

LONG ISLAND DX ASSOCIATION MEETING JANUARY 20, 2026

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; Steve, N2AJ; Dr. Dave, KA2HTV; Richie, K2KNB, President of LIMARC; Jerry, WB2ZEX; Steve, KD2BS; Lou, NO2C; Richie, KB2ZPB; Adrian, KO8SCA; Art, N2KA; Frank, W2FDM; Karen, W2ABK.

The meeting was called to order by John, W2GW, President of the LIDXA, at 8 PM.

Adrian, KO8SCA, spoke about meeting up with the group that will travel to Bouvet Island. Adrian will be leaving soon for this challenging DXpedition.

Steve, N2AJ, said that his house construction is still on-going. His big news is that he is the North American pilot for KP5/NP3VI. He spoke about some of the comments he has received. The expedition so far has made 20,000 contacts mostly using low power. QSOs are being confirmed on LOTW. This endeavor is employing the radio-in-a-box concept.

John, W2GW, then proceeded with a look back on the history of the LIDXA. In the 1970's and 80's, there was no internet. It was hard work to contact rare DX. At that time, it was expected that one would join a club. Members of the club would then help the newcomer find DX. LIDXA had a 2 meter repeater on Jayne's Hill. The Club also had a newsletter. The purpose of these was to help members advance their standing with the number of DX contacted. Full membership in LIDXA was achieved after reaching 200 confirmed DX and three referrals. John said that he maintained an autocall list to keep members informed of rare stations appearing on the bands.

Steve, KD2BS, was in Florida and contacted KP5 using FT8. He will return to Florida and he plans to attend Hamcation. Steve recalled the early days of LIDXA also. He mentioned receiving many early morning 1 ring phone calls.

Richie, K2KNB, mentioned the upcoming LIMARC virtual Hamfair. Pre-registration is required.

Karen, W2ABK, reports that propagation is poor on 40 meters. Presently, she is working to complete WAS.

Frank, W2FDM, did contact the KP5 station. However, he was unsuccessful in doing so on 10 meter SSB.

Jack, NU2Q, also contacted the KP5 station and received confirmation via LOTW.

Lou, NO2C, reported that Salli said that the 12 Days of Christmas special event netted 37,000 QSOs. Lou has contacted 8830 parks and Salli made contact with 3995. Lou also contacted the KP5 station. He made contacts with Hawaii and Japan using EME through the RHR facilities.

Richie, KB2ZPB, has not done much with DX. He will try for the KP5.

Jerry, WB2ZEX, since the beginning of the year, has made some contacts on 40 and 6 meters using FT8.

Art, N2KA, said that his antenna is not finished. The weather is too cold. The base is in and ready for work to start. He also contacted KP5.

John, W2GW, before closing the meeting, reminded the members to pay their dues. John reminded everyone that the next meeting will be on February 17th at 8 PM using the ZOOM format. The meeting ended at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary