

## **LONG ISLAND DX ASSOCIATION MEETING**

### **MAY 20, 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 at the meeting were: John, W2GW, President of the LIDXA; Louise, K2MAU; Jack, NU2Q; Frank, W2FDM; Pat, KE2LJ; Richie, K2KNB, President of LIMARC; Art, N2KA; Richie, KB2ZPB; Steve, KD2BS; Jerry, WB2ZEX, Allen, N2KW.

The meeting started at 8 PM.

There was a brief discussion about the use of clusters. John, W2GW, mentioned that he preferred to use K2LS. One reason was that it filters out spots from outside US zones. John then posed a topic for the evening - who uses 6 Meters and what is their experience using this band.

Frank, W2FDM, said that on 6 Meters, he has contacted 38 states and 4 countries. He recently bought a 4 element CushCraft for 6. This antenna will be up about 30 feet. Frank contacted ZS8W twice today. He also had a recent contact with 4U0ITU.

Art, N2KA, also has operated on 6 Meters. He has contacted many states and last year he made a contact with Japan using his 3 element CushCraft. Art has not operated much DX recently after his tower came down.

Jerry, WB2ZEX, told the members that, on 6 meters, he has a total of 23 states using SSB. He also has accumulated a total of 95 countries on 17 Meters.

John, W2GW, said that he contacted most of the States and 29 countries using 6 Meters. He is hoping to be able to operate from a park soon.

Richie, K2KNB, spoke of an antenna tower that was available on the property of a deceased ham located in Massapequa Park.

Richie also announced that LIMARC will sponsor an outdoor Hamfest at 999 Stewart Avenue, Bethpage on June 8th.

LIMARC plans to operate class 6A during Field Day this year. The Club will operate from Seamens Neck Park in Seaford.

Richie, KB2ZPB will operate Field Day along with Tom, KA2D at the Radio Central site at Longwood Estate near Brookhaven Labs.

It was noted that Adrian, KO8SCA, is part of a group, 3Y0K, that is planning to go to Bouvet next February. Adrian will also be in the group that will activate St. Peter and St. Paul Rocks in October of this year.

Steve, KD2BS, mentioned that made contact with ZS8W on 40 Meters. On 6 Meters, his total is 48 states and 52 countries. He uses a 5 element beam. Recently, Steve has been working on a portable station configuration which he can use during his travels.

John, W2GW, announced that the next meeting of the LIDXA will be on June 17th at 8 PM using the ZOOM format.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary