



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

HEADQUARTERED IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA

DX ALERT FREQUENCIES

147.50 SIMPLEX

147.795 / T - 147.195 / R (TONE 7) KN4B

DX PACKET

W8ZF 145.63

W1UA 145.61

K4KG 144.91

RAG CHEW FREQ.

147.47

147.52

147.54

147.95 - 147.195

KN4B TONE 7

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ALL PACKET NODES ARE 2400 BAUD.

NEXT MEETING JANUARY 16th 1990 AT THE DAY'S INN WINDY HILL RD.

MEETING STARTS AT 7:30 PM JOIN US EARLY FOR DINNER AND A GOOD TIME BEFORE THE MEETING

3Y IS UP AND RUNNING

Well by now I suppose everyone has worked the 3Y and is setting back listening to all the terrible mess on the bands. What ever happened to self discipline and good operating procedures? I don't think channel 19 ever sounded as bad as 14.145 did when the 3Y came up. Lets hope all the ruckus came from disgruntled list takers because the 3Y was now using them first. I would hate to think it came from the DX gang.

As Steve, K4JPD, put it on the repeater the other morning. "The challenge is to work him in spite of the jammers and policemen and not get pulled into their cesspool of despair by frustration."

It wasn't just on phone either. CW had just as many bad apples. I'll leave it to others to analyze the reasons behind all this behavior and just say that if this kind of operating practice keeps up for the next big operation we will have a hard time convincing the rest of the world that hams should keep their frequencies and not have them given to commercial services when the next WARC comes up in 1992. Think about it!

If my information is correct the last operation from 3Y was in February of 1980 by 3Y1VC.

This is one that sure doesn't come up often so everyone should be sure to get it in the log once or twice anyway. Now the big question is what will be the next one to come up? XZ, ZA, A5, S2, 1S ?????

The way world events are changing it's anyone's guess.

FORMER 3Y OPERATOR IN NEED

Gus Browning world famous DX operator is reported to be in poor health and in need of financial aid.

To quote from a letter from Johnny Wertz, K4CRR .

"Gus is in urgent need. I am trying to set up a fund to try to help Gus in his hour of great need....."

"He has been in three different hospitals in intensive care as well as 3 Cat Scans. For the past two years his source of income has been cut off by his illness, and his monthly medical bill for medication alone , runs \$200 or more. Then Doctor bills on top of all this and if we friends and hams who would or could give him a hand, it would be greatly appreciated....."

This was part of the letter from Johnny. If anyone would like to help Gus contact :

Johnny Wertz, K4CRF

871 Five Chop Rd.

Orangeburg, S.C. 29115

The letter goes on to say that for over 11 years Gus traveled the world and made over 600,000 QSO's. Many from countries where there had never been any Ham operation before. I'll bet a lot of our club members made thier first contact in some of those countries with Gus.

Maybe the club would like to look into this and see if we can help.

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PROGRAM FOR JANUARY

In view of the ongoing 3Y operation I thought it would be interesting to see just what is involved in putting together a Major DX operation or a contest operation.

I have asked Carl, WB4ZNH, and Mike, K4PI, to discuss what it takes in planning and logistics to get ready to make a major operation even before they get on the air.

This should be an interesting talk so be sure to be there.

73

Neil, KC4MJ

THE FOLLOWING IS A REPRINT OF AN ARTICLE THAT APPEARED IN THE JANUARY DX MAGAZINE.

It is presented without comment. It says it all.

DX NET Practices

by Paul Hansen AE6H

Imagine my horror upon reading the announcement in the July 7, 1989 of *The DX Bulletin* about the Grand DX Net weekend. It seems that EA5FWM Cristobal Serran is so enamored with DX net control operators that he treated five of them and their wives to an all-expense-paid weekend at his home in Novelda, Alicante, Spain. The trip was to have occurred on the July 22nd weekend and included air fare for his five new friends. The guest list included JY3ZH Zeidan, OE6EEG Selim, DK9KE Warner, EA6WV Jaime, and RA4HA Valery. A Veritable who's who of DX control operators. Apparently there are no US net Masters of Ceremonies to rate this treatment.

Quoting from a prepared statement the intended purpose was as follows:

"We wish [for] the respect and the comprehension of the people and that the radio should be a medium for reaching this object. We wish that the radioamateurs collaborate to reach the perfection of the utilization of frequencies used by the different nets and as well with any DX stations. Don't tune up in these "busy frequencies." Before transmitting, be sure that the frequency isn't occupied by other stations. Try to work with comprehension and pleasant in the pile-up. Finally we wish that is about all: "Don't do what you don't want to be done."

About all I could get out of that statement was that they want to keep their frequencies clear. I am convinced that this is just a grand stand play to try to boost the esteem of a group that needs no outside help bolstering their already soaring egos. How can anybody think that net controls and DX nets in general do anything at all to improve amateur radio or radio operators?

What do the nets have to offer? Who gravitates toward nets? Why do certain individuals give of themselves so seemingly unselfishly to run the nets?

DX nets offer a couple of things to different people. From the DX station's standpoint, an inexperienced or lazy operator can find a haven on a net. The control stations are the buffer between the frenzied pile-up and himself.

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CONTEST REPORT:

By Randy, K4ODL

CQ WW CW 1989

CALL	NAME	POINTS	BAND
K4TEA	Ken	13,068	160
WA4JTI *	Dan	162,362	40
KX4R	Greg	43,425	10

* Greenville, Tn. -- Reappearance in contesting after a 20 year absence.. Trx for the card.

ENDORSEMENTS:

From January 1990 QST DXCC listings.

MIXED:

KC4MJ / 272 Neil Foster
K4BYK / 311 John Shinnall
W4OMQ / 341 Robert Tuttle

PHONE:

N4ONI / 294 Roy Conley
KC4MJ / 272 Neil Foster
K4BYK / 309 John Shinnall

CW:

W4OMQ / 125 Robert Tuttle

**REMEMBER -- CQWW 160 CW
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BE THERE**

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DX Net Practices cont.

No matter that the QSO rate drops to about one a minute; he only has to listen to one station at a time. Actually he only has to listen to the net control to get the call sign. Ever notice how a net control always alerts the next station in line by calling his complete call in perfect phonetics?

For the guys checking in to the nets they offer a place where rare DX might only be worked. That's why I must admit to a few DXCC countries confirmed via net contacts. I am not proud of those cards and if I am able to eventually work that country properly, I will eliminate them from my files.

The other reason to check into a net is that you can get your DX spoon fed.. What kind of accomplishment is this? It Allows lazy people to achieve hollow success with substandard skill and equipment. There is only the competition of getting on the list. After the twentieth time of making the same list, the net controls even start recognizing regular check-ins by very partial calls.

I know of hams who call themselves DXers whose entire DXCC credit total is the results of operating on list and nets. That's one reason there should always be a full frequency listed on QSL cards so that contacts on such-and-such frequency and in a specific time frame count for a new class of DXCC: The Net Only DXCC. It should be printed on transparent stock to reflect the substance of the award and be displayed in tubular form to signify the hollow victory. These net DXers have no skills at timing, splitfrequency operation, spotting, or anticipating style. All they know how to do is get on a list and hope some DX shows up that they need. Too bad. Especially when you hear the calls of some top Honor Roll types in the hierarchy of certain nets.

I wish I had the answer to why people become DX net controls. It may be as altruistic as why some people become QSL managers. But I suspect not.. More than likely the real reason is the overwhelming need to be in power and have other hams dependent on them.. It's a compelling reason; the pursuit of power. Not only hams or net control operators fall victim. It has to be something as fulfilling as that because why else would they give up so much time and subject themselves to so much abuse. Ever listen to a net when it's out of control?

So here we are back to the Grand Net Weekend. I'm afraid that these folks, the five net managers listed above and some not listed above, do not deserve much of our praise or admiration. In fact I believe that some

of these gentlemen have done more to harm ham radio than they could ever help by running a net. Nets mean structure, with structure comes bureaucracy and a bureaucracy runs on politics. We all know how helpful politics have been to ham radio.

To the rest of us, stay off the nets. Put the spark back in ham radio. Be proud of your DXCC or WAZ or what ever award it is. A friend of mine characterized net DXing like sport fishing at a trout farm. No one mounts and proudly displays a trophy trout caught at a trout farm !

[Space will be provided for other points of view. Send your letters to *The DX Magazine*, P.O. Box 50, Fulton , CA. 95439. -ed]

The same offer holds for the SEDXC News Letter. Send in any opposing view and we will be glad to print it.

K4UEE BREAKS WORLD RECORD:

In the 1989 CQWW Phone Bob, K4UEE broke the world record by about 10%. He had 4,951 net QSO's, 35 Zones, 145 countries, and a total of 2,669,580 points. In 1988 he also broke the 40 meter record but was then beaten out by two other stations. Lets hope his margin this past year is enough to give him the top spot on 10 meters. GOOD SHOW BOB.....

OK DUMMY, LISTEN UP

Ok, Folks, we seem to have forgotten some of the lessons we learned at our Elmer's knee about working DX. The first lesson is, most hot-and-heavy DXpeditions work **SPLIT**. That means, the DX station will pick a transmit frequency, for example 14022, but he will listen over a range of frequencies most always higher. If the DX operator is any good at all, he will **NEVER NEVER NEVER** answer a call on his own frequency, to do so invited disaster. He is probably not even listening anywhere near his transmit frequency, and so if you transmit on his frequency you are only messing things up for the DXers of the Higher Order (Thank you, Patrick).

After you locate where the DX station is transmitting, write the frequency down, store the frequency in a memory, or do whatever you need to do to assure yourself that you can find him again after you finish tuning up. That way, **IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY TO TUNE UP ON HIS FREQUENCY !!** It should not be necessary to tune up at all, cont. page 4

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if you bother to mark your settings, but that is another story. Assuming that the DX station is listening up, go find a clear spot at least 10 khz below his frequency and that way you won't mess up either side of a QSO.

Just remember. **-IF YOUR TRANSMIT LIGHT IS ON AND THE FREQUENCY SHOWN IS THE DX STATION'S TRANSMIT FREQUENCY, YOU ARE DOING SOMETHING WRONG, BAD, AND STUPID AND YOU SHOULD CEASE IMMEDIATELY !!!!!!!!**

The Old Grouch

The above was taken from the *Longpath*, published by the North Alabama DX Club.

DX NEWS

3Y - BOUVET : The highlight this month is the 3Y. They have been active on all bands -- don't always believe the frequency they say they are listening on. Could be much higher. Sometimes they could be down especially on 10 meters. They seem to favor Europe the JA's and the west coast. After all that's where most of their money came from. Bad news here is 160 meters. There is a big black hole hanging over the south, especially Georgia, that is sucking up all the 160 meter RF coming from Bouvet.

VP8 - SOUTH SANDWICH: This may be the target for the US group that was planning to go to 3Y. So far no definite word on where they will go. Could be here and South Georgia. (Maybe around Valdosta)

ST0 - SOUTHERN SUDAN: March may be the month to watch for this to be put on by PA3CXC, VK9NS, and F2CW. This is one many are waiting for.

XZ - BURMA: XZ1JA reported to have been worked by some 6's is a pirate. However, QRZ said that 1990 will be the year that XZ will be put on. Lets hope so-- Phil's not getting any younger.

A5 - BHUTAN: Jim Smith, VK9NS, says this can happen soon.... QRZ agrees 1990 will also be the year this one comes back on.

If all this good stuff comes on many more will be on the Honor Roll...

IC2 - CAMPIONE d'ITALIA ??? An Italian enclave surrounded by Switzerland. Will this be a new country??? Don't count on it. But if you want the card anyway send your card to I1RBJ.

T33 / BANABA & 3D2C CONWAY REEF:

On March 1st these two count for new countries. Don't send them in before this date or they will be returned to you..

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If you have something you think the club would be interested in send it to the editor and we will put you in print. We can take stories on disk saved as ASCII files and read them into the print program. This saves a lot of typing. Send in any type of article--- Technical, humor, human interest, funny or sad.

Remember the meeting Tuesday January 16th at 7:30 PM and come around 6:00 PM to have Dinner with the gang and tell tall stories about all the DX you have worked this past month.

73 & Lots of DX