



# Long Path



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## Pres Sez

I have been working on my inverted "L" and now have 6 radials down with more scheduled for today and tomorrow. May actually have the thing up and running shortly.

Reminders: Ducie Island 2018, VP6D should start October 20 and run to November 3rd.

USECA Hamfest and Swap, Madison Heights is October 28.

Doug, N8VY, our esteemed past president and current secretary, has advised me that he not only has our new projector and speaker, but he has set it up and tested it. He also stayed within the budget that was set at our meeting on the 20th (\$270). We will be using it at our meeting the on 11th of October. So be sure and come to the meeting to check it out.

73

Bob, K8RGM

## SEMDXA Meeting Minutes 20 September, 2018

Meeting called to order by Bob K8RGM, president at 7pm  
9/20/2018

Roll Call by voice. 20 members in attendance

Treasury Report for June, July, and August presented by Brad N8SNM. Motion to approve by Lee N8LJ and 2nd by Al K8SIX

## Calendar

**NEXT Meeting:**

# NEW DAY

**2nd THURSDAY**

**October 11, 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 for Oct 11:

W1AW Tour and W1AW/8 Operation by Pete Gladysz, K8PGJ

### SEMDXA OFFICERS

*President:* Robert Mueller, **K8RGM**

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

*Treasurer:* Brad Nowak, **N8SNM**

*Secretary:* Doug Basberg, **N8VY**

*Program Director:* Stan Arnett, **AC8W**  
and Steve Culp, **K8QKY**

*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**

*CQ Checker:* Al Bailey, **K8SIX**

## Minutes (cont'd)

Minutes addendum by Bob K8RGM : Mike WD8S volunteered to do 50/50 duties. Thanks Mike.

Minutes, so amended, motion to approve by Chet K8YTO and 2nd by Dave K8ESQ

Bob K8RGM reminded members that USECA swap is October 28th in Madison Heights

The elections in June inadvertently omitted the position of Vice President. Dave K8ESQ volunteered at this meeting and a unanimous vote confirmed Dave as Vice President

## New Business

Bob K8RGM and Doug N8VY discussed before the meeting that our projector uses a \$200 bulb and we have no spare. The projector is an older model and supports only svga resolution. The sound system is large, heavy and provides poor audio with buzzing. Doug suggested we upgrade to an LED projector with twice the brightness and resolution. The new models are about \$200 and have a 20000 hour LED life. Also, the current sound system can be replaced with a much smaller blue tooth speaker system with high fidelity audio. These facts were presented to the members for discussion.

Larry K8UT motioned to authorize Doug N8VY to procure the new equipment using his own judgment with an approved budget of \$300.00. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Gerry K8GT at 7:23pm

Steve K8QKY introduced Larry K8MU with his presentation titled "A Journey Through Time" a talk concerning the 2016 DXpedition to Kiribati

## Minutes (cont'd)

(Christmas) Island

\* After the presentation, Steve K8QKY announced the October meeting will have a presentation by Pete on material TBD

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Basberg, N8VY Secretary

# DUES Due

Brad, N8SNM, our Treasurer reminds us that our Club Dues are due. Cash, cheque, money orders or PayPal accepted. NO IRCs please. He didn't mention anything about stamps though.

# ZD9CW

The following message is from ZD9CW (G4EDG), Steve, and may be forwarded on to your friends, club reflectors, etc.

In a pileup situation, if I respond to your call with your correct callsign PLEASE PLEASE don't send your callsign again. Rest assured my PC sends the CW that I have typed into the log.... every time.

If you repeat your call again I am triggered to think I have made a mistake in copying your call and you are correcting me.

This can result in:

## ZD9CW (cont'd)

1. You messing up sending your correct callsign and me logging that or having to query you yet again.

2. Me messing up copying your call and logging an error.

Either way....bad news for you!

Big CW pileups are stressful enough, please don't add to this by repeating your call if I have sent it correctly.

Once I have given you a report simply reply TU 599.....extra stuff such as RRRRRR, 73 and your callsign again slows things up and frustrates me. Ultimately fewer QSOs can be made in a set time.



For Immediate Release  
Press Release #10  
September 21, 2018

VP6D Ducie Island 2018 DX-pedition  
(OC-182)

The VP6D – Ducie Island 2018 project is on schedule.

We are excited to announce the availability of DXA during VP6D. Bob Schmieder KK6EK of Cordell Expeditions offered the use of DXA and we gladly accepted.

By pointing your browser to:

<https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.dxa3.org%2Fvp6d%2F&data=02%7C01%7C%7C0a3ade9eb6e64235da7e08d61fbce047%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C636731293413674621&data=xyUNF6SjpG%2FvM92H96HLibvHAE%2B13yIBrYB8k68s1J4%3D&reserved=0>

DXA allows anyone with an ordinary browser to see VP6D activity, in near real time. Within 60 seconds of your contact with VP6D, the browser page is automatically updated to show your call sign, this confirms that your contact is in the log (DXA reads the VP6D log). This process eliminates the need for duplicate contacts on the same band / mode and minimizes the confusion caused by pirates or other DX-peditions operating at the same time.

## VP6D (cont'd)

During our equipment consolidation weekend in California we performed an end to end DXA test: N1MM => BGAN => Inmarsat satellite => DXA3 server => laptop. We are confident that DXA will significantly reduce, or eliminate, the hundreds of e-mails asking for "log checks". If you see your call sign on DXA you're in the log. Thanks to Bob KK6EK, Pete W6OP and the DXA team for their support.

Speaking of logs, we will upload the log every day to the VP6D.com - Log Search tab. We do not use Clublog and there is no Leader-board.

With the loan of a portable 6m EME antenna - Lance W7GJ - has prepared the VP6D team to put Ducie Island on 6 EME for the first time ever. Operation will be on 50.200 JT65. We intend to be active at Ducie moonrise on most days and occasionally during moonset. Watch our Twitter feed for up to the minute information.

Follow us on Twitter / Facebook for updates from the island. We installed and tested a bridge between our Garmin inReach => Twitter => Facebook.

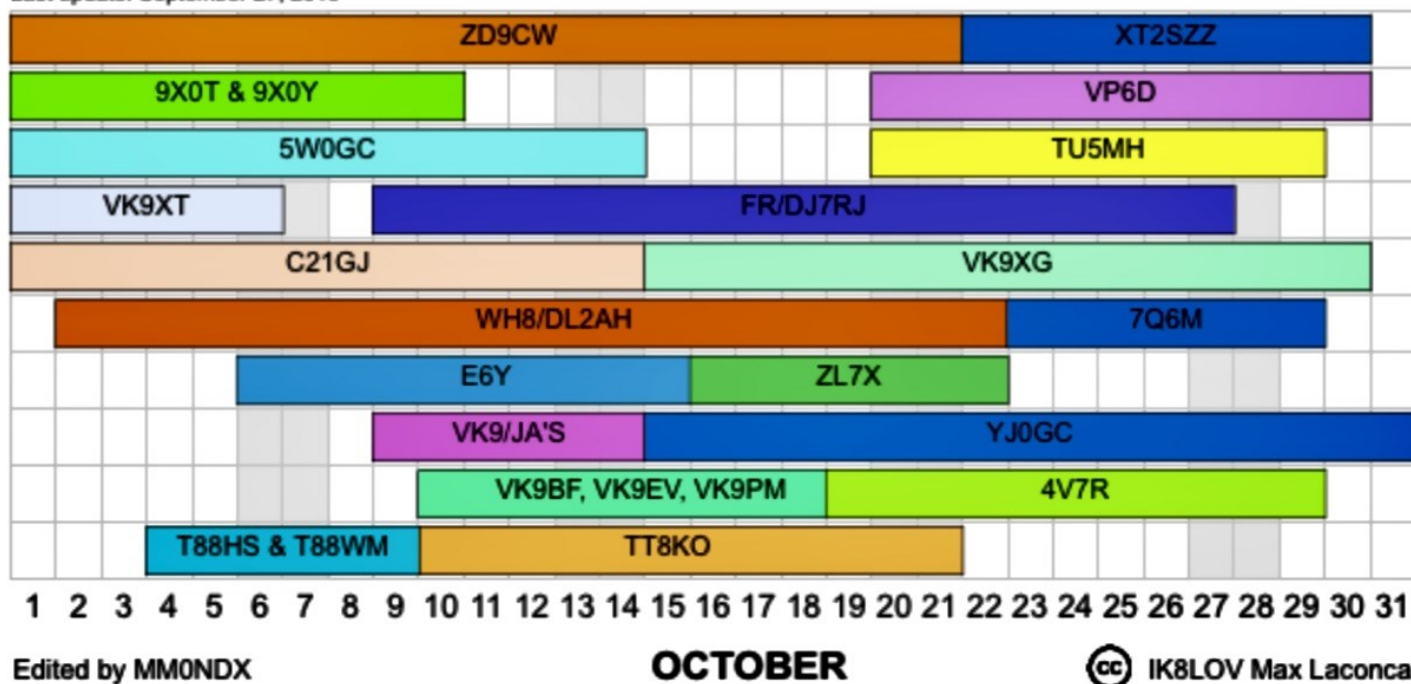
The cost of this project is ~\$175,000(USD). To date, we are at 87% of our donation target. Our goal is all donations plus OQRS income will cover 50% of the project cost, with the team members paying the remaining 50%. There's still time for you to join the hundreds of DXers, and many foundations, clubs and corporate entities already on the list.

There will be at least 3 DX-peditions operating in the Pacific during Oct / Nov. Please make sure you're working and logging the correct DX-pedition – VP6D operating frequencies are listed on the website. DXA will enable you verify your VP6D contact(s).

73,  
Team Ducie – 2018  
Website: [vp6d.com](http://vp6d.com), Twitter and Facebook  
Please direct questions to: [info@vp6d.com](mailto:info@vp6d.com)

## DXWORLD.net FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

Last update: September 27, 2018



The above October Calendar was copied from DXWorld.net. If you have not visited the site, I suggest that you give it a visit. Lots of excellent DX info available.



Darren, VK4MAP will be active from American Samoa as KH8/VK4MAP during October 3-10, 2018. QRV on 80-10m (no WARC bands),

# PJ2T

Keep an eye out for PJ2T during the CQWW sideband contest the weekend of October 24 to 25. Our very own Pete, K8PGJ will be operating from the contest station.

**Upcoming DX - TOP 100****Credit to The Daily DX Calendar**

START DATE	END DATE	PREFIX	CALL	QSL MANAGER
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	<a href="#">4V7R</a>	EB7DX
20-Oct	03-Nov	VP6/D	<a href="#">VP6D</a>	
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