

# Rochester DX Association



## January Monthly Meeting

**This month's topic will be a presentation provided by our very own Ed Gable on the 2012 HK0NA DXpedition of Malpelo Island. To compliment Ed's presentation of the DXpedition he will also be showing a video of the event. RDXA had the distinct pleasure of being a sponsor of the HK0NA DXpedition.**

**Tuesday, January 15, 7:30pm  
Monroe County EOC  
1190 Scottsville Road**

## For RMSC Event Participants

In an effort to recognize the combined efforts of RDXA and RARA, our contact at the Rochester Museum and Science center sent me a number of free admission passes to the museum, the planetarium, and Cumming Nature center in Naples. RARA will be receiving half to share with their members. If you are interested in one, drop me an email at [N2CK@arri.net](mailto:N2CK@arri.net). They are good until January, 2014. Given the educational nature of the event our groups supported, I would prefer that our share of tickets is claimed by member(s) who intend to bring children. Let me know if you're interested and I'll set one aside for you. You'll need to pick claim your ticket at a meeting (or send me an SASE!).

— Dave Wright, N2CK

## YOUR RDXA Newsletter

As all of you know the newsletter you are reading now is the official communication vehicle of YOUR club, RDXA! If you are reading anything in it means someone took the time to write about an event, a contact, contest or some other item of interest that would hopefully be of interest to the club in general. It doesn't have to be much. A picture or description of your latest project, your best DX this month, what you did or heard on the air that was interesting or noteworthy, just about anything. We have a large and growing membership that came to RDXA because of a myriad of reasons. How about everyone take a moment this year and contribute something to the newsletter for all to see? Call it a new year's resolution if you wish. As a long term member of the club, I know there are a lot of very interesting and unique DX'ers and contesters that have a great wealth of knowledge and wisdom that I for one would love to hear about. If you have a great station you are proud of, how about you share it with us? If you have a modest station or an antenna you are proud of, share that! Let's all give Andrew something to print we can all be proud of and tell (and show) others why we joined this remarkable group!

I look forward to reading and seeing what you are up to!

Best DX in 2013.

73z,

Doug N2BEG

PS email articles, pictures, etc. to Andrew, W2FG at [alesny@rochester.rr.com](mailto:alesny@rochester.rr.com)

# 2012 RMSC Special Event Station Summary

Once again, another successful operation was enjoyed at the Rochester Museum and Science center during their annual Science and Technology days. As in the past, we partnered with RARA to staff an exhibit to educate and enlighten the young and old with hands on displays and, as usual, an HF station. As we've done before, RDXA was primarily responsible for the HF station – with an Icom IC-746 and power supply provided by the Xerox Amateur radio club. The G5RV was supplied by N2BEG. The operation this year, as with years past, was a team effort from start to finish. And, without specifically mentioning anyone in particular (because I invariably \_forget\_ to mention someone!) I would like to offer a gracious and profound THANK YOU to any of you who participated. This blanket thank you extends not only to the intrepid crew who gathered on short notice to put the antenna up before the snow came, to the folks who volunteered their time manning the display, to those who worked us during the duration of the event, and those who gathered this past weekend to remove the antenna. I am convinced that the museum staff appreciated our efforts. It did seem like there were less displays than normal this year – which makes me wonder if that was a side-effect of the weather.

As in the past we operated primarily SSB and 40M is where we were found most of the time. The special event callsign of W2R was procured for the weekend (tks K2DB) and our intrepid QSL crew of AF2K and N1OKL are getting ready for the next stage of the event – the receiving and sending of cards. We finished the event with 177 Q's (172 SSB and 5 CW) and on Monday following the event, Irv already had 9 QSL requests. Per my records (and profound apologies to anyone I inadvertently missed, and in no particular order) these are the folks who made the trek to the museum to support the event: Doug - N2BEG, Larry - W2LB, Irv – AF2K, Pete - W2SKY, Brent – KC2QLJ, John - KC2TNO, Zach - KC2VCM, Paul - K2DB, Rich - W2FBS, Lee - WB2JOR, Rick - W1TY, John - W3OAB, Tom - KA2X, Mike - N2UJN, Andrew - W2FG, Don - AC2EV, Katie - N2YD, Vic - K1PY, Bob - K2OID, Ben - KC2JXP, Mark - K2MTH, Len - KC2PCD, Don - KD2DBY, Jeanette - KD2BDX, Bill - AA2YV and Chris - KC2VCK.

I also noted that traffic in the museum was down significantly on Thursday (as would be expected after such a heavy snowfall); it seemed a bit better on Friday

and Saturday seemed quite busy. When I spoke with our museum contact Ashley, she confirmed my observations with a Friday attendance of 1200 visitors.

Perhaps the most memorable events happened on Saturday, the last day of our operation. One family stopped by a little before noon, and it was obvious that Zeke – their 12 year old son was quite interested in our display. K1PY spent quite a bit of time talking to Zeke – answering questions on licensing, call signs – and how they are assigned, different license privileges, and various facets of the hobby. I could tell that Vic had something up his sleeve. That something was the suggestion of putting Zeke at the helm of the HF station. Vic spent some time explaining what he wanted Zeke to do, and then coached him through a number of contacts. As I logged for them, I noticed that folks seemed to be lining up to work Zeke. All too soon, Zeke's family wanted to move on – but Jonah, a 7 year old from Maryland, in town visiting his grandparents was observing Zeke. Zeke relinquished the operating seat to continue exploration of the museum with his parents and Jonah took over. Again, with some coaching from Vic (and later Ben, KC2JXP) Jonah operated the station for the last 2 hours. Once again, it seemed that folks were standing by to work Jonah. As Jonah's operated, his Grandfather Winston came over to me and mentioned that he had never seen Jonah so focused and captivated by what was happening. Unknown to us, is that Jonah's great Uncle is a ham in Nova Scotia and that Winston got in touch with his brother and informed him where we were operating. If you haven't checked out the video of Jonah, point your browser to [http://nyqp.org/wordpress/?page\\_id=1117](http://nyqp.org/wordpress/?page_id=1117).





As Jonah was working Jeff, NJ5R – I heard VE1BMJ calling us. I quickly grabbed the mike and cleared with NJ5R (not even giving a signal report – sorry if I messed up the log Irv) and called VE1BMJ – Jonas's great Uncle Dan. How amazing it was to hear Jonah talk to his great uncle on 40M! While Dan and Jonah were talking, Dan had one more surprise up his sleeve – his grandson was there and he put him on with Jonah! Dan's grandson apparently is a little younger than Jonah – and Grampa Winston explained to Jonah who he was talking to. While Jonah listened to his Grandfather explain who the voice coming out of the speaker belonged to – a look of amazement spread over his face. I heard him exclaim "I *remember him!* He's a \*lot\* younger than me, right?". How amazing it was, first to witness a 7 year old talking to his great uncle – but then to also be present where he talked to a relative (would that be a great-cousin?) who he remembered from family get togethers? Wow – that truly is the magic of

amateur radio, and why the museum operation is such a unique event. Being able to experience such an event is truly amazing.

Thanks again to all who contributed to the continued success of this event.

— Dave Wright, N2CK







# DXPedititions Announced for January 2013

Start Date	End Date	DXCC Entity	Call	QSL via	Reported by	Info
<b>2013</b>						
<b>January</b>						
2013 Jan01	2013 Jan12	Namibia	V5 <a href="#">[spots]</a>	DJ2HD	DJ2HD 20121124	By DJ2HD as V5/DJ2HD; 160-10m; SSB RTTY
2013 Jan01	2013 Jan31	Bahamas	C6AGT <a href="#">[spots]</a>	AK4BM Direct	VA3RJ 20120830	By AK4BM fm Green Turtle Cay (NA-080); 40-10m; SSB, perhaps PSK31 + JT65; possibly QRV w/ 20m QRP fm nearby uninhabited islands
2013 Jan03	2013 Jan17	Belize	V31ME <a href="#">[spots]</a>	DJ4EL	<a href="#">425DXN</a> 20121222	By DJ4EL fm Ambergris Caye (NA-073); side trip Jan 5-12 to Long Caye (NA-123); 20-10m; SSB; QSL OK via DARC Buro or direct
2013 Jan03	2013 Feb28	Afghanistan	T6LG <a href="#">[spots]</a>	LotW	<a href="#">OPDX</a> 20130107	By LZ1CNN fm Kandahar; QSL also OK via LZ1ZF: G. Vodenicharov, P.O. Box 25, 3600 Lom, Bulgaria
2013 Jan04	2013 Jan13	Peru	4T4RDP <a href="#">[spots]</a>		<a href="#">425DXN</a> 20121229	By Radio Club Peruano (OA4O) during Peruvian leg of 2013 Dakar Rally; also as 4T4DKR
2013 Jan04	2013 Jan18	Namibia	V5 <a href="#">[spots]</a>	Home Call	DJ2BQ 20121124	By DJ2BQ as V5/DJ5BQ; 80-10m; RTTY
2013 Jan05	2013 Jan18	Senegal	6W7SK <a href="#">[spots]</a>	LotW	<a href="#">OPDX</a> 20121008	By F6BLP fm Saly Portudal; mainly CW; G5RV; QSL also OK via F6BLP, Buro or direct
2013 Jan07	2013 Jan20	Kenya	5Z4 <a href="#">[spots]</a>	Home Call	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20121228	By DF3ZS as 5Z4/DF3ZS and DL1QW as 5Z4/DL1QW fm Diani Beach; 80-10m; SSB RTTY; dipoles, GP, vertical loops
2013 Jan09	2013 Jan14	Palau	T88 <a href="#">[spots]</a>	See Info	<a href="#">DXW.Net</a> 20121207	By JA6EGL as T88SM, JA6UBY as T88CP, JE6DND as T88HK fm Koror I (OC-009); 80-10m; CW SSB; QSL via home_call direct
2013 Jan09	2013 Jan24	St Vincent	J8 <a href="#">[spots]</a>	LotW	<a href="#">425DXN</a> 20121229	By W6HGF as J8/W6HGF fm Kingstown (NA-109); focus on RTTY; QSL also OK via W6HGF, Buro or direct
2013 Jan11	2013 Jan14	Bahamas	C6AVA <a href="#">[spots]</a>	N6AWD	K6VVA 20121220	By K6VVA fm N Bimini I (NA-048); 40-15m; mainly CW; 200w; verticals; QSL OK via Buro or direct
2013 Jan11	2013 Jan15	Norfolk I	VK9N <a href="#">[spots]</a>	VK3GK	<a href="#">425DXN</a> 20130105	By VK3GK as VK3GK/9 fm OC-005; 80-10m; SSB, some CW; holiday style operation

2013 Jan1 1	2013 Jan1 8	<b>Lord Howe I</b>	<b>VK9L</b> [spots]	See Info	<a href="#">DXW.Ne</a> t 2012123 0	By JA3ARJ as VK9/JA3ARJ, JA3BZO JA3HJI AE6XY W7AVO W7PBL likewise; 80-6m; CW SSB RTTY; see qrz.com for QSL policy
2013 Jan1 1	2013 Jan3 1	<b>EI Salvador</b>	<b>YS3CW</b> NEW [spots]	LotW	<a href="#">OPDX</a> 2013010 7	By I2JIN fm Corinth; 80-10m; mainly CW; QSL also OK via I2JIN, Buro or direct
2013 Jan1 2	2013 Jan1 6	<b>Vietnam</b>	<b>XV4LU</b> [spots]	Home Call	<a href="#">DXW.Ne</a> t 2012121 1	By XV4LU fm Phu Quouc I (AS-128, WFF 3WFF-020, WLOTA 2523), also XV4DDD; 40-10m; SSB RTTY; QSL direct only
2013 Jan1 2	2013 Jan2 0	<b>Cayman Is</b>	<b>ZF2PG</b> [spots]	LotW	K8PGJ 2012101 1	By K8PGJ fm Grand Cayman I (NA-016); 20 15m; SSB; mornings + early afternoons weekdays; QRV for NAQP on 40 20m; QSL also OK via K8PGJ
2013 Jan1 3	2013 Jan3 0	<b>French Guiana</b>	<b>FY</b> NEW	F5UII	F5UII 2013010 6	By F5UII as FY/F5UII fm Korou; Jan 19-20 fm Ile Royle (SA-020); 40-10m; SSB; 100w; mainly weekdays 1200-2200z
2013 Jan1 5	2013 Jan2 1	<b>Fernando de Noronha</b>	<b>PY0F</b>	PP1CZ	PP1CZ 2012121 9	By PP1CZ as PY0F/PP1CZ; focus on 160 80m; CW RTTY, some SSB; holiday style operation
2013 Jan1 5	2013 Jan3 1	<b>Rwanda</b>	<b>9X0PY</b>	SM6CP Y	<a href="#">DXW.Ne</a> t 2013010 1	By SM6CPY; mainly CW; QSX up 25 kHz; 100w; QSL OK via Buro or direct
2013 Jan1 5	2013 Apr1 5	<b>Minami Torishima</b>	<b>JD1</b> NEW	See Info	<a href="#">DXW.Ne</a> t 2013010 8	By JG8NQJ as JG8NQJ/JD1; 17-10m; CW; spare time operation; JA QSL via JG8NQJ Buro, others via JG8NQJ Buro or JA8CJY direct
2013 Jan1 7	2013 Mar1 0	<b>Senegal</b>	<b>6W2SC</b>	HA3AUI Direct	HA3AUI 2012111 5	By HA3AUI; 40-10m; CW; some IOTA + WFF activity; dates approximate; OQRS to be available after return to HA
2013 Jan2 0	2013 Jan2 7	<b>Bahamas</b>	<b>C6A</b> NEW	Home Call	<a href="#">425DXN</a> 2013011 2	By W4BUW as C6AGH, also W8GEX (C6DX), W8CAA, AA4NN fm Great Exuma I (NA-001); 160-10m; SSB CW RTTY; 3 stations
2013 Jan2 1	2013 Feb0 8	<b>Reunion</b>	<b>FR</b> NEW		<a href="#">DXW.Ne</a> t 2013010 9	By F8APV as FR/F8APV and F8EOI as FR/ F8EOI fm AF-016 (DIFO FR-001, WFF FFF-011, WLOTA 1812); 40m and up, focus on 30m CW and 20m SSB; Buddipole
2013 Jan2 2	2013 Feb1 1	<b>Dominica</b>	<b>J7</b> NEW	LotW	<a href="#">425DXN</a> 2013011 2	By W3UR as J77A (until Feb 1) and N3ME as J76A; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY; spare time operation; QSL also OK via home_call, Buro or direct

**CQ 160m Contest, CW** (Jan 25-27, 2013) Check here for pericontest activity too.



2013 Jan2 5	2013 Mar1 0	<b>Guinea Bissau</b>	<b>J5UAP</b>	HA3AUI Direct	HA3AUI 2012111 5	By HA3AUI; 40-10m; CW; some IOTA activity; dates approximate; OQRS to be available after return to HA
2013 Jan2 6	2013 Feb0 2	<b>Cayman Is</b>	<b>ZF2TA</b>	K8AQM	<a href="#">ATDX</a> 2012113 0	By K8AQM fm NA-016; 20-10m; CW SSB
2013 Jan2 6	2013 Apr1 5	<b>Sudan</b>	<b>ST2SF</b>	LotW	<a href="#">425DXN</a> 2013010 5	By K0YAK; 40-10m, perhaps 80 6m; SSB CW + digital; 100w; QSL also OK via K0YAK; exact start date unclear
2013 Jan2 9	2013 Feb0 6	<b>Barbados</b>	<b>8P6</b> <b>NEW</b>	LotW	N7UN 2013010 6	By W3FF as 8P9FF, W6HFP as 8P9HF, WZ1P as 8P9WZ, WG0AT as 8P9RT, KC4VG as 8P9VG, KB9AVO as 8P9DG, K8AEB as 8P9EA, N7UN as 8P8UN fm NA-021; QSL also OK via Buro or direct

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Paul Mackanos, K2DB is an ARRL Member, CWops Member and a member of the following local clubs: Rochester DX Association (RDXA), Rochester VHF Group (RVHFG) and Rochester Amateur Radio Association (RARA). He was first licensed as a Novice in June 1963 as WN2ITU and upgraded to his General license immediately to WB2ITU. He held on to WB2ITU until the Incentive Licensing was passed, then he upgraded to Extra and received the call sign K2DB in the 70's. His favorite mode of operation is CW and his operating preferences are for casual CW contacts and CW contesting. Paul is one of the first to set up his station for Remote Control Operation and his station is actually located in Northern New York at his camp. He is involved in local ham activity, and has been a contest operator at several "Big Gun" stations over the years, (N2WK, W2FU) and also K2NNY in the ARRL Sweepstakes, and W2RDX for Field Day. He now enjoys playing with Software Defined Radios, and has several CW Skimmer stations set up and running for the spotting of CW signals on the bands. Paul can be reached via e-mail at [k2db@k2db.com](mailto:k2db@k2db.com)

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