



Long Path



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SEMDXA NEWSLETTER

April 2016

March Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Dave, **K8ESQ**, at 7:00 pm. There were 17 members and 5 guests in attendance. The meeting minutes from the February meeting were approved.

Treasurer, Brad, **N8SNM**, reported the January checking account ending balance was \$1527.98. February deposits were \$60.00 and the ending balance was \$1587.98. The PayPal ending balance was \$41.00.

President Dave mentioned the following:

The **T32** Christmas Island DXpedition team will end activation on March 14.

Heard Island, **VK0EK**, is scheduled to start March 20.

Juan De Nova, **FT4JA**, start date is March 29.

Dayton Buses – Ann Arbor and USE-CA each have a bus available for a Dayton one day trip.

June SEMDXA elections: Volunteers are needed to run for office. Program Director, Gerry, **K8GT**, and President, Dave, **K8ESQ**, will not be running for re-election.

There was no other business.

Gerry, **K8GT**, introduced Pete, **K8PGT**, who gave a brief presentation about his January 2016 trip to the Cayman Islands, **ZF2PG**. After Pete's presentation, Gerry showed a DVD about DX operations from Aland Island, **OH0**, and Market Reef, **OJ0DX**.

This was an interesting DVD as it was not in English yet gave a very good

view of the operation and included a good tour of Aland Island.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48

Presentation:

ZF2PG, Cayman Islands

For those who could not attend the meeting, Pete, **K8PGT**, gave a brief but thorough presentation.

He enjoys going to the Caymans for a number of reasons:

- Vacation with family

- Friendly people including an annual party

- Scenery, weather, scuba diving, and golf

- ZF1A** club station use

- Participating in the NAQP SSB contest with a top 10 finisher goal (which he met)

- Casual holiday stay operation

The **ZF1A** club has a full complement of equipment and antennas, including a 17 element log periodic 40 thru 10 meters at 95 feet, and Mosley 67C at 55 feet and a six meter beam. Pete brought his own 100 watt K3transceiver with him as he prefers not to use other peoples' equipment. He ran 100 watts during his stay. Overall he made 2884 QSO's for the 6 day trip.

While he had prepared a propagation plan for the contest, conditions varied, with 10 meters being much worse than he expected.

Also, he was disappointed with top bands and only had 3 QSO's on 80 meters. Reception was a real problem.

Next year he plans to take a shared apex loop receive antenna

Pete publishes information about his

Calendar

2015/ 2016 Meeting Dates

All meetings unless otherwise noted are at Jimi's Restaurant, (downtown Royal Oak across from OCC)

Map with directions at

<https://www.google.com/maps/@42.4841826,-83.1467062,17z?hl=en>

Gathering starts at 5:30 pm (dinner on you) and meeting begins at 7 pm followed by the presentation.

2016

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May 13—Elections

(week before Dayton)

SEMDXA OFFICERS

President: Dave De Rain, **K8ESQ**

Vice-president: Al Bailey, **K8SIX**

Treasurer: Brad Nowak, **N8SNM**

Secretary: Lee Dziekan, **N8LJ**

Program Director: Gerry Treas, **K8GT**
Steve Culp, **K8QKY**

Directors: Ted, **K8NA**, Bob, **K8VFF**,
and Lee, **N8LJ**

Club Appointees:

Webmaster: Larry Gauthier, **K8UT**

LP Editor: Marsha Fleming, **N8FE**

ARRL and CQ Appointees:

DXCC Checker: Stan Arnett, **AC8W**

DXCC Checker: Bill Jones, **N8KF**

VUCC Checker: Al Bailey, **K8SIX**

VUCC Checker: Jim Sanford, **K8ZZU**

ZF2PG operation on QRZ.com

Congratulations Pete on your great vacation and top 10 contest finish!

Respectfully submitted, Chet **K8YTO**

**Apr/May - 100 Most Wanted Activity
as of Mar 16 - In Start Date Order—By K8YTO**

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

		LOTW				Top 100	
Date	End	Prefix	Call	Entity - LOTW	QSL Mgr	2015	LP Date
16-Mar-16	31-Mar-16	YA	T6SM	AFGHANISTAN	DL3ASM	56	
16-Mar-16	31-Mar-16	V6	V63FG	MICRONESIA	JR1EFG	100	
16-Mar-16	03-Apr-16	4S	4S7KKG	SRI LANKA	DC0KK	94	
16-Mar-16	12-Apr-16	ET	ET7L	ETHIOPIA	US0LW	87	
16-Mar-16	25-Apr-16	4S	4S7ULG	SRI LANKA	UY5ZZ	94	
16-Mar-16	15-May-16	JD1/M	JG8NQJ/JD1	MINAMI TORISHIMA	JA8CJY	34	01-Jan-10
16-Mar-16	31-Oct-16	YA	T6PB	AFGHANISTAN		56	
20-Mar-16	10-Apr-16	VK0/H	VK0EK	HEARD ISLAND	KY6R	5	
29-Mar-16	11-Apr-16	FR/J	FT4JA	JUAN DE NOVA, EUROPA		13	
01-Apr-16	10-Feb-17	EP	EP2A	IRAN		28	
05-Apr-16	11-Apr-16	4W	4W DXpedition	TIMOR - LESTE		58	01-Oct-09
07-Apr-16	12-Apr-16	XU	XU7AKC	CAMBODIA	SP5APW	88	
10-Apr-16	30-Sep-16	JX	JX9JKA	JAN MAYEN	LA9JKA	76	
15-Apr-16	20-Apr-16	VK9/L	VK9L/G7VJR	LORD HOWE ISLAND	M0OXO	71	
19-Apr-16	29-Apr-16	1S	9M0S	SPRATLY ISLANDS	DF8AN	61	01-Apr-12
08-May-16	15-May-16	E4	E44QX	PALESTINE	DF8DX	69	

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

Apr/May Other DX
In Start Date Order—By K8YTO

Start	End	Prefix	Call	ENTITY	QSL Manager
16-Mar-16	28-Mar-16	T32	T32AZ	EASTERN KIRIBATI	KH6QJ
16-Mar-16	30-Mar-16	5Z	5Z4/DF3FS	KENYA	DF3FS
16-Mar-16	31-Mar-16	5W	5W0RM	SAMOA	ZL4IG
16-Mar-16	31-Mar-16	VP8	VP8DPD	FALKLAND ISLANDS	G3ZQQ
16-Mar-16	31-Mar-16	D2	D2/CT1ITE	ANGOLA	CT1ITE
16-Mar-16	06-Apr-16	3B8	3B8/G8AFC	MAURITIUS ISLAND	G8AFC
16-Mar-16	14-Apr-16	H4	H44MS	SOLOMON ISLANDS	DL2GAC
16-Mar-16	01-Sep-16	D2	D3YL	ANGOLA	RA4HT
16-Mar-16	15-Dec-16	CE9, KC4	8T2BH	ANTARCTICA	I1HYW
16-Mar-16	27-Feb-17	CE9, KC4	DP0GVN	ANTARCTICA	DL5EBE
17-Mar-16	29-Mar-16	FP	FP/KV1J	SAINT PIERRE & MIQUELON	KV1J
24-Mar-16	11-Apr-16	5V7	5V7D	TOGO	DL9MBI
26-Mar-16	28-Mar-16	5Z	5Z4/TA1HZ	KENYA	LZ3HI
29-Mar-16	04-Apr-16	XW	XW7FG	LAOS	JA7FGI
30-Mar-16	04-Apr-16	JW	JW/DL7UFR	SVALBARD	DL7DF
30-Mar-16	04-Apr-16	JW	JW/DL7DF	SVALBARD	DL7DF
30-Mar-16	04-Apr-16	JW	JW/DL4WK	SVALBARD	DL7DF
30-Mar-16	04-Apr-16	JW	JW/DK1BT	SVALBARD	DL7DF
01-Apr-16	01-Apr-16	CE9, KC4	RI1AND	ANTARCTICA	RW1AI
07-Apr-16	07-Apr-16	OX	by WW6RG	GREENLAND	
09-Apr-16	10-Apr-16	OH0M	OJ0W	MARKET REEF	OH3WS
09-Apr-16	14-Apr-16	DU	DU1WQY/1 (OC-128)	PHILIPPINES	DF8DX
11-Apr-16		KH8	KH8/KC0W	AMERICAN SAMOA	
12-Apr-16	20-Apr-16	5W	5W0XG	SAMOA	JA1XGI
13-Apr-16	17-Apr-16	T8	T88UW	PALAU	JH7IPR
13-Apr-16	18-Apr-16	A2	A25UK	BOTSWANA	M0OXO
13-Apr-16	18-Apr-16	T8	T88SM	PALAU	JA6EGL
14-Apr-16	19-Apr-16	DU	DU1WQY/8 (OC-130)	PHILIPPINES	DF8DX
15-Apr-16	21-Apr-16	FH	FH/F4FET	MAYOTTE ISLAND	F4FET
17-Apr-16	30-Apr-16	8Q	8Q7FU	MALDIVES	RM0F
17-Apr-16	30-Apr-16	8Q	8Q7CA	MALDIVES	RC5A
19-Apr-16	24-Apr-16	DU	DU1WQY (OC-042)	PHILIPPINES	DF8DX
21-Apr-16	25-Apr-16	T8	T88FG (OC-009)	PALAU	JR1EFG
21-Apr-16	28-Apr-16	4L	4L9PL	GEORGIA	SP9KAT
23-Apr-16	01-May-16	VK9N	VK9NU	NORFOLK ISLAND	VK4ADC

Apr/May Other DX (Continued)
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26-Apr-16	06-May-16	JD1	JD1BOI	OGASAWARA	JJ1LET
28-Apr-16	01-May-16	A9	A91HI (AS-202)	BAHRAIN	A92AA
29-Apr-16	17-May-16	YJ	YJ0CS	VANUATU	OE4AAC
30-Apr-16	02-May-16	9M6	9M8RC (OC-165)	EAST MALAYSIA	9M8WAT
01-May-16	05-May-16	T8	T88RF	PALAU	JJ2RCJ
10-May-16	10-May-16	OX	by WW6RG	GREENLAND	
13-May-16	15-May-16	T8	T88QR (OC-009)	PALAU	JJ1DQR
15-May-16	01-Jun-16	YB	YB9/PB5X	INDONESIA	PA1AW
20-May-16	31-May-16	VK9N	VK9NT	NORFOLK ISLAND	VK2CA
23-May-16	28-May-16	E5	E51XYZ	SOUTH COOK ISLANDS	
23-May-16	30-May-16	VK9N	VK9PAS	NORFOLK ISLAND	M0OXO
27-May-16	29-May-16	VK9N	VI9ANZAC	NORFOLK ISLAND	
28-May-16	27-Jun-16	HL,DS	HL16RI	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	HL4CCM