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President's Report

I see that the Fish and Wildlife Service has authorized the K1N January 2015 Navassa Island DXpedition.

Navassa is number 5 on the SEMDXA most wanted list, so we should be on the lookout for this one and support them with a club, or individual donation or both. The team includes Bob K4UEE and Craig K9CT, so it will be a good one. Their website is at navassadx.com.

I used the new N1MM+ logger for the CQWW SSB contest and it worked very well. This was the first time that I have used it in a real contest, although due to scheduling conflicts, I was only able to spend a very limited time on the air.

Thanks once again to Rick NE8Z we are set for yet another Zukey Lake extravaganza. It is always a great time there.

Thanks also to Larry K8UT for doing

the SEMDXA most wanted survey and to Chet K8YTO for compiling the data.

Some late news. SPE Expert Amps is under new management. Frosty K5L-BU, Missouri City TX is now President & CEO. Exactly what this means I do not know, but being the owner of a SPE amp, I hope it is good news.

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

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Dave K8ESQ at 7:17 pm. Twenty five members and guests signed in.

The secretary's report as published in the Long Path was approved and seconded. The treasurer reported the savings balance as \$1180.66 and the PayPal account balance as \$609.46. His report was accepted and approved by the membership.

Brad also reports its time for the membership to pay their dues for the 2014/2015 season.

Larry K8UT reported that 24 members completed the SEMDXA most wanted DX survey. He also reminds the rest membership to complete the DX survey. Remember this is the list we use to do determine which DX-pedition gets a financial donation

from the club. As of the meeting, the number 1 need is P5 followed by Scarborough Reef, Tromelin, Crozet & Navassa.

It was reported that Rick NE8Z was on an expedition/ cruise to Eastern Russia. Details will be emailed to the membership when information becomes available.

Meeting Adjourned 8:59 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee
N8LJ

SEMDXA OFFICERS

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Meeting Presentation

**Stan AC8W and Lee N8LJ
Tonga and Fiji Trip**

Program

The program presentation was by Larry K8UT. It was a comprehensive overview of the recently released N1MM Plus contest software

VU4KV, ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS

Krish, **W4VKU**, will be leading a team of 10 operators to the **Andaman Islands (AS-001)** and Nicobar Islands (AS-033) in the month of November. The callsign for both activations will be **VU4KV**.

Campbell Bay, Great Nicobar Island - November 3-13th, and is dependent on boat schedules published only a week ahead of departure. The team will be Krish, **W4VKU (VU2VKU)**, Pai, **VU2PAI**, and Chetz, **VU3DMP**. Activity will be focused on limited bands for CW/SSB with QRO and gain antennas. They will have two stations on the air: 1x Elecraft K3, 1x Kenwood TS 480, 5 band Hexbeam, vertical for 40/30m 2x Elecraft KPA-500 amplifiers

* **Neil Island, Andaman** -- This will be a bigger operation with 5 QRO stations and 10 operators possibly between November 15-30th. The five stations (4x HF, 1x 6m) will be:

Elecraft K3, Kenwood TS-590 and Kenwood TS-480, 3x Elecraft KPA-500 and 2x Acom 1000 amps. Antennas: Phased Vertical arrays for 160/80/40/30m + separate RX antennas, mix of directional antennas and verticals for 20-10m and a 5 element Yagi for 6m.

The team is looking for sponsors/funds for both operations (PayPal available). QSL via **W4VKU**. OQRS will be available in December. For more details and updates, see the Web page at: <http://www.vu4kv.info>

3Y/B, BOUVET In 2016

The DX-WORLD.net is reporting, "Last Wednesday (a well known op) received word from the Norwegian Polar Institute, that: 'It's a go for a one man DXpedition for 3 months, time frame half January 2016 through half April 2016 to Bouvet Island.'"

SEMDXA 2014 DXCC Most Wanted Survey Results

The 2014 survey of *SEMDXA* members determines the top 25 countries on our club's list to which we will donate DXPedition funds. This year thirty two members participated in the survey, two less than for the 2012 survey.

The top vote getters shown in the table range from a high of 18 down to 6.

The number of responses for each DXCC Entity are shown on the right side of the summary table.

Votes included:

3 needing 0 DXCC Countries

2 needing 1 DXCC Countries
(Navassa, Scarborough Reef)

4 needing 2 DXCC Countries

The most countries needed by one *SEMDXA* member: 196

The average number of countries needed among *SEMDXA* members: 24

Larry said: "Looking at the numbers, it looks like we have to treat all the "6"s as a tie, which means we would reach down to #30 for donation decisions."

In the 2012 Survey it took a minimum of 12 votes to be on the list.

Our thanks to Larry, **K8UT**, for conducting the survey and summarizing the results in the table.

K8YTO

SEMDXA 2014 DXCC Most Wanted Countries

Ranking	DXCC Country	Votes
1	P5 - North Korea	18
2	BS7H - Scarborough Reef	13
3	FT5W - Crozet	13
4	VK0/H - Heard Island	13
5	KP1 - Navassa Island	12
6	BV9P - Pratas Island	10
7	E3 - Eritrea	10
8	FR/T - Tromelin	10
9	VP8/S - South Sandwich	10
10	3Y/B - Bouvet Island	9
11	FR/G - Glorioso	9
12	FK/C - Chesterfield Islands	8
13	FR/J - Juan de Nova, Europa	8
14	VK0/M - Macquarie Island	8
15	4W - Timor-Leste	7
16	EZ - Turkmenistan	7
17	KH7K - Kure Island	7
18	VP8/G - South Georgia	7
19	XX9 - Macau	7
20	YK - Syria	7
21	ZS8 - Pr. Edward & Marion Islands	7
22	3C - Equatorial Guinea	6
23	5A - Libya	6
24	8Q - Maldives	6
25	A5 - Bhutan	6
26	CE0X - San Felix Island	6
27	EP - Iran	6
28	FT5X - Kerguelen	6
29	KH5 - Palmyra & Jarvis Islands	6
30	VU7 - Lakshadweep Islands	6

Zukey Lake Luncheon—December 15

On Wednesday, October 29, 2014 10:57 AM, Rick Dorsch <ne8z@yahoo.com> wrote:

Subject: 13th Annual SEMDXA DX-mas Luncheon (Monday-December 15, 2014)

It's that time of the year again for our annual
SEMDXA DX-mas Luncheon at the Zukey Lake Tavern in Pinckney,
Michigan!

Mark your calendars...call in sick from
work...come and join us at this growing annual DXer's event!!!

date: Monday-December 15, 2014
time: 11:30am sharp - 1:30pm+

map: [http://www.mapquest.com/maps?
name=Zukey+Lake+Tavern&city=Pinckney&state=MI&address=5011+Girard+Dr&zipcode=48169&c
ountry=US&latitude=42.462761&longitude=-83.847845&geocode=ADDRESS&id=6355364](http://www.mapquest.com/maps?name=Zukey+Lake+Tavern&city=Pinckney&state=MI&address=5011+Girard+Dr&zipcode=48169&country=US&latitude=42.462761&longitude=-83.847845&geocode=ADDRESS&id=6355364)

Their web page is up and running:
<http://www.zukeylaketavern.com/>

Wear your ham ID badge or hat so that we know who you are.

If you get lost call: (810)231-1441

Pse RSVP to this e-mail so that I can get a rough head
count. Bring the XYL's!!

73 and see you there! Rick NE8Z

VK0MH MACQUARIE ISLAND (Cancelled)

Rod, **VK6MH (GM4AWB)**, has had to cancel his stay on Macquarie Island for health reasons:

"Alas, my ship L'Astro-labe sailed yesterday to Macquarie and I was not on it. After all the weeks of training were complete I cannot go. On Friday I had a small innocent mole cut off my arm. Late on Monday, I was told it was a Melanoma and so that meant no travel on the ship. I had an op to remove it yesterday although gutted that I cannot go, feel uplifted by support of friends and family and am focused on future adventures :0)"

JG8NQJ/JD1 MINAMI TORISHIMA

Take, **JG8NQJ**, will once again be active as **JG8NQJ/JD1** from Marcus Island in the Minami Torishima (OC-073, JCG 10007) group between mid-October until mid-December. Activity will be limited to his spare time. He will be mainly on 17 meters but also on 15/12/10 meters CW.

QSL via **JA8CJY**, by the Bureau or direct to: Susumu 'Sin' Sanada, 5-17, 5-4, Shin-Ei, Toyohira, Sapporo 004, Japan. Online log is available at: <http://dx.qsl.net/cgi-bin/logform.cgi?jd1-jg8nqi>

Happy Holidays

To All!

FT4TA, TROMELIN ISLAND Reminder

Just a reminder that members of the **F6KOP** Team and Lyon DX Gang will be activating **FT4TA** from Tromelin Island between October 30th and November 10th. They plan to have 4 stations on the air for 10 days, on 160-10 meters using SSB, CW and RTTY. Suggested frequencies are:

	CW	SSB	RTTY
160	1826.5		
80	3523	3790	
40	7023	7082	
30	10115		10142
20	14023	14185	
17	18079	18130	18099
15	21023	21285	21080
12	24894	24955	24912
10	28023	28485	28080
6	50105	50105	

See Band Plan at:

<http://www.tromelin2014.com/plan-de-bande/>

An online log will be available during the DXpedition. OQRS will be available by ClubLog.

QSLing details can be seen at:
For more details, visit:

<http://www.tromelin2014.com>

JA8BMK ASIAN AND AFRICAN TOUR

Toshi, **JA8BMK**, plans to be active over the next month and into the new year. Activity will be focused mainly on the lower bands (160-80m) with better receive antennas and locations. His tentative schedule is as follows:

October 31st-November 20th - Nagarkot, Nepal; callsign **9N7BM**; set up a vertical instead of an inverted V with RX antennas.

January 10-25th (2015) - Antananarivo, Madagascar; callsign **5R8DX**; operators Toshi, **JA8BMK** and Ken/**JN1THL**; focusing on the low bands.

February 5-25th (2015) - Vientiane, Laos; callsign; from a new QTH with lower noise and wider area and with RX antennas.

March 1-31st (2015) - Nha Trang, Vietnam; callsign **XV7BM**; with improved RX antennas.

QSL all callsigns via **JA8BMK**.

7QAA, MALAWI (Postponed)

Roger, **ZS6RJ**, and members of the Black Mamba Contest & DXpedition Team, have postponed their November DXpedition to March 11, 2015.

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

**Nov/Dec - 100 Most Wanted Activity
as of Oct 21 - In QRV Date Order—By K8YTO**

						Top 100	
QRV	End	Prefix	Call	Entity	QSL Mgr	2013	LP Date
NOW	01-Nov-14	XX9	XX9R	MACAU	EB7DX	56	01-Apr-12
NOW	04-Nov-14	9N	9N7CJ	NEPAL	F3CJ	66	
NOW	04-Nov-14	V6	V63WJ	MICRONESIA	JS3LSQ	77	
NOW	10-Nov-14	FR/T	FT4TA	TROMELIN		10	
NOW	23-Nov-14	3W	XV2G	VIETNAM		83	
NOW	20-Dec-14	T6	T6RH	AFGHANISTAN	NI5DX	54	
NOW	31-Dec-14	JD1/M	JG8NQJ/JD1	MINAMI TORISHIMA	JA8CJY	32	01-Jan-10
NOW	30-Apr-15	VK0/M	VK0MH	MACQUARIE		22	01-Oct-10
NOW	30-Aug-15	ZD9	ZD9A (AF-030)	TRISTAN DE CUNHA	ZS1LS	50	01-Nov-10
31-Oct-14	20-Nov-14	9N	9N7BM	NEPAL	JA8BMK	66	
01-Nov-14	30-Nov-14	T8	T88ZE	PALAU		99	
03-Nov-14	30-Nov-14	S7	S79VR (AF-024)	SEYCHELLES	DD0VR	98	
05-Nov-14	18-Nov-14	KH8	W1AW/KH8	AMERICAN SAMOA		65	01-Nov-11
05-Nov-14	08-Nov-14	V8	V84YL	BRUNEI	DJ6US	100	
07-Nov-14	10-Nov-14	V6	V63PJ (OC-010)	MICRONESIA	JF2SDR	77	
19-Nov-14	27-Nov-14	CE0/Z	CE0Z/CE5WQO	JUAN FERNANDEZ ISL.	CE5WQO	45	01-Nov-13
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	
01-Dec-14	04-Dec-14	V6	V63DX	MICRONESIA	JA7HMZ	77	
04-Dec-14	12-Dec-14	JD1/O	JD1BOX	OGASAWARA	F4HEC	85	01-Jan-10

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

Nov/Dec Other DX - By K8YTO

QRV	End	Prefix	Call	ENTITY	QSL Mgr
NOW	01-Nov-14	TT	TT8/F5RQP	Chad	
NOW	04-Nov-14	5R	5R8M (AF-057)	Madagascar	IK2VUC
NOW	07-Nov-14	5T	5T0ITU	Mauritania	ON8RA
NOW	09-Nov-14	E5/S	E51NOU (OC-013)	S. Cook Is.	N7OU
NOW	10-Nov-14	VU	AT2HFI	India	
NOW	01-Jun-15	5H	5H6JG	Tanzania	N0XDW
NOW	01-Jun-15	TJ	TJ3TS	Cameroon	PA-3249
NOW	13-Nov-14	3B8	3B8HA	Mauritius	
NOW	11-Nov-14	8Q	8Q7OO	Maldives	GM0HIO
NOW	11-Nov-14	V5	V5/OE3SZA	Namibia	OE3SZA
01-Nov-14	06-Nov-14	5W	5W0AF	Western Samoa	SP7DQR
01-Nov-14	06-Nov-14	5W	5W0AG	Western Samoa	SP7DQR
01-Nov-14	08-Nov-14	Z2	Z21EME (EME)	Zimbabwe	
01-Nov-14	13-Nov-14	6W	6W/DL7DF	Senegal	DL7DF
02-Nov-14	09-Nov-14	E6	E6SG (OC-040)	Niue (ZK2)	VK4FI
02-Nov-14	09-Nov-14	E6	E6RQ (OC-040)	Niue (ZK2)	VK4FI
03-Nov-14	12-Dec-14	5R	5R8IC (AF-090)	Madagascar	F6ICX
15-Nov-14	24-Nov-14	3B9	3B9HA	Rodriguez I.	
17-Nov-14	03-Dec-14	ZD8	ZD8O	Ascension I.	OH0XX
18-Nov-14	05-Dec-14	XT	XT2AW	Burkina Faso	M0OXO
22-Nov-14	30-Nov-14	9K	9K2HN	Kuwait	
25-Nov-14	28-Nov-14	3B8	3B8/JK3GAD	Mauritius	
25-Nov-14	28-Nov-14	3B8	3B8/OH1VR	Mauritius	
25-Nov-14	28-Nov-14	3B8	3B8/OH2KI	Mauritius	
25-Nov-14	28-Nov-14	3B8	3B8/W6NV	Mauritius	
25-Nov-14	30-Nov-14	3B8	3B8HA	Mauritius	
25-Nov-14	06-Dec-14	E5/S	E51RAT (OC-013)	S. Cook Is.	NI5DX
25-Nov-14	15-Dec-14	TY	By Italian DX Team	Benin	
29-Nov-14	30-Nov-14	9M6	9M6NA (OC-133)	East Malaysia	JE1JKL
29-Nov-14	30-Nov-14	3B8	3B8MU	Mauritius	
29-Nov-14	30-Nov-14	3B8	by G0CKV	Mauritius	
29-Nov-14	30-Nov-14	ZD8	ZD8W	Ascension I.	W6NV
29-Nov-14	30-Nov-14	KH0	AH0K	Mariana Is.	OH6GDX
01-Dec-14	06-Dec-14	E6	E6XG	Niue (ZK2)	JA1XGI
07-Dec-14	10-Dec-14	5T	5T0ITU	Mauritania	
11-Dec-14	14-Dec-14	7P	7P8NH	Lesotho	G3RWF