



# SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

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PREMIER  
DX CLUB*

February 2000

**NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 15th at  
7:30 PM at Radioshack.com located  
just north of I-285 on the Buford Hwy.**

I use is finicky about RF on just 160. If power is on th computer there is no problem. I try to live by the Boy Scout motto, "Be Prepared", but I fell short on that one. Watch out for those new additions to the shack environment.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

**-Mike Greenway, K4PI**

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Just finished working V73XP so it looks like Tom got a permanent call. He is in line to give his program on the trip to Spratley this month. I have to tell you about my episode with the XZ0A. They have been doing a good job on the low bands and one morning I got a call from K4UEE and K4TEA letting me know they were on 160. I missed then that morning due to line noise.

A few mornings later KX4R called and said they were coming though. I got up and there they were with a good signal on 160. I tried to transmit but each time I did the rig would lock up in transmit mode. I found it only took about 25 w to do it. No way I could work them with that. I was racking my brain.... has changed recently. The Sunday before the cable had gone out due to ice so I climbed the tower and put up a TV antenna. So I cut the F connector off, pushed the coax out the window and tore off outside in my PJ's. I had the same thing. I started pulling cables out of the back of the radio and no help.

Finally, I unplugged the outboard keyer and plugged the paddle straight in as there was a keyer in the radio. Now we can key without lockup but I can't get the amp to key. I found I could ground the key line and bring the amp on. So I started calling with the key line in one hand and the paddle in the other. I did get through thankfully. There is a very short window on the long haul 160 openings so you can't be wasting time.

After all was done I set about finding out what was really the problem and it was a keying line from the computer that parallels the outboard keyer. Apparently if the power is off the computer the keying circuit

## SEDXC MINUTES 1/18/00

**-Dale Nordin, K4HGG, Sec.**

This months meeting was held at the Atlanta Marriott North Central Hotel for the purpose of rolling out ICOM's new state-of-the-art transceiver the IC-756 PRO. There were approximately 28 people present, with visitors making up about half of the group. Also a lot of old time club members were present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:28 p.m. Old Business: A progress report on Field Checker applications was made. The completed applications were sent to Frank Butler - W4RH in Ft. Walton Beach for his signature. Afterwards they will be sent on to ARRL Hq. for the Presidents approval. The 3 nominees should be able to check QSL cards by April.

New Business: A reminder that a new group of officers will take office in July. Mike advised that you should be thinking of a new President, as he will not assume a 3<sup>rd</sup>. term.

DX NEWS: Tom-N4XP is on from Kwadjalein (V73) He should be back for next month's meeting. Also a special event station for the year 2000 is on the air as WY2000 (Oscar Oscar Oscar) - QSL via the Bureau.

The DX Reflector was mentioned. It was especially noted that last minute information was posted on the reflector. To become a "member" of the reflector you must access

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(continued from p 1) the following Web Site and role in this expedition. Several special arrangements follow the directions for reflector registration at: have been made in this regard. TX0DX will have two [www.contesting.com/sedxc](http://www.contesting.com/sedxc) QSLManagers:

Phil -W4GTS has taken over the QSL card Jarmo Jaakola, OH2BN - for HF QSOs ONLY Kan shipments to the outgoing bureau. Any outgoing Mizoguchi, JA1BK - for six-meter QSOs ONLY cards should be directed to him. The TX0DX Web site can be found at: <http://www.n4gn.com/tx0dx/> Additional information regarding the TX0DX DXpedition will be added during the coming days and weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m. Af-terwards ICOM presented a very interesting program on their latest transceiver Model IC-756 PRO.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

**-Nancy Draheim, NK4U, Tres.**

There was no report this month.

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## FROM MR. LOWBAND

**-Mike Greenway, K4PI**

Here is another one for you to chase!!!! (From OPDX)

TX0, CHESTERFIELD ISLANDS (the next new DXCC entity!) Just before going to print, OPDX received a press release from Tim Totten, N4GN, on the upcoming DXpedition to the Chesterfields Island (IOTA OC-176, 158 deg 19 min East, 19 deg 52 min South). The complete press release will be sent to all OPDX InterNet Subscribers as an additional bulletin. Here are excerpts from that release. The Association des Radio Amateurs de Nouvelle Calédonie (ARANC), the amateur radio society of New Caledonia, is pleased to report that the Chesterfield Islands DXpedition remains on target for the window of March 15th through April 1st. A more detailed schedule will be announced in future press releases. The New Caledonian telecommunication authorities have issued the distinctive callsign TX0DX for this multi-national expedition. The TX0DX team will operate from two sites far enough apart to allow simultaneous CW and SSB operation on the same band. Four HF stations each equipped with Yaesu FT1000MP transceivers will provide for plenty of activity on all bands, as well as RTTY operation. A separate station equipped with a Yaesu FT655 will be dedicated to six meters. Because the Coral Sea typhoon season is still very active during March, weather is likely to play a major

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## DX TIDBITS

**-Rick Glisson, N4XMX, editor**

DX has been pretty good the last month. The XZ0A has been workable, especially on 20M. I know some of you have been trying for 160, good luck! Sure beats the old days of NO XZ.

The XU7AAC group have sent out their cards already. That fills out my XU on SSB as well as CW. Been trying for 10 years to work a XU. That part of the world will always be the most difficult for all the usual reasons. Distance as well as political climate make it very hard anyway you slice it.

The CQ 160M contest was fun! I worked 102 stations including some good west coast. As far as DX was concerned, the HA station definitely wins the prize! Not only did he have a killer signal, he could hear! That contrasts greatly with some of the 9A crowd.

80M has been fairly good as well. Some good Caribbean as well as the usual EU stations have been heard. Need about 20 more for 80M DXCC. Hope the ARRL DX contests are fruitful.

Bill at ARRL said you could submit cards towards an award, you do not have to wait until you get 100 cards before submitting. This would be nice if I don't get all 100 80M cards, I can submit 80 and then the rest later. I already have over 100 17M cards for the 5BDXCC endorsement once 80M is complete.

As far as the 20M single band DXCC award, I will wait until I submit cards at the ARC hamfest. Otherwise, I will have to pay another \$10 for the second submission of the year when I submit cards at the hamfest. ARRL already has enough 20M (and 15M) cards from me. I have been feeding them over the years so 5BDXCC would not involve a huge number of cards at one time.

Now if I can just nail that VK0MM.. :)  
CU in the pileups... -Rick, N4XMX

## SPRATLEY/EAST MAYLAISIA CARDS

-Mike Greenway, K4PI

I am going to go ahead with the Spratley/East Maylaysia QSL's. We made a nice contribution to this trip and planned to send them all together. I mentioned this a couple of months ago but had very little response. Only 1 person gave me some to send. So last chance. If you want them to go with the club group give them to me at the next meeting or mail them to me.

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### 425 DX NEWS

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Edited by I1JQJ & IK1ADH

**3D2\_fi** - Bob Preston, W7TSQ and Paul Kidd, A35RK will be active (on 6-80 metres from the QTH of 3D2TC, special attention to Europe) as 3D2SQ (SSB) and 3D2RK (CW and RTTY) from Suva (OC-016), Fiji starting on 7 February. Look for 3D2SQ (QSL via W7TSQ) until 16 February and for 3D2RK (QSL via W7TSQ) until the 25th, ARRL International DX Contest (CW) included. [TNX A35RK]

**3W** - During his recent business trip to Vietnam Mal, VK6LC operated as 3W6LC from Ho Chi Minh City only for a short while as his free time was very limited. He has now received his permanent licence as 3W2LC and plans to be active again on 12-13 and 19-20 February mainly during his mornings and evenings. QSL via VK6LC (Mal Johnson, 9 Abinger Rd., Lynwood, WA 6155, Australia). [TNX VE6VK]

**A2** - A22EW will be active from Bahrain (AS-002) for three weeks starting on 6 February. QSL via KB2MS. [TNX KF2TI]

**CE0\_jf** - The German operators who will be active from Juan Fernandez on 17-29 February [425DXN 455] have been issued the call CE0ZY. They have also been granted permission to operate on 30 metres between 10100 and 10115 kHz. QSL via DK7YY (P. O. Box 700343, 10323 Berlin, Germany). [TNX The Daily DX]

**FS/PJ** - George, W3EH (ex K2KTT) will be active as PJ/W3EH from St. Maarten (NA-105) and as FS/W3EH from St. Martin (NA-105) on 1-5 March. Look for him on all bands, particularly on 20, 17, 15, 12 and

10 metres (SSB and hopefully CW). QSL via W3EH. [TNX W3EH]

**GD** - Look for DL3OI, DL4LQM, DL5AXX, DL5LYM and DL7URH to be active (on 160-10 metres mainly CW with some RTTY) as MD/home call from the Isle of Man (EU-116) between 15 and 21 February. They will participate (Multi-Two) in the ARRL International DX Contest (CW). QSL via home call. [TNX DL5AXX]

**J3** - Look for Ruby, K4UPS and Bill, K4LTA to be active from Grenada until 28 February. Ruby will be signing J3/K4UPS (10, 15 and 20 metres SSB), while Bill will operate (mostly on CW) as J3/K4LTA and J38A in contests. [TNX The Daily DX]

**J3** - W8KKF will be active as J37K from Grenada (NA-024) between 3 and 6 March. As he will participate in the ARRL International DX Contest (SSB), he will concentrate on working outside the USA/Canada before and after the contest. QSL via home call. [TNX W8KKF]

**JW** - Rag, LA5HE/OZ8RO is active as JW5HE from Svalbard (EU-026) until 8 February. QSL via LA5HE.

**KG4** - Karl, K1KO will be active (mainly CW with an emphasis on 80 and 160 metres) as KG4KO from Guantanamo Bay (NA-015) for about one week starting on 8 February. QSL direct only to K1KO (Karl Oyster Jr., 1448 Lotus Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23456-4011, USA). [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

**T32** - Walt, W0CP will be active (on 10-160 metres, RTTY included) as T32B from Christmas Island (OC-024), East Kiribati between 29 February and 6 March. [TNX W0CP]

**T8** - Hide, JM1LJS will be active again (on all HF bands CW and SSB) as T88LJ from Palau (OC-009), Belau between 11 and 14 February. QSL via JH8DEH (Akira Miyata, 4-28-5, Minami Nishi 23 Jyuo, Obihiro 080-2473, Japan). [TNX JM1LJS]

**VK9\_ck** - The German operators who will be active from Cocos Island (OC-003) on 5-16 February [425DXN 456] have received their calls as follows: VK9CN (Richard/DJ4OI), VK9CO (Bernd/DJ3OS), VK9CP (Joachim/DF6IC). QSL via home calls. [TNX G4UZN]

**VK9\_xms** - The German operators who will be active from Christmas Island on 16-26 February have received their calls as follows: VK9XS (DJ4OI), VK9XT (DJ3OS), VK9XU (DF6IC). QSL via home calls. [TNX G4UZN]