



Long Path



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SEMDXA NEWSLETTER

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Season's Greetings all! It's time for the annual SEMDXA



holiday gathering at Zukey Lake! The festivities begin at 11:00 am so make your plans accordingly. For directions and the latest news check here, Marsha will have all the latest.

Much to tell regarding "where we meet" come January. Thanks to the terrific effort by Mike WD8S we'll meet at the Hazel Park Racetrack in the fourth floor meeting rooms. There are elevators and plenty of on-site free parking. Mike has secured the room. See slides of the area, facilities and menu later in the Long Path. Thanks to Wes AC8JF, Dave K8ESQ and Mike WD8S for all their efforts in finding and checking out the various locations.

This is the season when ham radio and especially DXing is at its best, the warm shack, many DXpeditions to warmer climates, contests nearly every weekend no place to go because it's too darn cold! The amp warms the shack and as long as old man winter doesn't freeze up the rotor DXing is alive and well. My antenna

work for the year is done, tower guys are secure, radials all out and I hope you're ready too. Makes sure those guys are snugged and all outside coax fittings secure and weather proofed.

It's one week as I write this until the CW bands explode with the CQWW CW event. The station here will be used by KD8SKO to acquire a few needed band countries and a test of all gear. It might be a multi-multi mini effort with S&P via packet but most likely the main effort will be the consumption of chili and coffee between the QSOs. Good luck to all of you in the CQWW CW whether full or part time effort.

73 es gud DX,

2017 Calendar

Meetings are held on the 2nd Friday of each month. at the Hazel Park Raceway Use Dequindre Rd. entrance). 4th floor meeting room.—Elevator available.

Members gather for dinner beginning at 5:30 pm . Meeting starts at 7 pm. Order off the menu and cash bar is available.

January 13
February 10
March 10
April 7
May 12
June 9

Holiday Party

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!!! Bring the XYL's!!

date: Friday-December 16, 2016
time: 11:00am sharp - 1:30pm+
map: <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 ham radio hat so that we know who you are. If you get lost call: [\(810\) 231-1441](tel:8102311441)

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November Minutes

November 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm by President Ted K8AQM. There were 23 members and guests present.

The October meeting minutes that were posted in November's Long Path were approved unanimously by the membership present.

Brad N8NSM presented the Treasure's report and it was also approved unanimously by the membership present.

Mike WD8S discovered a possible new location for our monthly meeting. Hazel Park Race Track has a restaurant and meeting room. The use of the room is free and we order food from their menu. 807's & 813's are available for consumption. The restaurant is located on the fourth floor with elevators and escalators available for those who no longer climb towers. Parking is in abundant supply. Mike will check the facility out so watch the Long Path for details.

Pete K8PGJ/ PJ2T gave a synopsis of the PJ2T teams' success in the 2016 CQWW SSB. Their 10 operators gathered over 13300 QSO's, and are currently listed as #3 overall and #1 in the multi-multi category.

The evening's presentation was given by Mike K9AJ who was the team doctor and radio operator on the VP8STI and VP8SGI DXpeditions. Descriptions of the travel, living conditions and challenges to put these rare entities on the air were described.

Don't forget the December Christmas Celebration will be at Zukey Lake Tavern. See the Long Path for details.

Meeting adjourned 8:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee
N8LJ

New Meeting Place

After a vote of approval at the November meeting Mike WD8S confirmed 2017 SEMDXA meetings with Hazel Park Raceway. The following information was obtained.

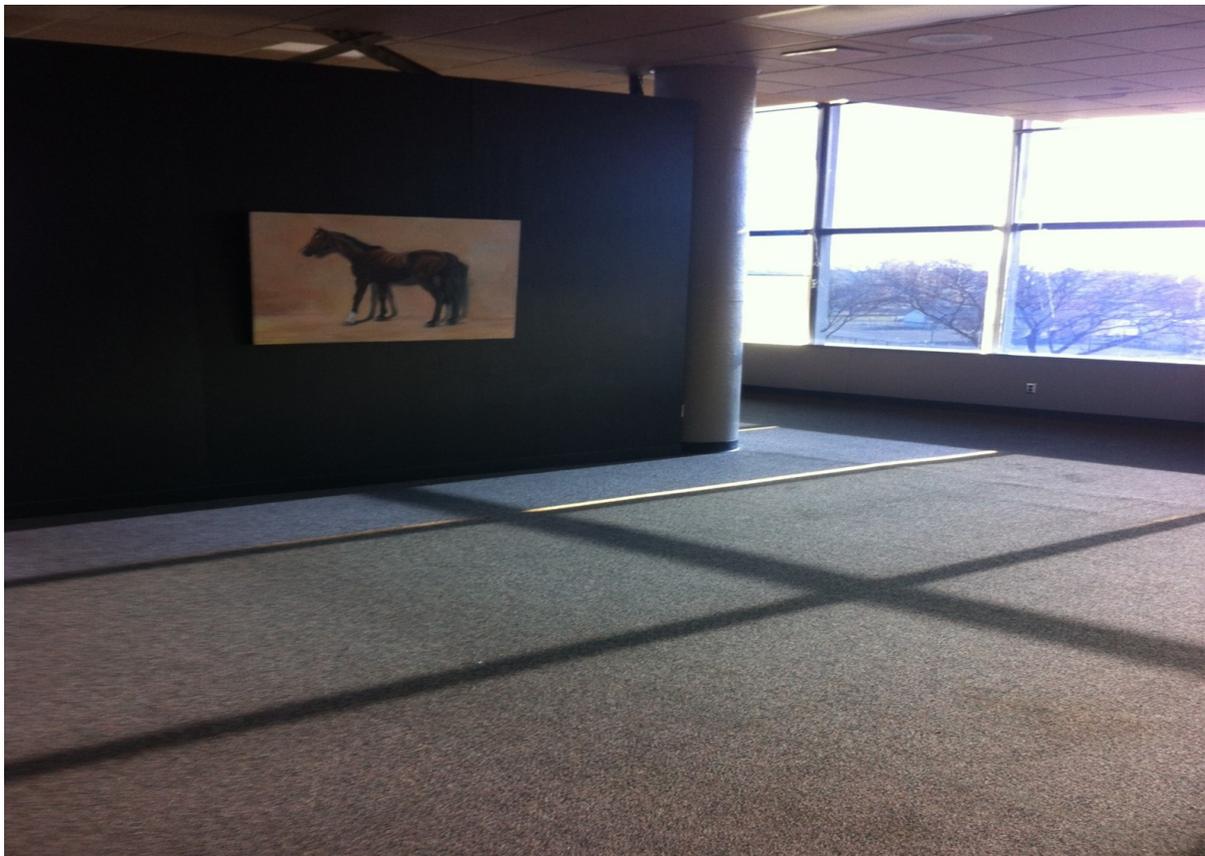
The meeting place is on the 4th floor of the club house in the southeast corner. There are windows on one side but they have sun shields that will work.

Tom Pratt the chef also joined the meeting and I have attach his Menu. It is not as large but will work just fine.

Live racing does not start until April or May, so noise wise should not be too bad. Videos can be shown on the black wall were the horse picture is. The tables will be the same at Jimmy's — 8 foot and round. Bar will have a guy to provide beverages.

Pictures are printed in the Long Path to help members find their way to the meeting.





The Clubhouse



*Chips & Salsa \$6.50
Wedge Salad \$7.95
Caesar Salad \$8.95*

*Chef's Salad \$8.95
Chicken Caesar Salad \$10.95
Side Salad \$4.50*

Main Dishes

*8oz New York Strip \$10.95
Fish & Chips \$8.95
Philly Steak & Cheese \$9.95
Shrimp Basket \$9.95
Chicken Salad on Grilled Rye \$7.95
3pc Fried Chicken Dinner w/ Mash Potatoes and Vegetable \$10.95*

*Sirloin Burger \$8.95
Club House Sandwich \$8.95
Wings (Buffalo, Plain, Teriyaki) \$9.95
Parmesan Garlic, Bbq \$8.95
Corn Beef on Grilled Rye \$8.95
Pepper Steak Dinner w/ Rice and Vegetable \$10.95*

Desserts

*Apple Pie, Cherry Pie,
Carrot Cake, Chocolate Cake
Ice Cream w/ Toppings
\$ 4.50*

Ask your server about items that are cooked to order or served raw. Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs may increase your risk of food-borne illness

HAZEL PARK RACEWAY

**December DX Outlook - 100 Most Wanted Activity
as of Nov 30 - In Start Date Order—By K8YTO**

Note: LOTW Prefix and LOTW Entity name are now being used.

| Date | End | LOTW Prefix | Call | Entity - LOTW | QSL Mgr | Top 100 2015 | LP Date |
|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|----------------|---------|--------------|---------|
| 24-Nov-16 | 01-Dec-16 | ZL7 | ZL7/W1XGI | CHATHAM ISLAND | JA1XGI | 96 | |
| 23-Dec-16 | 25-Dec-16 | E4 | E44QX | PALESTINE | DF8DX | 98 | |

**DX Outlook— Other DX
In Start Date Order—By K8YTO**

| Date | End | PREFIX -LOTW | Call | ENTITY - LOTW | QSL Manager |
|-----------|-----------|--------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------|
| NOW | 15-Dec-16 | CE9, KC4 | 8T2BH | ANTARCTICA | I1HYW |
| NOW | 01-Feb-17 | TZ | TZ5XR | MALI | F5MXH |
| NOW | 02-Apr-17 | CE9, KC4 | RI1AND | ANTARCTICA | RW1AI |
| NOW | 02-Jun-17 | JT | JT1EIR | MONGOLIA | |
| 16-Nov-16 | 05-Dec-16 | XU | XU7AEZ | CAMBODIA | RC3C |
| 20-Nov-16 | 03-Dec-16 | 8Q | 8Q7SP (AS-013) | MALDIVES | SP6FXY |
| 20-Nov-16 | 05-Dec-16 | 3W, XV | 3W2DK | VIET NAM | N0ODK |
| 20-Nov-16 | 25-Dec-16 | 9Q | 9Q0HQ/3 | DEM. REP. OF THE CONGO | IS0BWM |
| 01-Dec-16 | 28-Feb-17 | CE9, KC4 | FT3YL (AN-017) | ANTARCTICA | |
| 16-Dec-16 | 18-Dec-16 | 6W | 6V1A (AS-045) | SENEGAL | |

LP Date is date of Long Path article about the Country/Entity
Red call sign means verify it is in your Log Prefix Table