	09-Nov-13	E5/S	E51NOU	S. Cook Is.	N7OU	
NOW	03-Nov-13	JD1/O	<b>JD1BOI</b>	Ogasawara	J11LET	
NOW	24-Nov-13	DU	DV1/KJ6YAP	Philippines	KJ6YAP	
01-Nov-13	04-Nov-13	JD1/O	<b>JD1BON</b>	Ogasawara	JA1UII	
01-Nov-13	09-Nov-13	3W	XV2CNH	Vietnam	JA6CNH	
01-Nov-13	11-Nov-13	YJ	YJ0ZS	Vanuatu	JA2ZS	
01-Nov-13	11-Nov-13	YJ	YJ0AU	Vanuatu	JA2ATE	
01-Nov-13	11-Nov-13	YJ	YJ0CJ	Vanuatu	JA2ATE	
01-Nov-13	11-Nov-13	YJ	YJ0TE	Vanuatu	JA2ATE	
01-Nov-13	31-Dec-13	5V	5V7TH	Togo	ON6DX	
01-Nov-13	31-May-14	OD	OD5/EA1CYK	Lebanon	EA7LS	
03-Nov-13	09-Nov-13	E6	E6AA	Niue (ZK2)	JA8VE	
03-Nov-13	09-Nov-13	E6	E6AK	Niue (ZK2)	JA1KJW	
03-Nov-13	09-Nov-13	E6	E6AY	Niue (ZK2)	JA1JQY	
04-Nov-13	11-Nov-13	FH	FH/DK9PY	Mayotte	DK9PY	
07-Nov-13	15-Nov-13	JD1/O	<b>JD1BLC</b>	Ogasawara	JP1IOF	Clublog
11-Nov-13	26-Nov-13	PY0/F	PY0FF	Fernando de Noronha	W9VA	
12-Nov-13	23-Nov-13	S7	S79WDX	Seychelles	I0WDX	
16-Nov-13	17-Nov-13	5W	5W0NW	Western Samoa	RW4NW	
16-Nov-13	17-Nov-13	5W	5W0OV	Western Samoa	WD5COV	
16-Nov-13	17-Nov-13	5W	5W7A or 5W6A	Western Samoa	YT1AD	
16-Nov-13	17-Nov-13	5W	5W0FW	Western Samoa	RZ3FW	
16-Nov-13	15-Dec-13	5R	5R8IC	Madagascar	F6ICX	
18-Nov-13	27-Nov-13	3DA	3DA0ET	Swaziland	N7RO	<a href="http://www.swazidx.org/">http://www.swazidx.org/</a>
18-Nov-13	27-Nov-13	3DA	3DA0UQ	Swaziland		<a href="http://www.swazidx.org/">http://www.swazidx.org/</a>
18-Nov-13	27-Nov-13	3DA	3DA0CF	Swaziland		<a href="http://www.swazidx.org/">http://www.swazidx.org/</a>
19-Nov-13	28-Nov-13	9X	9X0NH	Rwanda	G3RWF	
19-Nov-13	28-Nov-13	9X	9X0XA	Rwanda	G3SWH	
22-Nov-13	29-Nov-13	3D2/R	3D2R	Rotuma I.	YT1AD	
26-Nov-13	11-Dec-13	T32	T32TM	E. Kiribati (Line Is.)	K8NA	<a href="http://www.t32-2013.com/">http://www.t32-2013.com/</a>
27-Nov-13	02-Dec-13	5W	5W8A	Western Samoa	ZL3CW	<a href="http://www.n8a.eu/">http://www.n8a.eu/</a>
28-Nov-13	04-Dec-13	T30	T30TS	W. Kiribati (Gilbert Is.)	JF1CCH	
28-Nov-13	04-Dec-13	T30		W. Kiribati (Gilbert Is.)		by JF1CCH and JA1FUF
28-Nov-13	04-Dec-13	T30	T30NK	W. Kiribati (Gilbert Is.)	JA1FUF	
29-Nov-13	02-Dec-13	5X	5X1NH	Uganda	G3RWF	
04-Dec-13	11-Dec-13	T32	T32RC	E. Kiribati (Line Is.)	N7RO	<a href="http://www.t32-2013.com/">http://www.t32-2013.com/</a>
04-Dec-13	12-Dec-13	V6	V63XG	Micronesia (E. Caroline Is.)	JA1XGI	
07-Dec-13	17-Dec-13	E6	E6RQ	Niue (ZK2)	VK4FI	
07-Dec-13	17-Dec-13	E6	E6SG	Niue (ZK2)	VK4FI	