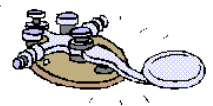


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President's Report

This seems like a month of not much going on, at least for me. Amsterdam Island is done and the winter just won't go away.

We have an interesting speaker for this month's meeting, so I hope to see many of you there.

73 Dave K8ESQ

Meeting Minutes

Called to order at 7:20 p.m. by President Dave, K8ESQ. Eleven members and two guests present at Jimi's Restaurant in Royal Oak.

Secretary Stan, AC8W, reports the minutes of the January 2014 meeting were printed in the Long Path. Motion to accept by K8RDJ, second by N8LU mcu*

Treasurer Brad, N8SNM, reports a January 1st checking balance of \$2,008.19. \$60.00 dues payment added, expenses of \$101.90 deducted leaves a January 31 balance of \$1,966.29. PayPal balance started at \$416.95 with three renewals, minus a \$56.11 donation to the Tromelin Island DXpedition leaves a balance of \$418.20 Motion to accept by N8LJ,

second by N8MU, mcu.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Livonia Swap is this coming Sunday. The TMARA Swap in Perrysburg, OH is March 16.

Steve, K8KQY, passes on that Gerry, K8GT, has arranged for K8PGJ to tell us of his ZF2PG trip to the Cayman Islands. Also, K9CT, Craig, will visit nearer to summer to tell about his

Meeting Presentation

Friday March 14, 2014
Pete K8PGJ trip to Cayman Islands for scuba diving and operating as ZF2PG

SEMDXA OFFICERS

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FT5ZM adventures.

Linda, KC8PKY, has YLRL Raffle Tickets. The funds go to their scholarship fund.

Steve, K8KQY, says the FT5ZM Amsterdam Island DXpedition crew is safely onboard the Braveheart and on the way home. Their Online QSL Request System had a problem which has been resolved.

Program

Steve, K8KQY, introduced a DVD by Eric "Rick" Hilding, K6VVA, titled the "Bib Picture of DXpedition Operating" He decries what he calls Anti Social Pileup Behavior (ASPUB) Problems from the expedition end are caused by:

Failure to ALWAYS listen up
Failure to ID frequently (minimum of every three to five Q's)

Failure to move the VFO and tune through the pileup

Failure with partial calls
Sending too fast (he uses 30 wpm and claims that 15% use code readers and 15% use a hearing aid)

Responding to out of turn callers (NEVER do this)

Not confronting bully lids or pileup terrorists

Failure of the expedition "Team Leader" to maintain consistency.

Failure of "Funding Organizations" to obtain a firm commitment for proven strategies for efficient pileup management

10) Operating simplex...a NO NO. causes an instant LIDFEST

K6VVA urges all to read and subscribe to the DX Code of Conduct and to attend DX University.

Lots of good tips and operating info regardless of which side of the pileup you are!

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Stan, AC8W, Secretary
*mcu = motion carried unanimously

Hamfest Calendar

03/15/2014 Marshall

Southern Michigan Amateur Radio Society

Website: <http://www.w8df.com> [Learn More](#)

VU4K Andaman Island (#40)

VU4 ANDAMAN ISLANDS. Krish, **W4VKU**, will be active as **VU4K** from Port Blair between March 23rd - 30th.

Activity will be on 40 – 10 meters in SSB and RTTY modes.

Equipment: 2 element SterrIR with 30/40m, Acom 1000 and possibly a Butternut Vertical.

QSL **W4VKU** (OQRS will be available early April). Clublog will be used in real time.

Source: OPDX

K8YTO

9J2T Zambia (Note: 160Meter Op)

9J, ZAMBIA. Look for members of the Italian DXpedition Team to be active as **9J2T** between February 28th and March 17th. **Activity will be on all bands, 160-6 meters using all modes.** See PDX.1149 for more details. QSL via **I2YSB**, direct or by the Bureau. An OQRS will be available for direct QSL and LoTW at: <http://win.i2ysb.com/logonline>

Source: OPDX

VK9M
Mellish Reef (#32)

VK9M, MELLISH REEF. The following was sent out on February 20th [edited]: " Mellish Reef DXpedition is scheduled for March 28, 2014 to April 9, 2014.

Equipment: "We'll have 2 small generators, 1.5KW each and 4 new 4KW inverters. Antennas will include two 18 meter SpiderPoles w/auto-tuners in the water using specially designed bases, 2 folding hex beams, and several SteppIR BigIR and CrankIR antennas.

We have an Inmarsat Broadband Global Area network (BGAN) satellite terminal for uploading logs daily to our QSL manager, as well as photos - if time permits. LoTW will be uploaded shortly after we return home.

Beginning on, or about, March 19th we will send regular updates to the DX bulletins as we consolidate the equipment load the boat and set sail for Mellish Reef.....

73, Team Mellish 2014"

Source: OPDX

K8YTO

VK9X
Christmas Island (#40)

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND. Operators Jon, **K7CO** and Christian, **K7CXN**, will be active as **VK9X/K7CO** from Christmas Island (OC-002) between March 1-11th.

Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and PSK31.

Christian will be the primary operator on PSK31 and will also do some SSB.

QSL via K7CO, direct or via the OQRS on ClubLog.

NO Bureau.

For more details and updates, see:

<http://www.nielsen.net/vk9x>

Source: OPDX

K8YTO

VK0TH
QSL Manager

VK0TH QSLs Trevor, **VK8TH**, has reconsidered his decision on not QSLing **VK0TH** QSOs from 2 years ago. See: He now has a QSL Manager. Joe, **WL7E**, states, "I will be taking over the QSL duties for Trevor. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW, eQSL, ClubLog, etc. For those still needing a paper card, new cards will be printed.

Source: OPDX

3C0BYP
Annobon Island (#50)
&
Equatorial Guinea

3C0 & 3C4, ANNOBON ISLAND AND EQUATORIAL GUINEA.

Elmo, **EA5BYP**, is now active as **3C0BYP** (earlier than expected) from Annobon Island (AF-039) until March 8th.

Gabriel, **OD5NJ**, (Elmo's pilot station) informed OPDX that Elmo started earlier due to a transportation issue.

Activity will be on SSB, RTTY and some CW.

There is a possibility of him making a trip to Bioko Island (AF-010), Equatorial Guinea, to be active as **3C4BYP**, after his operation on Annobon.

QSL via his home callsign (see QRZ.com).

SOURCE: OPDX

K8YTO

Mar/April - 100 Most Wanted Activity
as of Feb 24 - In QRV Date Order—By K8YTO

QRV	End	Prefix	Call	Entity	2012	LP Date
NOW	07-Mar-14	KG4	KG4WV	GUANTANAMO BAY	89	
NOW	07-Mar-14	KG4	KG4KL	GUANTANAMO BAY	89	
NOW	08-Mar-14	3C0	3C0BYP (AF-039)	ANNOBON	50	
NOW	18-Mar-14	JD1/M	JG8NQJ/JD1	MINAMI TORISHIMA	42	01-Jan-10
NOW	31-Mar-14	VP8/H	RI1ANU (AN-010)	SOUTH SHETLAND	95	
NOW	01-Apr-14	T6	T6EC	AFGHANISTAN	48	
NOW	20-Apr-14	4S	4S7KKG	SRI LANKA	92	
NOW	01-May-14	ZS8	ZS8C	PRINCE EDWARD & MARION IS	9	01-May-08
NOW	01-Jun-14	T6	T6RH	AFGHANISTAN	48	
01-Mar-14	11-Mar-14	VK9/X	VK9X/K7CO	CHRISTMAS ISLAND	45	01-Apr-09
10-Mar-14	24-Mar-14	4S	By DL7DF group	SRI LANKA	92	
10-Mar-14	28-Mar-14	ZL7	ZL7AAA	CHATHAM IS	75	
20-Mar-14	01-Apr-14	FO/A	By UK group (OC-114)	AUSTRAL	47	
23-Mar-14	30-Mar-14	VU4	VU4K (AS-001)	ANDAMAN	40	
25-Mar-14	15-Apr-14	VK9/M	VK9MT	MELLISH REEF	32	01-Mar-09
01-Apr-14	30-Apr-14	YV0	YW0A (10 days in April)	AVES ISLAND	35	
09-Apr-14	20-Apr-14	KH8	KH8/PA3EWP (OC-077)	AMERICAN SAMOA	93	01-Nov-11
09-Apr-14	20-Apr-14	KH8	KH8/DL2AWG (OC-077)	AMERICAN SAMOA	93	01-Nov-11
09-Apr-14	20-Apr-14	KH8	KH8/DL6JGN (OC-077)	AMERICAN SAMOA	93	01-Nov-11

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

This information was extracted from *The Daily DX Calendar*

Mar/April Other DX - By K8YTO

QRV	End	Prefix	Call	ENTITY	QSL Mgr
NOW	07-Mar-14	A3	A35AX (OC-049 & 064)	Tonga	DK1AX
NOW	08-Mar-14	PJ4	PJ4D	Bonaire	
NOW	09-Mar-14	PJ4	PJ4F	Bonaire	WS5K
NOW	11-Mar-14	ZD8	ZD8D	Ascension I.	DL9HO
NOW	16-Mar-14	PJ7	PJ7AA	St. Maarten	AA9A
NOW	16-Mar-14	5X	5X1XA	Uganda	G3SWH
NOW	17-Mar-14	9J	9J2T	Zambia	I2YSB
NOW	22-Mar-14	XU	XU7ACQ	Cambodia	KF0RQ
NOW	01-May-14	JW	JW2US (EU-027)	Svalbard	LA2US
NOW	25-May-14	VP8/F	VP8BTU	Falkland Is.	G1EUZ
NOW	31-May-14	OD	OD5/EA1CYK	Lebanon	EA7LS
NOW	24-Jun-14	Z6	Z6/LZ1BJ	Kosovo (Not Official)	LZ1BJ
NOW	01-Jan-15	VQ9	VQ9JC	Chagos Is.	Est END Date
01-Mar-14	02-Mar-14	PJ2	PJ2T	Curacao	W3HMK
02-Mar-14	31-Mar-14	5V	5V7BJ	Togo	
02-Mar-14	31-Mar-14	5V	5V7MP	Togo	
03-Mar-14	12-Mar-14	9X	9X0NH	Rwanda	G3RWF
04-Mar-14	10-Mar-14	PJ6	PJ6/WD8KUR	St. Eustatius/Saba	
04-Mar-14	10-Mar-14	PJ6	PJ6/KB8RJ	St. Eustatius/Saba	
08-Mar-14	14-Mar-14	T8	by VK3BY	Belau (W. Caroline Is.)	
12-Mar-14	29-Mar-14	PJ2	PJ2/DK5ON	Curacao	DK5ON
14-Mar-14	11-Apr-14	5H	5H3MB	Tanzania	IK2GZU
19-Mar-14	25-Mar-14	KH2	W1AW/KH2	Guam	
20-Mar-14	31-Mar-14	8Q	8Q7TS (AS-013)	Maldives	JF1CCH
21-Mar-14	24-Mar-14	BY	BD3AEO/3 (AS-134)	China	
21-Mar-14	24-Mar-14	BY	BA3AX/3 (AS-134)	China	BA3AX
21-Mar-14	04-Apr-14	FH	FH/DL7BC	Mayotte	DL7BC
26-Mar-14	02-Apr-14	YB	YF1AR/8 (OC-219)	Indonesia	N2OO
26-Mar-14	02-Apr-14	YB	YB3MM/8 (OC-219)	Indonesia	
29-Mar-14	30-Mar-14	9M2	9M2SM	West Malaysia	
04-Apr-14	18-Apr-14	A3	A35X (OC-049)	Tonga	N3SL
04-Apr-14	18-Apr-14	A3	A35V (OC-049)	Tonga	N3SL
08-Apr-14	15-Apr-14	T8	by DF8DX	Belau (W. Caroline Is.)	DF8DX
15-Apr-14	01-May-14	YJ	By ZL group	Vanuatu	Est End Date
16-Apr-14	24-Apr-14	VP2/M	VP2MMN	Montserrat	DF8AN
30-Apr-14	07-May-14	T8	T88ST	Belau (W. Caroline Is.)	JR3STX