



# Long Path



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## President's Report

Sounds like a great presentation for this month's meeting. We were up north for the MIQP test. The snow was all but gone up there and all the antennas survived the winter weather and the deer. The QSO's were slow in coming due to band conditions, but that gave us more time for 807's.

Now we turn our attention to Dayton, which is only a few weeks away. I see that the contesting forum is scheduled for Saturday at 12:30 where the new N1MM PLUS logger will be introduced as well as a presentation by Craig K9CT. Should be interesting. Remember, elections are coming up and we need a secretary to replace Stan.

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

## Meeting Presentation

**Friday May 9, 2014**  
**Steve Kaatz, K8SDK, his trip to Antarctica and operation aboard the National Geographic Cruise Ship**

## Meeting Minutes

Called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Dave, K8ESQ. Fifteen members and one guest 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. Motion to accept by K8RGM, second by K8ZZU mcu\*

Treasurer Brad, N8SNM, reports a March 1<sup>st</sup> checking balance of \$1,846.29. Dues collected in the amount of \$20.00 leaving a March 31 balance of \$1,866.29. PayPal balance is \$437.32. Motion to accept by K8RDJ, second by K8ZZU, mcu.

### OLD BUSINESS:

None.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Annual election of officers is coming. A Secretary is needed as Stan, AC8W is stepping down. All other officers will stand for re-election one more time. If you are interested in serving the club let your interest be known.

Stan, AC8W, reports the DX Advisory Committee submitted their report on remote operation to the ARRL Board and it is available online.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Stan, AC8W tells us Crimea is NOT a separate DXCC entity. Ukrainian issued calls count as Ukraine and Rus-

sian issued calls count as Russia

Chet, VE3CFK, brought some radio books for anyone who wants them.

According to Steve, K8KQY, upcoming programs include Steve Katz, K8SDK in May to tell of his trip to the Antarctic. June will be Craig Thompson, K9CT, with tales of Wake Island, K9W, and Amsterdam Island, FT5ZM. September is tentative for a program about the radio aspects of the Amelia Earhardt mystery.

## SEMDXA OFFICERS

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

*Vice-president:* Bob Crawford, **K8VFX**

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

*Secretary:* Stan Arnett, **AC8W**

*Program Director:* Gerry Treas, **K8GT**

Steve Culp, **K8QKY**

*Directors:* Ted, **K8NA**, Fred, **W1SKU**, 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**

## Program

### PROGRAM:

Steve, K8KQY, introduced a DVD of the 1994 3Y0PI, Peter I Island Dxpediton. The multi-national team gathered in the Falklands and waited for the Russian icebreaker the Kapitan Kalechnikof that would drop them off and then continue on with tourists. They transferred 150 crates weighing 18 tons to the island by helicopter in the first landing since 1987. They set up five operating positions, sleeping quarters and a cook facility and operated 24/7 for sixteen days.

Over 62K QSO's were made from Peter I. They withstood storms, drifting snow and 120 kph wind gusts. When their pick-up ship, the Academic Federov arrived they were delayed four days and four nights before they could remove all signs that they had been there. The ship dropped them off at Belinghausen Base on King George Island. South Shetlands where they waited another two days for fog to lift and they could board a Chilean C-130 to fly to Puntas Arenas, Chile and then home. Very successful and expensive trip.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m. Motion by K8YTO, second by N8LJ, mcu.

Stan, AC8W, Secretary

## Hamfest Calendar

**05/03/2014**

### Cadillac Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Wexaukee Amateur Radio Club

**Website:** <http://www.wexaukeearc.org/>

**06/01/2014**

### Chelsea

**Location:** Chelsea, MI

**Sponsor:** Chelsea Amateur Radio Club

**Website:** <http://www.wd8iel.com>

**06/07/2014**

### Hudsonville IRA Hamfest

**Location:** Hudsonville, MI

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Independent Repeater Association (W8IRA/R)

**Website:** <http://www.w8ira.org>

**06/07/2014**

### Luce

**Location:** Newberry, MI

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Luce Amateur Radio Society

**Website:** <http://www.w8nby.com>

## DX Activity

May looks good for DX, provided prop improves. However, June appears to be the month to do antenna work as there are very few DXpeditions and Ops starting in June.

**9N, NEPAL.** Andy, **UA3AA**, is still active as **9N7AA** from Nepal through May 23rd.

**A35, TONGA.** Masa, **JA0RQV**, will once again be active from Tonga. This time he will activate **Niutoputapu Island (OC-191)** at the very small northern end of Tongan territory, and will be signing as **A35JP/P** between May 28th and June 3rd.

See: <http://blog.goo.ne.jp/rqy>

**FT4T, TROMELIN.** The **FT4TA** DXpedition team to Tromelin Island, which takes place between **October 30th and November 10th**, have announced their pilots stations and posted a link on their Web site: [www.tromelin2014.com/](http://www.tromelin2014.com/)

**NH0, MARIANA ISLANDS.** Operators Yutaka, **JQ2GYU/WS2Y**, and his wife Miho, **JJ2VLY/WS2M**, will be active as **NH0J** from **Tinian Island (OC-086)**, Northern Mariana Islands, the special commemorative Tinian station of the "J-Tinian Radio Space Club, between May 6-11th. See: <http://jq2gyu.blogspot.jp>

**S0, WESTERN SAHARA.** Naama, **S01A**, will begin in early May. Opera-

tors **S01A, S01WS** (club station "Amateur Radio Union Sahrawi") and **S01AH** are expected to receive their equipment at the end of April. Expected operating bands will be on 80-6 meters.

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

**YW0, AVES ISLAND.** The **YW0A** team is expected to leave port on April 29th, at 7:00 AM local. The trip to Aves Island will take 40 hours, so do not look for activity until around 12:00 local on April 30th. Operations are expected to last between 5-7 days (May 7th). Activity will be on all HF bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. See: [www.avesisland.info](http://www.avesisland.info)

Source: OPDX

**Chet - K8YTO**

### May/June - 100 Most Wanted Activity as of Apr 26 - In [QRV Date Order](#)—By K8YTO

						Top 100	
QRV	End	Prefix	Call	Entity	QSL Mgr	2013	LP Date
Now	30-Apr-14	S2	S21R	BANGLADESH	N4VA	37	
Now	05-May-14	JD1/O	JD1BLY (AS-031)	OGASAWARA	J15RPT	85	01-Jan-10
Now	06-May-14	YV0	YW0A	AVES ISLAND		42	
Now	07-May-14	T8	T88ST	PALAU	JR3STX	99	
Now	11-May-14	JD1/O	JD1BMH (AS-031)	OGASAWARA	JG7PSJ	85	01-Jan-10
Now	23-May-14	9N	9N7AA	NEPAL		66	
Now	15-Sep-14	T6	T6DD	AFGHANISTAN	404A	54	
03-May-14	12-May-14	JD1/O	JD1BLC (AS-031)	OGASAWARA	JP1IOF	85	01-Jan-10
03-May-14	12-May-14	JD1/O	JD1YBT (AS-031)	OGASAWARA	JP1IOF	85	01-Jan-10
06-May-14	09-May-14	XW	by K4ZW	LAOS	K1SE	68	
09-May-14	15-May-14	V6	V650XG (OC-010)	MICRONESIA	JA1XGI	77	
14-May-14	17-May-14	V6	V63PSK (OC-011)	MICRONESIA	JA1FMN	77	
16-May-14	19-May-14	T8	T88FA	PALAU	JA1SVP	99	
16-May-14	19-May-14	T8	T88TH	PALAU	JR1GSE	99	
20-May-14	28-May-14	T8	T88WI	PALAU	JH1BGH	99	
20-May-14	28-May-14	T8	T88WH	PALAU	7K1HLJ	99	

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

<b>MayJune Other DX - By K8YTO</b>
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QRV	End	Prefix	Call	ENTITY	QSL Mgr
Now	30-Apr-14	3B8	3B8MM	Mauritius	DL6UAA
Now	30-Apr-14	A2	A22LL	Botswana	ZS1LL
Now	01-May-14	JW	JW2US (EU-027)	Svalbard	LA2US
Now	01-May-14	7P	7P8YY	Lesotho	
Now	01-May-14	7P	7P8CF	Lesotho	
Now	01-May-14	7P	7P8CP	Lesotho	
Now	01-May-14	7P	7P8JR	Lesotho	
Now	01-May-14	7P	7P8MH	Lesotho	HB9OCR
Now	01-May-14	7P	7P8RJ	Lesotho	
Now	01-May-14	7P	7P8RL	Lesotho	
Now	15-May-14	BY	B7CRA (AS-143)	China	
Now	31-May-14	9L	9L1A	Sierra Leone	9A2AA
Now	31-May-14	OD	OD5/EA1CYK	Lebanon	EA7LS
Now	24-Jun-14	Z6	Z6/LZ1BJ	Kosovo (ARRL Not Recognize)	LZ1BJ
01-May-14	01-Jun-14	TJ	TJ3TS	Cameroon	PA-3249
02-May-14	27-May-14	3B8	3B8/M0RCX	Mauritius	EB7DX
03-May-14	04-May-14	EX	EX/K3LP	Kyrgyzstan	K3LP
14-May-14	14-May-14	OY	OY/OY6RHA	Faroe Is.	LA6RHA
14-May-14	14-May-14	OY	OY/LA8FOA	Faroe Is.	LA8FOA
31-May-14	05-Jun-14	ZA	ZA/PA2CHR	Albania	
31-May-14	08-Jun-14	7Q	7Q7GIA	Malawi	LA7GIA