



# Bulletin



January 2025

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## Our Next Meeting & Speaker

**Date & Time:** January 16, 7:00pm  
**Location:** Zoom meeting  
**Speaker:** Three members of the 3D2Y team  
**Topic:** Rotuma Island Experiences

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**From the Prez**  
*(de John Tramontanis, N4TOL)*

Happy New Year to all!!

2024 finished with a flourish. Capped off by the club Holiday Party where many club members enjoyed in person interaction, catching up with good friends and a fine meal. Thanks go out to Don Deal, KK4E, for coordinating the event.

Additionally, the club run in the 2024 CQ DX Marathon concluded!! Early indications show high levels of participation and scores by club members. Credit and many thanks go to Andy Goss, AA5JF, for his work in

coordinating our members to participate and submit their logs.

In 2024, the club also secured status as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the IRS. This will enable contributions made to the SEDXC to be deductible for tax purposes. Much credit to our treasurer Jeff Cantor, K1ZN, for setting this up and his diligent and patient efforts with the IRS in this endeavor!

Now that 2024 is behind us we can move forward into 2025 and of course all of our new goals and resolutions.

2025 looks to be another fine year for DXing with continued favorable propagation and interesting DXpeditions on the horizon. Our Zoom meetings are a wonderful way to acquire knowledge and share information amongst the membership collectively to

take advantage of these conditions to improve our DX standing.

I look forward to seeing you all at the January Zoom meeting, on Thursday, January 16th at 7:00 PM.

Here is the link for joining the Zoom event:

<https://www.sedxc.org/sedxc/zoom/index.htm>

73 John N4TOL



[SEDXC Elmers Link](#)



## VP Corner de K4NHW

*(de Nathan Wood, K4NHW)*

It was great to see many of you at the holiday party this month. It is always nice to meet face to face. If you would like to see more of these meetups throughout the year, please reach out to our activities manager, Don Deal, KK4E. We would love to hear your ideas. I look forward to seeing you soon!

As we approach the beginning of the new year, it is always a great time to reflect on last year and to look forward to what's coming this next year. Hopefully all of you submitted your CQ marathon logs. It is always good to see how competitive SEDXC is in our category. And of course, there are several DXpeditions that are on the horizon to look forward to as well. More on those as they get closer.

## Presentations

For January's presentation, we have the three youth members of the 3D2Y team telling of their experience from their recent activation on Rotuma Island. For two of these operators, it was their first experience on a DXpedition. For one of them, it was his first travel outside of the US. Each of these operators has a story to tell. There will also be time for a question-and-answer session. The SEDXC was a proud and generous supporter of this

DXpedition. This is a great opportunity for you to hear directly from the youth who are inevitably the future of this hobby. Working alongside these guys myself, I don't think that you will be disappointed. They are all extraordinary individuals with an amazing story to tell.

For this month's club meeting, the zoom credentials can be found at the top of the front page of [sedxc.com](http://sedxc.com).



## Lukas Bartkus LY7J

Lukas, a 22 year old amateur radio enthusiast from Lithuania, has been active in the hobby for 7 years. He is particularly interested in contesting and DXing. He is also a professional photographer.

## Connor Dickey KD9LSV

Connor is a 24 years old Electrical Engineer from St. Louis, Missouri. He has learned a lot of aspects in the Amateur Radio community starting back in 2018 at the Bradley University ARC (W9JWC). When he is not contesting, Connor spends a lot of the time remotely enjoying operating CW, SSB and Digital modes.



## Jamie Williams, M0SDV

Jamie is a 24 year old DXer and tester.

Jamie, 24 years old from Staffordshire in England has an extensive history in amateur radio dating back only 9 years. He is already an accomplished DXpeditioner with Togo, Guyana and now Rotuma under his belt. Jamie was also part of Youth Team #2 at WRTC 2022 in Bologna Italy where he operated as I47B with teammate DK6SP.

Nathan, K4NHW



## January Humor

De Neil Foster – N4FN



Getting old is great! Aside from the obvious - not being dead - there are lots of other advantages. I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later. I don't have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every month. I have my own pad. I don't have a curfew. I have a driver's license and my own car. The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant and I don't have acne. Life is great. I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds. People get out of the way much faster now. Gone are the days when girls used to cook like their mothers. Now they drink like their fathers.

I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row. I decided to stop calling the bathroom "John" and renamed it the "Jim". I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning. Old age is coming at a really bad time.

When I was a child, I thought "nap time" was a punishment. Now it feels like a small vacation. The biggest lie I tell myself is... " I don't have to write that down, I'll remember it." I don't have gray hair... I have "wisdom highlights"! I'm just very wise. If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would've put them on my knees. Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.

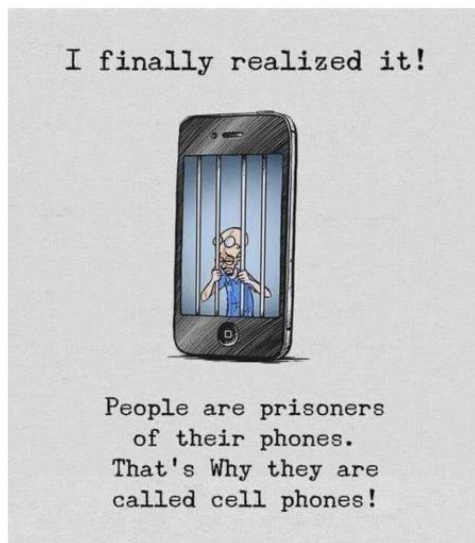
Why do I have to press one for English when you're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?

Of course, I talk to myself. Sometimes I need expert advice.

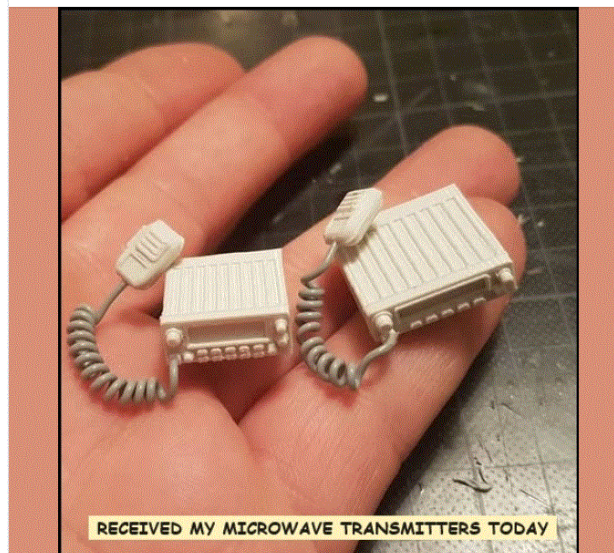
At my age "Getting Lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.

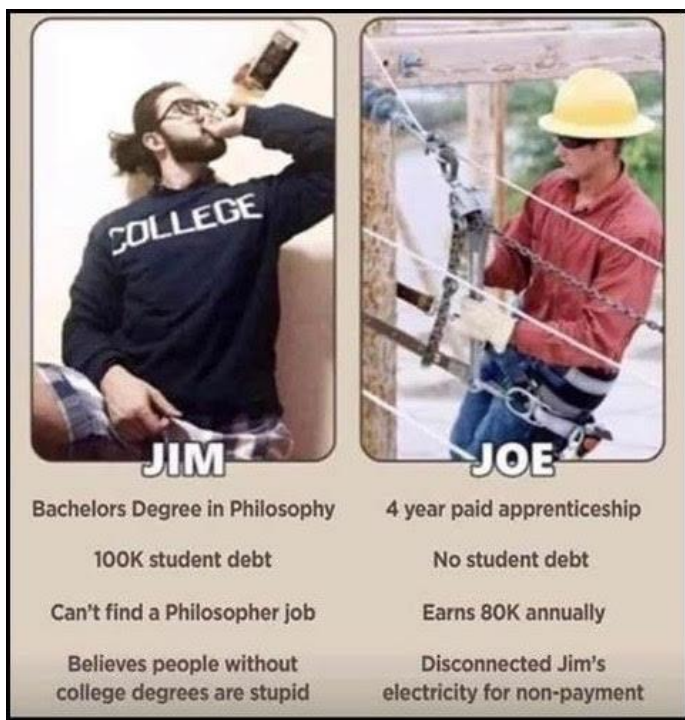
I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names.

Now, I'm wondering... did I steal this meme from you, or did you steal it from me?



AT LAST, I CAN START OPERATING ON THE 10GHz BAND.





**We live in a time where intelligent people are being silenced so that stupid people won't be offended.**

**Obituary about AB4IQ, Doyle "Ed" Pflueger is from N4QS, Dave Perry:**

All of us in far western Kentucky were saddened to learn Sunday morning that Ed Pflueger, AB4IQ, passed away unexpectedly last night. Ed was the consummate ham and had many devoted friend far and wide. He was an Elmer to many and always willing to help fellow hams. He was an accomplished DX'er with Top of the Honor Roll status for DXCC and 2,866 band countries confirmed for the DXCC Challenge - and he was a long time subscriber to The Daily Dx. He was also a card checker for the ARRL and CQ for many years. He was a

devoted Ten Tec man until they went out of business and then he switched and became an ardent Elecraft supporter. He was a member of the Paducah Amateur Radio Association, Kentucky Contest Group and the SEDXC. Before retiring about 10 years ago, he was employed by the P & L Railroad based in Paducah, KY. He served in the Navy during the Vietnam War. Most of all, he was a real gentleman, devoted family man and just a very kind person. He is really going to be missed.



## **Treasurer's Journal** *(de Jeff Cantor, K1ZN)*

Greetings, Fellow DXers

### **TREASURER's Report – January 2025**

- Checkbook Balance on January 1st: \$9,738.88
- Payments Made, month of December 2024:
  - o Condolence card to family of SK - AB4IQ \$1.07
  - o Holiday Party @ \$1125.98 less \$840 sold in tickets yields a net expense to Club of \$285.

To date of the 2024-2024 DXPedition Budget amount of \$7,303 we have disbursed \$3,850.

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73s & GUD DX,

Jeff / K1ZN, Treasurer



## Around The Shack (*de Hal Kennedy N4GG*)

Around the Shack

January, 2025

de N4GG

### My Straight Key

For many of us our straight key is like an old friend. It is, well, no, wait...it's not *like* an old friend, it *is* an old friend.

My straight key – the only one I've owned, is a *really old* friend. It came into my possession in 1960 as I was studying “the code” to pass the novice exam. I don't recall the details surrounding how I got it. I do know I'm not the first owner.

Like enduring friendships, my straight key shows wear. It has a nick or two from unintentional rough handling and it has needed repair at times to keep it serviceable. It's also seen neglect. Years of neglect. I rebuilt parts of it this year to get it ready for Straight Key Night.

Here's my key – see Figure 1. It's branded “Teleplex.” The decal on the Bakelite base says “Manufactured by Teleplex, New York, N.Y.” The Teleplex company is long out of business, but traces of its history can be found using Google. I have never seen another Teleplex key in the wild. There are two

examples however in Tom Perera's (W1TP) key museum: <http://w1tp.com>.

The Teleplex Co. did business at an address that puts a smile on my face: 76 Cortlandt St., New York. For those who aren't, ahem, of a certain age group (read: old) and/or didn't grow up around NYC, Cortlandt Street was the epicenter of what was once called “Radio Row.” Radio Row is a good subject for a future column. For anyone interested in electronics, and particularly for hams, Radio Row was the place you went to get everything from parts for your next project to complete radios.

For years, Radio Row was overflowing with World War II surplus. ARC-5s, Command Sets, ART-13s, BC-610s, you name it – they were all for sale. The prices were fair and negotiable; the smell of cosmoline hung in the air. Need a CRT to build yourself a tuning scope for RTTY? Head to Radio Row. You'd have your pick of screen size, phosphor color and persistence.

Here are the first two paragraphs of the Wikipedia article on Radio Row:

*“New York City's Radio Row, which existed from 1921 to 1966, was a warehouse district on the Lower West Side of Manhattan, New York City. Major firms that started there include Arrow Electronics, Avnet (founded by Charles Avnet in 1921), and Schweber Electronics.*

*The first of many radio-related stores was City Radio, opened in 1921 by Harry Schneck on Cortlandt Street, which became the central axis of a several-block area of electronics stores.”*

Arrow Electronics at 82 Cortlandt Street and nearby Harrison Radio at 12 West Broadway were ham heaven. All the major manufacturers sold through both, including National, Hallicrafters and Hammarlund. Think of Arrow and Harrison as early versions of HRO and Gigaparts.

It may seem odd that Radio Row had a specific end date, 1966, if you don't know the history. By the mid '60s Radio Row found itself in the wrong place at the wrong time. In 1966, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey seized the entire area claiming eminent domain. 164 buildings (including most of Radio Row) were demolished to

provide the land on which the World Trade Center twin towers were built.

Now, back to my Teleplex key. It apparently began its life on Cortlandt Street in NYC. Teleplex came into being in the early 1920s. Its principal products were code practice sets. Teleplex ran ads in QST every month from April, 1927 until January, 1945. Figures 2, 3 and 4 show QST ads for the basic product. Figure 5 is a photo of one of their more advanced sets. It included a straight key and a sideways-turned bug built into the base of the machine. Teleplex always branded their products as a “Master Teleplex.” The original Master Teleplex design was a clockworks-powered set of reels moving a perforated paper tape over a set of contacts. The contacts keyed an audio oscillator. The perforations in the paper tape corresponded to dots and dashes. The machines sent random 5 letter code groups and the speed was adjustable. You could buy a Teleplex machine, but Teleplex would also rent you one. The company survived the great depression and the second world war.

Over time the hand-cranked clockworks gave way to an electric motor and the perforated tape changed from paper to metal foil. The oscillator went through revisions too but was always based on a single vacuum tube. Teleplex packaged a straight key in with Master Teleplex sets that did not have one built in. The key was for students to practice

sending and some Master Teleplex machines could record and play back! The key was also for instructors to send at speeds outside the range of the machine and for practicing something other than 5 letter groups. My Teleplex straight key probably became separated from a Master Teleplex machine no later than early in 1960. When I acquired it it had probably never keyed a transmitter.

I began making QSOs with my Teleplex straight key in January, 1961, callsign: WV2QPW. My first contact and all early QSOs were with that key and yes, there are a lot of fond memories. Within a year of acquisition however, a neighbor, Frank Hernandez, W2MOF (sk) loaned me his Vibroplex Blue Racer bug. The Blue Racer and the Teleplex sat side-by-side on the operating desk, wired in parallel, for many years. Most of my QSOs from then on were with the Blue Racer, although for years I'd drop in on the novice bands from time to time to encourage newcomers. QSOs with novices were made with the Teleplex, rather than with the Blue Racer with a clothespin on the tail piece.

Over the years a lot of keying apparatus have come and gone across the operating desk at N4GG (and prior callsigns). The Blue Racer was eventually returned to W2MOF. When the bug left the Teleplex returned to center stage, but most of my scant operating time was on AM phone at that point. My story is

typical - college and a new family took priority.

Shortly after returning to the hobby in the early '70s, the Accu-Keyer arrived. The *Around the Shack* column of November 2022 covers the story of the Accu-Keyer. I built and still own Accu-Keyer S/N 00001. Just as the bug had earlier, electronic keying relegated the Teleplex back to the sidelines. My Accu-Keyer was first accompanied by a Brown Brothers iambic paddle. I learned iambic keying on that setup. I did incorporate a jack for a straight key on the back of my Accu-Keyer – something not suggested in the QST article. The Teleplex wasn't used much at this point – but it stayed connected.

At N4GG the succession of paddles has never stopped. The Brown Brothers, a Vibroplex and countless Bencher BY-1, BY-2 and BY-3s have come and gone. I now own three Begali paddles. Daily sending is on a Begali Sculpture. On special occasions I break out my gold-plated, mother-of-pearl finger-pieces, personally engraved, vertical dual-lever, custom-ordered Begali Graciella (a gift from the kids). I like the Graciella, but it does not evoke memories of my starting out like the Teleplex does. I started out with paper-route money, not “Graciella money.”

Keyers have come and gone too. The Accu-Keyer was replaced by Accu-Memory S/N

00001. That gave way to a succession of keyers, the latest being a W9XT-4 memory keyer and a WinKeyer USB used during contests.

Everything has its time, many things come and go and some things never leave. The Teleplex and Accu-Keyer S/N 1 will be with

73,

Hal N4GG

me until the end. The Teleplex is in rough shape but that's okay. I like the patina. I like the scars from many Field Days. I don't plan to "fix it up" beyond what's needed for it to perform its basic function. It comes out for Straight Key Night and my grandson Gibson (age 8) is now showing interest in Morse Code. I wonder if he would like to inherit a gift from Cortlandt Street?

**Figure 1. My Teleplex straight key set up for Straight Key Night, 2024.**



Figures 2, 3, 4. QST ad for the Master Teleplex code practice machine.

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**TELEPLEX CO., 76 Cortlandt St., New York**

READ **CODE** LIKE AN EXPERT!

Learn Quickly at Home, Get Real Speed

It's easy, fascinating, to become a good op with the New MASTER TELEPLEX Code Teacher to help you. Only instrument ever produced which records your sending in visible dots and dashes on copper tapes — then sends back to you. Also sends practice work, recorded by an expert, at any speed you want. Thousands agree this is the surest, quickest way to learn the code. Used by U. S. Army, Navy, A. T. & T., R. C. A., and others. We furnish COMPLETE Course, lend you Master Teleplex, give you personal instruction with a **BOOK MONEY-BACK GUARANTEE.** Low cost. Send to-day for booklet Q. 30; no obligation; post card will do.

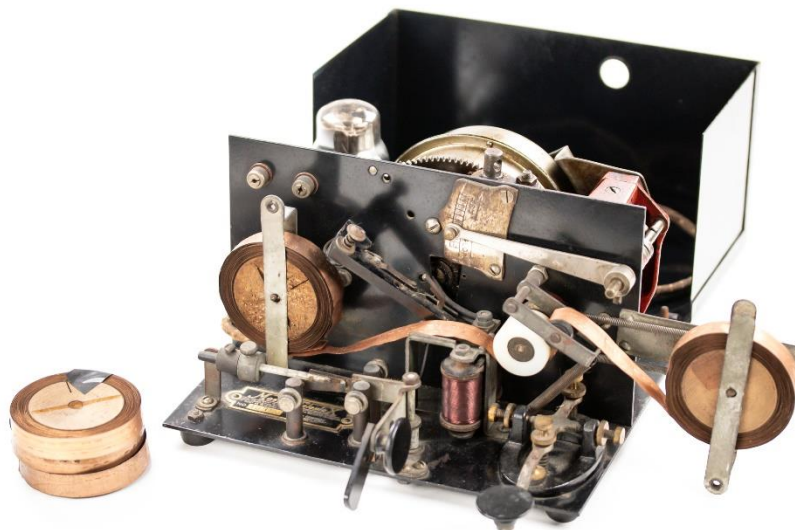
**TELEPLEX COMPANY**  
76 Cortlandt Street  
NEW YORK, N. Y.



MASTER TELEPLEX — "The Choice of Those Who Know"

Figure 5. One of the deluxe model Master

Teleplex machines. It included a straight key and sideways turned bug.





**Greetings from the Editor**  
*(de Van Herridge, N4VGE)*

Winter is a good time to make 80 and 160m contacts, improve your shack, and make plans for new DXpeditions. I am moving forward with plans for a DXpedition to Clublog #53 Most Wanted, Andaman Island in October 2026. If you are interested in joining us or helping please drop me a line.

**Check SEDXC's website to see the latest club information.**

[www.sedxc.org](http://www.sedxc.org)

**See link below for the SEDXC Bulletin from 25 years ago.**

<https://sedxc.org/sedxc/bulletins/sedxc0100.pdf>

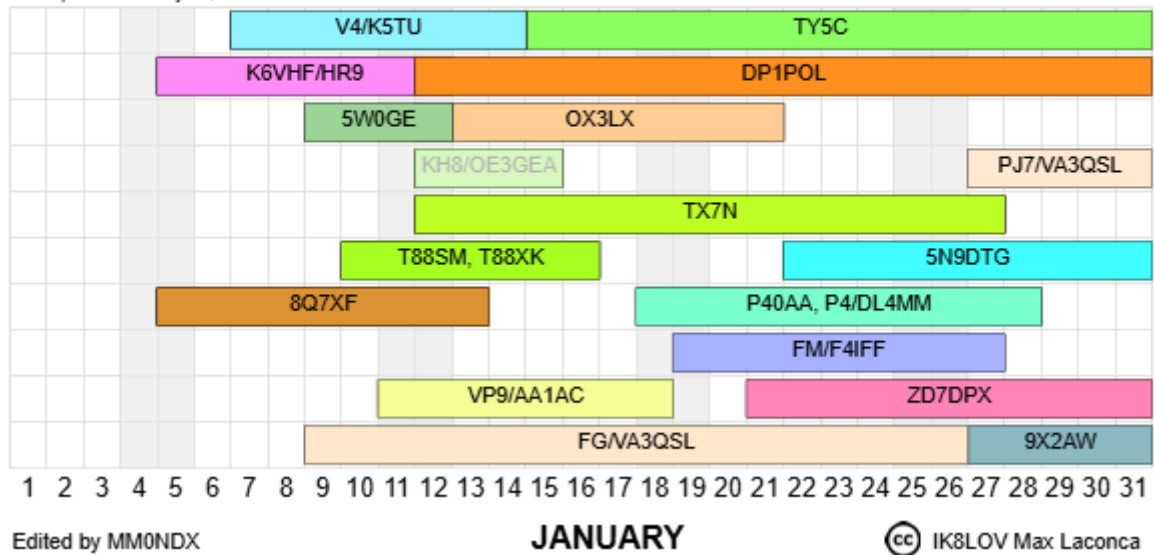
**See the end of this Bulletin for the SEDXC Bulletin from 25 years ago.**

**The *DX World* Calendar/Timeline for January 2025**

See below

**DXWORLD.net**  
**FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE**

Last update: January 10, 2025



The *DX World* Calendar features a timeline of all DXpeditions anticipated for the current month and is a great way to plan your chase for the next, All-Time New One (ATNO). The Calendar is updated regularly; use this link to see the latest version: [https://www.hamradiotime-line.com/timeline/dxw\\_timeline\\_1\\_1.php](https://www.hamradiotime-line.com/timeline/dxw_timeline_1_1.php)

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# SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

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January 2000

**NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 18th at  
7:30 PM at Radioshack.com located  
Just north of 1-285 on the Buford Hwy.**

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

-Mike Greenway, K4PI

Well, 2000 finally arrived and I still have water and electricity. I guess the nay-sayers can relax for a while. I can't say too much for DX. Conditions in December were not very good. I was expecting big things this time of year but just not happening. When I was writing this letter the flux is down to 130 and the A/ K are 25/2. Pretty poor.

Did everyone see the new DXCC Awards in the December issue? I got my cards off for the new single band 20 M award which is in preparation for DXCC 2000. It certainly wasn't cheap by the time I paid registered postage to and from for 314 cards. Then came the ARRL fees. This was too much of a burden for the field checkers.

Tom N4XP is headed for KH9 so won't get the program from Spratley this month. I have some video's from the NCDXF ordered which looked interesting.

I hope everyone got that new rig they had been wanting for Christmas. Let me know if you have a preference for a eating place this month. I am ready for a Baldino sandwich. Happy New Year....

73 Mike Greenway, K4PI, P491

## TREASURERS REPORT

-Nancy Draheim, NK4U, Tres.

December 31, 1999 balance           \$3294.55

No changes to the treasury since last month. Happy Holidays to all.

73, Nancy NK4U

## SEDXC MINUTES 11/16/99

-Dale Not-din, K4HGG, Sec.

There was no December meeting.

## OX TIDBITS

-Rick Glisson, N4XMX, editor

This is a short issue since there was no meeting last month. Our regular feature articles should return next month.

Haven't worked a lot the past month but have had a few cards trickle in. Have tried to work the VKOLD but just not in the cards so far. The EP card that showed up last month is a good one after trying to find and work one for ten years. The 80M cards are coming through also. The ZB2X during the last C.QWV CW contest has already responded. 89 worked and 74 confirmed on 80M. WPX and ARRL DX will get a strong effort on 80M this year.

However, the big news is FCC licence restructuring. There will only be three classes, Tech, General and Extra. The FCC has gotten rid of all but the 5 WPM code test for General and Extra. Existing Novice and Advanced will be able to keep and renew their class and operating privileges but no new tickets will be issued. Advanced can take the Extra written element before April 15th and then turn in the certificate with a fee and application after that date for the upgrade. New question pools will be used after April 15th. The new regulations take effect April 15th. Full details can be found on the ARRL website at [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org). Needless to say, the discussion on the internet has been lively. However, as one person said, "The pileups at the low end of 20M will still be at 25-30 WPM." I'll be there.

CU in the pileups...

-Rick, N4XMX

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### NEXT MEETING:

January 18th, 7:30 PM

### DX PACKET FREQ.

W8ZF (2400) 145.63 K4KG (2400) 144.91

K(24&96)& ARCDX (2400) 145.65

N14X (9600) 144.93, 145.71, 440.75

K4UJ (2400) 145.67 (SE Megacluster)

(telnet 216.1.128.11)

K4UGA Athens)(2400) 145.67 (SE Megaclst) (telnet 128.192.52.40 599, must put in port 599)

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K4JPD Repeater (tone 85.4 Hz)

147.195+ (Not up right now)

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