



# Long Path



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## President's Report

I just spent the last two weeks up-north and the trees have started to turn color all around the Travers City area. Work never ends up there. I put in the base for the new tower and found the Beverage antenna broken in half and on the ground. Probably deer. Hope to hear from some of you that attended W9DXCC. It was in my plans to go, but things just didn't work out and I missed it.

I have the QSL cards for the Tonga/Fiji DXpedition for Stan, Lee, & Brian. Anyone wanting a card, just email me the QSO info and bring your card(s) to the meeting and I will check the logs and have a card(s) for you at the meeting.

I know that everyone in the club is not a contester, but this month's program on the **new** N1MM logging program should be of interest also to those DXpeditioners using N1MM as a DX log, as well as Field Day users.

## Meeting Presentation

**N1MM + Contest Logger**

**Larry, K8UT**

## Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 1911 EDT by President Dave K8ESQ. Twenty five members and guests were in attendance. No changes were necessary to the June 2014 meeting minutes published in the Long Path.

Treasures report: Balance of the general account as of May 31 was \$1866.29. Expenses were \$76.53 for a MIQP plaque sponsorship. Account balance on June 30<sup>th</sup> was \$1789.76. Expenses over the summer were \$780.80 to cover the expenses of K9CT June presentation. This leaves a Sept 1, 2014 balance of \$1009.69.

The PayPal Account balance as of June 30<sup>th</sup> was \$456.44. This month, two new memberships were received for an addition of \$38.24 which brings the total of the PayPal account to \$494.68.

Since the PayPal account balance is growing, and membership dues are coming in, Brad requested guidance to determine if there was any particular balance Semdxa membership wanted to maintain in the PayPal account. A discussion was held and the membership consensus was since the PayPal account falls under the Treasures' authority, whatever balance he deemed necessary to conduct the

clubs' business is sufficient.

The treasures report and discussion was approved and seconded.

In the Long Path Fred, W1SKU is listed as a director. Since he is no longer a dues paying member, President Dave K8ESQ reports that Bob K8VFFV stepped up and accepted the directorship position and its associated responsibilities.

President Dave K8ESQ reports he received two requests for DX pedition donations. Since they were not on the SEMDXA memberships' top 25 list they were gracefully rejected.

Larry K8UT will prepare the 2014

## SEMDXA OFFICERS

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

*Vice-president:* Al Bailey, **K8SIX**

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

*Secretary:* Lee Dziekan, **N8LJ**

*Program Director:* Gerry Treas, **K8GT**  
Steve Culp, **K8QKY**

*Directors:* Ted, **K8NA**, Bob, **K8VFFV**, 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**

*CQ Checker:* Al Bailey, **K8SIX**

**Reminder**  
**FT4T, Tromelin Island**  
**30 October to 10 November**

## President's Report

Hope to see you at the next meeting.  
73 Dave K8ESQ

Coming to a website  
near you:

**THE SEMDXA MOST-  
WANTED DX SUR-  
VEY**

## Program

The presentation this evening was "Lost At Sea" an account of Amelia Earhart disappearance during her around the world trip and the role radio played.

Skillfully presented by Fred W8ZLK, Professor Emeritus, University of Michigan, Nuclear Physics Department.

Steve K8QKY (entertainment co-chair) reported that future presentations being considered are a WRTC contestant, K3LP a known favorite, and the 2014 DXpedition of A35LT, A35AC, A35TR, A35CO, 3D2LJ, 3D2AC, 3D2TR, and 3D2CO

SEMDXA memberships' DX needs survey shortly. He will include a "select all entity" feature so that those with many entities confirmed will have an easier time de-selecting only those entities needed.

Since Larry K8UT is the featured speaker at our October meeting, the subject is the new release and update of N1MM contest software, he took a poll of the membership to get an idea of the memberships use of contest software (since we are a DX club). To his surprise, over half of the attending membership considered themselves moderate testers and most used different logging software for DXing and contesting. N1MM was the preferred contest software of most of the membership. Larry also reported that the Dayton presentation of the new N1MM software release is available on the N1MM webpage.

Meeting adjourned at 2101 EDT.

Respectfully submitted

Lee  
N8LJ

**XX9 Macau DX Op by EA group, 22 Oct to 1 Nov, is listed in Daily DX Calendar. No details could be found. K8YTO**

## **KP1, NAVASSA ISLAND (Press Release)**

"The **KP1-5** Project is pleased to announce that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has agreed to allow an amateur radio operation from Navassa National Wildlife Refuge (**KP1**). The operation will occur within the next 18 months and will be coordinated with the USFWS work flow.

Over the past year, the **KP1-5** Project has had numerous meetings with various levels of USFWS management. Throughout our discussions, their personnel have been courteous, professional and cooperative. We have been treated with sincere interest and respect and believe that amateur radio operators may now be viewed as partners and not adversaries.

As with the Desecheo operation in 2009, and in order to be transparent and fair, the USFWS has requested proposals for the amateur radio operation from those individuals and groups that have already applied for a Special Use Permit in the past. **The KP1-5** Project will be submitting a proposal and hoping to be selected as they were for the very successful Desecheo (**K5D**) operation.

We wish to thank the USFWS for their decision to allow this operation. Navassa Island is ranked #2 most-needed DXCC entity by The DX Magazine and #1 by ClubLog.

Please visit our website for up to date information.

<http://kp1-5.com/new/index.htm>

73, Bob Allphin, **K4UEE**, President

**VK0MH  
MACQUARIE ISLAND.  
21 Oct to 30 April 2015**

26 September 2014:

It was announced on QRZ.com that Rod, **GM4AWB**, will be active as **VK0MH** from Macquarie Island (AN-005) 21 October 2014 to 30 April 2015. Look for more info to be forthcoming. Start of operation may be after 21 October.

From Chris, **GM3WOJ**, **ZL1CT**:

Rod visited me on 25th Sept for some operating hints and pile-up practice. Unfortunately Auroral conditions meant the bands were quite poor here in N. Scotland during his brief visit. I gave him a Netbook with WinTest 4.13.0, **N1MM** Plus, **MMTTY**, **FLdigi**, **WtDXtelnet**, **WtTunnel**, **WtClublog** and **VE7CC** software.

If the internet connection is reliable enough, Rod hopes to use the real-time logging system (as developed by Pete **G4CLA** for **ZK2V**, **VK9CZ** and **A35V**) which links WinTest to ClubLog.

If it can be used, the **VK0MH** real-time log will be found here :

[www.qsl.net/gm3woj/vk0mhrealtimelog.htm](http://www.qsl.net/gm3woj/vk0mhrealtimelog.htm)

Rod is consulting Trevor, **VK0TH**, and others to find out as much as possible before setting off to Macquarie Island next month.

Please do not send a barrage of e-mail requests for bands/modes - we will keep you informed here about Rod's plans. More info. a.s.a.p. 73

**VK9AN, VK9XSP  
CHRISTMAS ISLAND  
Two DXpeditions.**

**VK9XSP**, Eight Polish operators will activate Christmas Island from 18 Oct to 31 Oct. They will be active on **160-6m CW, SSB, RTTY**. **At least 2 stations will be active 24 hours a day.** See:

[http://dxing.at-communication.com/en/VK9XSP\\_Christmas/](http://dxing.at-communication.com/en/VK9XSP_Christmas/)

**VK9AN**—Rob, **N7QT**, and YL Melanie, **AB1UH**, are active as **VK9AN** from Christmas Island (OC-002, **VKFF-098**) between September 18th and October 2nd. This is a suitcase expedition on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes.

**TX5Z**, **AUSTRAL ISLANDS**: Rob and Melaniw will be operate from Raivavae Island (OC-114) 3 Oct to 13 Oct.

**ZD9A  
GOUGH ISLAND.**

A few sources are reporting that David, **ZS1BCE** (ex-**ZS8Z**), will be active as **ZD9A** from Gough Island (AF-030). David is apparently on the same ship, "SA Agulhas II", as Paul, **ZS1S**, and Nigel, **G3TXF**, are on.

He is expected to take over the radio duties from Pierre, **ZS1HF/ZD9M**. His length of stay, bands and modes of activities were not mentioned. QSL via **ZS1LS**.

**YJ0X  
VANUATU  
3 Oct to 15 Oct**

**Press Release:**

Members of "The Quake Contesters (**ZL3X**)" posted the following press release (#3) on their Web page on September 15th: "Everything is on schedule for our arrival in Vanuatu on October 3rd. We hope to have at least two of the stations working and at least one aerial up for that evening. The emphasis the next day will be installing the contest band antennas ready for the Oceania DX Contest SSB leg later on that day, though we do hope to make some Qs as well. Soon after the contest, we'll be adding the WARC band antennas and 6m set-up, and when time permits the **160m** antenna.

We will be looking for openings to South America and Africa, the two continents most needing **YJ** for a new one, so if you're outside these areas, please QRX for the very short time it will take to work through callers.

Regarding the Oceania SSB and CW legs, Clublog real-time uploads will be switched off during this time and up-loaded soon after the contest ends.

See: <http://yj2014.wordpress.com/>

**OPDX is the main source  
for DX Articles.  
K8YTO**

**Oct/Nov - 100 Most Wanted Activity**  
as of Sep 25 - In [QRV Date Order](#)—By K8YTO

						Top 100	
QRV	End	Prefix	Call	Entity	QSL Mgr	2013	LP Date
Now	02-Oct-14	VK9/X	<b>VK9AN</b>	CHRISTMAS ISLAND	N7QT	38	01-Apr-09
Now	02-Oct-14	A5	A52O	BHUTAN	OH2YY	67	01-Apr-11
Now	03-Oct-14	ZD9	ZD9XF (AF-029)	TRISTAN DE CUNHA	G3TXF	50	01-Nov-10
Now	03-Oct-14	ZD9	ZD9ZS (AF-029)	TRISTAN DE CUNHA	ZS1S	50	01-Nov-10
Now	04-Oct-14	9N	9N7AD	NEPAL	DK5AD	66	
Now	06-Oct-14	ZD9	ZD9TT	TRISTAN DE CUNHA		50	01-Nov-10
Now	07-Oct-14	9N	9N7CJ	NEPAL	F3CJ	66	
Now	14-Oct-14	C2	C21GC	NAURU	LZ1GC	60	01-Jun-09
Now	23-Nov-14	3W	XV2G	VIETNAM		83	
Now	20-Dec-14	T6	T6RH	AFGHANISTAN	NI5DX	54	
01-Oct-14	30-Aug-15	ZD9	ZD9A (AF-030)	TRISTAN DE CUNHA	ZS1LS	50	01-Nov-10
02-Oct-14	15-Oct-14	T30	T30D	WESTERN KIRIBATI	DL4SVA	90	01-Nov-08
03-Oct-14	06-Oct-14	V6	V63XP	MICRONESIA	JA0JHQ	77	
03-Oct-14	13-Oct-14	FO/A	<b>TX5Z (OC-114)</b>	AUSTRAL	N7QT	48	
03-Oct-14	15-Oct-14	YJ	YJ0X	VANUATU		73	
04-Oct-14	18-Oct-14	S7	S79KB	SEYCHELLES	DL2SBY	98	
08-Oct-14	20-Oct-14	4W	4W/G3ZEM	TIMOR LESTE	M0URX	59	01-Oct-09
10-Oct-14	12-Oct-14	VK9/L	<b>VK9DJ</b>	LORD HOWE ISLAND		89	
10-Oct-14	14-Oct-14	V6	V60EME	MICRONESIA	JH3AZC	77	
10-Oct-14	14-Oct-14	V6	V63WG	MICRONESIA	JR3GWZ	77	
10-Oct-14	14-Oct-14	V6	V60O	MICRONESIA	JH3QFL	77	
10-Oct-14	14-Oct-14	V6	V63AZ	MICRONESIA	JH3AZC	77	
11-Oct-14	13-Oct-14	JD1/O	<b>JD1BOW</b>	OGASAWARA	JA0JHQ	85	01-Jan-10
12-Oct-14	31-Oct-14	VK9/L	<b>VK9DLX</b>	LORD HOWE ISLAND		89	
18-Oct-14	26-Oct-14	FO/M	<b>TX7G</b>	MARQUESAS		84	01-Oct-11
18-Oct-14	31-Oct-14	VK9/X	<b>VK9XSP</b>	CHRISTMAS ISLAND	SP6IXF	38	01-Apr-09
19-Oct-14	31-Oct-14	4W	4W/K7CO	TIMOR LESTE		59	01-Oct-09
21-Oct-14	27-Oct-14	KH8	KH8B	AMERICAN SAMOA	JH3PRR	65	01-Nov-11
21-Oct-14	30-Apr-15	VK0/M	VK0MH	MACQUARIE		22	01-Oct-10
22-Oct-14	01-Nov-14	XX9	By EA group	MACAU		56	01-Apr-12
23-Oct-14	04-Nov-14	9N	9N7CJ	NEPAL	F3CJ	66	
24-Oct-14	28-Oct-14	T8	T88WJ	PALAU	JS3LSQ	99	
24-Oct-14	30-Oct-14	T8	T88HZ	PALAU	TA1HZ	99	
25-Oct-14	26-Oct-14	T8	T88TC	PALAU	TA1HZ	99	
25-Oct-14	26-Oct-14	VK9/L	<b>VK9LM</b>	LORD HOWE ISLAND		89	
30-Oct-14	10-Nov-14	FR/T	<b>FT4TA</b>	TROMELIN		10	
03-Nov-14	30-Nov-14	S7	S79VR (AF-024)	SEYCHELLES	DD0VR	98	
05-Nov-14	08-Nov-14	V8	V85YL	BRUNEI		100	
05-Nov-14	18-Nov-14	KH8	W1AW/KH8	AMERICAN SAMOA		65	01-Nov-11
28-Nov-14	28-Nov-14	V6	V63DX	MICRONESIA	JA7HMZ	77	
28-Nov-14	04-Dec-14	V6	V63ZP	MICRONESIA	JA7ZP	77	
29-Nov-14	30-Nov-14	V6	V6A	MICRONESIA	JA7HMZ	77	

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

Oct/Nov Other DX - By K8YTO
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QRV	End	Prefix	Call	ENTITY	QSL Mgr
Now	01-Oct-14	9X	9X0VA	Rwanda	
Now	03-Oct-14	5V	5V7DB	Togo	OK6DJ
Now	03-Oct-14	5V	5V7PS	Togo	OK6DJ
Now	03-Oct-14	5V	5V7ST	Togo	OK6DJ
Now	06-Oct-14	9K	9K9GHL	Kuwait	
Now	06-Oct-14	E5/S	E51HDJ	S. Cook Is.	DJ2HD
Now	06-Oct-14	E5/S	E51XIW	S. Cook Is.	DJ5IW
Now	07-Oct-14	YB	YB9/HA3JB (OC-150)	Indonesia	HA3JB
Now	08-Oct-14	FO/F	FO/DF1YP (OC-046)	French Poly (FO)	DF1YP
Now	08-Oct-14	FR/R	FR/DJ7RJ	Reunion	DJ7RJ
Now	14-Oct-14	5H	5H1MD (AF-032)	Tanzania	IZ1MHY
Now	30-Oct-14	FR/R	FR/DJ2CW	Reunion	DJ2CW
Now	01-Nov-14	TT	TT8/F5RQP	Chad	
Now	01-Jun-15	5H	5H6JG	Tanzania	N0XDW
Now	01-Jun-15	TJ	TJ3TS	Cameroon	PA-3249
01-Oct-14	21-Oct-14	7Q	7Q7VW	Malawi	DK2WV
03-Oct-14	14-Oct-14	A3	A35RT	Tonga	VK3GK
04-Oct-14	19-Oct-14	5Z	5Z4/DJ4EL (AF-040)	Kenya	DJ4EL
08-Oct-14	21-Oct-14	KH0	W1AW/KH0	Mariana Is.	
08-Oct-14	29-Oct-14	ZK3	ZK3E	Tokelau Is.	
08-Oct-14	29-Oct-14	ZK3	ZK3Q	Tokelau Is.	
09-Oct-14	12-Oct-14	FR/R	FR/F4HAU	Reunion	
13-Oct-14	17-Oct-14	3B9	3B9/F4HAU	Rodriguez I.	
13-Oct-14	09-Nov-14	E5/S	E51NOU (OC-013)	S. Cook Is.	N7OU
18-Oct-14	24-Oct-14	FR/R	FR/F4HAU	Reunion	
18-Oct-14	27-Oct-14	ZA	ZA/F4DTO	Albania	
18-Oct-14	27-Oct-14	ZA	ZA/F4GFE	Albania	
20-Oct-14	26-Oct-14	5W	5W0EF	Western Samoa	W8AEF
20-Oct-14	26-Oct-14	5W	5W0QQ	Western Samoa	N7CQQ
20-Oct-14	26-Oct-14	5W	5W0XH	Western Samoa	KD6XH
20-Oct-14	04-Nov-14	5R	5R8M	Madagascar	IK2VUC
20-Oct-14	07-Nov-14	5T	5T0ITU	Mauritania	
21-Oct-14	31-Oct-14	7P	by GI4FUM	Lesotho	
24-Oct-14	26-Oct-14	KH2	KH2M	Guam	
25-Oct-14	26-Oct-14	5R	5R8C	Madagascar	IK2VUC
25-Oct-14	26-Oct-14	KH0	NH0DX	Mariana Is.	JL3RDC
25-Oct-14	26-Oct-14	3B8	by G0CKV	Mauritius	
26-Oct-14	27-Oct-14	YB	YB0NDT	Indonesia	
29-Oct-14	11-Nov-14	V5	V5/OE3SZA	Namibia	OE3SZA
29-Oct-14	11-Nov-14	8Q	8Q7OO	Maldives	GM0HIO
29-Oct-14	20-Nov-14	FR/R	FR/F5UOW	Reunion	
29-Oct-14	20-Nov-14	FR/R	FR/F8FUA	Reunion	
01-Nov-14	08-Nov-14	Z2	Z21EME (EME)	Zimbabwe	
17-Nov-14	02-Dec-14	XT	XT2AW	Burkina Faso	M0OXO
22-Nov-14	30-Nov-14	9K	9K2HN	Kuwait	
25-Nov-14	15-Dec-14	TY	By Italian DX Team	Benin	
29-Nov-14	30-Nov-14	3B8	by G0CKV	Mauritius	
29-Nov-14	30-Nov-14	9M6	9M6NA (OC-133)	East Malaysia	JE1JKL