

LONG ISLAND DX ASSOCIATION MEETING JANUARY 21, 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; Bob, W2OSR; Steve, N2AJ; Karen, W2ABK; Art, N2KA; Richie, KB2ZPB; Richie, K2KNB, President of LIMARC; Jerry, WB2ZEX; Frank, W2FDM; Dr. Dave, KA2HTV; Lee, VK2GK; Pat, KE2LJ; Allen, N2KW.

The meeting started at 8 PM.

Art, N2KA, shared the news that his antenna and tower came down. It seems that the incident occurred during a recent wind storm while Art was travelling. Now, cleanup and removal work has to be done. Art's future plans for an antenna are uncertain.

Richie, K2KNB, spoke of two LIMARC events that are coming up. The first is a virtual hamfest to be held this coming Sunday. Pre-registration is required. The second is an Indoor Hamfest to be held on February 23rd. Details can be found on the LIMARC website.

Dr. Dave, KA2HTV, spoke about the warm weather in Florida. He was warm, while the rest of the membership living in New York was cold. Dave has been working on 160 meters recently. He has contacted mostly European stations using the RHR full size four-square antennas located in Maine.

Lee, VK2GK, reminded the members that it is summer in VKland. This year, his area is overrun with a swarm of large birds which have caused damage to his station by eating through his control and antenna cables. Lee has worked TX7N and the Wake Island station (KH9). Lee said that work has been slow and that his area of Australia has not fully recovered since COVID. Lee will be coming to Dayton.

Allen, N2KW, has not been active on the air recently. He said that he is the President of the Maurice Fleisher, AA2A, Memorial Contest Club. John, W2GW, and many other members of LIDXA knew Maurice and were saddened by his passing.

Steve, N2AJ, said that he has been active working TX7N numerous times. He made contact with a POTA station in China. He also worked many JA stations, mostly on 10 meters.

Bob, W2OSR, recently contacted two different Parks in Japan. Slowly, he has been increasing his POTA totals.

Richie, KB2ZPB, has been working many stations on FT8.

John, W2GW, recently made contact with a station in Qatar.

Jerry, WB2ZEX, is not active on the bands. He is living in an HOA and the rules make operating difficult.

Pat, KE2LJ, has not been active with radio either. He is the President of the Florida Railroad Museum which operates and preserves historical railroad equipment. The museum also offers train excursions for the public.

Frank, W2FDM, contacts DX stations which fit into his Challenge matrix.

Karen, W2ABK, said that her antenna survived the wind storms. She has been reading books about ham radio.

Jack, NU2Q, has not been doing much with ham radio this past month. A discussion did arise about the picture on his virtual ZOOM background. Jack explained that he took this image using an astrophotography telescope which he recently purchased. It's a new toy and he is learning how to use it.

John, W2GW, announced that the next club meeting will be on Tuesday, February 18th, 2025 at 8 PM using the ZOOM format

The meeting ended at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Jack Phelan, NU2Q
Secretary