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President's Report

Last month's meeting was a good one. We learned that ZF land is the place to go for a luxury DXpedition. We have the MI QSO party coming up this month, always a lot of fun. Look for us from Kalkaska Co. (if the snow has melted enough to get up the driveway) Also the CQ WPX test is the last weekend in March. The bands have been quite active lately and I put a couple of new ones in the log this week. Now if I can just get them confirmed. I received my January CQ last week. Supposedly the February will be out soon, then a combined March/April issue will be published. I hope they get the magazine back on track.

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

Meeting Presentation

Friday April 11, 2014
The February 1994 3Y0PI
Dxpedition originally pre-
sented at the March 1994
SEMDXA meeting by
Dxpedition member Bob
N4GCK

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the March 14, 2014
SEMDXA Meeting

Called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Dave, K8ESQ. Twenty-one 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 K8VFFV, second by K8RDJ mcu*

Treasurer Brad, N8SNM, reports a February 1st checking balance of \$1,966.29. Expenses of \$120.00 for flowers for W8GF deducted leaves a February 28 balance of \$1,846.29. PayPal balance started at \$418.20 with one renewal leaves a balance of \$437.32 Motion to accept by K8VFFV, second by K8KQY, mcu.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bob, K8VFFV, is taking orders for SEMDXA shirts. See him to be ready for Dayton.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Mad River Radio Club request

support for a plaque for the Michigan QSO Party in the amount of \$65.00. Motion by K8SIX, second by K8NWD, mcu

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Stan, AC8W reports that the DXAC has submitted suggestions to the ARRL Board regarding remote operation.

The Marshall Crossroads Swap is March 15 followed by the TMARA Swap at Perrysburg, OH March 16.

Oakland County has scheduled a Skywarn Class early March. Check the NWS web site for a class near you.

President Dave says the recent FT5ZM Amsterdam Island DXpedition will be

SEMDXA OFFICERS

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CQ Checker: Al Bailey, **K8SIX**

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Wanted

giving priority for QSL's and LOTW to donors.

The Southwest Ohio DX Association will feature Dave Collingwood, K3LP, as the featured speaker at the Hamvention DX Dinner.

Do NOT park in the credit union next to Jimi's Restaurant, even after 6 p.m. according to President Dave.

FOR SALE" Tim, K8NWD, has the estate of K8ZYK. Lots of gear and antenna.

Jay, WB8SBI, tells us that the FOX-1A is a candidate for a flight in November, 2014 and he promises that it will fly. It will be a 2 meter FM bird in a high circular orbit.

Congratulations to Larry, K8MU, for coordinating a successful ISS QSO with Warren Schools. Twenty-two students asked the flight crew questions. Equipment included two rigs (one a back-up, a 22-element circularly polarized antenna. 100w power was used to make the successful contact.

Program

Steve, K8KQY, introduced Pete, K8PGJ/ZF2PG to tell us about his January 2014 Cayman Island vacation/DXpedition. Pete combines scuba diving with Ham radio and often accompanies his MD wife. He used a K3 at the Cayman Island club station of which he is a member. Big antennas and a comfortable shack made his contacts enjoyable. Cayman Islands is 22 miles by eight miles and is located 250 mile south of Cuba (served by a direct flight from DTW every Saturday). Famous

for banking it is a British Territory and a license is easy to obtain. He did a lot of propagation analysis and made 2,533 Q's including an entry in the NAQP contest. Lots of Q & A.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Motion by K8SIX, second by N8LJ, mcu.

Stan, AC8W, Secretary
*mcu = motion carried unanimously

VK9M Mellish Reef (#32) March 28 to April 9

VK9M, MELLISH REEF. "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

Hamfest Calendar

04/12/2014 Plymouth

Location: Milford High School
2380 South Milford Road
Highland, MI 48356
Website: <http://www.gsl.net/w8ydk>
Sponsor: Milford Amateur Radio Club (W8YDK)

2013 DX Magazine Worldwide 100 Most Wanted Survey Results

Many changes occurred in 2013 Most Wanted DX Survey which was conducted by *The DX magazine* in the September/October time period. World-wide propagation favored DXing for much of 2013.

The following summary tables provide some insight into movement on and off the Worldwide 100 Most Wanted List. A zero in the table means the country was not on the list for the year.

The first table lists 15 countries removed from the list in 2013. Six had been on the list for 5 or more years. They are highlighted in color. Yemen has had the most notable change in 2012 and with the 2013 DXpedition it was bumped off the list.

The second table shows the 15 coun-

tries added to the list and rank for 2013. Of the 15 added, eight have not been on the list in at least the last 6 years and are highlighted in color.

Finally, the Worldwide 100 Most Wanted List is attached at the end of the Long Path. It shows a seven year history for the listed countries.

See the January/February and March/April issues of *The DX Magazine* for further geographic and mode survey breakdowns.

Chet - **K8YTO**

Fifteen removed from the 2013 Worldwide 100 Most Wanted List

(Note the six countries highlighted in color were on the list for at least 5 years)

2013	2012	PREFIX	COUNTRY	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
0	31	FO/C	CLIPPERTON	45	62	90	78	21
0	44	ZK3	TOKELAU	57	77	58	47	60
0	63	TT	CHAD	76	82	89	93	0
0	65	CY0	SABLE ISLAND	86	50	65	72	70
0	75	ZL7	CHATHAM IS	0	0	0	0	0
0	77	3B7	AGAELGA & ST BRAN-DON	100	0	0	0	0
0	79	CE0/E	EASTER ISLAND	0	0	0	0	0
0	80	CY9	ST PAUL ISLAND	49	48	77	85	0
0	83	TZ	MALI	0	0	0	0	0
0	85	5U	NIGER	0	0	0	0	0
0	86	7O	YEMEN	5	4	5	2	2
0	89	KG4	GUANTANAMO BAY	0	0	0	0	0
0	90	3B9	RODRIGUES IS.	0	0	0	0	0
0	97	XT	BURKINIA FASO	0	0	0	0	0
0	100	PJ5	ST. EUSTATUS	69	0	0	0	0

Fifteen Added to the 2013 Worldwide 100 Most Wanted List

(Note the eight countries highlighted in color have not been on the list for at least 6 years)

2013	2012	PREFIX	COUNTRY	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
73	0	YJ	VANUATU	0	0	0	0	0
76	0	XU	CAMBODIA	0	0	97	0	0
77	0	V6	MICRONESIA	98	0	0	0	0
82	0	FH	MAYOTTE	0	0	0	0	0
83	0	3W	VIETNAM	93	97	83	88	92
85	0	JD1/O	OGASAWARA	0	0	94	90	78
87	0	YI	IRAQ	0	0	0	0	0
89	0	VK9/L	LORD HOWE ISLAND	0	95	0	0	0
90	0	T30	WESTERN KIRIBATI	84	74	61	53	59
92	0	TL	CENTRAL AFRICA REP	0	0	88	65	62
94	0	V7	MARSHALL IS	0	0	0	0	0
96	0	UJ	UZBEKISTAN	0	0	0	0	0
98	0	S7	SEYCHELLES	0	0	0	0	0
99	0	T8	PALAU	0	0	0	0	0
100	0	V8	BRUNEI	0	0	0	0	0

DX News

ZS8, MARION ISLAND. Gerard, **ZS1KX**, is expected to leave for Marion Island on April 2nd. He has applied for callsign **ZS8KX**. Operation expected in May.

NOTE: YL operator Nadia, **ZS8A**, has been showing up on 28650 kHz during mid-March between 1420-1600z. She does use ClubLog.

9N, NEPAL. Andy, **UA3AA**, is now active as **9N7AA** from Nepal until May 23rd. He states, "My present QTH has some serious RFI issues that affect my ability to hear the calling

stations. The noise is 59+, so please be patient..."

W5IJU/KP1 QSLs. Ken, **N2ZN**, reports: "Thanks to the efforts of Dave, **WJ2O**, we believe that we have a complete set of logs for the 1993 **W5IJU/KP1** Navassa operation. New cards have been printed and a number of requests have been responded to already. These logs are searchable on WJ2O.com. QSOs already in electronic form will be accessible through the log search app on the website. QSOs still on the original paper logs can be viewed there as well. QSLs can be obtained via **N2ZN** via bureau or direct.

Source: OPDX

Chet - K8YTO

April/May - 100 Most Wanted Activity as of Mar 19 - In [ORV Date Order](#)—By K8YTO

						Top 100	
QRV	End	Prefix	Call	Entity	QSL Mgr	2013	LP Date
NOW	30-Mar-14	VU4	VU4K (AS-001)	ANDAMAN	W4VKU	33	
NOW	01-Apr-14	FO/A	TX6G (OC-114)	AUSTRAL		48	
NOW	04-Apr-14	FH	TO7BC	MAYOTTE	DL7BC	82	
NOW	20-Apr-14	4S	4S7KKG	SRI LANKA	DC0KK	78	
NOW	23-May-14	9N	9N7AA	NEPAL		66	
NOW	15-Sep-14	T6	T6DD	AFGHANISTAN	404A	54	
25-Mar-14	15-Apr-14	VK9/M	VK9MT	MELLISH REEF	M0URX	29	01-Mar-09
27-Mar-14	01-Apr-14	XW	XW0YJY	LAOS	E21EIC	68	
01-Apr-14	30-Apr-14	YV0	YW0A (10 days in April)	AVES ISLAND		42	
08-Apr-14	19-Apr-14	JD1/O	JD1AAI	OGASAWARA	JA2NQG	85	01-Jan-10
08-Apr-14	15-Apr-14	T8	T88QX	PALAU	DF8DX	99	
09-Apr-14	20-Apr-14	KH8	KH8/DL2AWG (OC-077)	AMERICAN SAMOA	DL2AWG	65	01-Nov-11
09-Apr-14	20-Apr-14	KH8	KH8/PA3EWP (OC-077)	AMERICAN SAMOA	PA3EWP	65	01-Nov-11
09-Apr-14	20-Apr-14	KH8	KH8/DL6JGN (OC-077)	AMERICAN SAMOA	DL6JGN	65	01-Nov-11
27-Apr-14	11-May-14	JD1/O	JD1BMH (AS-031)	OGASAWARA	JG7PSJ	85	01-Jan-10
30-Apr-14	07-May-14	T8	T88ST	PALAU	JR3STX	99	
09-May-14	15-May-14	V6	V650XG (OC-010)	MICRONESIA	JA1XGI	77	

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

<h3>April/May Other DX - By K8YTO</h3>
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QRV	End	Prefix	Call	ENTITY	QSL Mgr
NOW	03-Apr-14	7P	7P8CC	Lesotho	EI7CC
NOW	11-Apr-14	5H	5H3MB	Tanzania	IK2GZU
NOW	01-May-14	JW	JW2US (EU-027)	Svalbard	LA2US
NOW	31-May-14	OD	OD5/EA1CYK	Lebanon	EA7LS
NOW	31-May-14	9L	9L1A	Sierra Leone	9A2AA
NOW	24-Jun-14	Z6	Z6/LZ1BJ	Kosovo (ARRL Not Recognize)	LZ1BJ
NOW	31-Mar-14	8Q	8Q7TS (AS-013)	Maldives	JF1CCH
NOW	01-Apr-14	ZL7	ZL7AAA	Chatham Is.	VE7NY
NOW	31-Mar-14	5V	5V7BJ	Togo	F5AOW
NOW	31-Mar-14	5V	5V7MP	Togo	F5MVB
NOW	02-Apr-14	T32	T32TM (OC-024)	E. Kiribati (Line Is.)	K8NA
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	IZ8CCW
28-Mar-14	29-Mar-14	7P	7P8Z	Lesotho	
28-Mar-14	30-Mar-14	BV	BP0P	Taiwan	
29-Mar-14	30-Mar-14	9M2	9M2SM	West Malaysia	
29-Mar-14	01-Apr-14	KH2	NH2KY	Guam	JR3QFB
29-Mar-14	01-Apr-14	KH2	KH2KY	Guam	JR3QFB
29-Mar-14	01-Apr-14	KH2	W3JH/KH2	Guam	JR3QFB
04-Apr-14	15-Apr-14	6W	6W/F4GPK	Senegal	F4GPK
04-Apr-14	18-Apr-14	A3	A35V (OC-049)	Tonga	N3SL
04-Apr-14	18-Apr-14	A3	A35X (OC-049)	Tonga	N3SL
05-Apr-14	30-Apr-14	A2	A22LL	Botswana	ZS1LL
09-Apr-14	14-Apr-14	9K	9K2F (AS-118)	Kuwait	
22-Apr-14	01-May-14	7P	7P8YY	Lesotho	
22-Apr-14	01-May-14	7P	7P8MH	Lesotho	HB9OCR
02-May-14	28-May-14	3B8	3B8/M0RCX	Mauritius	EB7DX
31-May-14	05-Jun-14	ZA	ZA/PA2CHR	Albania	
31-May-14	08-Jun-14	7Q	7Q7GIA	Malawi	LA7GIA

2013 Worldwide 100 Most Wanted List - Seven Year History

This information was extracted from *The DX Magazine*

2013	2012	PREFIX	COUNTRY	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
1	1	P5	NORTH KOREA	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	KP1	NAVASSA	2	2	2	3	3
3	3	3Y/B	BOUVET	3	3	4	7	5
4	6	FT5/W	CROZET	7	9	7	9	9
5	4	FT5/Z	AMSTERDAM	6	6	9	10	11
6	5	VK0/H	HEARD ISLAND	4	5	6	8	10
7	7	BS7	SCARBOROUGH	8	10	11	19	8
8	9	ZS8	PRINCE EDWARD & MARION IS	10	7	3	5	6
9	8	VP8/S	SOUTH SANDWICH	9	8	10	12	15
10	10	FR/T	TROMELIN	13	15	16	18	16
11	14	KH5	PALMYRA	17	19	20	20	29
12	12	KH5K	KINGMAN REEF	18	17	18	21	22
13	18	FR/J	JUAN DE NOVA	20	20	21	23	26
14	17	BV9/P	PRATAS	21	23	25	32	37
15	16	E3	ERITREA	24	25	27	31	32
16	21	KH9	WAKE	19	22	23	29	31
17	19	VP8/G	SOUTH GEORGIA	22	21	26	30	34
18	20	KH3	JOHNSTON	23	24	30	35	33
19	22	CE0/X	SAN FELIX	26	27	32	36	51
20	23	KH7K	KURE	27	30	37	38	49
21	25	FT5/X	KERGUELEN	30	33	38	40	50
22	27	VK0/M	MACQUARIE	11	13	15	15	20
23	26	XZ	MYANMAR	28	36	39	50	56
24	15	SV2/A	MT ATHOS	14	14	13	13	14
25	24	KH1	BAKER & HOWLAND	25	26	33	37	39
26	29	3Y/P	PETER I	33	39	43	57	71
27	30	FT5/G	GLORIOSO	34	43	8	4	4
28	33	T33	BANABA	43	51	48	45	69
29	32	VK9/M	MELLISH REEF	37	49	54	26	35
30	28	EP	IRAN	35	40	46	60	58
31	34	VU7	LAKSHADWEEP (Laccadive IS)	36	42	55	46	64
32	42	JD1/M	MINAMI TORISHIMA	38	37	40	25	28
33	40	VU4	ANDAMAN	58	29	34	34	38
34	38	FK/C	CHESTERFIELD IS	48	65	31	33	36
35	36	YK	SYRIA	53	80	84	94	77
36	37	EZ	TURKMENISTAN	50	72	74	87	96
37	52	S2	BANGLADESH	56	38	44	55	44
38	45	VK9/X	CHRISTMAS ISLAND	71	83	68	66	66
39	57	T31	CENTRAL KIRIBATI	66	28	29	27	30
40	62	VK9/W	WILLIS ISLAND	77	0	0	0	0
41	55	KH4	MIDWAY	61	88	22	24	27
42	35	YV0	AVES ISLAND	39	52	52	69	84
43	39	PY0/T	TRINDADE	62	53	42	49	67
44	50	3C0	ANNOBON	32	41	35	39	40
45	43	CE0/Z	JUAN FERNANDEZ ISL.	64	81	64	68	76
46	56	TI9	COCOS ISLAND	52	67	0	0	0
47	61	VP8/O	SOUTH ORKNEY	72	11	12	11	13
48	47	FO/A	AUSTRAL	74	87	59	52	63
49	46	H40	TEMOTU	44	59	62	43	46
50	53	ZD9	TRISTAN DE CUNHA	67	31	36	42	57

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51	67	VP6/D	DUCIE IS	0	0	0	0	0
52	11	PY0/S	ST PETER & ST PAUL	16	18	19	17	23
53	77	3B6	AGAELGA & ST BRANDON	100	0	0	0	0
54	48	T6	AFGHANISTAN	70	63	47	75	73
55	88	FW	WALLIS & FUTUNA	75	90	82	81	90
56	70	XX9	MACAU	78	71	70	91	95
57	60	1S	SPRATLY	29	32	41	44	53
58	73	AP	PAKISTAN	85	93	76	100	0
59	71	4W	TIMOR LESTE	63	46	60	59	48
60	98	C2	NAURU	55	45	49	51	55
61	59	KP5	DESECHEO	83	100	0	6	7
62	58	5A	LIBYA	81	0	0	0	0
63	64	3C	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	59	57	57	76	43
64	91	XF4	REVILLA GIGEDO	0	44	66	70	85
65	93	KH8	AMERICAN SAMOA	96	85	0	0	0
66	84	9N	NEPAL (9N7BO at times)	82	64	72	92	98
67	78	A5	BHUTAN	51	68	71	67	82
68	74	XW	LAOS	80	96	99	0	0
69	54	S0	WESTERN SAHARA	89	91	0	0	0
70	68	VK9/C	COCOS KEELING	73	76	75	80	89
71	87	3A	MONACO	0	99	0	0	0
72	69	4U1U	UN NEW YORK	0	0	81	64	75
73	0	YJ	VANUATU	0	0	0		
74	99	T5	SOMALIA	40	60	56	74	91
75	13	ZL9	AUCKLAND & CAMPBELL	15	16	17	14	18
76	0	XU	CAMBODIA	0	0	97	0	0
77	0	V6	MICRONESIA	98	0	0	0	0
78	92	4S	SRI LANKA	0	0	0	0	0
79	81	E4	PALESTINE	88	0	51	48	19
80	66	HV	VATICAN	92	94	95	0	0
81	49	Z8	SOUTH SUDAN	0	0	0	0	0
82	0	FH	MAYOTTE	0	0	0		
83	0	3W	VIETNAM	93	97	83	88	92
84	96	FO/M	MARQUESAS	54	58	53	54	42
85	0	JD1/O	OGASAWARA	0	0	94	90	78
86	51	3D2/C	CONWAY REEF	46	56	24	22	24
87	0	YI	IRAQ	0	0	0		
88	41	KH8/S	SWAINS ISLAND	31	34	50	82	74
89	94	VK9/L	LORD HOWE ISLAND	0	95	0	0	0
90	0	T30	WESTERN KIRIBATI	84	74	61	53	59
91	95	VP8/H	SOUTH SHETLAND	95	84	86	97	0
92	0	TL	CENTRAL AFRICA REP	0	0	88	65	62
93	82	T2	TUVALU	65	75	87	56	54
94	0	V7	MARSHALL IS	0	0	0		
95	72	ZL8	KERMADEC ISLAND	0	35	28	41	41
96	0	UJ	UZEBEKISTAN	0	0	0		
97	76	1A0	SOV.MIL. ORD.-MALTA	79	61	73	84	0
98	0	S7	SEYCHELLES	0	0	0		
99	0	T8	PALAU	0	0	0		
100	0	V8	BRUNEI	0	0	0		