

LONG ISLAND DX ASSOCIATION MEETING MARCH 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. Non-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; Richie, K2KNB, President of LIMARC; Jerry, WB2ZEX; Steve, KD2BS; Richie, KB2ZPB; Frank, W2FDM; Karen, W2ABK; Bob, W2OSR.

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

The meeting began with a discussion concerning who was able to make contact with the DXpedition on Bouvet Island. Bob, W2OSR, contacted them on 20 meters. Frank, W2FDM, made contact on 12 and 40. Jack, NU2Q, was successful on 40 FT8. Steve, KD2BS, had one contact. John, W2GW, worked them on 40 and 12. Richie, K2KNB, heard them but the frequency police made copy impossible. John, W2GW, noted that many videos were available to watch about this operation on YouTube.

Bob, W2OSR, asked John, W2GW, if he had a K3 and if he ever used it on 60 meters. This led to a discussion of what operating possibilities exist on this band. The group noted that 60 meters consists of channels. Broadcasts are confined to these specified frequencies and operation must be with low power.

Steve, KD2BS, is back in New York from spending time in Florida. He recently contacted stations Palau and Guinea Bisseau in addition to Bouvet.

Karen, W2ABK, had her damaged antenna fixed and raised since last meeting. John, W2GW, suggested that she try to use FT8. Jack, NU2Q, mentioned the last seven DX contacts he had made prior to the meeting were on FT8. When asked why he chose FT8 and not CW, Jack responded that he would not have heard most of them on CW.

Jerry, WB2ZEX, mentioned that he now has 28 confirmed on 40 meters.

Richie, K2KNB, said that LIMARC was not able to have its scheduled February Hamfest. Levitown Hall was closed due to the major snow storm we had.

Richie noted the following upcoming LIMARC events:

- 5/20 - at the Cradle of Aviation, there will be a remembrance of the 99th anniversary of the 5/20 Lindberg flight.
- 6/7 - outdoor flea market to be held at 999 Stewart Avenue
- 7/20 - LIMARC will try to operate from outside of the building where the LEM was built by Grumman.

There next was a discussion of DXCC Honor Roll. To sum up, we conclude that there will probably be no major changes to the existing rules because of the difficulty of reconciling the different opinions expressed. John, W2GW, said that he believes that the quest for DXing accomplishment is a personal one, and is better enjoyed if it not viewed as a competition with others.

John, W2GW, then spoke of past efforts by members of the club to keep each other timely informed of rare DX station appearances and to promote DXing in general. He believes that this remains the core purpose of the LIDXA.

The next LIDXA meeting will be on April 21st at 8 PM using the ZOOM format.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Phelan
Secretary

Addendum: It is with sadness that we received notice from John, W2GW, of the passing of Jerry Abrams, WB2ZE. May he rest in peace ... _._