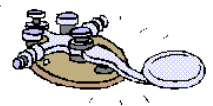


Long Path



Volume 31 Issue 9

SEMDXA NEWSLETTER

June 2014



President's Report

It will be a great presentation as always for this month's meeting by Craig K9CT.

Remember, elections are this month and we need a secretary to replace Stan, a Vice President, and a News Letter Editor. None of these positions require much time and the club cannot survive without someone stepping up to fill these positions. There are only 9 meetings a year.

Does it sound like I am begging? I am!

Let's try not to embarrass ourselves in front of Craig by having me brake down and cry and plead in front of everyone. (HI HI)

On the bright side I am finally up there with the big boys, I worked Monk Apollo and that gives me 1000 band countries.

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

Meeting Presentation

Craig K9CT with tales of Wake Island, K9W, and Amsterdam Island FT5ZM

Meeting Minutes

Called to order at 7:28 p.m. by President Dave, K8ESQ. Twenty-one 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. Motion to accept by K8SIX, second by K8VFFV mcu*

Treasurer Brad, N8SNM, reports an April 1st checking balance of \$1,866.29 and the April 30 balance of \$1,866.29. PayPal saw one new member (KB8DID) leaving an April 30 balance of \$456.40. Motion to accept by K8GT, second by K8VFFV, mcu.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual election of officers is coming. A Secretary is needed as Stan, AC8W is stepping down. We are also looking for a Long Path editor. 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 is now looking at new

entity criteria. One suggestion would add the United Nations List of Members States to the criteria. Another is a "peer" vote from independent nations. Email him at ac8w@comcast.net if you have suggestions or opinions. heir report on remote operation to the ARRL Board and it is available online.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Dave noted the Gerald and Lois Park Amateur Radio Endowed Scholarship is available to Michigan State University undergrads in the College of Engineering. They must have an interest in amateur radio and be an active participant member of the MSU Amateur Radio Club (W8SH)

Bob, K8VFFV, can take orders for club logo shirts.

SEMDXA OFFICERS

President: Dave De Rain, **K8ESQ**

Vice-president: Bob Crawford, **K8VFFV**

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**

SEMDXA Election At June Meeting

The ARROW Club is once again chartering a bus to the Hamvention in Dayton

For Sale: Al, K8SIX, has a Rohn 55' fold-over tower available. He also has a Heights 48' aluminum self supporting tower for sale.

Motion by K8SIX, second by K8KQY, to make Stan, AC8W an Honorary Life Member for his many years as secretary. mcu.

Gerry, K8GT, says not miss the "Spurious Emissions Band who will perform at the Contest Super Suite at Dayton. Also, Larry K8UT, will present the new N1MM-plus during the Contest Forum.

According to Steve, K8KQY, the June program will feature will be Craig Thompson, K9CT, with tales of Wake Island, K9W, and Amsterdam Island, FT5ZM. September is will be a program by W8ZLK about the radio aspects of the Amelia Earhardt mystery.

Program

Gerry, K8GT, introduced Steve Kaatz, K8SDK, who related his recent Maritime Mobile DXpedition to Antarctica. Sailing on a National Geographic Explorer ship with his family. A lot of research and pre-planning, plus some very helpful staff and officers allowed him to operate as K8SDK/C6A/MM during his journey south. Departing from Ushaia, Chile they visited many historical sites and saw amazing icebergs, penguins, seals and other wildlife in the South Shetlands The

operating position was on the ships bridge. Outstanding photography of a rare country. You can read more about his adventure in the March 2014 QST. Thanks Stave.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. Motion by K8VFX, second by N8LJ, mcu.

Stan, AC8W, Secretary

*mcu = motion carried unanimously

Hamfest Calendar

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

Sponsor: Independent Repeater Association (W8IRA/R)

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

06/07/2014

Luce

Location: Newberry, MI

Sponsor: Luce Amateur Radio Society

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

For Sale

**M Squared 2M12
2 Meter**

**12 Element Antenna
\$125**

**Contact Chet
K8YTO at ARRL.net**

**The Next
Long Path Issue Will Be
September 2014**

**FT4TA
Tromelin
Island
(Oct 30– Nov 10)**

While late October is some months away, it's nice to have something very special to look forward to. The following is from the Tromelin Island web site: <http://www.tromelin2014.com/en/>

“**Tromelin**, as well as **Glorioso**, **Juan de Nova**, **Europa**, belongs to the Eparses, a French word to name these small islands scattered around Madagascar.

These French territories are administered by the **TAAF**. Their access is strictly controlled and regulated in particular for ecological reasons.

Tromelin is the smallest one (1 square km) and the human impact is all the more sensitive. That's the only island where there are no French military troops and only 3 agents of the TAAF are posted there continuously.

The last operation took place in 2000. A 4 men team made 50,000 contacts with the callsign **FR/F6KDF/T**. No authorization has been given ever since.

2014 will be the 60th anniversary of the 1st ham radio activity from Tromelin. The operator was Marc **FB8BK/T**. Today, after some successful collaborative work with the TAAF authorities, we are proud to announce that we received our landing permission and got the green light to conduct an amateur radio operation on this remote island.

We'll be active on Tromelin from October 30th to November 10th, 2014.



Tromelin Island

6 operators have been allowed to stay of the island. They have been selected for their experience and all six are ready to face the challenge. The team is made up of **Seb F5UFX**, **Michel FM5CD**, **Flo F5CWU**, **Vincent F4BKV**, **Franck F4AJQ**, **Fred F5ROP**.

The request is huge and we are conscious of this. For this reason, we are working hard in order to prepare our operation in depth. Some places in the world will have short openings and we'll do our best to exploit these short moments with proper planning adjusted with the help of pilots. The coming months will be devoted to the search of sponsors. We already have part of the equipment but partnership with equipment suppliers will be essential. On the other hand, we will contact foundations, clubs, organizations to request assistance to help us balance our budget, estimated at \$90,000, most of which is devoted to logistic costs.

We will regularly keep updating you until our departure.

A difficult access

No harbour nor landing in complete safety on beach. The access to the Island is possible by using the 1km runway maintained by the TAAF staff. It's by the airs that's we will reach Tromelin.”

See the web site for equipment and other information.

K8YTO

DX Activity

4K, AZERBAIJAN. Jeff, **N6GQ**, will be active as **4K9Z** between June 20-25th. QSL via LoTW

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>

E4, Palestine. Licensed since 5/28/2014, Walaa **E41WT** and Mai, **E41MT** (husband and wife) from Gaza, Palestine will soon be on the air. Their QSL manager, **KB9GSY**, mentions that if anyone is

interested to donate ham gear / antennas etc to get in touch directly with him. (Source: *DX World*)

S0, WESTERN SAHARA. **S01A** and **S01WS** (club station "Amateur Radio Union Sahrawi") were on the air in May (see DX Summit for spot history). **S01AH** was not on the air in May and hopefully will be on soon. Expected operating bands will be on 80-6 meters. QSL via **EA2JG**.

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

KH9, WAKE ISLAND. Lisa is now active as **KH9/KJ6GHN** from Wake Island. She will be working there for the next few years. She mentions that she has "been a ham since 2010 and I am still learning lots, always something new to learn, totally enjoy this 'hobby'." Her station is an Icom 718 and has been working PSK on 15m. See QRZ.com for QSL info: "Please be patient mail only comes twice a

month". Lisa uploads to LoTW and ClubLog, and also accepts Bureau QSLs.

ZA/ON6NB, Albania. Ten members of the Belgian NB-DX Team will be active as from Shkodër city in north-western Albania between June 5-15th.

Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB, PSK and RTTY, with an emphasis on the higher bands, propagation conditions permitting.

QSL via **ON4ANN**.

For more details, see:

users.telenet.be/on4ann/ZA/index.html

(Source: OPDX)

K8YTO

June/Aug - 100 Most Wanted Activity as of May 22 - In ORV Date Order—By **K8YTO**

						Top 100	
QRV	End	Prefix	Call	Entity	QSL Mgr	2013	LP Date
22-May-14	15-Sep-14	T6	T6DD	AFGHANISTAN	4O4A	54	
22-May-14	01-Jul-14	KH9	KH9/WA2YUN	WAKE	K2PF	16	01-Oct-13
22-May-14	01-Jan-16	KH9	KH9/KJ6GHN	WAKE	KJ6GHN	16	01-Oct-13
30-May-14	05-Jun-14	V6	V63DX	MICRONESIA	JA7HMZ	77	
09-Jun-14	15-Jun-14	V6	V650XG (OC-059)	MICRONESIA	JA1XGI	77	
15-Jun-14	15-Sep-14	JD1/M	JG8NQJ/JD1	MINAMI TORISHI-MA	JA8CJY	32	01-Jan-10
13-Jul-14	28-Jul-14	KH8	by W7GJ	AMERICAN SAMOA		65	01-Nov-11
29-Jul-14	02-Aug-14	VK9/C	Cocos (Keeling)	COCOS KEELING	JF3PLF	70	01-Feb-11
02-Aug-14	08-Aug-14	VK9/X	Christmas Island	CHRISTMAS ISLAND	JF3PLF	38	01-Apr-09

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

June/Aug Other DX - By K8YTO

QRV	End	Prefix	Call	ENTITY	QSL Mgr
Now	01-Jun-14	9L	9L1A	Sierra Leone	9A2AA
Now	01-Jun-14	TJ	TJ3TS	Cameroon	PA-3249
Now	01-Jun-14	9G	9G5ZZ	Ghana	DL1CW
Now	01-Jun-14	YB	YF1AR/5 (OC-215)	Indonesia	
Now	03-Jun-14	DU	DU8/NW5H (OC-235)	Philippines	NW5H
Now	03-Jun-14	ZD8	ZD8Z	Ascension I.	AI4U
Now	03-Jun-14	A3	A35JP/P (OC-191)	Tonga	JA0RQV
Now	05-Jun-14	ZA	ZA/PA2CHR	Albania	PA2CHR
Now	08-Jun-14	7Q	7Q7GIA	Malawi	LA7GIA
Now	19-Jun-14	7Q	7QNL	Malawi	PA1AW
Now	24-Jun-14	Z6	Z6/LZ1BJ	Kosovo (ARRL Not Recognize)	LZ1BJ
Now	15-Aug-14	ZC4	ZC4MIS	UK Sov. Base Areas on Cyprus	AG6IP
01-Jun-14	31-Jul-14	HL	6M6M	South Korea	
06-Jun-14	15-Jun-14	ZA	ZA/ON6NB	Albania	ON4ANN
07-Jun-14	08-Jun-14	HS	E20HHK/p (AS-145)	Thailand	E21EIC
05-Jul-14	15-Jul-14	FP	FP/KV1J	St. Pierre & Miquelon	KV1J
23-Jul-14	31-Jul-14	VU	VU3ARF (AS-153)	India	
16-Aug-14	24-Aug-14	A3	by W8 group	Tonga	