



Long Path



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Happy New Year!

Since Larry's K8UT FT-8 presentation, I have done quite a few FT-8 sessions and have had unprecedented (for me) success on 160M. I waited until the first snow and cold to put up an inverted L antenna, so I expected it to work well and it did!. It is 132' long and with a little pruning it is resonant exactly on the FT-8 160M frequency. I am a 'no code' HAM and my Linear is a Collin's 30L-1 which does not have 160M. Up until now, I have not had a 160M antenna and only had 100 watts and only SSB. Guess how well I did with that. On a good night I could get into Ohio. With my new antenna and FT-8, I have California, Oregon, and Washington. There is now hope for the equipment underprivileged to get WAS on 160M with FT-8.

I missed the Zukey Lake Tavern luncheon. I heard it was a fine affair as usual, thanks Rick NE8Z.

January has some good DXpeditions that would look good in my log. The Bouvet Island 3Y in late January and the South Shetland Islands VP8/H special call RI50ANO and Somalia T5 in early January. I can use all of those.

I finally got off my duff and did the 'Most Wanted' survey at the SEMDXA web site. I hope you all got around to doing it too.

I am looking forward to the January 11th, 2018 meeting presentation by Pete K8GJ "Analysis of contest stations K3LR, W3LPL, and K9CT". I have just been contesting since 2011 when I got my license and never on a team, only solo. My endeavors have been interesting and fun, but I have a lot to learn about how the big fish operate.

Well the winter is great for propagation but bad for driving. Be safe and I hope to see you at the next meeting.

Doug N8VY

Calendar

Meeting:

2nd THURSDAY
JANUARY 11, 2018

Gino's Restaurant

1999 Cass Lake Rd,
Keego Harbor, MI 48320

Google Map with directions at
[Gino's Pizza directions](#)

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

PRESENTATION

"Farming - Comparison of
K3LR and three other super stations"

by our own **Pete, K8PGJ**

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K3LP SK

I still can't believe that Dave is gone. He has been a good friend to the Fleming family for a very long time. I met him through John K8UP when I first went to Dayton. We would party together at

the Crown Plaza. He was such a warm and friendly guy. I was new to DX'ing and people had to tell me that I was hanging out with the Big Boys. Dave was so down to earth you would have never known he wasn't a Little Pistol. He and Sean really hit it off. Every time he came into town he and Sean went to dinner. Something tells me he had lots of friends like this.

The local newspaper reporter interviewed the family and friends and wrote a nice piece you can read at https://www.fredericknewspost.com/news/disasters_and_accidents/frederick-county-man-pronounced-dead-after-falling-through-ice-near/article_2433b979-8f0b-5910-abba-9bfd8fe6fefed.html

We will miss you Dave. We remember what you said in Dayton—Give something back.

Now that you have the Big Guy's ear, could you see about getting us a little more propagation?

73,
Marsha Fleming N8FE

Minutes

Notes from the SEMDXA Christmas Party

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

There were 38 members and guests who signed the roster sheet.

Announcements:

Larry K8UT requests the membership to complete the survey for your DXCC needs.

Bob K8VfV is currently responsible for the SEMDXA URL. He would like to pass this responsibility on/

Stan AC8W is now qualified to check 160M QSL cards for DXCC. He also reports the DXAC is considering criteria for "entities". So there may be some upcoming questionnaires about this issue.

Brad N8SNM announced SEMDXA donated \$500 to the Bouvet DXpedition and \$285 to the Caribbean Relief Fund. For 2018 we need to consider donations to the St Brandon and Baker Island DXpeditions.

I hope Santa brought you many new radio gadgets.

Lee

N8LJ.

FT8 Presentation on Web

Larry posted his FT8 presentation to the SEMDXA website under

www.semdxa.org >File Gallery >Presentations

or download here:

http://www.semdxa.org/download/presentations/IntroToFT8_presentation_byK8UT.zip

2018 DX Survey Results

Rank	Entity	Votes
1	P5 - North Korea	16
2	3Y/B - Bouvet Island	15
3	BS7H - Scarborough Reef	15
4	FT5W - Crozet	15
5	BV9P - Pratas Island	13
6	FR/G - Glorioso	11
7	VK0/M - Macquarie Island	11
8	VU7 - Lakshadweep Islands	11
9	VK9C - Cocos-Keeling	10
10	3C0 - Annobon	9
11	4W - Timor-Leste	9
12	9N - Nepal	9
13	CE0X - San Felix Island	9
14	EP - Iran	9
15	JD1/M - Minami Torishima	9
16	SV/A - Mount Athos	9
17	VK9X - Christmas Island	9
18	VU4 - Andaman & Nicobar Islands	9
19	XX9 - Macau	9
20	ZS8 - Pr. Edward & Marion Islands	9
21	1S - Spratly Islands	8
22	AP - Pakistan	8
23	BV - Taiwan	8
24	FR/T - Tromelin	8
25	FT5X - Kerguelen	8
26	JD1/O - Ogasawara	8
27	P2 - Papua New Guinea	8
28	S2 - Bangladesh	8
29	V8 - Brunei Darussalam	8
30	VP8/S - South Sandwich	8
31	XZ - Myanmar	8
32	YK - Syria	8
33	YV0 - Aves Island	8