



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB

W4NT

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Meeting Date: Saturday, January 18, 1986

Time: Social Hour: 6:30 pm; Banquet 7:30pm

Place: North Fulton Human Service Center
89 Grove Way, Roswell

Meeting Notice

The January meeting will be the Annual SEDXC Banquet which is shaping up to be a GOOD ONE! VE3BMV will be the banquet speaker and will share with us his experiences on *DXing From Behind The Iron Curtain*. Yuri is also the publisher of *Radiosporting Magazine*. The banquet will be catered, as last year, by *PO FOLKS CATERING* so come prepared for a great chicken dinner, fellowship, and fun. The social hour will begin at 6:30 pm with dinner scheduled at 7:30 pm. The cost will be \$6.00 per person payable at the banquet. A map is enclosed. Please call Carol Shrader, WI4K, at 973-1450 or on 147.50 simplex to reserve your spot at the banquet. An RSVP would be appreciated whether you CAN or CANNOT attend as this would save the phone committee the time involved in phoning those who have not replied. A final count must be given to PO FOLKS during business hours on January 15th so PLEASE call before that date! If you find that you cannot attend please call Carol to cancel by this date as we must still pay for your meal if you DO NOT attend and DO NOT cancel your reservations. Thanks and we'll see you there. You don't want to miss it!!!

YIIBGD QSL Cards

Several of our club members have experienced the sorrow of sending card after card to YIIBGD without any response. Those same members have listened to other club members who have received numerous cards within weeks of QSLing. What a mystery! Does anyone have an answer? An article in the December 1985 issue of JH1KRC's *THE DX FAMILY NEWS LETTER* sheds quite a lot of light on this mystery:

Yasu JR1AIB visits Iraq

Yasuyuki Inoue visited YIIBGD, Baghdad Iraq, Oct. 2.

The station is located in the Scientific Center, and run by the chief operator/station master Madjd and other operators, as an official activity (even if this is an amateur radio station).

Well equipped with Drake 4C line and Atlas trcv, and a tribander beam and inverted vees for 40/80m, they are active both SSB and CW (depends on operators) through 80 to 10m. The operators seem to like to use the simple Atlas rig rather than that complicated Drake.

With very kind arrangement by Madjd, Yasu had a chance to operate the station on 20m CW to work some twenty QSOs including two lucky JA boys JA1MRM and JE1JKL for their new one

in CW DXCC.

YIIBGD has no QSL cards of their own to issue, since it takes time to get the budget for QSL printing as well as for other things to maintain very officially. Therefore, some two-thousands airmail envelopes (estimated) are in a big cardboard box in the shack, waiting for the QSL job.

To support YIIBGD's activity, DXFF has printed and sent 3,000 QSLs to Baghdad by now. Long for their new QSL with beautiful color photos of the antenna and building, the shack, and a mosque in the city.

YIIBGD requests DX guys to send at least 3 IRCs dated within the last two years for the airmail return postage. Note that "seamail" intended to save your pay for the postage will lose the mail and IRCs somewhere in the Mideast's desert. There may be no traffic safely directed to YI through the Strait of Hormuz because of the war. Use airmail for safety.

QSLs they have received with IRCs too short for the postage or out of date will be confirmed and then returned via the bureaus, officially, for sure. Don't send your second/third QSLs which will bother only, and wait for the beautiful card to be returned in a few more months.

The mailing address to YIIBGD should be P O Box 5864; Baghdad, Iraq; the official address. Other box numbers may belong to the individual operators, for which YIIBGD would not have any further responsibility. For example, Box 6100 belongs to Saad, one of the operators.

YIOBIF is the special operation for the international fair in the city which will allow the possible foreign guest operation. QSL to P O Box 24993, Baghdad. YI4SC is another special operation from youth scout camp. All the logs may be kept in YIIBGD shack.

Writing the QSLs is up to the individual operators who operate, and sending out the return SAE is responsible to Madjd, the station master, as well as an official of the Scientific Center.

Yasu hopes to visit and operate YIIBGD again when he goes to Baghdad on business. Yasu reports that foreigner amateur will be able to have his own YI station (!) after the present war ends. It is always the same that ham radio activity can be the index of peace and liberty in that country.

Renewal Time

It is time to mail in your \$18 1986 dues to the Club Treasurer, Carol Shrader, WI4K; 4065 Ophie Drive; Marietta, Georgia 30066. With your dues please mail your updated Want List. The deadline for making the 1986 Club Roster/Want List is January 31, 1986 so please either bring your dues (checks preferred) & want lists to the banquet or mail them to Carol. There will be no time lag this year since we now have the club records on an IBM PC and can print records as needed. Those of you who have never mailed in one of our new computer input sheets will be receiving another input sheet with this newsletter. Please fill in the form and return it with your dues ASAP. This is the ONLY way to be input into the new club program! If you are unsure as to whether you are up to date on club dues please check your mailing label on

this newsletter. There will be a date shown on the upper right hand corner of the label. If the date DOES NOT read 12/31/86 or 12/31/99, then your dues have not yet been paid for 1986. We need your support. 1986's going to be a GREAT year!

January Contest Calendar

January 11: 73 Magazine 40 Meter World SSB Championship
 January 12: 73 Magazine 75 Meter World SSB Championship
 January 18/19: 73 Magazine 160 Meter World SSB Championship
 January 18/19: DL Activity Group CW Contest
 January 18/19: Hungarian DX Contest
 January 25: 73 Magazine 15 Meter World SSB Championship
 January 26: 73 Magazine 20 Meter World SSB Championship
 January 24-26: CQWW 160 Meter CW Contest
 January 25/26: French CW Contest

Club Contest Corner

1986 proves to be an interesting year for SEDXC members with the announcement of the following Club Contests by Activities Chairman, Hugh Valentine, N4RJ. Monthly Contests, an Annual Helping Hands Award, plus a Super Special Contest offering the winner a CQWW SSB 1987 operation from the Caribbean make up the total package.

Monthly contests for the first quarter of 1986 include the following: January: Worked the most Low Band (40-80-160) DXCC Countries (Any Mode). February: High Score ARRL CW Contest (February 15 & 16). March: High Score ARRL SSB Contest (March 2 & 3). There is a new twist to the monthly contests this year. As usual you may win a plaque for only ONE monthly contest. But this year once you win you should continue to submit your scores. If you place first additional times you will receive a T-shirt flaunting your contest win! The plaque will go to the second place winner.

The Annual Helping Hands Award will be presented to the club winner based on the following points scheme: 2 meter alert: 2 points; local phone call - 3 points; long distance collect call: 5 points. You must contact the person needing the country to count points. Leaving a message does not count. A QSO by the person needing the country is not necessary to count the points. If he *strikes out* you still get credit for contacting him. The person must need the country for an ALL TIME new country. Band countries needed will not count for this award. To qualify for the award you must maintain a log by date including club member contacted, DX station, and band. The contest will begin March 1st unless otherwise notified. Prizes consist of a plaque for the 1st place winner with T-shirts going to 2nd & 3rd place. HHCC (Helping Hands Century Club) certificates will be awarded to all those with 100 points or more. A T-shirt will be awarded to the person who contacts the greatest number of different club members.

The 1986 Super Contest will award one deserving individual a 5 day, 4 night trip to a Caribbean Country (airfare & hotel

accommodations) for the 1987 CQWW SSB DX Contest. The country will be chosen by the SEDXC officers based on pricing and availability. The award is designed so that any club member can win (not just the SUPER STATIONS)! Points count as follows:

- A) Helping Hand Contacts: points as stated above.
- B) Attending Monthly Meetings: 25 points per meeting. 100 point bonus for attending 10 or more meetings.
- C) Monthly Contests: Number of contests entered X 25 points. 50 bonus points for entering 8 or more contests. (If the club contest involves a national contest you must submit your score to qualify.) Bonus points are also available for placing 1st (15 points), 2nd (10 points), or 3rd (5 points) in the club contests.
- D) Serving on a SEDXC Committee: 50 points per committee with a maximum of 2. **Editors Note: See the following column on how to become a member of a club committee.**
- E) Operator at a W4NT Event: 50 points per event with a maximum of 2. Look for W4NT to be very active in the coming year with contest participation including Field Day.
- F) Newsletter Contributions: 30 points each. Maximum of 5.
- G) Sponsoring New Member: 20 points per member. Maximum of 10.
- H) Attending Dayton or Atlanta Hamfests: 20 points each.
- I) Assisting Club Members with Personal Projects (repair, antenna, etc.): 20 points with a maximum of 10 projects.
- J) Operating from a DX location for the ARRL or CQ DX Contests: 50 points per contest with a maximum of 2.
- K) Submitting logs for any CQ Magazine or ARRL DX Contest (includes 10 meter, 160 meter WPX, etc.): 25 points each.

Scores for all club contests should be phoned or mailed ASAP after the contest period to Activities Chairman: Hugh Valentine, N4RJ; 4330 Beaver Road; Loganville, GA 30249.

SEDXC 1986 Committee Slots

Positions are available on the following club committees this year: Awards, Field Day, Atlanta Hamfest Club Booth, Atlanta Hamfest Boneyard Table, Atlanta Hamfest Hospitality Suite, Dayton Hamfest Hospitality Suite, Picnic, Certificate Custodian, DXpeditions, Growth & Expansion, DX Contests, Newsletter, Telephone, Programs, Door Prizes, Meeting Refreshments.

Additional committees will be announced in future newsletters

Participation is greatly encouraged and we hope that all club members will choose to serve. Please contact a club officer by telephone or on 147.50 to volunteer for your committee choices. Out of town members can include their choices when they mail in their dues & wants lists. New 1986 officers and their phone numbers are as follows:

- President: Bill Barr, N4NX (993-3631)
- V. President: Alan Bond, WB4GNT (973-6251)
- Secretary: Grover Meinert, KC4BX (255-4677)
- Treasurer: Carol Shrader, WI4K (973-1450)
- Activities Chairman: Hugh Valentine, N4RJ (979-3400)

Atlanta DXPO

One of DXPO's out-of-town attendees Rick Barnett, KBOU, recently wrote an article on DXPO for the Kansas City DX Club newsletter. The article was also reprinted in *Radiosporting* magazine. It should be of interest both to club members who DID and DID NOT attend DXPO. For those who did attend DXPO this article is an attaboy for all your southern hospitality and work towards DXPO. And for those who DID NOT attend - look what you missed and how much it was appreciated by DXers from around the country. Following are a few interesting quotes from the article:

I didn't know what to expect at the DXPO 85, in Atlanta, but the guys from four land made me really feel welcome from the minute I arrived at the motel..... Bill, N4NX, Carl, WB4ZNH, and Val, N4RJ, seemed to go all out to make me glad I came to Atlanta..... Now you and I both know that not all programs that are offered at hamfests are up to your expectations, but I was really impressed with all the programs listed, and all were well attended..... I believe now that when DXPO 87 comes around, I just might make the same trip again. I think more DXers should save their money and really enjoy a DX hamfest. Editor's Note: Thanks Rick for those kind words. You're welcome back anytime.

Newsletter

Jim Streible, K4DLI, will assume the job of SEDXC Newsletter Editor beginning with the February issue. All newsletter contributions including advertisements for The Trader should be sent to Jim. The deadline for items to be published in the February Newsletter is February 5th.

Southeastern DX Club Financial Statement Year Ending December 31, 1985

<u>Income:</u>	
Dues	\$2827.50
Other Income	288.88
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$3116.38</u>
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<u>Expenses:</u>	
Banquet	\$435.27
Name Badges	15.19
Hospitality & Hamfests	268.88
Plaques	11.03
Meeting Expenses	44.69
Meeting Room Donations	180.00
Contributions to DXpeditions	75.00
Postage	671.72
Office Supplies	56.88
Printing & Photocopying	174.21
DXPO	381.53
Bank Charges	21.95
Awards Donations	50.00
Newsletter Materials	3.50
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$2389.85</u>
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<u>Net Profit/(Loss)</u>	<u>\$726.53</u>
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Southeastern DX Club Balance Sheet 12/31/85

<u>Assets:</u>	
Cash	\$30.82
Checking Account	2934.82
Accounts Receivable	31.00
Other Assets	241.80
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$3238.44</u>
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<u>Liabilities & Club Members Equity:</u>	
Other Liabilities	\$108.00
Club Members Equity	3130.44
<u>Total Liabilities & Members Equity</u>	<u>\$3238.44</u>
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<u>Club Member's Equity Reconciliation</u>	
Prior Year's Club Members Equity	\$2403.91
1985 Operating Profit	726.53
<u>Total 12/31/85 Club Members Equity</u>	<u>\$3130.44</u>
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N. Carol Shrader
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Treasurer

Volunteer Exams

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
1st Saturday	Peachtree City City Hall	8:00am
2nd Saturday	Stone Mountain First Methodist	8:30am
3rd Saturday	East Marietta Library	10:30am
4th Sunday	Georgia Tech Student Center	2:30pm

DX Tidbits

Courtesy of SEDXC members, the 20 Meter "Rumor Mill", and the following publications: ARRL DX Bulletin, GRZ DX, DX Family Foundation Newsletter, Carolina DX Association Newsletter, Western NY DX Assn., & The Atlanta Ham.

The DX FAMILY News Letter reports that XU1SS is still on the air but not very active. They can be found only on 20 meters around 14.180 or 14.010 around 7-8z or 11-12z especially on weekends. They are reportedly using 100 watts to a dipole so signals are extremely weak.....New frequencies for India include 1820-1860, 3500-3700, 3890-3900, 18 Mhz and 24 Mhz, 434 - 438 Mhz.....Latest news on the 20 meter rumor mill is that things don't look good on new country status for Aruba in January since they will still be under the jurisdiction of the Netherlands.....Peter I looks bad for 1986 with reports that KD7P, rumored to be enroute, is actually home. Of course the JA DXpedition was cancelled due to transportation problems.....BV0BG is due in early January with a list of USA operators including Senator Barry Goldwater.....The rumored 3Y operation by LA operators may actually be from Antarctica rather than Bouvet. But of course the safest thing to do is "work 'em first".....The Colvins are presently operating as 3D6QL. Iris can be found quite often on 20 meters around noon and early afternoon local time.....Local clubmember KC4MJ plans operations in January as follows: DL/KC4MJ (9-14), 4U1ITU 80 & 160 Meters (14-16); KC4MJ/PA (16-20).....S79CW has been worked on 7089 and 7094 listening up around 0415z.....Recent low band catches include CW contacts with 3D80G, FK8FF & F08JP between 0700 & 1200. DU9RG has been worked on 7090 at 1100z & 3793 at 1200z.....FTBXB continues to be quite active on 20 meter phone showing up with Snooky on 14.183.

Ham Classes

<u>Class Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
St. Andrews Presbyterian; Tucker	KC4EI 934-0016(H)	873-1531(W)
Stone Mtn United Methodist	K4ZYK	321-1762
Nash Middle School; Smyrna	WA4VMV	432-3017
North Cobb High School	Doyle Crum	422-7954
Paulding County Library	K4DVJ	445-4665

License Renewal Reminders

January: K4PVZ February: KC4UZ, WA4HNL March: WA4HDD, WA4QMQ
For your convenience a 610 form is included with this mailing.

How About Chasing YL's?

Worked all countries, all zones, all counties, all grid squares (whatever that is)??? Need a new challenge??? How about chasing YL's? Now before you run to hide this publication from your wife

let me state that this has not turned into an X rated newsletter. I don't mean chasing YL's in person. I mean chasing YL's on the air. Now I hear many of you out there breathing a sigh of relief. ("If I caught one what would I do with her????") HI!

After much work by a number of us *New Timers*, the Young Ladies Radio League has voted to change the rules for its DX YLCC. As many of you remember the certificate was obtained by working 100 DX YL's from at least 50 countries. Each YL could only be worked once regardless of how many countries she had operated from. The award has now been changed to follow the rules of DXCC.

The new award, YL DXCC, will be granted for working 100 different YL countries and will be endorsable for contacts with 25 additional YL countries. The new certificate (which will be numbered beginning with certificate #1) becomes effective January 1, 1986 with certificate custodian being: Martha King, WD4NKP; 112 Lucille Ct; Ladson, SC 29456. For early submissions please specify that you wish your application processed under the new rules. The application should consist of a list of YL countries showing country, call, first name of YL, band, and mode. You may send your QSL cards to the certificate custodian for verification or they may be verified by two local YLRL members or radio club officers.

Odds & Ends

SEDXC members elected to serve as officers for other radio clubs in 1986 include: Neil Foster, KC4MJ, Atlanta Radio Club President; Dot Beam, N4DTC, Metro Atlanta Ladies ARC President; Carol Shrader, WI4K, Young Ladies Radio League Secretary; Jack Hague, N4HOH, Douglasville ARC President.....Congratulation to Jim Streible, K4DLI, latest club member to receive 5BDXCC.....Welcome to new member Buzz Ashby, KB4JHX.....December visitor to the Atlanta area was DXer TRBRAL, commandant of Air Gabon. Several locals enjoyed dinner and a chance to visit with Rolland.....A new WAZ will be available during 1986 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the WAZ program. WAZ-50 will be available to those who work WAZ between January 1st and December 31st 1986.....The SEDXC will have a hospitality suite at the 1986 Dayton Hamfest.....SEDXC Logo items available from the Treasurer include Hats (\$5), Golf Shirts (\$17), T-shirts - Size M & L (\$5), & Stamps (\$7.50). For mail orders please include postage.

Hamfest & Convention Calendar

Tropical Hamboree (Miami, FL): February 8 & 9
 Fort Walton Beach, FL Hamfest: March 15 & 16
 Columbus Hamfest: March 22 & 23
 Charlotte Hamfest & Computerfair: March 22 & 23
 Kennehochee Hamfest: April 19
 Visalia DX Convention: April 18-20
 Dayton Hamvention: April 25-27
 Atlanta Hamfestival: July 19 & 20

✱ INDICATES RED LIGHTS TO ALPHARETTA
ALL LIGHTS NORTH OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER ARE SHOWN

BANQUET
MAP

