



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

THE
SOUTH'S
PREMIER
DX CLUB

January 1996

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION

Tuesday, Jan. 16th, 7:30 PM, Old Hickory House in the Days Inn, Roswell Rd., just inside I-285.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

-Steve Schmidt, KR4DL, President

I hope everybody had a nice fruitful holiday season without too much leftover fruitcake. I got a new mast and put up an A3WS with 30 meter add-on kit over the holidays. The mast is 1.5 inch O.D. with 1/4" wall thickness..I was stunned to see how much it flexes with the A3WS and 2 meter antenna on it. Actually, I'm a little concerned. If any of you want to make me feel better, tell me it's just fine, supposed to flex. If you want to ruin my week...

VKØWH has been spotted recently on 7040 and is also working 14,240. His CW is reportedly a bit slow and he's running full QSOs, so this won't be easy. My work schedule has kept me from working him; I can't seem to get up at 4 AM and look for him! Perhaps some of you bigger guns could grab him while I'm busy. That may make it a bit easier for me when I'm ready!

The CQWW 160 CW contest is almost upon us. Those of you having trouble putting up an antenna, come to the next meeting and let's see if we can arrange some help for you. Even if you only work the locals, or the club members, you'll be helping our club score considerably. No matter how small your score seems, be sure to TURN IN THOSE LOGS! You can be sure the Frankford Radio Club does it (just look at last year's results) and I'm getting a bit tired of hearing those folks beat their chests and brag about the FRC on the internet. With many fewer members, I think we can still give them a run for their money. Let's try it.

Hope to see you on Tuesday.

73, Steve, KR4DL

FROM THE VP

by Sonny Marsh, KE4LDJ, VP

Since the World Radiosport Team Championship will be coming up in a few months, I thought it would be interesting to devote this month's program to the contest.

We will show a video called "Passport to Friendship - The Race for Radio Gold." I believe the contest had its beginning in 1990 and this video covers that initial contest. Hope to see everyone at the meeting.

-73, Sonny, KE4LDJ

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Nancy Draheim, NK4U

Balance 11/30/95 (Checkbook)	<u>\$2471.26</u>
Income:	<u>\$218.00</u>
Expenses:	
Nov. Newsletter	76.00
Dec. Newsletter	87.37
QSL Outgoing Buro	15.97
Tres. Briefcase	41.96
Packet Cluster	206.65
Bank Charges	0.15
Total Expenses	428.10
Balance Checking 12/31/95	<u>\$2261.16</u>

Packet Cluster funds are not from general funds but are donated for that purpose. Funds collected for the Paul Wolfe, AD4NQ fund are \$390 and will be reported next month. Hope evryone had a really great holiday season and fantastic 1996. May those sun spots hurry up and increase!

73, Nancy NK4U

MINUTES, SEDXC MEETING 12/19/95

-Buddy Harrell, W4OUN, Sec.

MINUTES FROM DECEMBER, 1995 MEETING

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30 PM. After the usual round of introductions, everyone was requested to sign the attendance list. It was motioned, seconded, and approved that the minutes from the last meeting be accepted.

OLD BUSINESS: In response to questions during the previous meeting, there was discussion of the Packet Cluster fund and its uses. The fund currently is \$1120 and was originally set up in response to a request from Jim Altman, N4UCK. It has been supported by separate donations from SEDXC members and is not a part of the general club treasury. Some of its uses in the past have been to assist in reengineering the Atlanta backbone, setup the ARCDX node, and the equipment on the FOX tower. Requests for assistance from packet cluster sysops would be considered based on their merits.

A fund has been established in memory of Silent Key AD4NQ who died in a tower related accident. Donations will be collected for another month and then it will be put to a vote concerning the extent of a matching club contribution.

The former membership chairman is no longer active within the club. Paul, KR4UJ was nominated and elected new membership chairman.

A requirement of the constitution and by-laws is that a membership roster must be published and distributed by the club officers within 60 days of taking office. This was not done, but the process is under way to correct the situation and get an updated membership roster out.

It was announced that John Laney, K4BAI was selected as WRTC captain for the SEDXC.

NEW BUSINESS: Phil, W4GTS, advised that John, AD4ZH, and Charles Turner were planning on giving a license class beginning January 24 in the IBM building at Windy Hill / Powers Ferry. It is a 10-week class. For additional information, call John at 404.843.8405 (H) or 770.715.3779 (W).

Mike, K4PI is going to Aruba for the 160 Meter contest and needs all the contacts we can provide. Mike computes that each contact is worth about 8000 points toward the end of a contest. More will be

discussed concerning the 160M contest at the next club meeting.

It was reported AA4II is a SK. Also, ED, K4SB underwent bypass surgery and is recovering at the hospital in Birmingham.

The 610-V form is now available.

OTHER: After Xmas gifts were exchanged, W4QO presented a program on his activity promoting Ham Radio within the schools and also information on QRP operating. Jim, thanks for the program and all your effort promoting ham radio.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 PM.

73 & DX, Buddy, W4OUN

BEEPS DE K2UFT

-Dick Bentley, K2UFT, Activities Director

January - time to get geared up for the CQWW - 160 Test at the end of the month. Get on the air, one way or another, and don't forget to submit your scores to CQ Magazine.

Be sure and give Mike, P49I some points. His sunset will be around 2330Z and at last report he was expecting to be calling CQ between 1830 and 1850. He expects competition on the island, so be sure its P49I that you work!

Kioshi, AE4EZ, has proposed that the SEDX Club sponsor an achievement award for working members of our club. Mike, K4PI, has an historical data base of members running back to the inception of the club which we hope to use to qualify applicant's past QSO's with club members. Assuming fellow club officers approve of the idea, more details at our next meeting. Perhaps this idea will generate more interest than the infamous "Band of the Month."

See you at the next meeting.

-73 Dick, K2UFT

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CONTESTS AND SEDXC

-Ron, AB4RU

As many of you know, the CQ 160 meter contest will be coming up the last weekend of January and February. The January Contest will be CW and February will be SSB. The SEDXC is a large club and has a good chance to turn in a high club score.

It is important for every member to make as many points as possible and turn in your logs to Dave Thompson, K4JRB. No matter how small the score is, it will add up with several others. The SEDXC is as much part a contest club as it is a DX club. We have several members that are very dedicated to the SEDXC and support this.

I am open for suggestions on how we can improve our efforts in the club competition, not only in the 160 meter test but in the other various contest, in 1996. The club sponsor's a great plaque program for its members but there still seems to be a lack of motivation.

Some suggestions I have already received are, a separate meeting for the contesters, same night as the SEDXC meeting. Possibly a training program for the guys that would like to improve their skills in contesting, like computer logging and operating technique.

More information concerning contest and its members in the Newsletter. I am sure there will be others, which I will try to compile and prepare a summary for evaluation later. Let me hear your comments and suggestions concerning the growth of the SEDXC as a contest club in 1996.

I can be reached at AB4RU@AOL.COM or via the packet cluster. Snail mail still works to. Ron Hooper 2953 Hy 51 South, Lula Georgia, 30554. Phone 706-677-2800 after 5 pm on weekdays.

FROM THE INTERNET

(This was found wandering around -ed)

There has been much commentary recently about the relative merits of various logging programs. As a reasonably active DXer, I have tried (and rejected) several of the more widely accepted programs as being too 'general purpose', and not totally applicable to 'serious DXing'. Currently, I use a windows based program called 'Logger', authored by N6BFM/

9K2ZZ, which contains most of the features that I have found lacking in other programs I have tried. Some of the more important features are as follows:

- a) The entry of a callsign of two letters in length is not permitted.
- b) The entry of the following names 'Sir', 'Doctor', 'Your Highness', 'Monk', 'Father', 'Brother', are not permitted.
- c) Signal reports of 'One Two Three By One Two Three Over Over' are not permitted.
- d) QSL card management is excellent. Receipt of the QSL cards into the database automatically sends a DX Cluster message (Announce/Full) stating QSL card received for <callsign>, QSO on <DD-MMM-YYY>, quick turnaround.'
- e) The DX cluster interface includes up to 65K possible additional filter options. The sample filters provided as reference, automatically exclude DX spots of the 'Ten Least Needed' on 20M SSB, all spots on 14226.5 and 14247, and any DX spots that contain the text (case insensitive) 'list' or 'net'.

Additionally, the sample filters exclude DX spots with the text 'Went QRT' (case insensitive).

- f) The built in radio control has the capability of (optionally) auto-announcing DX spots on the wrong frequency, with an incorrect callsign (ver. 3.0 will be enhanced to include the option of auto-announcing DX Spots on the wrong band).
- g) The built in CW/RTTY/AMTOR/Voice Keyer/etc. features include 270 user-programmable message sequences. Filters are built in that remove the following text strings - 'Please Copy', 'When last heard', 'Report on the next over', 'Good contact', 'Back to Net', 'Over Over', 'Who's the DX?', 'What Frequency is he listening on?', 'What's your QSL route and possibly others that I haven't yet tried.

This program is a 'Must try' for any DXer. :-)
73, Jim Wilson - W4MWT E-mail:w4mwt@avana.net

MR. LOW BAND SEZ...

-Mike Greenway, K4PI

A PLEA FOR HELP! I plan to be at P49I for the CQWW 160 M CW 'test. I am begging for QSOs in the test. Every QSO counts! I was down to #3 last year due to USA QSOs being down. If you have a friend on 160 pass the info. Please keep me on the packet screen.
-73 Mike K4PI/P49I