

LONG ISLAND DX ASSOCIATION MEETING

FEBRUARY 18, 2025

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 were: John, W2GW, President of the LIDXA; Louise, K2MAU; Jack, NU2Q; Art, N2KA; Steve, N2AJ; Richie, KB2ZPB; Richie, K2KNB, President of LIMARC; Jerry, WB2ZEX; Frank, W2FDM; Dr. Dave, KA2HTV; Lee, VK3GK; Pat, KE2LJ; Steve, KD2BS; Bob, W2OSR.

The meeting started at 8 PM.

The meeting opened with a discussion concerning the recent operation from Mt. Athos. Steve, N2AJ, said that the operation did not secure the required consents from all of the monasteries needed to grant approval. When this became an issue, all radio activity ceased and the group departed.

Richie, K2KNB, announced that LIMARC will hold a Hamfest this Sunday at the Levittown Town Hall. Jim and Ed Wilson will be there to discuss issues concerning the ARRL. John, W2GW, will also be there to check cards.

Pat, KE2LJ, is donating his old TH3 antenna to his local radio club.

Steve, N2AJ, reported that part of his 6 meter beam ripped off during a recent wind storm. Steve said that V73WW was still active and that he made contact with this station multiple times. Steve also mentioned that Adrian, KO8SCA, operated in the ARRL DX contest as CR2X.

Dr. Dave, KA2HTV, said that he has not been very active with radio. He did go to Hamcation in Orlando. He noted that this is the second largest hamfest in the nation. But it is still smaller than Dayton.

Lee, VK3GK, checked into the meeting from work. He said that he contacted a number of New York stations during the recent ARRL DX contest.

Jerry, WB2ZEX, plans to return to New York next month.

Richie, KB2ZPB, has not been very active with radio. Recently, he has been having problems with the ARRL concerning the correct total number of countries he has confirmed and for which he should be given credit.

Steve, KD2BS, also has not been very active with radio.

Bob, W2OSR, has been active with FT8 on 10 meters. He noted that one day recently, his waterfall showed 10 meters to be fully covered. Bob is trying to work WAS on 10. He needs Delaware.

Jack, NU2Q, told the group that within a few days, he will be licensed for 66 years. He told the story of how, in 1959, he made contact with an Australian station, Ivor, VK3XG, who wanted to complete WAS Novice. Jack was operating portable as a Novice from Vermont and Ivor needed this for his total. Jack mentioned that a year or so later, he saw a brief description of Ivor's success (with a picture of the QSLs on the wall) in QST.

The meeting ended at 9:20 PM. The next meeting will be on March 18th at 8 PM using the ZOOM format.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Phelan, NU2Q
Secretary