



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

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PREMIER
DX CLUB*

November 2001

Next meeting: November 20th, 7:30 PM at Radioshack.com just outside I-285 on the Buford Highway.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

-Mike Greenway, K4PI

It doesn't get much better than what we have on the high bands right now. What a difference a couple of month makes. Even 6 M is going crazy. Unfortunately I had to miss several of the good days we had opening on 6 M. I went to Aruba to pick up some equipment I had left down there. I got to put in a few hours at P49I after repairing the antenna systems. Conditions down there were also outstanding. One afternoon netted a 1000 CW QSO's. You would think that P4 would be ho-hum but to hear the pileups you would think it was something special.

I have put in my retirement papers at Delta and will be moving on to another job. That may put an end to my ability to serve as president. I will keep you informed as things develop.

I see that the shirts are to arrive soon. Thank Jim for all his hard work on that effort.

The CQ WW CW test is Nov 24-25. Don't miss that one if you need band countries. The VP6 from Ducie IS should be on by the time you read this.

73 Mike Greenway, K4PI, P49I

P5 and DULCIE ISLAND

TURN ON YOUR RADIO!!

FROM THE VP

-Wes Lamboley, W3WL

Program for November includes:

1. Collect up all the scores or collect up promises for all the scores from all those who participated in the CQWW this month. (By popular demand - we as a club want to get going again on club scores.)
2. Discuss plans for future contests that we think we ought to go "All Out" in - for the greater glory of SEDXC.
3. Begin preliminary planning for Field Day 2002.
4. (If time is left) - Watch a video fresh from our brothers across the pond on the record-setting expedition D68C.

Best, Wes

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE, Tres.

Club Bank balances as of 10-5-01 are as follows:

SEDXC	\$ 2428.92
Packet Cluster Account	\$ 560.15
TOTAL	\$ 2989.07

The order for the SEDXC LogoWare was sent and received. One big problem...the logos were done but none of the monogramming had been done. The items have been sent back to Lands' End for completion. With any LUCK we should have them by the next club meeting. If so, I will bring them with me for delivery. The logos look good on all the colors ordered. I think everyone will be satisfied. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

73...Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE

MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER

-Dale Nordin, K4HGG, Sec.

Mike, K4PI, brought the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. on October 16th with 24 members present.

New Business:

After introductions, the club was reminded of the Gwinnett County Hamfest that will occur on Nov 3 & 4 at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds. The information may be found on the Internet.

Bill Barr-N4 NX made a motion that we dispense with the December meeting. W4OWY seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. It was also suggested that we have some type of Christmas Party/Dinner if someone is willing to make the arrangements with assistance of other club members.

Tom-N4XP gave out certificates "suitable for framing" to all those who assisted in the processing of the Kingman Reef (K5K) Cards. The recipients were: Scott-W4SO?, Paul-W6XA, Bob-W4OWY, Joe-KO4RR, Victoria-N4WV (xyl 4RR), Dick-K2UFT, Rick-N4XXM, Nancy-NK4U, Pat-W4NW, Gary-K4VT. (My apologies if I missed anyone)

Tom presented a plaque to Nancy-NK4U for her special efforts assisting him with the QSL Card processing.

Sandy-W4RU presented a plaque from the ARRL to Tom-N4XP for the best article that appeared in the August QST describing the Kingman Reef DXpedition.

Sandy also presented a proposal by the IARU to eliminate all CW prerequisites below 30 MHz. for the Amateur Radio license requirements. Sandy asked for a straw poll to check the general consensus of the club. The club voted unanimously to keep the code requirement.

Old Business:

Rick-N4XXM said that the W4UCK packet repeater was back on the air.

Jim-W4TE said that the shirts and jackets with the club logo ordered from Lands End should arrive by Oct 22, 2001. The total order amounted to \$1700. Thanks to Jim for all his effort in the processing of ordering of the garments.

Program Notes:

The Club program was presented by several

individuals concerning the tracking and processing of QSL cards (as requested by the membership). Two individuals, Rick-N4XXM and Mike-K4PI, described how they track their cards. Others gave comments on their particular methods.

Rick described his use of a computer program "DXBase2002" and how it can be set up to suit each persons need for sorting and keeping track of band countries. The program cost ~\$89 and can be obtained from the author.

Mike demonstrated his "old fashioned" manual card method. He used logging sheets and yellow note pad sheets to track the cards. Mike said "this method uses little or no disk space".

Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Dale - K4HGG / SM1WRI

N4XXM CLUSTER REPLACES W4UCK

Because of the problems with the backbone 2M connection between myself running the W4UCK cluster and Ernie, KS4Q, I have switched over to the same software AR-Cluster that Ernie is using. The BIG advantage is we now use the internet as the backbone between us. Much faster. That really pays off when during CQWW the spots were running 600-800/hour. Also, in the case of a problem with Ernie, I can connect up to many other nodes to fill in. I have shut down the W4UCK cluster.

I have installed the larger antenna that was donated by Ed, K4SB (tnx Ed!) and power will go up once I buy a 35 amp supply and get the brick back from Paul. Anyone having problems, try going through Allan, GNTNOD. The instructions are given below for your reference.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PACKET CLUSTERS FOR KS4Q CLUSTER

FREQUENCY: 145.01, 2400 baud, 8,1,N

c sawnee (It is important to wait for the alphabet soup menu before typing the next line.)

c ax1 ks4q

FOR N4XXM CLUSTER

FREQUENCY: 144.91, 2400 baud, 8,1,N

c n4xxm

or **c gntnod**, then **c n4xxm**

If you have any problems, talk to either Ernie, KS4Q or Rick, N4XXM.

-73 Rick, N4XXM

DX TIDBITS

-Rick Glisson, N4XMX

Just as I announced the W4UCK cluster was back up last month, things have changed. The N4XMX cluster running AR-Cluster software is now running on 144.91 instead of W4UCK. I have been up for several days with very good success. Please read the other article on page 2 about it. This should improve things quite a bit. Try it.

Ernie, KS4Q, Jim, W4UCK, and I will try to fire up the ARCDX machine and switch it over to 144.91 at some point. Hopefully this will give people who cannot hit GNTNOD a chance to get it. It will require a trip to the site, retuning cavities, install a lightning surge protector, and a few other things. ARCDX has a great location, a shame to waste it. I will keep you informed.

P5! I have just been seeing the spots and hope it is true. I understand that permission is only verbal for now but may change. All spots have been on 10M about the time I get home from work. Conditions have been very good but I cannot hear him. Reports say he will be there awhile with the UN. Maybe another band will work better.

Ducie Island is the other brand new one to look for. Hopefully by meeting time, we will all have a QSO in the log. I will have to work this one or get bumped off the honor roll if they count it! It never stops.

The DXCC posting has stopped the day before my submission for Honor Roll. I am in very good company on the applications received list. I am listed between my nemesis Paul, N4XM, and Tom, N4XP.

I can't wait for my SEDXC logo shirt and jacket. Tnx Jim for the club order.

CU in the pileups...

-73 Rick, N4XMX

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>>> DUCIE ISLAND 2001 <<<

Ducie Island (24.40.00S - 124.47.00W, OC-182, WAZ 32, ITU 63) should be the next new Entity to be added to the DXCC List [425DXN 545]. The main part of

the team (JA1BK, JF1IST, JA1SLS, K9AJ, K5VT and FO3BM) expects to leave Mangareva (Gambier Islands, French Polynesia) on 13 November in the local evening, to stop at Pitcairn and pick up other two operators (team leader Tom, VP6TC, and Dave, VP6DB) and then to sail immediately for Ducie. They will be active with four stations and a VP6 callsign to be announced when the operation starts, i.e. at 00.00 UTC on 16 November. The team must be back on Mangareva on 28 November. The two main frequencies - 21020 kHz (CW) and 21295 kHz (SSB) - will be used 24 hours a day. Other prime frequencies include 28495 kHz and 14195 kHz for SSB and 14020 kHz for CW, but some activity is planned to take place on the other bands (160-6 metres) and on RTTY as well. It is expected that low band and WARC operations are more likely to take place in the last days of the operation, as the initial emphasis will be to allow as many operators as possible to work this rare IOTA and probable new DXCC Entity. The team will have 2-element beams for 10 and 15 metres, a 4 Square for 20 metres and wire and vertical antennas for the other bands. There will be a 6 meter beacon on 50.110 Mhz. 160 metres are not a priority. Nevertheless, the team is taking an inverted L 160 antenna and if the weather and other factors cooperate there may be 160m operation nearer the end. The pilot station is Bill Avery, K6GNX. QSL via VE3HO (HF QSOs: Garth Hamilton, P.O. Box 1156, Fonthill, Ontario L0S 1E0, Canada) and JA1BK (6m QSOs: Kan Mizoguchi, 5-3 Sakuragaoka 4 Chome, Tama-City, Tokyo 206-0013, Japan). Logs will be available at <http://www.big.or.jp/~ham/dx.html>. [TNX K6GNX and The Daily DX]

3W - Hans, WA1LWS plans to operate (on 10-20 metres) as 3W2LWS from Vietnam for three weeks starting on 11 November. QSL via WA1LWS. [TNX The Daily DX]

9M8 - After attending the SEANET Convention in Kota Kinabalu (9-11 November), JA3AA, JA3UB, JA3AER, JA3ART, JH3GAH, JR3MVF, JA4HCK will go to the Mulu National Park, East Malaysia and will operate (on 10-160 metres SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK31) as 9M8/JA3AA (QSL via JA3AA), 9M8/JA3UB (QSL via JA3UB), 9M8/JA3AER (QSL via JA3AER), 9M8/JA3ART (QSL via JA3ART), 9M8/JR3MVF (QSL via JR3MVF), 9M8/JA4HCK (QSL via JA4HCK) and 9M8TG (QSL via JH3GAH) between 11 and 14 November. [TNX JH3GAH]

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DX PACKET FREQ.

N4XXM (2400) 144.91 (can use GNTNOD)
KS4Q (2400) 145.01 (c sawnee, c ax1 ks4q)
NI4X (9600) 144.93, 145.71, 440.75
K4UGA (Athens)(2400) 145.67 (SE Megaclst)
(telnet 128.192.52.40 599, must put in port 599)

DX COMMUNICATION FREQ.

Simplex 147.54

K4JPD Repeater (tone 85.4 Hz)
147.195+

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