



Long Path



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Pres Sez

Here we go with a new season in Ham radio. Today it is supposed to hit 90 but since it is labor day summer is officially over. I have spent a good part of the summer trying to straighten out my FT8.

Seems every time MicroSoft does an upgrade my computer won't talk to my K3s. About time I get that fixed, HRD does an upgrade and here we go again. Never give up! I also have started construction of an inverted "L" for 160 meters. "By started" means I have the line up for the support end and I bought an electric edger to bury the radials. It's a start!

In case you were not in attendance at our last meeting here are your officers:

Robert G. Mueller, **K8RGM**, President, k8rgm@comcast.net
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Mike Van Buren, **WD8S**, 50/50 Mgr., wd8s@comcast.net

Looking forward to seeing all of you on the 20th. Also, we need help with programs. Since Stan will not be at the meeting, please give any suggestions to either Steve Culp, **k8qky** or myself.

73,

Bob, **k8rgm**

Calendar

NEXT Meeting:

NEW DAY

3rd THURSDAY

September 20, 2018

Gino's Restaurant

1999 Cass Lake Rd,
Keego Harbor, MI 48320

Directions: [Gino's Pizza](#)

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

PRESENTATION

Christmas Island T-32 by Larry Koziel, K8MU

SEMDXA OFFICERS

President: Robert Mueller, **K8RGM**

Vice-president: Dave De Rain, **K8ESQ**

Treasurer: Brad Nowak, **N8NSM**

Secretary: Doug Basberg, **N8VY**

Program Director: Steve Culp, **K8QKY**
and Ned Keating, **KD8FCB**

Directors: Ted, **K8NA**, Bob, **K8VFX**,
and Lee, **N8LJ**

Club Appointees:

Web Site Editor: Larry Gauthier, **K8UT**

LP Publisher: Chet Latawiec, **VE3CFK**

ARRL and CQ Appointees:

DXCC Checker: Stan Arnett, **AC8W**

DXCC Checker: Bill Jones, **N8KF**

DXCC Checker: Less Butler, **W8MSP**

VUCC Checker: Al Bailey, **K8SIX**

VUCC Checker: Jim Sanford, **K8ZZU**

CQ Checker: Mike Rudzki, **N8MR**

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Minutes

SEMDXA

Meeting Minutes

14 June, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by our President Doug N8VY. There were 27 members and guests present. The first order of business was the 50/50 drawing and it was won by Greg Stobbs N8GAS.

Treasure's Report:

Brad N8SNM reported on the state of the treasury. There was a \$27 deposit from last month's 50/50 and a debit of \$70 to pay for the MIQP plaque that SEMDXA sponsors. The report was unanimously approved by the membership present.

Secretary's Report:

Lee N8LJ read the meeting minutes from the March, April and May meetings. The minutes were unanimously approved by the membership present.

General Announcements:

Dave K8ESQ reported that the W9DXCC registration is open for the September event held in Schaumburg, IL. Since this DX convention potentially conflicts with our September meeting date, and a fair number of our members attend this event, it was proposed that our September 13, 2018 meeting be postponed one week to September 20, 2018. Dave K8ESQ made the motion to delay our meeting one week and Dave K8CC seconded the motion which was then unanimously approved by the membership present. THIS ONE TIME MEETING DATE CHANGE IS SUBJECT TO OUR MEETING ROOM BEING AVAILABLE AT GINO's AND OUR SEPTEMBER PRESENTOR ABLE TO SUPPORT THIS NEW DATE. PLEASE STAY TUNED TO OUR WEB-

Minutes (cont'd)

SEPTEMBER PRESENTOR ABLE TO SUPPORT THIS NEW DATE. PLEASE STAY TUNED TO OUR WEBSITE AND SEPTEMBER's LONG PATH FOR FINAL CONFIRMATION.

Al K8SIX reports that Ted K8NA is at home and recuperating.

Bob Crawford K8VFX is home and recovering from his recent surgery.

Election Results for the 2018-2019 SEMDXA Leadership:

President: Bob Mueller K8RGM
Vice Pres: Dave Derain K8ESQ
Treasure: Brad Nowak N8SNM
Secretary: Doug Basberg N8VY
Prog'm Dir: Stan Arnett II AC8W*

Political Appointees:

Long Path Editor: Chet Latawiec VE3CFK
Website Manager: Larry Gauthier K8UT
50/50 Chairman: Open**

**The funds from the 50/50 allowed us to donate more to DXpeditions which is one of our main goals as an organization. Someone please step up and accept this position.

Special THANKS go to our outgoing leadership and appointees.

Marsha N8FE our past Long Path editor.
Steve K8QKY our past Program Manager
Doug N8VY our past President
Bob K8RGM our past 50/50 chairman
Lee N8LJ our past Secretary

Minutes (cont'd)

Our presentation of the evening was provided by Jim K8MN. He showed us methods of radio contesting as a mobile unit.

Pete K8PGJ took home the 2017 plaque for his teams' 1st place performance for multi-multi in the Michigan QSO party. Congratulations to Pete and his team!

Meeting adjourned 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee N8LJZR2A

ZR2A

Uli, KK8I former ham radio member of SEMDXA when he lived in SE Michigan has moved to South Africa with his XYL Angela. He has been issued the call sign ZR2A.

He says "the call sign is assigned to him...just waiting for the paperwork to arrive. He hopes to be on the air soon.

This as of August 16, 2018

4U1UN

The following post is from K2QI, James Sarte, President of the United Nations Amateur Radio Club. It's been a while since the last update but I have some news to share. We're one step closer to being back on the air. As some may know, Dmitri Zhikharev

4U1UN cont'd

RA9USU along with Adrian Ciuperca KO8SCA have been working with me behind the scenes to get the station operational again. Through the generous donations of Dima and his associates (notably Ed Kritsky NT2X), we were able to get a rack mounted K3, Acom 2000 linear amplifier, and associated network-enabled control hardware. We were also granted another K3 to act as a remote head from SK Tony N2UN via his widow, and delivered to us by Andrew Bodony K2LE. Finally, Adrian has been doing a lot of behind-the-scenes networking and legwork with his counterparts to help get things done from within the United Nations.

Yesterday represents an additional milestone for the club as Adrian (who did most of the work) and I, finally erected a brand new SteppIR BigIR vertical antenna on the Secretariat's roof. All that remains is to connect and lay the ground radials, fine-tune the rack mounted devices, and setup and configure the remote K3. Once done and after almost a decade off-air, we can finally call CQ 20 de 4U1UN.

Credit to Bernie at The Daily DX

Thank you

An email received by Doug N8VY...

Hello Doug. This is Dave, KA6BIM. I wanted to write and thank you and your club, the SE Michigan DX Association, for sponsoring the nice plaque that I recently received. It was for "High Score Out of State Single Operator Mountain Pacific" I enjoyed playing the contest. I am located in Southwest Oregon about 15 miles from the Pacific Ocean.

I invite you and your members to play in the 7QP contest, the first weekend of May.

Upcoming DX

Credit to The Daily DX Calendar

Start Date	End Date	PREFIX	Call	QSL Manager
12-Sep	01-Oct	T32	T32AH	DL2AH
20-Sep	25-Sep	JW	JW/DJ2AX	DJ2AX
20-Sep	25-Sep	JW	JW/DL4APJ	DL4APJ
20-Sep	25-Sep	JW	JW/DL4APJ	DL4APJ
29-Sep	30-Sep	OE	OE6YHOTA	
01-Oct	31-Oct	C5	C5C	
01-Oct	28-Oct	GM	GR150NIB	G3SWH
02-Oct	29-Oct	KH8	WH8/DL2AH	DL2AH
10-Oct	15-Oct	JW	JW6VM	LA6VM
10-Oct	15-Oct	JW	JW7XK	LA7XK
10-Oct	15-Oct	JW	JW9DL	LA9DL
13-Oct	14-Oct	JW	JW5X	
16-Oct	30-Oct	VK9X	by 6G's	
19-Oct	29-Oct	HH	4V7R	EB7DX
20-Oct	03-Nov	VP6/D	VP6D	
27-Oct	28-Oct	GD	GD9W	M0SDV
29-Oct	08-Nov	V3	V31FT	EC5AC
01-Nov	30-Nov	6W	by IK7JWX (AF-078)	
01-Nov	30-Nov	6W	IOTA (AF-078) by IK7JWX	22-036 21-232
03-Nov	06-Nov	VK9/X	VK9XQ	DF8AN
06-Nov	10-Nov	VK9/C	VK9CH	DF8AN
10-Nov	17-Nov	VK9/X	VK9XQ	DF8AN
17-Nov	08-Dec	PJ7	PJ7AA	AA9A
18-Nov	26-Nov	VP2E	VP2EAB	WA7NB
18-Nov	26-Nov	VP2E	VP2EGW	K2UU
12-Jan	20-Jan	ZF	ZF2PG	K8PGJ