

LONG ISLAND DX ASSOCIATION MEETING FEBRUARY 17, 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. Guests 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; Richie, K2KNB, President of LIMARC; Jerry, WB2ZEX; Steve, KD2BS; Richie, KB2ZPB; Art, N2KA; Frank, W2FDM; Karen, W2ABK; Allen, N2KW; Bob, W2OSR.

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

John, W2GW, began the meeting by asking who made contact with KP5/KP3VI. Most of the members replied that they had done so. John said that he unsuccessfully tried to contact them on 12 meters. John continued to say that he attempted to contact a TT8 station. If successful, this QSO would be an addition to his Digital total.

Continuing the KP5 discussion, members said band conditions have not been favorable. The DXpedition has been using radios which were running only 10 watts. The batteries for these radios were being charged by solar cells. To sum up, it was not easy to make a successful contact.

Art, N2KA, said that he contacted the KP5 on 30 meters using a wire tied up to a tree. Art is still waiting to finish setting up his antenna. His backyard is not suitable for doing any type of work with the weather conditions that we have been experiencing.

Allen, N2KW, asked if anyone had knowledge of the TS590. Allen will travel to Bermuda in March to participate in the Commonwealth (BERU) Contest. He was hoping to have this radio set up for use with N1MM.

Richie, K2KNB, mentioned that LIMARC will hold a hamfest this weekend. The new owner of Quicksilver Radio will be there.

Bob, W2OSR, made contact with the KP5. However, he has not done much else with DX.

Steve, KD2BS, did contact KP5. He is in Florida and recently attended Hamcation. He raised questions about certain Papua New Guinea call signs which were not listed in QRZ.com.

Karen, W2ABK, mentioned that her antenna came down during the recent bad weather. She will not be able to work on it until conditions improve. Frank, W2FDM, offered to help place the wire in the trees.

Richie, KB2ZPB, had his beam come down. There was no damage to the antenna itself. He will be able to reposition it when the weather improves.

Jerry, WB2ZEX, noted that 6 meters is still a dead band. He only hears local stations.

Jack, NU2Q, did make contact with the KP5. There was not much else to report.

John, W2GW, in his closing remarks, reminded members that Adrian, KO8SCA, was scheduled to leave today for the Bouvet Island DXpedition, 3Y0K. The Club wished Adrian a safe and successful mission.

John, W2GW, said that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 17th at 8 PM using the ZOOM format.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Phelan, NU2Q
Secretary