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DX Alert Frequencies	DX Packet
147.50 Simplex	W8ZF 145.63
147.795/T - 147.195/R(tone7) KN4B	W1UA 145.61
	K4KG 144.91
Flag Chew Frequencies	
147.47 147.52 147.54 147.795T/147.195R(Tone7)	

Next Meeting - Tuesday, January 15, 1991 - 7:30 PM

Community Room, Lower Level - Phipps Plaza - Peachtree Road - Buckhead, Near Lenox Mall

PROGRAM: DAVE THOMPSON, K4JRB ON *CONTESTING*

Minutes of SEDXC meeting Dec. 18, 1990. The meeting was held at 9000 Central Park West, near Perimeter Mall. Facilities were courtesy GE and Wayne, W4LVM. Thanks, Wayne, for the great meeting place.

Meeting was called to order at 0040Z 12/19/90 by Neil, KC4MJ.

Minutes taken by Dale, N4REE, as temporary acting substitute Secretary in lieu of the absent real and official Secretary, Dick, K2UFT.

Announcements and Old Business

Following the usual roll call (twenty-five members and two visitors present and accounted for), Neil announced the FCC decision on no-code license issued 12/13/90. Current Techs grandfathered for HF privileges. New Techs will have only VHF privileges above 30 MHz. Test will consist of current elements 2 and 3A without any code requirement. Upgrades to HF privileges will be issued by CSCE only upon passing the 5 wpm element 1A. VEs will be responsible for keeping records of 5 wpm CSCEs issued and forwarding information to the FCC. The FCC will not issue a new license to a Tech who upgrades in this fashion. All other classes of license, including Novice, remain unchanged. Effective date of the new license has not been announced but best guess is mid-February.

Neil also discussed the new medical waivers for 13 wpm and 20 wpm code exams. Waivers must be signed by a physician certifying that the candidate has a physical impairment which prevents him or her from being able to copy Morse at greater than 5 wpm. The physician's statement must also include a release of medical information signed by the candidate, in case the FCC wishes to review

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a particular waiver. Neil indicated that the FCC will monitor waiver applications closely and persons abusing the process will be dealt with harshly. (They'll probably take away their TS950, Alpha 87, and mike!). The 5 wpm code test cannot be waived since this is a treaty requirement.

More announcements by KC4MJ:

Jim Altman, N4UCK, was commended for his recent efforts in obtaining specific authority for amateur radio towers in Cobb Co. The Cobb commission agreed to grandfather all existing towers, and accepted a 70 foot maximum height limit without requiring a special use permit. Jim was also successful in heading off a proposed ban in the city of Atlanta on "lattice" (e.g. Rohn) towers.

Atlanta Games (Olympic) Amateur Radio Committee - Neil stated that after polite brushoff by the AOC, area ham clubs are regrouping. Once the AOC has gotten over their political squabbles and has appointed a communications director (hmm... wouldn't a ham be perfect for this job?) we will approach the AOC with our offer to help out with communications for the Games (we're not supposed to use the "O" word anymore without official approval). Neil suggested that the SEDXC contribute \$25 to the Committee to help defray its costs. Neil's suggestion was tabled until New Business.

YA DXpedition - 3W3RR not going to Spratly - has a license for YA and will sign as YA0RR. Possibility of F2CW going to YA-land, too. Check your latest DX bulletins for anticipated dates.

Phil, W4GTS, announced that effective Jan. '91 CQ Magazine will issue a CW

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WAZ award.

New Business

KC4MJ moved that SEDXC reimburse K4JRB for the of cost re-engraving the 160M award plaque (\$19.08). Motion was seconded and passed without comment.

Neil also mentioned that SEDXC has the opportunity to sponsor DXPO in 1991. Neil suggested combining DXPO and the Atlanta Radio Club Hamfest. Vern, W8BLA, mentioned that the Hyatt (site of the Hamfest) does not have banquet facilities available any of the days of the Hamfest. The airport Marriott has offered banquet facilities and spaces for DX forums that weekend, and will provide several free rooms if we use their facilities. Dave, K4JRB, agreed to act as interlocutor with the Marriott and report back to W8BLA and the ARC Hamfest Committee.

Neil told about the efforts at ARRL HQ to work through the backlog of DXCC applications and endorsements. Thirty-two volunteers are helping the inimitable and overworked Don Search. However, applications and endorsements are still running about 7 months behind (at least!). Some rather pointed comments were made by the members present concerning Mr. Search and his management of DXCC. However, K4TEA reminded everyone that DXCC is a victim of its own popularity and our demands for more specialized awards and endorsements. 'Nuff said.

KC4MJ made a motion to have the SEDXC send \$25 to the Atlanta Games Amateur Radio Committee to help with expenses. The motion was seconded and passed without objection.

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Neil mentioned that Angelo Ditty (of FCC amp-busters fame) has retired.

W4GTS asked KC4MJ about DXAC certification of Penguin Island DXpedition. Neil feels DXAC will approve this one.

Jim, K4DLI, moved that Jim Altman N4UCK be sent a letter of commendation (not condemnation) for his efforts on behalf of all metro Atlanta hams in obtaining reasonable accommodations by DeKalb, Cobb and Atlanta zoning regulations for amateur radio towers. Chuck, KM4KB, presented a substitute motion that N4UCK be given a plaque by the SEDXC instead of a letter of commendation. Sharon, KM4IH, averred that she could produce a nice certificate which could be mounted to a plaque. Chuck's motion was seconded and passed without objection.

New business was concluded and a short intermission was taken while the best technical experts of the SEDXC attempted to start the VCR needed for the evening's program.

The evening's program consisted of three videos presented by K4ODL and courtesy of the NCDXF. Rather than tell you what we REALLY watched on TV, here are the videos we will tell our spouses we watched:

"It Started With A Broken Fence" (or "JH3DPB Builds His Dream Tower With 50 Cubic Yards of Concrete").

"Pile-up Busters" (or "DX Honor Roll the Easy Way").

"Laos DXpedition" (or "On the Road Again with George and Zolti - Those Rascally But Lovable Hungarians") [Note: I can't wait to see the video on the YA DXpedition with the guns and bodyguards!]

Before adjourning, Neil mentioned that the January SEDXC meeting tentatively is scheduled for our regular Phipps location. However, the consensus of the members present was that the evening's meeting place at Central Park was the preferred venue for future meetings. Stay tuned for more information.

Thanks to N4REE for scribing for me - You oughta think about taking the job next time it opens up! - Ed.

160 Meter Test

It's the SEDXC Club's specialty. See K4PI or K4ODL for some tips on simple antennas for getting on the "top" band.

QRZ de KC4MJ

I trust everyone had a great holiday season and a Happy New Year (healthy one, too.) I spent Christmas flat on my back with the flu-bug - UGH! Those folks who made submissions for DXCC credit at the Atlanta Hamfestival have just received the endorsements. Not bad -6 months - its getting better.

The YA0RR operation has been on - it appears only on CW. Hopefully by the time you read this they will be back on the air after a few days off - word has it they are having problems getting beams up -that accounts for the PW signals. ZA - anybody's guess. Phil Latta may get Burma before the ZA - Phil hopes so, too! Thanks to Wayne we had a wonderful meeting place at his office - great facilities and outstanding video systems (once we figured out how it all worked!) A lot of folks like the place and want to have the meetings there on a permanent basis. This meeting we are back a Phipps Plaza but please come prepared to discuss the possible move. We had a great turn out for the meeting and it was great to see a lot of "old" faces.

Carl indicates the Roster Callbook is ready and I hope we have it in time for the meeting. The XQ0X operation has been on and fortunately is not frequenting the lists as before. If you can give your call in spanish phonetics it probably will help - John seems to "hear" those better - his english is not great but good.

Keep in mind the 160 meter contest is coming up - score sheet and log sheet in this issue.

Best 73 Good DX Neil, KC4MJ

HIGH OFFICE

Jim Altman, N4UCK, recently announced his candidacy for Section Manager of Georgia. Nominating petition will be filed in April, 1991.

Address Change - WN4KKN
330 Walnut Ave. Santa Cruz, CA 95060

COBB TOWERS

To put to rest any confusion about the ordinance, Jim Altman has confirmed with the Cobb County Attorney that the new ordinance was passed by the Cobb County Commission and takes effect January 18, 1991. Some modifications may be required in the future but they will have no effect on amateur radio towers.

Contest Scores:

ARRL 160 CW

N4VYZ 9,176 (7 watts)

CQ World-Wide

	SSB	CW
P40T	12,500,000	
WA4CUG	875,292	475,137
WA4CTC	862,568	920,700
N4VYZ	527,706	1,210
N4XMX	120,988	
W8BLA	112,330	748,707
WA4FTM	52,245	112,591
W4LVM	43,600	402,566
KB4SSS	43,319	
K4TEA	12,033	1,856
K4EZ		284,791
K2UFT		18,816

(Last month's order was mostly in declining CW order, this month's is in declining SSB order. The only way to assure an upper tier position in a side-by-side listing like this is to hit 1 meg in both modes! - or convince the editor to aggregate the scores!)

ARRL 10 meter Test

N4UCK 278,720 Mixed W8BLA 89,600 CW
N4VYZ 84,436 5 watts WA4CUG 56,256
Mixed KL7TF 55,512 Mixed K2UFT 43,824 CW

SEDXC Min-Test (160)

W4GTS 12 States = 12 points

ANOTHER MINI CONTEST!

During the ARRL Novice Roundup period (1/26 - 2/7/91), work as many Novices as you can (they'll be signing /N) on CW only. Count each Novice QSO's on 80 as three QSO's. Increase your total score by 1.25 if you have used only wire antennas to make the contacts. See January '91 QST for rules, frequencies, etc. Work Tech's too, but only Novices count for purposes of the SEDXC Mini-Contest. Remember to reduce your power to 250 Watts in the Novice subbands.

Deadline - Next Issue - Friday, February 8, 1991

Didn't see the article you wanted to read? I'm not too good at guessing... my phone number's on the masthead along with my BBS address if you want to send me a file electronically. I don't mind typing up short articles, want ads, etc. but simply don't have the time to type long articles. If you can't make an electronic file, send it in hard copy suitable for Xeroxing.