



# Long Path



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## From the Editor's DESK

This month's guest speaker is John Sluymmer, VE3EJ.

John is a well know DXpeditioner, being on DXpeditions such as VP8THU (South Sandwich, 2002), VP8GEO (South Georgia, 2002), FT5XO (Kerguelin, 2005) and VP8ORK (South Orkney 2011). He was also inducted to the CQ Contest Hall of Fame in May 2011. His fabulous contest station usually places him in the top spot in Canada as well as the top 10 in the world in many contests.

His presentation at the November meeting will be about his participation in WRTCs over the years. This promises to be a top notch presentation.

It is with sad heart that I mention that Bob Thompson, VA3RD, past president of SEMDXA (1996/97) is terminally ill. Please keep him in your prayers.

73, Chet VE3CFK

## Membership Renewal Time

It's that time of the year. Time to renew.

Brad, our treasurer will be glad to accept your funds, stamps, IRCs or PayPal transfers in exchange for another years membership. 12 copies of The Long Path are included in the membership. That works out to just over \$2 per issue. Well worth the \$25 per year!

## Calendar

**NEXT Meeting:**

**2nd THURSDAY**

**November 14, 2019**

### 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 Nov 14:

John Sluymmer VE3EJ talks about  
WRTC

### SEMDXA OFFICERS

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

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

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

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

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

*Directors:* Ted, **K8NA**, 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**

## SEMDXA

### October Meeting Minutes

- Meeting called to order by Bob K8RGM, president at 7:03pm 10/10/2019
- Roll Call by voice. 24 members in attendance
- Treasury Report by Brad N8SNM. Motion to accept by Dave K8ESQ and 2nd by Al K8SIX and approved by unanimous vote.
- Minutes as posted in Long Path
- motion to approve by Doug N8VY and 2nd by Al K8SIX and approved by unanimous vote.

#### Old Business

- SEMDXA shirts – Bob K8RGM reported SEMDXA shirt order for two has been delayed and the current source may need to be replaced by another source if problems persist.

#### New Business

- Chet VE3CFK announced that K8PGJ is operating in Italy at this time and we should try to work him.
- Chet VE3CFK reported on this years 67th annual W9DXCC event on 9/13 & 9/14. They had a new venue at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles Illinois. It was a nice and well appointed facility that was well suited for the event. The attendance was down from 300 last year to 200 this year. The good news is everybody “won” a prize.
- The South Orkney Island expedition is requesting a donation. It finished one vote short of our 'top 25' list. The membership was asked if we should donate. There was a motion for sending \$100.00 by Stan AC8W (??) and 2nd by Fred

- Chet VE3CFK won the 50/50 drawing.
- Chet VE3CFK brought in a 'nanoVNA' for show&tell and provided a youtube video about the unit. It has an amazing price under \$50.00. I found it on eBay by searching 'nanovna' and there were many sources. Some are USA sources and you can get three calibration sources and two cables from some of the vendors. My order is on its way. Most VNA units currently cost \$500 and up. Fifteen years ago they were more like \$15K.
- Steve K8QKY announced several exceptional programs lined up for our meetings. He still has openings for programs and we should all be thinking about filling those slots.
- Steve K8QKY provided six youtube.com short videos on expeditions and maestros of operating technique. I was amazed at what could be done.

Doug Basberg, N8VY, secretary

## Christmas Lunch

It's that time of the year again for our annual

SEMDXA DX-mas Luncheon at the Zukey Lake Tavern in Pinckney, Michigan on **Dec 13, 2019**

GPS address: 5011 Girard Drive, Pinckney, Michigan: [http://www.zukeylaketavern.com/Directions\\_frameset.htm](http://www.zukeylaketavern.com/Directions_frameset.htm)

Mark your calendars...call in sick from work...come and join us at this growing annual DXer's event!!!

Time: 11:00am - 1:30pm+

(early arrivals show up at 10:30am to have coffee by the fireplace before moving back into the luncheon room. Food orders are taken at 12 noon.)

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## Christmas Lunch (cont'd)

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

73, Rick NE8Z (RSVP is not necessary)

## Solar Science

### Extreme solar storms may be more frequent than previously thought

Researchers propose in a new study why an extreme solar storm in 1859 was so damaging to Earth's magnetic field. They compared the storm with other extreme storms in history, suggesting this storm is not likely unique.

Read the whole story here:

[Link to the solar storm article](#)

## ZC4 UK Sovereign Base Area on Cyprus

G3ZAY, Martin, tells us, "A group from Cambridge University Wireless Society will be QRV from the UK Sovereign Base Area on Cyprus as ZC4UW from 2-7 January with a maximum of 4 stations. The team will be QRV with 400W on 160-10 in principle - though little propagation is expected above 21MHz. Antennas will be verticals and the main modes will be CW and SSB. The group will not be on FT8 or FT4. Logs will be uploaded to Club Log and LOTW so please use Club Log OQRS.

## SV/A Mount Athos



**SV2RSG, Monk Iakovos, will be QRV in his spare time from Mount Athos. (Photo courtesy of W3UR)**

SV/A - Mount Athos SV2RSG/A, Monk Iakovos (Jacob), was found on Friday on 20 and 40 meters CW. On Saturday he was on 14.038 MHz between 1000 and 1915Z. On Sunday he was reported on 14.027 MHz between 0900 and 1000Z. He's located at the Holy Monastery Koutloumousiou. As of October 28 this operation has not been accredited by DXCC, so you will want to work him first and worry later about the paperwork. QSL via SV1GRM.  
 (credit to "The Weekly DX")

## H40 Solomon Is.

Grant KZ1W and Rob N7QT will activate H40 Temotu Province, Solomon Islands, Nov 14th through Nov 28th, 2019. Awaiting permission to operate as H40TT, otherwise each will operate under their own call: H40TT Rob and H40KT Grant.

10m – 160m CW/SSB/FT8/RTTY. They will focus on the low bands to regions where H40 is most needed. They will “follow the sun” please respect their calls into specific regions. Operating frequencies listed on QRZ.com H40TT or H40KT

Elecraft K3s and 1KW SPE amplifiers, with verticals by sea, and DHDL receive antenna(s).

## XT—Burkino Faso

XT2BR will be November 8- 17 from Ouagadougou. Al, F8FUA, will have an Elecraft K3, 100 watts, to a hexbeam, dipoles, and verticals. He plans to operate on whatever HF band has the best conditions at the time, CW, SSB, and digital modes. QSL to F8FUA. He will try to update Club Log real time or every day if internet is available and LoTW later. He has renewed his license . (credit “The Weekly DX”)



## CQ WW CW Contest

The 2019 CQ World Wide CW Contest is coming up on November 23 and 24th. The CQ WW contests are always good contests to fill in those band slots that are still open. For those that can spend time in the chair it's even possible to work DXCC doing search and pounce. Good luck in the contest!

## VK9—Cocos

GM3WOJ, Chris, begins his “long journey to VK9C” on Friday, his flight leaving Aberdeen, Scotland November 9 with arrival on Cocos (Keeling) the afternoon of November 12 after six flights. He and GM4YXI, Keith, will have VK9CZ on the air again, this time November 12-29. They plan to be on 160-10, excluding 60M, SSB, CW and FT8. They hope to upload daily to LoTW and Club Log if they can. Paper QSLs can be requested from N3SL, Steve, when the expedition is over. They expect “modest propagation,” especially on the high bands, so they expect to be very active on 160 and 80 CW and FT8 and will also try 80 SSB in the DX window, aware of the

## VK9L—Lord Howe

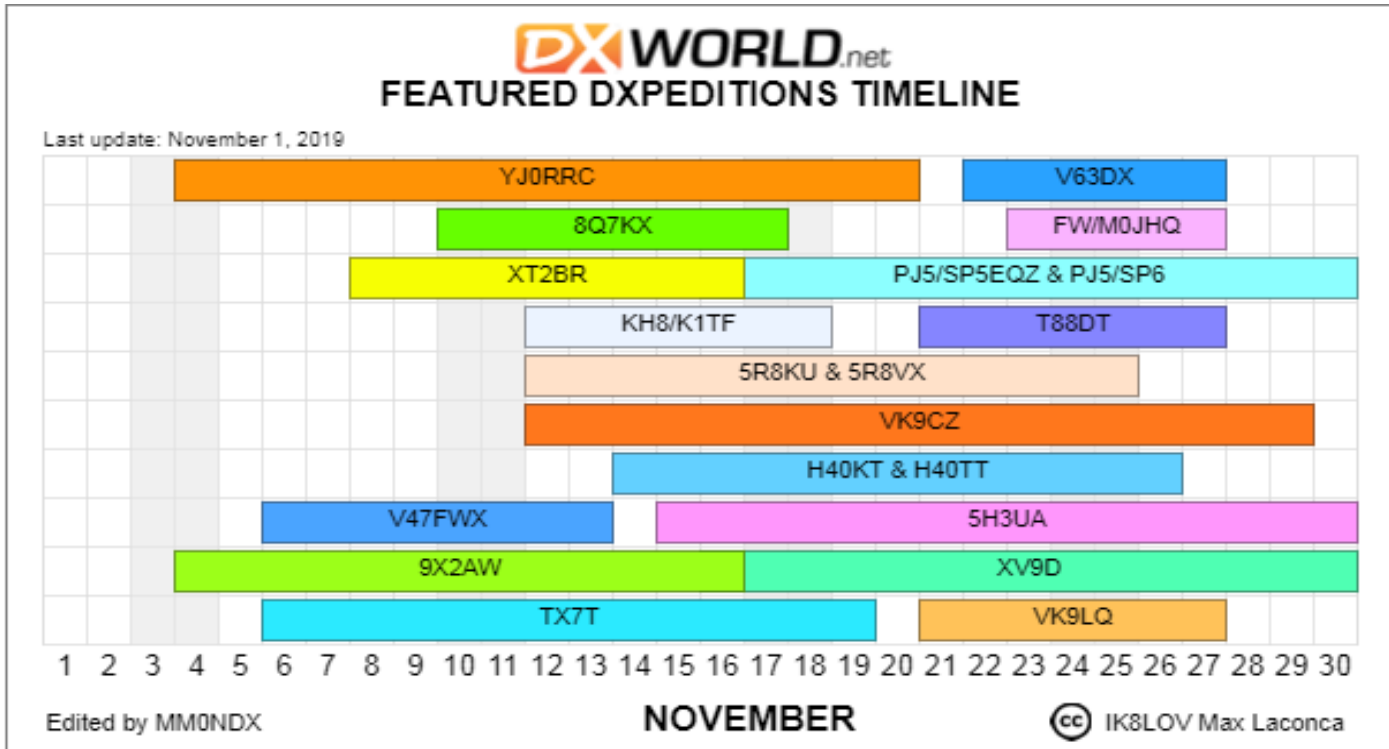
VK9LQ will have DF8AN, Michael, at the radio, November 21-27. He plans CW, RTTY and FT8 F/H primarily, on 7045, 10142 and 14090 “only if there are too many callers,” and will do some other digital modes too. He hopes to spend some time on every band, 160- 6. QSL direct or bureau to the DF8AN home.

(credit “The Weekly DX”)



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Credit to DX World



A couple of the local QRPer were discussing conditions when one said: “Say, I heard you work 6D4EB on twenty meters last week and later ... about ten minutes later ... you went and worked him again. What were you doing the first time, practising?” The other QRPer hemmed about a bit and then, lowering his voice, said ”Well, it was this way. I loaded up the rig into the 75 meter dipole by mistake and worked Emilio on twenty this way. Then I noticed my mistake and began to wonder if it would be a valid contact. So I switched to the beam and worked him again to make sure..” The other QRPer thought for a bit and then nodded his head. “You were probably right” he said, “your antenna was out of the band”. Son of a Gun! We heard this but do not ask us to explain it.



TU2R is a group of Belgians in an operation March 23- April 3, 2020, including the weekend’s CQ WPX SSB event. On the team are ON7TQ, ON4EI, ON1DX, ON6KX and an SWL, Kevin. They will be on 160-10 CW, SSB, RTTY, FT4 and FT8. QSL via ON1DX.

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Editors NOTE:

I've intentionally left a wide  
margin here for your notes on  
band and mode fills required.

Start Date	End Date	DCCC Entity	Call	QSL via	Reported by
<b>October</b>					
2019 Oct01	2019 Dec15	Gabon	TR8CR <a href="#">[spots]</a>	F6AJA	<a href="#">425DXN</a> 20190920
2019 Oct08	2019 Nov04	Norfolk I	VK9N <a href="#">[spots]</a>	LoTW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20190529
2019 Oct10	2020 Oct22	Cape Verde Is	D44EA <a href="#">[spots]</a>	OK7JR	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20191007
2019 Oct18	2019 Nov04	Mayotte	FH <a href="#">[spots]</a>	M0OXO	<a href="#">DXNews</a> 20191022
2019 Oct18	2019 Nov11	Ascension I	ZD8SC <a href="#">[spots]</a>	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20191015h4
2019 Oct27	2019 Nov09	Ecuador	HC1 <a href="#">[spots]</a>	LoTW	<a href="#">DXNews</a> 20191020
<b>November</b>					
2019 Nov02	2019 Nov05	Monaco	3A <a href="#">[spots]</a>	EB7DX	<a href="#">DXNews</a> 20191102
2019 Nov04	2019 Nov07	Vanuatu	YJORRC	Club Log OQRS	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20190403
2019 Nov04	2019 Nov20	Rwanda	9X2AW	M0OXO	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20190512
2019 Nov05	2019 Nov11	Malta	9H9DD	DD5DD Direct	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20191007
2019 Nov06	2019 Nov13	St Kitts & Nevis	V47FWX	M0OXO	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20190911
2019 Nov06	2019 Nov19	Marquesas	TX7T	LoTW	K4UEE 20190409
2019 Nov07	2019 Nov16	St Martin	FS	F4EQE	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20191029
2019 Nov08	2019 Nov18	Aland Is	OH0UA	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20191007
2019 Nov08	2019 Nov13	Vanuatu	YJORRC	Club Log OQRS	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20190403

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2019 Nov08	2019 Nov17	Burkina Faso	XT2BR	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20191029
2019 Nov09	2019 Nov18	Martiniue	FM	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20191031
2019 Nov10	2019 Nov17	Maldives	<a href="#">8Q7KX</a>	Club Log OQRS	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20191016
2019 Nov10	2019 Nov30	Bolivia	CP1XRM	EA5RM	<a href="#">425DXN</a> 2019105
2019 Nov10	2019 Nov30	Maldives	8Q7XR	ZL1BQD	<a href="#">OPDX</a> 20190902
2019 Nov12	2019 Nov18	American Sa- moa	KH8	LoTW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20190918
2019 Nov12	2019 Nov20	Gambia	C5	LoTW	<a href="#">DXNews</a> 20191029
2019 Nov12	2019 Dec25	Madagascar	5R	Home Call	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20190920
2019 Nov12	2019 Nov29	Cocos Keel- ing	<a href="#">VK9CZ</a>	LoTW	<a href="#">DXNews</a> 20190313
2019 Nov12	2019 Dec31	Thailand	HS0ZME	SM6NT Buro	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20191002
2019 Nov14	2019 Nov20	Vanuatu	<a href="#">YJ0FWA</a>	Club Log OQRS	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20190403
2019 Nov14	2019 Nov26	Temotu	H40	M0URX OQRS	<a href="#">DXNews</a> 20191021
2019 Nov16	2019 Nov28	Tanzania	5H3UA	LoTW	K2BB 20191009
2019 Nov16	2019 Nov30	Saba & St Eu- stadius	<a href="#">PJ5</a>	LoTW	SP6EQZ 20191031
2019 Nov17	2019 Nov30	Vietnam	XV9D	LoTW	SM6LRR 20190114
2019 Nov21	2019 Nov27	Lord Howe I	VK9LQ	DF8AN	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20190730
2019 Nov21	2019 Nov27	Palau	T88DT	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20190911

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2019 NEW Nov22	2019 Nov27	<b>Micronesia</b>	<b>V63DX</b>	LoTW	JA7HMZ 20190824
2019 Nov22	2019 Nov28	<b>Guatemala</b>	<b>TG</b>	LoTW	KT8X 20190927
<a href="#">CQ WW DX Contest, CW (Nov 23-24, 2019) Check here for pericontest activity</a>					
2019 Nov23	2019 Nov27	<b>Wallis &amp; Futuna</b>	<b>FW</b>	LoTW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20191012
2019 Nov24	2019 Dec31	<b>Tonga</b>	<a href="#">A35JP</a>	LoTW	JA0RQV 20191023
2019 Nov26	2019 Dec28	<b>Ghana</b>	<b>9G5GS</b>	LoTW	IZ4YGS 20191007
2019 Nov28	2020 Jan05	<b>Rotuma</b>	<a href="#">3D2AG/p</a>	Club Log OQRS	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20191101
<b>December</b>					
2019 Dec02	2019 Dec09	<b>Micronesia</b>	<a href="#">V6K</a>	JA1XGI	<a href="#">DXNews</a> 20190916
2019 Dec02	2019 Dec20	<b>Burkina Faso</b>	<a href="#">XT2AW</a>	M0OXO	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20190512
2019 Dec02	2020 Jan05	<b>Ecuador</b>	<b>HC</b>	EA5RM	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20191007
2019 Dec04	2019 Dec13	<b>St Martin</b>	<a href="#">FS</a>	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20190522
2019 Dec10	2019 Dec23	<b>Maldives</b>	<b>8Q7XY</b>	DF3XY Direct	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20191022
2019 Dec13	2019 Dec15	<b>Senegal</b>	<b>6V1A</b>	LoTW	<a href="#">DXNews</a> 20191022
2019 Dec13	2019 Dec20	<b>Georgia</b>	<b>4L</b>	LoTW	TA1HZ 20191102
2019 Dec14	2020 Jan08	<b>Thailand</b>	<b>HS0ZNR</b>	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20191001
2019 Dec15	2019 Dec21	<b>Ecuador</b>	<b>HC5JLT</b>	W9HT	<a href="#">DXNews</a> 20190912
2019 Dec21	2019 Dec28	<b>Liechtenstein</b>	<b>HB0</b>	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20190912



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2020					
January					
2020 Jan02	2020 Jan07	Cyprus SBA	<a href="#">ZC4UW</a>	LoTW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20191011
2020 Jan09	2020 Jan15	Montserrat	VP2MDT	WV2B	WV2B 20190917
2020 Jan11	2020 Jan19	Cayman Is	ZF2PG	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20191001
2020 Jan12	2020 Jan31	Norfolk I	VK9NK	SP9FIH	SP9FIH 20190626
2020 Jan20	2020 Feb09	Cocos I	TI9	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20190917
2020 Jan24	2020 Jan26	Bahamas	C6AEI	WB4OM G	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20190919
2020 Jan30	2020 Feb13	El Salvador	HU1DL	TBA	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20191027
February					
2020 Feb04	2020 Feb18	Tanzania	5H	I2YSB	I2YSB 20190820
2020 Feb05	2020 Feb17	Palestine	<a href="#">E44C</a>	LoTW	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20191029
<a href="#">ARRL International DX Contest, CW (Feb 15-16, 2020) Check here for pericon-</a>					
2020 Feb20	2020 Mar04	Costa Rica	TI5	LoTW	AA1M 20191012
2020 Feb20	2020 Mar05	South Orkney Is	<a href="#">VP8</a>	LoTW	K5GS 20190316
March					
2020 Mar01	2020 Mar15	Zambia	<a href="#">9J2LA</a>	M0OXO	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20190514
<a href="#">ARRL International DX Contest, Phone (Mar 7-8, 2020) Check here for pericon-</a>					
2020 Mar10	2020 Mar25	American Sa- moa	W8S	TBA	PA3EWP 20190922
2020 Mar18	2020 Apr03	West Kiribati	<a href="#">T30ET</a>	LoTW	<a href="#">OPDX</a> 20190630

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April					
<small>NEW</small> 2020 Mar23	2020 Apr03	<b>Ivory Coast</b>	<a href="#">TU2R</a>	LoTW	ON4EI 20191103
2020 Apr06	2020 Apr14	<b>St Vincent</b>	<b>J88PI</b>	GW4DV B	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20190625
May					
2020 May04	2020 May12	<b>Maldives</b>	<b>8Q7KB</b>	LoTW	<a href="#">TDDX</a> 20190912
July					
2020 Jul08	2020 Jul15	<b>Aruba</b>	<a href="#">P4</a>	ND7J	ND7J 20190722
October					
2020 Oc- t01	2020 Oc- t14	<b>Midway I</b>	<a href="#">KH4</a>	Club Log OQRS	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20190731
2020 Oc- t05	2020 Oc- t12	<b>Sable I</b>	<a href="#">CY0</a>	Club Log OQRS	WA4DAN 20190513