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President's Report

I just got back from my Up-North QTH where we had a couple of nights that were -25 or less. It seemed like good weather to do some antenna work, but the fire in the wood stove won and I stayed by it instead.

I used my meager CW skills to work the ARRL DX CW test and managed to work the VK9L (A new one for me) that was on while I was up there.

I have received a funding request from K3EL for a DXpedition to Heard Is. (VK0/H) in December. I will bring it up at the next meeting.

Keep warm and good DX
73 Dave K8ESQ

Meeting Presentation

Friday March 13, 2015

Four K1N related video clips
including first landing on
Navassa

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. 24 members and guests were present.

The Secretary's report from the January 2015 meeting was approved by the membership.

The Treasure's report for January 2015 was approved by the membership.

One of our members Gene Klingler N8ZX passed away this past January.

Our Long Path editor, Linda KC8PKY thanked Chet for his many years of article contributions to the Long Path. Linda requests that members submit articles to here to help populate our monthly news letter.

A HDMI adapter set for use with our presentation projector was procured by Gerry K8GT.

Mike WD8S proposed SEMDXA support the MIQP event by sponsoring a plaque. The cost is \$70. A motion was made and seconded to purchase the plaque.

DX requests received in January were for VP8 South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands by the Intrepid DX group for January/February 2016. SEMDXA supporters Craig K9CT and Dave K3LP are scheduled to be part of the trip. <http://www.intrepid-dx.com/vp8/>. VP8 was identified to fit the criteria of being in the SEMDXA top 25 list for a donation. A discussion ensued to determine how far ahead of time shall we make the donation for fear of the donation being lost

if the DXpedition does not take place. It was noted that deposits are required now for the vessel Braveheart and other expenses. It was agreed by a majority of the present membership to donate \$250.00 to the expedition. The \$250 amount is based upon getting our club logo identified as a contributor to the DXpedition. At a later date the club will pass the hat to replenish our treasury since we agreed to exceed our \$75 donation limit.

Pete K8PGJ will be in Bora Bora Tahiti operating as FO/K8PGJ. Feb 15 – 24, 2015. Pete thanked all who worked him as ZF2PG during NAQP.

The Arrow Radio Club from Ann Arbor will offer their bus service to Dayton Hamvention again this year.

The March meeting at USECA March

SEMDXA OFFICERS

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VUCC Checker: Jim Sanford, **K8ZZU**

CQ Checker: Mike Rudzki, **N8MR**

CQ Checker: Al Bailey, **K8SIX**

9th will feature a skype presentation by Bob Allison of the ARRL test lab. All are welcome to attend. Their meeting location is at the Elks Club in Mt Clemens.

The presentation this evening was a video from the 2014 VK9X/K7CO DXpedition.

Respectfully submitted

Lee N8LJ

Press Release #1 (E3A)
By JH1AJT- Y. Zorro Miyazawa

The SEISA/Foundation for Global Children is pleased to announce our next activity as "Eritrea Project 2015". As part of this project, we will conduct an amateur radio DXpedition from Asmara Eritrea, from March 6th to 17th, 2015.

A multi-national team of nine operators, consisting of:
Zorro - JH1AJT Team Leader
Paul - N6PSE Co-Leader
Franz - DJ9ZB
Jay - JA1TRC
Yuki - JH1NBN
Kazu - JH1OGX
Thomas - NQ7R
David - WD5COV
Dmitri - RA9USU

We are very excited about this announcement as it has taken many months of careful planning and negotiations to bring about this amateur radio event. Our DXpedition call sign will be assigned to us upon our arrival in the capitol of Asmara.

We will use four transceivers consisting of two Elecraft K3 radios with the KPA500

amplifiers and two Kenwood TS590 transceivers with the ACOM 1010 amplifiers.

We will use beam antennas for the high bands (10-20 meters) and four verticals for the low bands (30-160 meters) We will try to work every area as much as possible.

Our QSL Manager is Tim - M0URX.

We are thankful to have the following sponsors supporting our Plans: Northern California DX Foundation, German DX Foundation, International DX Association, Northern California DX Club, Southwest Ohio DX Association, Intrepid-DX Group, Lone Star DX Association, Northern Illinois DX Association, Swiss DX Foundation, Western Washington DX Club, Southeastern DX Club, Orca DX and Contest Club, Southeast Michigan DX Association, Carolina DX Association, Northern Ohio DX Association, Oklahoma DX Association, Danish DX Group, Long Island DX Association, Western New York DX Association, and Elecraft.

If you wish to make a donation via PayPal, our address is jh1ajt@fgc.or.jp (note-please do not send email to this address, it is for PayPal purposes only)

Thank you & 73,
SEISA/FGC Radio Team

From Larry K8UT

- > There has been lots of complaining on the TopBand reflector about K1N from
- > guys who couldn't get them on 160, or couldn't get them because K1N
- > operated in the Extra portion of a band, or couldn't get them because they
- > only got 2 days notice of the DXpedition(?), or couldn't get them because
- > their XYs wanted them to vacuum the living room that day (or whatever).
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- > The following is a great rant about "don't bitch to me about it." Maybe
- > this deserves a posting in the SEMDXA LongPath newsletter! ;-)
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- > note to all stateside K1N detractors
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- > Here are some things that will hopefully be in the DX'ING FOR DUMMIES
- > BOOK
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- > 1. K1N is over. I am not convinced that any group anywhere did it better.
- > that applies to all bands more specifically 160 meters.
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- > 2. NEWS FLASH! There will be other dx peditions in the future. Only 2
- > days
- > notice??? We Had several months notice of the proposed K1N operation. If
- > you
- > are not subscribed to the daily dx, the weekly dx, the NJDXA bulletin,
- > the
- > ARRL DX Bulletin, the KB8NW DX bulletin some of which are free, you should
- > look into it. Engraved notices were not sent out and it is your own fault
- > for not having enough notice.
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- > 3. Missing K1n which was basically in your back yard should be part of
- > your
- > "lessons learned" after action re-

port. If your station could not make a
> K1N contact, it was either an opera-
tor malfunction or your station needs
> some work.

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> 4. If you do not have an extra class
license, upgrade it or stop
> complaining about it. No code licens-
es have been here for years. CW is no
> longer a barrier to upgrading your
license. There are 11 year old kids with
> extra class licenses. Take your radio
clubs next license upgrade class.

> If
> I were you I would Sign up for that
class TODAY. Think of it another
> way.
> If you can operate CW, that gives you
9 more band opportunities where you
> can work them. why limit yourself
needlessly. Bonus, even more band
> opportunities are available if you ra-
dio does RTTY.

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> 5. No antenna for 160 or 60 me-
ters? Start building your antenna TO-
DAY.

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> 6. No match box to load your antenna
up on other bands? Buy or build
> one TODAY.

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> 7. If your xyl is nagging you about
Saturdays spent listening to the dx
> bands? Send her out to a spa for
the day you want to devote to dxing.
> You
> might be surprised to find her asking
you if you have any other days you
> would like to devote to dx-ing. In
some circles this is called a win-win
> situation.

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> 8. If your radio does not do 20 kc
splits, TODAY would be a good day to
> upgrade your radio, buy or build a
VFO

> Or live dangerously and read the
manual for the radio you have now.

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> 9 Be there !! You can be right at your
radio and still miss announcements
> of where the dx is listening. If you
are out of the room listening on a
> speaker 15 feet away it is easy to miss
the DX station announcing he has
> shifted from listening 5 kcs up to
listening 5 kcs down. Listening from
> across the room almost assures that
you will miss announcements of this
> type, especially in a heavy DQRM
situation such as EU only, NA only,
ATNO,

> QRX-5 fueling generator etc.

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> 10. Requesting or suggesting the dx
station should go to another band,
> general sub bands or other requests via
DX-Watch or sending a thank you
> on

> the packet cluster? Please know that
the individual operators on most
> dx-peditions are not watching the dx
cluster nor do they have dx watch on
> their cell phone even if they had
enough signal to do so. Further, most
> of
> the American dx ops do not know all
of the sub bands by memory and for
> sure,
> the dx ops from other countries do not
know and could not care less about
> the general sub bands.

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> 11. Just because a web site mentions
or does not mention a band, or sub
> band
> or a band they plan to concentrate on
does not mean they will or will not
> cover it. Radios and antennas fail or
may have to be shared between
> several
> bands. If you read the pre dx-pedition
freq plan for K1N. Their initial
> plan was to work 10M SSB and not
do any 10 CW. Even so, I noted a
> significant amount of Q's were made
on 10 cw. Again, you have to BE
> THERE.
> You snooze?
> YOU LOSE !!!

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> 12. Most importantly of all, If you
did not CONTRIBUTE to a specific
> DX-pedition, I really think you should
refrain from complaining about it.

> A
> list of donors can often be found on
the dx-pedition web site by clicking
> on
> the donor button.

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> 13. If you are a casual weekend dx'er
with a casual station, you should
> not be surprised or disappointed when
you get CASUAL RESULTS.

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> After reading this if you are still look-
ing for someone to blame when you
> miss the next dx-pedition, take
> A long look in the mirror.

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> 73

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> Chet N4FX

I will again be QRV from Ecuador as follows:

Dates: 23-02-2015 - 13-03-2015

HC1MD-----Tumbaco

HC1MD/HC1--Mindó

HC1MD/HC2--Ballenita Lighthouse / Capay on Hill "ARLHS ECU-017"

HC1MD/HC4--Manta/Portoviejo

HC1MD/HC7--Amazon Jungle

Radio: TS-850s 100w-->Carolina Windom 40-10m+WARC

FT-857d 100w-->on 6m CW/SSB with 2 ele MOXON antenna/rotor

Modes: 80% RTTY, 10% SSB, 10% CW

6 meters: I will be calling CQ on 50.110 CW

100% of the time that I am operating on the
other bands (separate radio).

QSL: via direct to K8LJG & LOTW after the trip

VIEW the HC/Ecuador and HC8/Galapagos DX-Diplomas at:

<http://webpages.charter.net/ne8z>

73, Rick NE8Z/HC1MD