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President's Report

Well, Dayton is done, Field Day is done and Findlay is around the corner. Hope everyone had a great summer, found some bargains at Dayton, and made many Q's during Field Day. Field Day was a great time once again at our usual up-north Kalkaska location. Murphy paid us a visit to remind us that "Whatever can go wrong, will." Oh well that gives us an excuse for why we didn't do as well as last year.

I will not make the September meeting as I will be in 5 land for an Air Force reunion.

For those following the never ending saga of my up-north antenna debacle, the Force 12 is finally up but only at 30'. I hope to get it 10 feet higher before winter sets in, but the Antenna Gods have fought me every step of the way on this project. Not to

New SEMDXA Year Dues Are Due

**Meeting Presentation
Friday September 13, 2013
Video of XT2TT, Burkina
Faso DXpedition
By Italian DX Team**

mention the chewed up coax I found on the beverage antenna. Squirrels, I think.

Hope everyone is looking forward to the upcoming fall / winter DX season.

See you in October and good DX
73 Dave K8ESQ

Meeting Minutes

Called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Dave, K8ESQ. Twenty-four members and six guests present at Jimi's Restaurant in Royal Oak.

Secretary Stan, AC8W, reports the minutes of the May 2013 meeting were printed in the Long Path. Motion to accept by K8VFX, second by N8LJ, mcu*

Treasurer Brad, N8SNM, reports a May 1st checking balance of \$2,042.60. \$187.00 deposited. . and \$29.00 deducted for a balance of \$,200.00 PayPal balance was \$245.43 plus \$19.12 with a \$200.00 donation to the FT5ZM operation deducted leaving a PayPal balance of \$64.55, Motion to accept by K8VFX, second by K8KQJ, mcu*.

OLD BUSINESS:

SEMDXA OFFICERS

President: Dave De Rain, **K8ESQ**

Vice-president: Bob Crawford, **K8VFX**

Treasurer: Brad Nowak, **N8SNM**

Secretary: Stan Arnett, **AC8W**

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

Program

Gerry, K8GT, introduced Craig, K9CT who told us about his 2012 South Pacific DX Odessey –or- as he called it “What the Hell Was I Thinking!!!” First he signed on for NH8S, Swain’s Island (OC-200) It was a multi-national team that was highly organized. Permissions, cost/budget, team makeup, contracts, station layout equipment/sponsors and shipping were discussed. Safety was paramount and dehydration was a danger. They faced 100% humidity and temps over 100 degrees. Ewuipment included Icam radios and Elecraft amplifiers. Antenna were verticals. They made 105,455 QSO in ten days of operating.

Immediately following NH8S, Craig flew to Fiji to participate in the 3D2C, Conway Reef effort.

In contrast this was a looser, less organized effort that used IC-7600 rigs and a variety of beam, vertical and wire antennas. Again, a multi-national team produced 71,693 QSO including 1,054 RTTY and 10 SSTV. They even had 6M openings to BY, JA, HL and YB.

All in all, Craig enjoyed the experience, but he would not do a back-to-back trip again if he could avoid it. Thanks Craig.

Motion to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. by K8VFX, second by K8SIX. mcu*

Stan, AC8W, Secretary

*mcu = motion carried unanimously

Lloyd, NE8I Hospitalized

Aug 11: I just called Lloyd. He says to say Hello to everyone.

He says that over that last month he had been losing his strength. His kidneys have been shutting down. He is now getting dialysis and his mind is "clearing up". He is allowed visitors if he gives permission per Lloyd.

73 Rick, NE8Z

Update September 2

Lloyd, NE8I

Rick, NE8Z, provided this report to Al. K8SIX, on September 2.

Lloyd is doing better with about 50% of kidney and 50 % of liver function. He is still at U of M hospital.

The doctors are considering moving him to rehab facility.

Lloyd, NE8I, has been hospitalized since about mid-August.

Please call in advance of visiting

Lloyd.

W3HNK – 50 Years As QSL Manager

From OPDX Aug 12:

CONGRATULATIONS TO W3HNK. Joe Arcure, W3HNK, has hit a milestone. It's has been 50 years this month since this world-famous/known QSL Manager began serving as manager for many DX stations (+400).

<http://www.arrrl.org/news/veteran-dx-qsl-manager-w3hmk-marks-50->

DXCC RULES TO BE REVIEWED

From OPDX Aug 12:

From the "Minutes of 2013 Second Meeting - ARRL Board of Directors - dated July 19-20th, 2013" Item 35:

"On motion of Mr. Fenstermaker, seconded by Mr. Vallio, the following resolution was ADOPTED:

... BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the ARRL Board of Directors tasks the Program and Services committee to request the DX Advisory Committee (DXAC) study and, if warranted, recommend changes to the DXCC Rules for the ARRL Board of Directors to discuss.

A status report shall be forwarded to the Programs and Services Committee prior to the January 2014 Board Meeting with a final report and recommendations forwarded to the Programs and Services Committee prior to the July 2014 Board Meeting."

2013 Most Wanted Survey Underway

From OPDX Aug 19:

The 2013 MOST WANTED SURVEY is now available on the DX Publishing Web site.

Carl, N4AA, editor of "QRZ DX" and "The DX Magazine", reports that by popular demand many countries have been added to the survey for this year.

Deadline for entry is October 15, 2013.

To participate, fill out the survey form at:

<http://dxpub.com/survey/survey2013.html>

The results are usually published in the January-February 2014 issue of "The DX Magazine", and the worldwide results will be posted to the web site around January 15th, 2012.

The breakdown by mode/Low Bands will be published in the Mar/Apr 2014 issue of the magazine.

ARRL Bulletins

Aug 22:

Pending Amateur Service Rule Changes Are Not on Back Burner, FCC Assures VECs

Speaking in late July at the 28th annual National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) meeting, Bill Cross,

W3TN, of the FCC's Mobility Division within the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB), assured attendees that pending proposals to modify the Amateur Service Part 97 rules are not on the back burner but still under review. FCC personnel addressing the teleconference were unable, however, to predict when the Commission would take action on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order (NPRM) in WT Docket 12-283. The NPRM can be found on the web in PDF format at, http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-12-121A1.pdf.

Among the FCC proposals: Granting exam credit for expired and beyond-the grace-period licenses; shortening the grace period during which an expired ham ticket may be renewed; correspondingly revising the time a call sign remains unavailable to vanity applicants; and reducing the number of volunteer examiners needed to administer examinations. The docket also seeks comment on amending the rules to permit remote test administration and proposes allowing Amateur Radio stations to transmit certain emission types.

FCC Program Analyst Rebecca Williams of the FCC's Gettysburg Office told meeting participants that the FCC will not remove or conceal a licensee's name or address from its public database. She said she's received numerous complaints from licensees about their information being public. According to Â§97.23, licensees must provide a valid mailing address, but as Williams pointed out, that can be any US address where the licensee can receive mail, such as a work address or a post office box. Licensees can protect their privacy and remain within the rules, she said.

She also reminded her audience that since February 14, 2011, a radio

amateur can serve as a trustee for only a single club and may not also be a club license trustee for another club. The rules further prohibit clubs from having more than one vanity call sign. Amateurs who served as trustees for more than one club, and clubs holding more than one vanity call sign before the change may continue to do so, she said.

ARRL: Vanity Call Sign Fees Go Up

Aug 22:

Vanity Call Sign Fee Goes Up August 23!

The new FCC regulatory fee of \$16.10 to apply for an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will go into effect Friday, August 23, when the new regulatory fee schedule will appear in the Federal Register.

Earlier this year the FCC had proposed upping the vanity call sign fee from its current \$15 to \$15.20, but in the Report and Order in MD Docket 13-140, released August 12, the Commission offered no explanation for the higher fee.

In another change, starting in FY 2014, the FCC will require that all regulatory fee payments be made electronically.

The R&O ordered a broad schedule of new fees and waived the usual 30-day waiting period following Federal Register publication, because it feared there would not be time for FY 2013 fees to become effective before the start of the new federal fiscal year on October 1.

3B9, RODRIGUEZ ISLAND

September 1-9

The Verona DX Team is pleased to announce the activation **Rodriguez Island (AF-017)**, for **EME activity on 144 and 432 MHz** as well as HF operations between September 1-9th.

The four member team is currently awaiting approval of the callsign **3B9EME**.

They will have 2 stations on at the same time on the HF bands, with an emphasis on 160/80/40/30/17/12 meters, using CW, SSB, RTTY, JT65hf and PSK31.

For expected frequencies of operation and other information see:

http://www.ari.verona.it/veronadxteam/3b9_2013.htm

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Source: OPDX

T88PG PALAU

September 20—24

Masashi, **JL1FUQ**, will be active as **T88GJ** from between September 20-24th. Activity will be limited or dates may change because of his work.

He plans operation on 20/17/15/12/10/6 meters using SSB and possibly AM, PSK31 and RTTY. Equipment is Yaesu FT-897D with a THP HL-550FX amp into 6m 5 element yagi and a 2 or 3 element HF yagi. (Source: OPDX)

XZ, MYANMAR

September And November

XZ, MYANMAR. Zorro, **JH1AJT**, will be active from Nay Pyi Taw, on a mission for the Foundation for Global Children (FGC), when he returns in early September and sometime in November.

Activity will be limited to his spare time.

He uses a TS-590 and two GPs, for 20 and 17m (watch 14250, 18125 and 18145 kHz).

QSL via **JH1AJT**: Zorro Miyazawa, P.O. Box 8, Oiso, Naka-gun, Kanagawa 259-0111, JAPAN.

Source: OPDX

CE0ZOL JUAN FERNANDEZ

Active for 6 Months

Operator "Mario", is on Juan Fernandez Island in the capacity as aerodrome manager.

He, has recently been active as **CE0ZOL**.

He is not a DXer nor a contester. Mario is likely to be active when time permits during the weekends. He will be stationed on the island for 6 months.

Activity has been on 40 meters SSB (on 7080 kHz around 2200z).

More details will be forthcoming.

QSL via QSL via **CE3RAC**: Radio Club Dirección General de Aeronáutica Civil, P.O. Box 15 - Aeropuerto AMB, Santiago, Chile.

Source OPDX

FP, ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON

September 10-21

Operators Peter, **DJ4TC**, and Hermann, **DL2NUD**, will be active as FP/home call from a motel on **Miquelon Islands (NA-032)** between September 10-21st.

Activity will only be on 2 meters, 70 and 23 centimeters using JT65B and JT65C.

Source: OPDX

H40IOTA/YJ0RK

Two Month Trip

As of Aug 28, Ralph, is operating as **H40IOTA/MM** on his way to Temotu, [Vanikolo OC-163](#).

After OC-163, Ralph will head to Vanuatu and operate as **YJ0RK** from [Torres OC-110](#) and [Banks OC-104](#). No set dates on the YJ-IOTA activations, but *SV Hafskip* will be sailing Vanuatu waters for the next 2 months, then heading to New Caledonia.

Source: DX World Aug 24

Contest Calendar

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

Sep 7 All Asia DX Test SSB
 Sep 7 Russian Radio RTTY WW
 Sep 7 IARU Field day Region 1
[Sep 14 Worked All EU DX](#)
[Sep 14 ARRL VHF 6 M](#)
 Sep 22 BARTG Sprint
 Sep 28 ARRL EME
[Sep 28 CQWW RTTY](#)

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K9W, WAKE ISLAND OCT 9— 18

Heads up!

The 12 man team is schedules to arrive on Wake Island October 5. Joe, **AA4NN**, and Craig, **K9CT**, are the advisors for this DXpedition.

Operation is expected to begin with 160 M on October 6. Other HF bands and 6M are set to begin October 7.
 See website:

<http://www.wake2013.org/pages/bandplan.html>

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Hamfest Calendar

09/08/2013

[Findley Hamfest](#)

09/15/2013

[Adrian Hamfest](#)

Location: Adrian, MI

Website: <http://w8tqe.com>

09/21/2013

[GMARC Fall Trunk Swap & Raffle](#)

Location: Utica, MI

Website: <http://www.GMARC.org>
[Learn More](#)

Sep/Oct - 100 Most Wanted Activity as of Aug 22 - In [QRV Date Order](#)

2012	QRV	End	Prefix	COUNTRY	Call	Web site	LP Date
74	NOW	14-Sep-13	XW	LAOS	XW0YJY		
42	NOW	15-Sep-13	JD1/M	MINAMI TORISHIMA	JG8NQJ/JD1 (OC-073)		01-Jan-10
52	NOW	19-Sep-13	S2	BANGLADESH	S21R		
46	NOW	15-Oct-13	H40/YJ	TEMOTU/Vanatu	H40IOTA (OC-163)	YJ0RK AFTER H40RK - 2 Mos	01-Feb-10
95	NOW	01-Mar-14	VP8/H	SOUTH SHETLAND	RI1ANU		
43	NOW	01-Mar-14	CE0/Z	JUAN FERNANDEZ ISL.	CE0ZOL		
90	01-Sep-13	09-Sep-13	3B9	RODRIGUES IS.	3B9EME	http://www.ari.verona.it/veronadxteam/3b9_2013.htm	
74	05-Sep-13	10-Sep-13	XW	LAOS	XW1YC		
74	05-Sep-13	10-Sep-13	XW	LAOS	XW8XZ		
21	20-Sep-13	20-Oct-13	KH9	WAKE	K9W	http://www.wake2013.org/	
94	22-Sep-13	29-Sep-13	VK9/L	LORD HOWE ISLAND	VK9LL		
65	01-Oct-13	11-Oct-13	CY0	SABLE ISLAND	CY0P	http://www.cy0dxpedition.com/	
47	02-Oct-13	14-Oct-13	FO/A	AUSTRAL	by N7QT KZ1W		

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

Sep/Oct Other DX

QRV	End	Prefix	Call	ENTITY	QSL Mgr	Web site
NOW		JY	JY9FC	Jordan	E73Y	Unknown End Date
NOW		T6	T6RH	Afghanistan	NI5DX	Unknown End Date
NOW		P2	P29LL	Papua New G.	EA7FTR	Unknown End Date
NOW		E6	E6ST	Niue (ZK2)	EA5GL	Unknown End Date
NOW	24-Jun-13	Z6	Z6/LZ1BJ	Kosovo	LZ1BJ	(ARRL Not Recognize)
NOW	02-Sep-13	HL	HL3/SQ9KWW	South Korea	SQ9KWW	
NOW	31-Oct-13	TU	TU5DF	Cote d Ivoire	F5SWB	http://www.grz.com/db/TU5DF
NOW	01-Nov-13	T6	T6MH	Afghanistan	W2GR	
NOW	02-Dec-13	HZ	7Z1ES	Saudi Arabia	IZ8CLM	
NOW	15-Dec-13	JW	JW9JKA	Svalbard	LA9JKA	
NOW	31-Dec-13	HL	DT60US	South Korea	WX8C	
NOW	31-Dec-13	HL	DS4DRE/4	South Korea	DS4DRE	
NOW	31-Dec-13	C9	C91GBA	Mozambique	EA4GBA	
NOW	01-Sep-13	YB	YE5T (OC-122)	Indonesia	W2FB	
30-Aug-13	28-Sep-13	YB	YB1/PD1SA	Indonesia	PD1SA	
01-Sep-13	30-Sep-13	V5	V5/DF2UU	Namibia	DF2UU	
04-Sep-13	09-Sep-13	YB	YE5S (OC-109)	Indonesia	W2FB	
05-Sep-13		ZD8	ZD8Z	Ascension I.	AI4U	Unknown End Date
06-Sep-13	07-Sep-13	T8	T8GM	Belau	PG5M	www.dx.to
07-Sep-13	08-Sep-13	V5	V55V	Namibia		
08-Sep-13	13-Sep-13	P2	P29VNX	Papua New G.	JA1NLX	
08-Sep-13	15-Sep-13	V6	V6G	Micronesia	PG5M	www.dx.to
09-Sep-13	13-Sep-13	V5	V5/DF3GY	Namibia	DF3GY	
10-Sep-13	16-Sep-13	T8	T88TV	Belau	W5MJ	
10-Sep-13	21-Sep-13	FP	FP/DL2NUD	St. Pierre & M.	DL2NUD	
10-Sep-13	21-Sep-13	FP	FP/DJ4TC	St. Pierre & M.	DJ4TC	
13-Sep-13	16-Sep-13	JW	JW5E	Svalbard		
14-Sep-13	15-Sep-13	V5	V55V	Namibia		
15-Sep-13	19-Sep-13	T8	T8GM	Belau	PG5M	www.dx.to
15-Sep-13	20-Sep-13	YB	YE5R (OC-108)	Indonesia		http://qrz.com/db/YE5R
19-Sep-13	03-Sep-13	9M2	9M8DX/2	West Malaysia	SP5UAF	
20-Sep-13	23-Sep-13	JW	JW/DO6XX	Svalbard		
20-Sep-13	23-Sep-13	JW	JW/DL2JRM	Svalbard		
22-Sep-13	24-Sep-13	T8	T88GJ	Belau	JL1FUQ	
24-Sep-13	18-Nov-13	5X	5X1NH	Uganda	G3RWF	
25-Sep-13	03-Oct-13	JW	JW8DW	Svalbard	LA8DW	
27-Sep-13	11-Oct-13	3D2/R	3D2GC/p	Rotuma I.	LZ1GC	http://3d2gc.com/
27-Sep-13	11-Oct-13	3D2/R	3D2DD/p	Rotuma I.	3D2CC	http://3d2gc.com/
03-Oct-13	07-Oct-13	KH0	AH0KT	Mariana Is.		
03-Oct-13	17-Oct-13	FH	TO2TT	Mayotte		http://www.i2ysb.com
09-Oct-13	13-Oct-13	E5/S	E51YIV	S. Cook Is.	IZ0YIV	
09-Oct-13	17-Oct-13	6W	6V7T	Senegal	F5RAV	
10-Oct-13	14-Oct-13	KH0	KH0M	Mariana Is.		
12-Oct-13	24-Oct-13	TN	TN2MS	Congo	PA3AWW	http://www.tn2ms.nl/
13-Oct-13	17-Oct-13	E5/S	E51YIV	S. Cook Is.	IZ0YIV	
15-Oct-13	22-Oct-13	C9	C82DX	Mozambique		http://c82dx.com/
20-Oct-13	28-Oct-13	YB	YB9Y (OC-276)	Indonesia	YB1GJS	http://yb9y.com/
22-Oct-13	29-Oct-13	TN	TN2NB	Congo		
22-Oct-13	27-Nov-13	6W	6V7S	Senegal	RK4FF	
26-Oct-13	27-Oct-13	ZD8	ZD8O	Ascension I.		