



# Long Path



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## President's Report

Thank you to Brad for running the meeting last month when I was out of town.

I am back in town now and plan to be at the October meeting.

Fall is here so it is time for that last minute antenna work before the snow flies. Let's hope that the sun cooperates and we have a good winter DX season.

The end of this month brings the CQWW SSB test (for those of you that own a microphone). It is always a good chance to log a new one or two.

Hope to see you at the meeting and good DX  
73 Dave K8ESQ

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## Meeting Presentation

**Friday October 11, 2013**

## Meeting Minutes

Called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Secretary Brad, N8SNM. Seventeen members and three guests present at Jimi's Restaurant in Royal Oak.

Secretary Stan, AC8W, reports the minutes of the June 2013 meeting were printed in the Long Path. Motion to accept by N8LJ, second by VA3RJ, mcu\*

Treasurer Brad, N8SNM, reports a June 1<sup>st</sup> checking balance of \$2,200.60. One renewal of \$20.00. . \$83.67 PayPal balance. Deductions included MQP plaque cost and K9CT expenses totaling -\$504.08 leaving a June 29 balance of \$1,716.52 in checking and PayPal balance of \$83.67, Motion to accept by N8LJ, second by K8KQY, mcu\*.

### OLD BUSINESS:

None

### NEW BUSINESS:

None

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Former member and past President John Millett, K8JM, passed away recently from a heart attack. He was living in Kentucky and leaves a wife Tammy.

Stan, AC8W, has accepted a nomination as Great Lakes Division rep. on the DX Advisory Committee. Their charge from the ARRL Board is to

review the DXCC rule and recommend changes, if any. A preliminary report is due to the Programs and Services Committee by November 15.

Two issues are being discussed and they are 1.) Remote Operation, and 2.) New Entities. Your Input to Stan is appreciated before October 15 if possible. He will prepare a short discussion paper for distribution.

## 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**

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**

### Program

Gerry, K8GT, showed a CD of the February /March 2013 Burkina Faso DXpedition by the Italian DX Team. Operating from the capital Ouagadougou the eight member team made QSOs during the two-week operation. A light hearted look at a trip to a rare DX spot.

Motion to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. by K8VFV, second by K8SIX. mcu\*

Stan, AC8W, Secretary

\*mcu = motion carried unanimously

### Stan, AC8W Appointed to ARRL DXAC

ARRL Great Lakes Director Jim, Weaver, K8JE, reports:

"I am pleased to announce the appointment of Stan Arnett, AC8W, of Marysville, MI, as representative of the Great Lakes Division on the ARRL DX Advisory Committee (DXAC). Stan is a well-known in DX circles.

He replaces Kirk Swallow, W8QID, of Cincinnati who resigned after several years of service on the Committee...

The DXAC reviews topics referred to it by the ARRL Board of Directors and recommends action on these topics to the Board.

DXAC was tasked at the July Board meeting to conduct a review of existing rules that govern DXCC and recommend possible changes to these rules. DXAC is just one of several advisory committees that provide input from members to the Board."

Source: OPDX , September 11, 2013

Congratulations Stan!

### QSL Manager W5UE Now Has On-Line Log Search, OQRS

Per OPDX, Randy, W5UE, reports that "I now have an online log search and OQRS Web application for many of the stations I manage. Logs currently online:

**9V1YC, 9V9HQ, AK6W, EY3M, EY8ZE, HC8GR, HC8N, NA5NN and ZP5YW**

Daily updates from James are anticipated while he is QRV from XW."

See: <http://w5ue.net/qsl-w5ue-logsrch.html>.

### T10, TRANSNISTRIA

From August 31 to September 10, Vlad, UA4WHX, was briefly active as T10VB from Transnistria. In 1990 Transnistria declared independence from the Republic of Moldova. DXCC entity criteria has not been met.

Perhaps this will be a recognized entity someday...



## K9W Wake Atoll (# 21)

### Wake Atoll Commemorative DXpedition

According to the **K9W** web site: "This DXpedition is dedicated to preserving the memory of the Forgotten 98 -- a group of civilian contractors who lost their lives on Wake Island on October 7, 1943 during World War II. Some of these men have yet to be identified and are interred in Honolulu."

Wake Island is number 23 on the 100 Most Wanted List.

October 5 is the expected arrival date for the **K9W** team. On air operation is planned to begin October 7 and end October 18. The departure date is October 19.

There will be two CW and two SSB stations on the air. The CW site will be located across from the arrivals terminal and the SSB site will be housed in a 'beach house' near downtown Wake.

The web site mentions: "Please note! There are a few other DXpeditions which will be on air during the Wake

Transmit Frequencies			
Band	CW	SSB	RTTY
160	1.827		
80	3.523	3.790	3.580
60	5.405	5.4035	
40	7.023	7.082	7.035
30	10.103		10.140
20	14.023	14.185	14.080
17	18.079	18.140	18.100
15	21.023	21.285	21.080
12	24.894	24.955	24.910
10	28.023	28.485	28.080
6	50.107	50.107	

Operation. Our band plan, established in early March and documented on our website, will be used during our operation. To avoid the dreaded "Not in the Log", please be sure which DXpedition you are working! Our operators will announce the **K9W** often to help identify your contact."

**Wake Island** (also known as Wake Atoll) is a coral atoll having a coastline of 12 miles (19 km) in the North Pacific Ocean, located about two-thirds of the way between Honolulu, 2,300 statute miles (3,700 km) to the east, and Guam, 1,510 statute miles (2,430 km) to the west.

It is an unorganized, unincorporated territory of the United States, administered by the Office of Insular Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior.

Access to the island is restricted, and all activities on the island are managed by the United States Air Force. There is also a missile facility operated by the United States Army.

The largest island, Wake Island, is the center of activity on the atoll and is the location of Wake Island Airfield, which has a 9,800-foot (3,000 m) runway.

During World War II, the **Battle of Wake Island** began simultaneously with the Attack on Pearl Harbor and ended on 23 December 1941, with the surrender of the American forces to the Empire of Japan.

It was fought on and around the atoll formed by Wake Island and its islets of Peale and Wilkes Islands by the air, land and naval forces of the Empire of Japan against those of the U.S., with Marines playing a prominent role.

For more **K9W** DXpedition information see:

<http://www.wake2013.org/>

**Chet, K8YTO**

## Congratulations to K8YSE

Congratulations to John, **K8YSE**, for using satellite communications to work and confirm all 488 Maidenhead grid squares in the 48 contiguous United States. There is no award for this very special achievement.

## Austral Islands Two DX Groups

### TX5D Oct 2—14

Grant, **KZ1W** and Rob, **N7QT** will be QRV as **TX5D** from the Austral Islands, number 47 on the 100 Most Wanted List.

They will be on Raivavae Island, IOTA OC-114, from October 2 to 14. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via bureau.

### TX5RV Oct 30—Nov 6

Dave, **K3EL**, and Don, **VE7DS**, will be active from Raivavae Island (OC-114) between October 30th and November 6th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using mostly CW, maybe some SSB and RTTY. There will be significant on-the-air time for approximately one week, running two medium-power stations with vertical antennas on the beach.

See web site for frequencies and other information:

<http://k3el.wordpress.com/dx/raivavae-austral-islands>

## TU5DF Cote D'Ivoire Now—Oct 20

Dimitri, **F5SWB** is QRV as **TU5DF** until October 20.

Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using mostly CW with some SSB. QSL to home call.

## ROTUMA ISLANDS Oct and Nov DX Groups

### 3D2/Home Call/P Now – Oct 11

Andy, **LZ2HM**, Stan, **LZ1GC**, and Rocky, **3D2DD** are QRV now through October 11 from Rotuma. They are active on all HF bands, 160-2 meters CW/SSB/DIGITAL (PSK & SSTV) and special attention will be made to work by EME on 50 MHz on JT65A.

See web site for frequencies:

<http://3d2gc.com>

### 3D2R Nov 22– 29

Rotuma will again be activated in November by **YT1AD** as **3D2R**.

## XW4XR, LAOS

"The Daily DX" reports that Bruce, **AA4XR** (**3W3B**, **HS0ZCY**), will be returning to his home in Laos to do some antenna work and be active as September 30th and October 9th.

## 9N2YY, Nepal And A52YY, Bhutan Planned for October

Pekka, **OH2YY**, will activate Nepal (9N) between October 2-5th. He has applied for the callsign **9N2YY**, but the final confirmation will take place upon arrival in Kathmandu.

After Nepal, between October 6-10th, Pekka will be visiting the Kingdom of Bhutan (A5). He has been assigned a Bhutanese license with a callsign **A52YY**.

Both in Nepal and Bhutan, Pekka will be traveling mainly during the daytime hours, but during his evenings and nights, he will be active on 40-10 meters using SSB.

He cannot take any amplifier or yagis with him, so the operations will be basically with a 100w transceiver and dipoles.

His license in Nepal will cover bands 17-10 meters, but his Bhutanese license allows all HF bands. Pekka's plan is to have antennas for 40-10 meters, and he will try to have two or three antennas up simultaneously.

He states, "The propagation forecasts are not very good for North and Central America..." and therefore, he will try to have a bit better antenna on 10 meters.

Pekka will do his best to utilize the short openings that are predicted around midnight UTC for the West Coast and noon time for East.

QSL via direct and bureau, He will also use LoTW.

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:

Oct 5 Oceania DX SSB  
 Oct 12 Makrothen RTTY  
 Oct 12 Oceania DX CW  
**Oct 19 JARTS WW RTTY**  
**Oct 19 Stew Perry Warmup**  
 Oct 21 School Roundup  
**Oct 28 CQ WW SSB**

Chet, K8YTO

## KG4, Guantanamo Bay Oct 11-25 (160 and 6 M)

Operators Bill, **W4WV**, and Al, **W6HGF**, will be active as **KG4WV** and **KG4HF**, respectively, between October 11-25th. Activity will be on all bands, **160-6** meters using SSB, RTTY, PSK, and some CW. They will be on the air for the JOTA to put the local Boy Scouts on the radio. They will complete the antenna repairs from damage by hurricane Sandy and a few minor repair items to the shack. QSL via their home call signs.

Source: OPDX

## Hamfest Calendar

10/06/2013

### USECA Hamfest

**Location:** Madison Heights, MI

**Sponsor:** Utica Shelby Emergency Communication Association

**Website:**

<http://www.usecaarc.com>

## Oct/Nov - 100 Most Wanted Activity as of Sep 24 - In QRV Date Order

QRV	End	Prefix	Call	Entity	2012	Web Site	LP Date
NOW	01-Nov-13	T6	T6MH	AFGHANISTAN	48		
NOW	30-Nov-13	ZD9	ZD9KX	TRISTAN DE CUNHA	53		Nov-2010
NOW	01-Jan-14	T6	T6MC	AFGHANISTAN	48		
NOW	01-Mar-14	VP8/H	RI1ANU	SOUTH SHETLAND	95		
01-Oct-13	11-Oct-13	CY0	CY0P	SABLE ISLAND	65	<a href="http://www.cy0dxpedition.com/">www.cy0dxpedition.com/</a>	
02-Oct-13	14-Oct-13	FO/A	<b>TX5D</b>	AUSTRAL	47		
02-Oct-13	05-Oct-13	9N	9N2YY	NEPAL	84		
05-Oct-13	20-Oct-13	A5	A52YB	BHUTAN	78		Apr-2011
06-Oct-13	10-Oct-13	A5	A52YY	BHUTAN	78		Apr-2011
07-Oct-13	18-Oct-13	KH9	<b>K9W</b>	WAKE	21	<a href="http://www.wake2013.org/">www.wake2013.org/</a>	Oct-2013
11-Oct-13	25-Oct-13	KG4	KG4WV	GUANTANAMO BAY	89		
11-Oct-13	25-Oct-13	KG4	KG4HF	GUANTANAMO BAY	89		
13-Oct-13	20-Oct-13	VK9/L	<b>VK9DAC</b>	LORD HOWE ISLAND	94	<a href="http://vk9dac.coffeecup.com/">vk9dac.coffeecup.com/</a>	
30-Oct-13	06-Nov-13	FO/A	<b>TX5RV</b>	AUSTRAL	47		
01-Nov-13	28-Feb-14	YV0	YW0A	AVES ISLAND	35	<a href="http://www.avesisland.info/">www.avesisland.info/</a>	
01-Nov-13	07-Nov-13	CE0/E		EASTER ISLAND	79	<a href="http://easterisland2013.com/">easterisland2013.com/</a>	
05-Nov-13	18-Nov-13	T33	T33A	BANABA	33	<a href="http://www.t33a.com/">www.t33a.com/</a>	Nov-2008
08-Nov-13	20-Nov-13	CE0/Z	XR0ZR	JUAN FERN ISL.	43	<a href="http://www.juanfernandez2013.com/">www.juanfernandez2013.com/</a>	
12-Nov-13	22-Nov-13	KH8	<b>W8A</b>	AMERICAN SAMOA	93	<a href="http://www.n8a.eu/">www.n8a.eu/</a>	Nov-2011
18-Nov-13	19-Nov-13	KH8	KH8/N9YU	AMERICAN SAMOA	93		Nov-2011
18-Nov-13	19-Nov-13	KH8	KH8/ WD5COV	AMERICAN SAMOA	93		Nov-2011
18-Nov-13	19-Nov-13	KH8	KH8/ N7AFW	AMERICAN SAMOA	93		Nov-2011
19-Nov-13	29-Nov-13	S2		BANGLADESH	52	<a href="http://www.mdx.org/">www.mdx.org/</a>	
23-Nov-13	24-Nov-13	KH8	<b>N8A</b>	AMERICAN SAMOA	93	<a href="http://www.n8a.eu/">www.n8a.eu/</a>	Nov-2011

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



<b>Oct/Nov Other DX</b>
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QRV	End	Prefix	Call	ENTITY	QSL Mgr	Web Site
NOW	31-Oct-13	TU	TU5DF	Cote d Ivoire	F5SWB	<a href="http://www.qrz.com/">http://www.qrz.com/</a>
NOW	08-Nov-13	FO/F	FO/F5LCI	French Polynesia	F5LCI	-
NOW	16-Nov-13	5X	5X1NH	Uganda	G3RWF	-
NOW	02-Dec-13	HZ	7Z1ES	Saudi Arabia	IZ8CLM	-
NOW	31-Dec-13	C9	C91GBA	Mozambique	EA4GBA	-
NOW	24-Jun-14	Z6	Z6/LZ1BJ	Kosovo	LZ1BJ	(ARRL Not Recognize)
NOW	11-Oct-13	3D2/R	3D2AC/p	Rotuma I.	LZ2HM	-
NOW	11-Oct-13	3D2/R	3D2DD/p	Rotuma I.	3D2CC	<a href="http://3d2gc.com/">http://3d2gc.com/</a>
NOW	11-Oct-13	3D2/R	3D2GC/p	Rotuma I.	LZ1GC	<a href="http://3d2gc.com/">http://3d2gc.com/</a>
NOW	02-Nov-13	FR/R	FR/DJ7RJ	Reunion	DJ7RJ	-
02-Oct-13	27-Nov-13	H44	H44HP	Solomon Is. (H4)	DL2NUD	-
02-Oct-13	27-Nov-13	H44	H44MS	Solomon Is. (H4)	DL2GAC	-
03-Oct-13	07-Oct-13	KH0	AH0KT	Mariana Is.	JH8PHT	-
03-Oct-13	17-Oct-13	FH	TO2TT	Mayotte	-	<a href="http://www.i2ysb.com">http://www.i2ysb.com</a>
07-Oct-13	17-Oct-13	S7	S79MHY	Seychelles	IZ1MHY	-
10-Oct-13	14-Oct-13	KH0	KH0M	Mariana Is.	-	-
12-Oct-13	24-Oct-13	TN	TN2MS	Congo	PA3AWW	<a href="http://www.tn2ms.nl/">http://www.tn2ms.nl/</a>
15-Oct-13	22-Oct-13	C9	C82DX	Mozambique	-	<a href="http://c82dx.com/">http://c82dx.com/</a>
16-Oct-13	21-Oct-13	9L	by K4ZIN	Sierra Leone	K4ZIN	-
16-Oct-13	21-Oct-13	9L	by N4WDT	Sierra Leone	N4WDT	-
17-Oct-13	21-Oct-13	KH2	AH2EA	Guam	JF2WN	-
17-Oct-13	21-Oct-13	KH0	NH0J	Mariana Is.	JJ2VLY	-
17-Oct-13	23-Oct-13	3W	3W2DK	Vietnam	N0ODK	-
19-Oct-13	28-Oct-13	BY	BJ9TA	China	BA1DU	-
22-Oct-13	29-Oct-13	TN	TN2NB	Congo	-	-
24-Oct-13	29-Oct-13	3W	XV4MN	Vietnam	N0ODK	-
25-Oct-13	03-Nov-13	JD1/O	JD1BOI	Ogasawara	J11LET	-
30-Oct-13	02-Nov-13	3W	3W2DK	Vietnam	N0ODK	-
01-Nov-13	09-Nov-13	3W	XV2CNH	Vietnam	JA6CNH	-
01-Nov-13	10-Nov-13	HK0/A	DX Friends	San Andres & Prov	EA5RM	<a href="http://www.dxfriends.com/">http://www.dxfriends.com/</a>
01-Nov-13	11-Nov-13	YJ	YJ0ZS	Vanuatu	JA2ZS	-
01-Nov-13	31-Dec-13	5V	5V7TH	Togo	ON6DX	<a href="http://www.dxpediton.be/">http://www.dxpediton.be/</a>
01-Nov-13	31-May-14	OD	OD5/EA1CYK	Lebanon	EA7LS	-
04-Nov-13	11-Nov-13	FH	FH/DK9PY	Mayotte	DK9PY	-
07-Nov-13	15-Nov-13	JD1/O	JD1BLC	Ogasawara	JP1IOF	Club Log
11-Nov-13	22-Nov-13	FR/R	FR/DK9PY	Reunion	DK9PY	-
11-Nov-13	26-Nov-13	PY0/F	PY0FF	Fernando de Nor	W9VA	-
12-Nov-13	23-Nov-13	S7	S79WDX	Seychelles	I0WDX	-
18-Nov-13	27-Nov-13	3DA	3DA0CF	Swaziland	-	<a href="http://www.swazidx.org/">http://www.swazidx.org/</a>
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>
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	-
22-Nov-13	30-Nov-13	V6	V63DX	Micronesia	JA7HMZ	-
22-Nov-13	30-Nov-13	V6	V63ZF	Micronesia	JA7ZF	-
26-Nov-13	11-Dec-13	T32	T32TM	E. Kiribati	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	JF1CCH & JA1FUF	W. Kiribati	-	-