

LONG ISLAND DX ASSOCIATION MEETING

AUGUST 15, 2023

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; Walt, W2TE; Karen, W2ABK; Richie, K2KNB, President of LIMARC; Jerry, WB2ZEX; Steve, N2AJ; Art, N2KA; Tom, KA2D; Richie, KB2ZPB; Jim, W2KFV, NLI Section Manager; Rick, K2RB; Gerry, K1NA; Lou, NO2C; Aaron, WC2C; Bob, W2OSR.

The meeting started at 8 PM with a continuation of the discussion as to Jerry, WB2ZEX's accomplishment of working his 50th state on 10 meters.

A question then arose as to how you know whether a station calling POTA or VOTA are actually a POTA or VOTA station or if it is someone looking to work this type of station. The general belief was that you cannot fully be sure. Lou, NO2C, who has worked over 6,000 POTA stations, said that the caller was probably a POTA. Therefore, the suggestion was made to just contact the 'calling' station to find out.

Jack, NU2Q raised a question concerning his not being able to contact Eastern Europe or Asia in the evenings. The thought was that this was some temporary issue with propagation.

Art, N2KA, reported that there was nothing new since the last meeting.

John, W2GW, also reported that he has not done much DXing. He is working with a mini computer and he is also working with some things that he can take to the park.

Steve, N2AJ, said that he worked the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, 1A0C, in 18 different slots. He reported that he is having trouble with his antenna rotator. On a different note, Steve said that Ken, LA7GIA stopped by for a visit.

Richie, KB2ZPB, said that he worked HL, JA and BA stations on FT8. He also said that Radio Central will activate the Old Field Lighthouse during the Lighthouse event.

Rick, K2RB, said that the Bridgeport ARC will also activate a lighthouse for the event. The issues with his Flex appear to be software in nature. He is waiting for a fix to the problem. He also reported that Connecticut has some very nice parks available for activation.

Bob, W2OSR, worked Samoa on 80 meters with 100 watts.

This evening's meeting was special because Walt, W2TE and Tom, KA2D, spoke about their trip to the WRTC event held this year in Bologna, Italy. They attended because of their activity with Marconi events over time.

They visited the Marconi Museum (Museo Marconi) which is where Marconi actually resided. They saw his workshop, his radio equipment and they watched the performance of several experimental activities.

Whether at their hotel, or at the various event activities and dinners, Walt and Tom interacted with some of the best CW operators who came from all parts of the world! This was a wonderful experience for both of our members.

John, W2GW, announced that the next meeting will be on September 19, 2023 at 8 PM using the ZOOM format.

The LIDXA sends wishes to Adrian, KO8SCA, and to all of the Swains Island, W8S, DXpedition team. May their journey be safe and their contacts many!!!!

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

