

LONG ISLAND DX ASSOCIATION MEETING

JUNE 18, 2024

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; Bob, W2OSR; Gerry, K1NY; Karen, W2ABK; Art, N2KA; Tom, KA2D; Richie, K2KNB, President of LIMAC; Jerry, WB2ZEX; Steve, N2AJ; Adrian, KO8SCA.

The meeting was called to order by John, W2GW, at 8 PM. A discussion began among the members as to their recent on-air activities.

Jerry, WB2ZEX, has been working VHF in Florida. He operates from his car and has not made many contacts. He reports that activity on '52' is dead. In fact, Jerry says that there are repeaters in his area which have practically no activity.

Tom, KA2D, worked an opening on 6 Meters and made several contacts with stations in the United Kingdom.

John, W2GW, said that he also worked 6 Meters during a recent opening and that he contacted a station in France.

Continuing, Art, N2KA, said that although he has not been very active. However, he did work 6 Meters during an opening to contact a station in the UK.

Steve, N2AJ, spoke of contacting Elvira, 5U5K. Her activity seems to be favoring Europe. Steve said that he emailed her today to suggest that she include more NA. Steve also said that he had many Q's with Marek, FT4GL. Steve lamented over the harsh criticisms directed toward Marek. Steve noted that Marek was on Glorioso on business. His ham activities came after working hours. In all, FT4GL made over 60,000 contacts.

John, W2GW, said that he uses the filters on the K2LS cluster. John described his method to work FT4GL. He would listen during the most favorable propagation times daily. This included listening for up to four hours for a signal. This effort was not easy but through it, John contacted FT4GL several times.

The problems with LOTW are still not resolved. Members are concerned that the system could crash from the amount of initial uploads.

DO NOT OPEN EMAILS FROM RICK, K2RB!!!! HE HAS BEEN HACKED!!!!

Steve, N2AJ, mentioned several upcoming DXpeditions. One is to VK9LA, Lord Howe Island. The other, K8K, is an expedition to American Samoa.

Another DXpedition, 3D2Z, Rotuma, has asked the LIDXA for financial support. John, W2GW, suggested that the Club donate \$100 dollars. There being no objection, the motion was approved and the Club will make the donation.

John went on to speak further about the importance of dues. The money collected goes to pay necessary Club expenses, e.g. insurance. But the Club also makes donations to various DXpedition projects. John urged anyone who has not paid 2024 membership dues to do so soon.

John continued to speak further about the purpose of our Club. We as members have a special interest to make contact with stations in countries and geopolitical entities all over the globe. This is DXing. The LIDXA can be the vehicle to provide an atmosphere of camaraderie for those of us who enjoy this part of amateur radio. Most members have reached the highest levels of achievement. However, there are those who have not yet done so, but who are working to achieve this level. Here is where LIDXA members can offer help, assistance and suggestions for those who need to make contacts with additional DX stations.

Richie, K2KNB, said about 300 people attended the recent LIMARC hamfest. LIMARC will be at the Cradle of Aviation to commemorate the Apollo Moon mission. Also, the LIMARC Field Day site will be at Seamen's Neck Park in Seaford. They will operate with the call, W2VL.

Tom, KA2D, said that he will work Field Day with the Radio Central club at the Longwood Estate grounds in Ridge in Suffolk County. They will use the call W2RC.

Jack, NU2Q, said that he has not done much operating during the past month. However, he did contact stations in Niger, Nepal, Azerbaijan and Mauritius. Jack said that he frequently makes DX contacts using CW just to keep up his sending ability. Tom, KA2D, suggested working POTA. Jack agreed and added that working POTA can be quite addictive.

John, W2GW, announced that the next Club meeting will be on July 16th at 8 PM using the ZOOM format.

The meeting ended at 9:07 PM.

John, W2GW, then showed a video of the October, 2009 DXpedition to Midway Atoll, K4M. This group made approximately 61,000 contacts. At the time, Midway was # 24 Worldwide and # 13 in Europe.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary