

LONG ISLAND DX ASSOCIATION MEETING MARCH 19, 2024

The meeting was held via ZOOM which members continue to prefer. Our meetings in this format are informal and conversational.

All those who share our interest in the Amateur Radio specialty of DXing are invited. New members should contact a member if they would like to have the ZOOM link.

Present at the meeting were: John, W2GW, President of the LIDXA; Louise, K2MAU; Jack, NU2Q; Bob, W2OSR; Karen, W2ABK; Richie, KB2ZPB; Rick, K2RB; Jim, W2KfV, NLI Section Manager; Tom, KA2D; Steve, KD2BS; Jerry, WB2ZEX; Art, N2KA; Steve, N2AJ; Lou, NO2C; Salli, K2RYD.

John, W2GW, called the meeting to order at 8 PM.

Jack, NU2Q, continued his discussion from before the meeting during which he said that he and his family will chase the solar eclipse on April 8th. He cited several points of intersection for the path that are under consideration - places in Ohio, Illinois, Missouri and Arkansas. Weather conditions will determine the ultimate choice.

Karen, W2ABK, spoke about being interested in working parks and also with operating from a park when some members activate one here on Long Island.

Rich, K2RB, also spoke about operating from parks in his area of Connecticut. Members of his local radio club are park enthusiasts and have activated many in the area.

Bob, W2OSR, contacted a station in Jones Beach State Park this afternoon. He has worked many parks over the past several months. Bob also recently received credit for Temotu.

Steve, KD2BS, recently returned from Florida. He only had 2 meters in the car during the drive home. Steve went to Hamvention. There were 25,000 attendees.

John, W2GW, brought forward some Club business:

- 1) He filed the annual IRS Form 990-N which preserves the Club's 501(c)(3) status.
- 2) He deposited dues checks. John noted that dues have been coming in slowly. He urged the membership to pay the dues as this goes to support DXpeditions.
- 3) In May, there will be an election of officers. Anyone wishing to apply for a position, please notify John before the April meeting.

Concerning upcoming DXpeditions, one is planned for St. Paul Island. Another activation will be from Glorioso Island. This one will be a part time operation by someone who will be living there.

Jim, W2KFV, said that the ARRL is looking forward to Field Day. The League is working on a Director's Notebook. It is doing some work with ARES. The League is also instituting a student membership program. Jim raised several cautions. One concerned anyone eclipse chasing. In the Adirondack region of upstate New York, emergency officials are bracing for responding to many different activities all of which could cause individuals to be in danger e.g. mountain climbing by inexperienced persons. Jim offered a suggestion for amateurs- bring along an HT with plenty of batteries and charging abilities. This is for use when dangerous situations arise. An additional area of concern will be for Nassau County when the Cricket Matches start in Eisenhower Park. The Park will be closed to the public. Fans from many countries will be in attendance.

Lou, NO2C, has contacted 7700 parks. He operated from a park in Puerto Rico. He and Salli will operate using the call, K2FBI from May 12 to May 18th. This event will honor those who have fallen in the line of duty.

Tom, KA2D, sends regards from Walt, W2TE, who could not attend tonight. Tom has worked a number of parks in Europe during the morning hours. During the recent RTTY contest, Tom contacted 9N7AA in Nepal.

Steve, N2AJ, worked J38R in 28 out of 29 band slots. He was Number One on the US Leaderboard. Steve was contacted to be a Pilot for the Glorioso DXpedition. He declined mainly because it was a part time operation. Steve also mentioned working T32EU. Today, it appeared that the group was only working EU stations. Steve expects to meet with Katsu, JA1DXA, in April and with Chris, VK3FY, and his son, Nik, VK3FE, in May. There will be the possibility to meet them for a luncheon.

Richie, KB2ZPB, raised a question as to the location of T32EU. He read an article which placed this island in the Indian Ocean. There was some discussion. However, Tom, KA2D, said that the location is definitely Oceania, OC24.

Before the meeting closed, John, W2GW, announced that the next club meeting will be on April 16th at 8 PM using the ZOOM format.

The meeting ended at 9:07 PM.

For the entertainment portion, John, W2GW, showed a video of the 2015 DXpedition to Navassa, K1N. This video showed the challenges of setting up. It showed the various operating stations and those who manned them. The operation made approximately 140,000 QSOs with about 35,000 unique call signs.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary