



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

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PREMIER
DX CLUB*

January 1999

MEETING TIME & LOCATION

Tues., Jan. 19th, 7:30 PM, TECH AMERICA, just north on Buford Hwy north of I-285.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

-Mike Greenway, K4PI

Happy New Year to all!! I hope this will be a banner year for DX. The flux numbers are up the high bands are in great shape.

We have had two of our members who have been to the hospital this month. If you are on the reflector then you know the status. They are Dave, K4JRB and Bob, K4UEE. Dave will be on the recovery list for some time and I am sure he would appreciate an email, card, or phone call. Bob told me he would be back at work by the middle of Jan. If you need info on how to get onto the reflector please let me know.

This has been a great month for band country hunting. I don't know how many of you band country hunt but it sure keeps you active. Just waiting for all time new ones to come along get to be far and few between. It keeps your operating skills and familiarity with your equipment sharp.

I have not had any input for programs you would like to see. If you are planning to go to Dayton this year it is past time to get a place to stay. They fill all the hotel in Dayton and surrounding area to the limit.

73 Mike Greenway, K4PI P49I
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VP CORNER

-Jim Worthington, AD4J

At the December meeting, Ned Mountain, WC4X, provided us with a most interesting program on bicycle mobile DXing. Ned brought along his bike and then assembled a station for several bands on it. He even had a small linear to boost his PEP from 2.5 watts by 6 - 8 db for those challenging paths. We were treated to tapes of some of his best QSOs including one tape of his peanut whistle from the end of the QSO. Thanks, Ned.

Tom Harrell N4XP and Dick Bentley, K2UFT, did an excellent SEDXC show on DXing at the Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society's December meeting. In talking to GARS members after the meeting, it was clear that the program was well received. A couple of members expressed interest in our club asking for the meeting time and place.

Last spring, I set a goal of getting my DXCC confirmations up to 200 by the end of 1998. At the time, I had cards from about 145 countries after over being off the air for about 12 years. On December 30, the 200th card arrived! The DX4WIN program was a big help in achieving this goal.

The January meeting will feature a program by Bill Fisher, W4AN, on remote station operation over telephone lines. Bill has a first rate contest station in North Georgia that he can operate from his notebook computer. He will give us a live demonstration at the meeting.

-73, Jim AD4J

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MEETING TIME**

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K4UEE, K4JRB!!**

TREASURERS REPORT

-Nancy Draheim, NK4U

No report received this month.

SEDXC MINUTES 11/17/98

-Rick Glisson, N4XMX, Sec.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mike, K4PI, President. 21 people were present.

News: Bob, K4UEE had neck surgery and is home now and doing well. Dave, K4JRB, had a bypass and is now doing well. I'm sure both would appreciate our best wishes from the club.

Other News: Kiyoshi, W3XJ was in Japan. Butch would be off the air until his condo is finished.

Old Business: Tom, K4XP, talked about the DX Show on the Road that was given to the GARS group. Good comments were received. Suggestions from club members favored including possible video footage showing actual DX pileup action.

Mike, N3FDU, handed out the green vinyl callsigns he made to those who ordered them. Anyone still wishing for one can contact Mike.

Mike, K4PI, then asked everyone how they were doing working FT5ZH. Most of the club members had with a few still trying.

Program: Ned, WC4X, showed us how he works DX from his bike! He brought in the bike and as he described the units, power and antenna aspects, he assembled the appropriate equipment on the bike. Ned also showed off his QSL collection which included 9L, KP1, and KP5 worked locally. From KL7, he had BV and TF. Quite impressive! Thanks Ned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.

NAVASSA NEWS

"The Director of the Office of Insular Affairs advises all persons interested in visiting Navassa Island that, having made a preliminary review of the island's ecology, he has decided indefinitely not to allow visits to the island and its surrounding waters until he has received a further assessment of the island's environment and conservation status". The announcement comes from the Internet Web page of the US Dept of Interior.

TIPS FROM MR. 160

-Mike Greenway, K4PI

TIP #3 in a series

This is a tip for those that have thought about getting on the DX packet cluster system but don't due to the trouble of coming up with a 2400 baud controller or they have tried and can't keep a reliable connection. This is a system that will not require a transmitter.

The minimum requirements, 2 meter receiver, 2 meter antenna, 1200 baud controller and very basic computer. The computer can be anything from 8088 to Pentium as long as it has RS232 ports. You can also use a 2400 or 9600 baud controller if you desire.

The thing that makes all this work is a free shareware program offered by HB9BZA. You can get this from the web at his site or someone can download it for you. It has a large "Readme" file that give you all the info to set it up. You can run this program in it's offline mode where all you need to do is receive the node. It can also be used in the online mode where you have to transmit if you desire. The offline mode looks just like you are in the online mode and you don't have the trouble of trying to stay connected.

Also you can use the 1200 baud mode to listen to the backbone station on 145.750. Let me put something in caps here, "DO NOT USE THE ACTIVE MODE ON THIS FREQUENCY". This frequency is for traffic to and from the surrounding states and will slow traffic up if you connect to this system. Again receive is okay. You can use other nodes if you have a 2400/9600 baud controller as all nodes in Atlanta are 2400 or 9600 except for the backbone mentioned earlier. Mack, AK4I, told me about this program and has used it and says it works great. Good luck and I hope it will help you out. Read the "Readme" file he has and see if it looks like something that would help you.

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Logs for ZL9CI
www.qsl.net/zl9ci
Updated daily!!

-Rick Glisson, N4XXM

All I can say is, "I'm spoiled by online logs, especially the ones updated while they are there!"

Checking the FT5ZH and BQ9P logs is a great way to see how you did. But the ZL9CI guys have taken it to the next level. You can work them one day and check the next! I thought I might have had a 12M SSB contact (they actually came back to N4XXM) but wasn't sure with fading conditions. The next day I checked and it was not there but the 17M contact made after the questionable was. This should greatly cut down on dupes and it lets me know when to try again. Great!

I was afraid the ZL9 guys would have weak signals and since they have to leave the island every night, I would miss them. Fortunately, this has not been the case. Signals on 20 have been pretty strong. The band conditions have been up and down a little but checking through the bands will find them somewhere. I worked them on 15M cw and ssb, both on at the same time within 5 minutes of each other.

One development is that if the weather is too bad for a safe return to the ship as determined by the official with them, they get to stay on the island overnight! This means 40, 80, and 160M. This has happened once already. Do not give up hope on the low bands.

JoAnne, KF4YOO, my harmonic and club member (nonvoting), has been receiving a few cards, the best being a 3V8BB from Hrane. Makes it worth it!

FT5ZH: Be sure to follow the special instructions for QSLing them. They do not want an envelope, just a mailing label along with your cards and IRC's.

Megacluster: The megacluster run by K4UJ can be a real help if you are trying to follow a DX station's propagation flow to you. By checking spots from EU and JA, you can figure out if they are even on the air before you spend enormous amounts of time finding them. DXBase 98 has a lot of other Internet cluster information built in so even if K4UJ is not up, I can chose from another US or maybe an IK cluster that I have found useful. I access them directly through the Internet. I still cannot connect to K4UJ on 2M because OWYNOD is down.

You still have to listen, still have to work them, but spots can make your time more productive.

5Z - G3RTE (Jim), G3SWH (Phil), G3WGV (John) and 5Z4RL (Rob) will be active from Lamu Island (AF-040) between 17 and 24 February. They will be active with two stations on CW, SSB and RTTY on all bands from 160 to 10 metres, with the exception of 30 metres, which is not permitted in Kenya and hope for a special call sign, to be announced in due time. QSL via G3SWH either direct (Phil Whitchurch, 21 Dickensons Grove, Congresbury, Bristol, BS49 5HQ, England, UK) or through the bureau. Donations towards the cost of the expedition are invited and may be sent to G3SWH. [TNX G3SWH]

EL - Mark, ON4WW/EL2WW will be back [425DXN 398] to Monrovia, Liberia on 11 January. He plans to concentrate on the low bands. QSL via ON5NT. [TNX The Daily DX]

FK - Philippe, ex TU2FH, is now active as FK8VHU from New Caledonia until August 1999. [TNX F6AJA and Les Nouvelles DX] **FY** - Christian, F6BEN is now active on 20 and 40 metres as FY5DG from French Guyana. [TNX F6AJA and Les Nouvelles DX]

FT5W- Gilles, F5AGL is now active as FT5WH from Crozet (AF-008) [425DXN 398] with a ground plane antenna on 10, 15, 20 and 40 metres. He is looking for the amplifier, which is hidden somewhere on the island. Gilles is expected to operate RTTY as well and to be on Crozet for one year. QSL via F6KDF [TNX The Daily DX]

FW - The call FW5FN has been issued to Cedric, HB9HFN for his 28 February - 8 March DXpedition to Uvea (OC-054), Wallis and Futuna [425DXN 387]. He plans to operate on 160-10 metres mostly on CW, with some SSB and RTTY. QSL via HB9HFN (Cedric Baechler, Mettetlet 26, 1763 Granges-Paccot, Switzerland). The website for the expedition is at <http://www.qsl.net/hb9hfn/> [TNX HB9HFN]

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K4KG (2400) 144.91
W4UCK (24 & 96) 145.65, 144.97 (ARCDX)
NI4X (9600) 144.93, 145.71, 440.75
K4UJ (2400) 145.67 (SE Megacluster)
(telnet 205.217.100.91)

DX COMMUNICATION FREQ.

Simplex 147.54
Melvin 147.51

K4JPD Repeater (tone 7)
147.195+

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