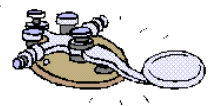


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SEMDXA NEWSLETTER

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President's Report

Well, the summer is winding down and winter will be upon us before we know it.

As soon as we get the first big snow it will be time to start our annual antenna work, so I am getting my equipment ready.

I hope everyone had a chance to work Stan and Lee from Tonga and Fiji. Signals at my QTH were very weak, but I managed to make a few QSO's with them. I am sure that they will put together a presentation with some entertaining stories to go with it.

This month's program on Amelia Earhart should be a good one.

This Sunday the 7th is the Findlay swap. I think we will make the annual trip even though it seems to get a little smaller every year.

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

Meeting Presentation

Friday Sept. 12, 2014
Amelia Earhart
Radio Communications

Meeting Minutes

Called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Dave, K8ESQ. Twenty-five members and six guests present at Jimi's Restaurant in Royal Oak.

Secretary Stan, AC8W, reports the minutes of the March 2014 meeting were printed in the Long Path. Bob, K8VFV, corrected the minutes to reflect himself making the announcement of the MSU Scholarship. Motion to accept by K8SIX, second by K8VFV mcu*

Treasurer Brad, N8SNM, reports a May 1st checking balance of \$1,866.29 and the May 31 balance of \$1,866.29. PayPal saw no activity leaving a balance of \$456.44. Motion to accept by K8KQY, second by K8NA, mcu.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual election of officers will be held after the program as held. All officers will stand for re-election one more time except for Vice President and Secretary. K8SIX agreed to run for Vice President and N8LJ volunteered to run for Secretary for a year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Dave reminds us that this is the last meeting until September. Enjoy the summer.

K8ESQ, will do Field Day from up north near Kalkaska

Larry, K8UT, will be presenting at Hamvention Contest Forum on N1MM+. His presentation will be on the N1MM website. He will also attend the RTTY Banquet. N1MM+ will be released before Fall.

K8UT also says a new SEMDXA "25 Most Wanted" Survey will appear in September/October. Please vote when it is announced as this determines which DXpeditions.

According to Steve, K8KQY, the September program will be W8ZLK to tell us about the radio aspects of the Amelia Earhardt mystery.

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**
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Directors: Ted, **K8NA**, Fred, **W1SKU**, and Lee, **N8LJ**

Club Appointees:

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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**

CQ Checker: Al Bailey, **K8SIX**

Program

Gerry, K8GT, introduced Craig Thompson, K9CT. Craig showed a PowerPoint of the FT5ZM major DXpedition to Amsterdam Island. A multi-national team activated this rare spot in January/February, 2014. The MV Braveheart transported them from and back to Freemantle, Australia. With support from the French Mission 65 military and scientists they had multiband stations active at two separated sites and logged 170,140 QSOs (56% CW, 37% SSB and 7% RTTY). This type DXpedition is very expensive, totaling over \$450K. Each operator put in \$16K and the rest made up from donations. The cost per QSO came to \$2.61.

Craig also gave us a PowerPoint tour of his Tivili, IN contest station, designed in consultation with many contesters. Outstanding! Thanks Craig.

A unanimous ballot was cast for
President Dave, K8ESQ
Vice President Al, K8SIX
Secretary Lee, N8LJ
Treasurer Brad, N8SNM
Long Path Editor, Linda,
KC8PKY (appointment)

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m. Motion by K8VFV, second by N8LJ, mcu.

Stan, AC8W, Secretary

**Coming soon to a website
near you!!!**

THE NEW SEMDXA 25 MOST WANTED SURVEY

Larry K8UT will be putting up the survey in September/October. So here's your chance to vote for the DX entities you most want or need to work.

**Nepal, 9N7BM
Laos, XW8BM
Vietnam, XV7BM**

JA8BMK ASIAN TOUR

Toshi, JA8BMK, has announced that he will return and activate the following DXCC entities on a 160m and 80m DXpedition. Days are not finalized:

October - Nepal and callsign 9N7BM. He states that he will set up a vertical instead of a inverted V, with RX antennas.

November - Laos and callsign XW8BM. Activity will be from a new QTH, with lower noise and a wider area for RX antennas.

November and December - Vietnam and callsign XV7BM. He will have improved RX antennas.

**For This Issue:
OPDX is the source for
DX Articles.
K8YTO**

Christmas Island, VK9AN

Austral Islands,
TX5Z

Rob, **N7QT**, has updated his upcoming activities from the following locations.

September 18th-October 2nd -- Christmas Island; callsign **VK9AN**; operators are Rob/**N7QT** and YL Melanie/**AB1UH**; suitcase expedition; activity on 80-10m using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK.

October 3-13th -- Raivavae Island (OC-114) in the Austral Islands; callsign **TX5Z** (not **TX5D** as announced earlier); the two will be active on 80-10m using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. Primary focus will be on 80m/40m.

QSL via LoTW, or via **N7QT** (by the Bureau or direct [U.S. stations with SASE]).

Western Sahara S01WS

S0, WESTERN SAHARA. **S01A** and **S01WS** (club station "Amateur Radio Union Sahrawi") remains active. A local SE Michigan ham reported working him on 40 thru 10 M. Expected operating bands will be on 80-6 meters. QSL via **EA2JG**.

See: <http://saharadx.jimdo.com>

Chatham Island

ZL7

September 11 to 16

A Japanese team of operators calling their operation "BBQ DXpedition for the Chathams" will be active as **ZL7X** from Awarakaw Farmstay in Waitangi, Chatham Island. Operators mentioned are Kaz/**JH1HRJ**/**ZL3JP**, Tack/**9M2/JE1SCJ**, Tatsu/**JH1TXG** and Kazu/**JA0VSH**. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB, PSK31, JT65 and RTTY. Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 1826, 3524, 7024, 14024, 18074, 21024, 24904 and 28024 kHz
SSB - 3790, 7124/7174 (NA), 14224, 18144, 21240, 24964 and 28424 kHz
RTTY - 3528, 7033, 10143, 14088, 18103, 21088, 24922 and 28088 kHz
PSK31 - 3525, 7028, 10141, 140072, 18102, 21072, 24922 and 28122 kHz
JT65 - 7076, 10139, 14076, 18102, 21076, 24922 and 28076 kHz
6m - 50104/CW, 50124/SSB, 50098/RTTY and 50276/50330/JT65

QSL preferably via LoTW. Direct and Bureau QSLs go to **JA0VSH**. ClubLog and eQSL will be available.

TRISTAN DA CUNHA & GOUGH ISLANDS ZD9

Start About September 9

Paul, **ZS1S (ZD9ZS)**, and possibly another operator will be visiting Tristan da Cunha in September/October (the **ZD9** callsigns will be announced in due course). Operators will be traveling to and from Cape Town on the South African Antarctic supply ship, the "SA Agulhas II".

The ship is scheduled to depart on September 4th, arrive at Tristan da Cunha four to five days later depending on the weather and sea conditions. It will depart for Gough Island after a few days and return to Tristan da Cunha ready for the scheduled departure on October 4th.

The duration of the return trip to Cape Town will again be four or five days. There may be an opportunity to operate as **/MM**. A six meter propagation beacon, **ZD9SIX**, will be installed during the time on the island. The complete details will be made known in the next two weeks.

Macau XX9TYT September 4 to 8

Andrea "Andy", **IK7YTT**, will be active from **Coloane Island (AS-075)** between September 4-8th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using SSB. Operations will include the All Asian DX SSB Contest (September 6-7th). Before the contest he will try to focus on 40m. **Rig is a Ten Tec Omni VII using an Acom 1000 amp into Ultrabeam for 40-6m.**

Sep/Oct - 100 Most Wanted Activity
as of Aug 20 - In QRV Date Order—By K8YTO

						Top 100	
QRV	End	Prefix	Call	Entity	QSL Mgr	2013	LP Date
NOW	15-Sep-14	T6	T6DD	AFGHANISTAN	4O4A	54	
NOW	23-Nov-14	3W	XV2G	VIETNAM		83	
NOW	01-Jan-15	S0	S01WS	WESTERN SAHARA	EA2JG	69	
02-Sep-14	09-Sep-14	T8	T88VW	PALAU	OZ0J	99	
03-Sep-14	13-Sep-14	VK9/X	VK9AN	CHRISTMAS ISLAND		38	01-Apr-09
04-Sep-14	10-Sep-14	A5	A52LSS	BHUTAN	JH3LSS	67	01-Apr-11
04-Sep-14	09-Oct-14	ZD9	ZD9ZS	TRISTAN DE CUNHA		50	01-Nov-10
04-Sep-14	08-Sep-14	T8	T88ZD	PALAU	JH1QJU	99	
04-Sep-14	11-Sep-14	A5	A52IVU	BHUTAN	JA3IVU	67	01-Apr-11
05-Sep-14	07-Sep-14	A5	A52AEF	BHUTAN	JH3AEF	67	01-Apr-11
05-Sep-14	07-Sep-14	A5	A52EQW	BHUTAN	JH7EQW	67	01-Apr-11
05-Sep-14	12-Sep-14	3A	3A/YO2MSB	MONACO	YO2MSB	71	
23-Sep-14	05-Nov-14	9N	9N7CJ	NEPAL	F3CJ	66	
26-Sep-14	02-Oct-14	A5	A52YY	BHUTAN	OH2YY	67	01-Apr-11
29-Sep-14	14-Oct-14	C2	C21GC	NAURU	LZ1GC	60	01-Jun-09
01-Oct-14	31-Oct-14	VK9/L	VK9DLX	LORD HOWE ISLAND		89	
02-Oct-14	15-Oct-14	T30	T30D	WESTERN KIRIBATI	DL4SVA	90	01-Nov-08
03-Oct-14	15-Oct-14	YJ	YJ0X	VANUATU		73	
03-Oct-14	13-Oct-14	FO/A	TX5Z	AUSTRAL	N7QT	48	
04-Oct-14	18-Oct-14	S7	S79KB	SEYCHELLES	DL2SBY	98	
18-Oct-14	26-Oct-14	FO/M	TX7G	MARQUESAS		84	01-Oct-11
18-Oct-14	31-Oct-14	VK9/X	VK9XSP	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
22-Oct-14	01-Nov-14	XX9	By EA group	MACAU		56	01-Apr-12
24-Oct-14	30-Oct-14	T8	T88HZ	PALAU	TA1HZ	99	
25-Oct-14	26-Oct-14	VK9/L	VK9LM	LORD HOWE ISLAND		89	
25-Oct-14	26-Oct-14	T8	T88TC	PALAU	TA1HZ	99	
30-Oct-14	10-Nov-14	FR/T	FT4TA	TROMELIN		10	

Note: END Date of 1/1/2015 are used where end dates are in 2015 but not specifically known

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*

Sep/Oct Other DX - By K8YTO

QRV	End	Prefix	Call	ENTITY	QSL Mgr
19-Aug-14	10-Sep-14	6W	6V1W	Senegal	DO3MY
19-Aug-14	01-Jan-15	VQ9	VQ9JC	Chagos Is.	ND9M
19-Aug-14	01-Jan-15	VQ9	VQ94JC	Chagos Is.	ND9M
19-Aug-14	01-Jun-15	5H	5H6JG	Tanzania	N0XDW
19-Aug-14	01-Jun-15	TJ	TJ3TS	Cameroon	PA-3249
26-Aug-14	02-Sep-14	3D2/F	3D2AC	Fiji	K8ESQ
26-Aug-14	02-Sep-14	3D2/F	3D2CO	Fiji	K8ESQ
26-Aug-14	02-Sep-14	3D2/F	3D2LJ	Fiji	K8ESQ
26-Aug-14	02-Sep-14	3D2/F	3D2TR	Fiji	K8AQM
26-Aug-14	02-Sep-14	KH0	KH0/OZ0J	Mariana Is.	OZ0J
26-Aug-14	14-Sep-14	VQ9	VQ9XR	Chagos Is.	N7XR
01-Sep-14	03-Sep-14	A2	A25GF	Botswana	ZS6AYU
01-Sep-14	09-Sep-14	FK	TX4A (OC-218)	New Caledonia	VE3LYC
02-Sep-14	09-Sep-14	E6	E6MF	Niue (ZK2)	ZL2MF
07-Sep-14	13-Sep-14	YB	YB4IR/8 (OC-222)	Indonesia	
07-Sep-14	13-Sep-14	YB	YB8RW/P (OC-222)	Indonesia	YB9BU
08-Sep-14	09-Sep-14	CY0	CY0C	Sable I.	VE1RGB
11-Sep-14	14-Sep-14	P2	P29VCX (OC-008)	Papua New Guinea	SM6CVX
11-Sep-14	16-Sep-14	ZL7	ZL7X	Chatham Is.	JH1TXG
12-Sep-14	26-Sep-14	3D2/R	3D2AG/P	Rotuma I.	3D2AG
12-Sep-14	08-Oct-14	FO/F	FO/DF1YP (OC-046)	French Poly (FO)	DF1YP
15-Sep-14	20-Sep-14	P2	P29NI (OC-258)	Papua New Guinea	G3KHZ
18-Sep-14	01-Jan-15	TR	TR8CA	Gabon	F6CBC
21-Sep-14	25-Sep-14	P2	P29VCX (OC-115)	Papua New Guinea	SM6CVX
25-Sep-14	30-Sep-14	P2	P29NI (OC-240)	Papua New Guinea	G3KHZ
25-Sep-14	03-Oct-14	5V	5V7ST	Togo	OK6DJ
25-Sep-14	03-Oct-14	5V	5V7DB	Togo	OK6DJ
25-Sep-14	03-Oct-14	5V	5V7PS	Togo	OK6DJ
25-Sep-14	07-Oct-14	YB	YB9/HA3JB (OC-150)	Indonesia	HA3JB
03-Oct-14	09-Oct-14	3D2/F	3D2YA (OC-121)	Fiji	JA1NLX
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.	
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	5W0QQ	Western Samoa	N7CQQ
20-Oct-14	04-Nov-14	5R	5R8M	Madagascar	IK2VUC
21-Oct-14	27-Oct-14	6W	by N6GQ	Senegal	
21-Oct-14	31-Oct-14	7P	by GI4FUM	Lesotho	
25-Oct-14	26-Oct-14	5R	5R8C	Madagascar	IK2VUC
25-Oct-14	26-Oct-14	3B8	by G0CKV	Mauritius	