



Bulletin



February 2023

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Our Next Meeting & Speaker

Date & Time: February 16, 2023, 7:00 PM

Location: Via Zoom

Topic: *The Svalbard (JW0A) DXpedition*

Tom Harrell, N4XP

Nathan Wood, K4NHW



Tom & Nathan will be joining us this month to share their experiences on the JW0A DXpedition to Svalbard, a Norwegian archipelago in the Arctic Ocean, near the coastline of Greenland. Their team ran from the Svalbard Amateur Radio Klubb (SARK) station, JW5E in the settlement of Longyearbyen.

Please join us for a interesting presentation!

From the Prez *(de Chuck Catledge, AE4CW)*



Fellow DXers, welcome to the SEDXC February 2023 Bulletin!

Old Sol continues to provide exciting propagation! And the HF bands are waking up from top to bottom. A primary indicator is the 11-day Solar Flux run in January that exceeded 200 and peaked at 245. After a gradual decline the Flux settled in around 140 – 150 for the next 16 days. But over the last two days (2/7-8/23) the Flux has taken another big jump to 215. We can expect further ups and down, but Cycle 25 sure seems to be on an upward course with plenty of time to grow! If you want to follow the Flux daily check out this site: [Solar Flux](#).

Everyone had their eyes on 3Y0J Bouvet with most looking for an ATNO, your author included. The Bouvet team is working hard to overcome unexpected obstacles and get more stations and antennas on the air. K4PI and several other members are

reporting bands and times that have worked for them, mostly CW. FT8 is in operation now and should be a big help especially for little pistols. Co-leader Ken LA7GIA expects they will continue operations until about Feb. 14 to the Feb. 17. Up to date information can be found here: [3Y0J Bouvet Island](#).

For those who still need Crozet, Thierry FT8WW / F6CUK has reported that the French authorities have approved another three weeks of HF operation. He is awaiting a final endorsement that allows him to commence operations. He has a deadline for stopping operations in March that may shorten the three weeks. So, don't delay!! Up to date information can be found here: [FT8WW Crozet Island](#).

This is a reminder to put the Sable Island DXpedition CY0S on your must work list. It's planned for March 20 through 29. Our own Bob Allphin is the leader of the team along with two other Hall of Fame members and six additional highly experienced DXers. More information is here: [CY0S Sable Island](#).

As reported in the January Bulletin, a team of 34 SEDXC member participated in the 2022 CQ DX Marathon. These members produced an outstanding club claimed score of 6,536 points. After the initial tabulation, this placed the SEDXC team as #6 in the worldwide ranking and #3 in the US ranking! For our first effort, this is an amazing result. We hope this will encourage additional club members to join the Marathon team and help us increase our club's score and standing in 2023. And, just a note, two other US club teams were only a few points behinds us! A special congratulation goes to Jeff K1ZN who finished third in the Marathon Worldwide Unlimited Class and just 2 points lower than the highest score. A detailed report of our team's individual results and plaque winners can be found attached to this Bulletin.

In last months meeting the Board proposed that the club apply for 501c3 status with the IRS. This proposal was adopted unanimously by the members present at the meeting. The SEDXC has successfully been incorporated as a not-for-profit organization in the state of Georgia and an application requesting 501c3 status as a charitable/educational non-profit and tax-free organization has been sent to the IRS for approval. K1ZN Jeff our Treasurer can provide additional information as needed.

Be sure to check out our Treasurer's report below. From this point forward, Jeff is incorporating "Meet our new members", highlighting the new members who have joined the club. We value the folks who join us in our amazing hobby; let's give them a warm SEDXC welcome!

73 es gud DX,

Chuck, AE4CW

VP's Corner *(de Clark Macaulay, WU4B)*

A Few Words About Our Speaker



This month we are privileged to have two members of the successful DXpedition to Svalbard JW0A give us a report.

Tom Harrell N4XP was first licensed at age 15 as KN4TSJ in Norfolk, VA in February 1960. He found DX quickly when he worked his first VE3 on 80 meters with a long wire and a Knight kit T50 he built. What a special day that was until the day the OO card arrived for a harmonic on 7 megacycles! Even then it was a great day in the neighborhood!



K4TSJ was active until 1980 when he relocated first to Northern Virginia and then on to Alaska for two years where he became AL7EL. After leaving Alaska in 1983 and living in numerous locations for several reasons he ended up in Atlanta in 1986. This brought about his association with the Southeastern DX Club where he came to know great DXers and contesters such as K4PI, N4PN, N4NX, K4BAI, N4RJ, NF4A, K4UEE, W6XA, WB4ZNH amongst so many others. However, those great relationships were not to last and in 1990 he again QSYed, this time to New York before retirement in 1996 and returning to Georgia for good in 1998. Tom then became N4XP, a permanent resident living outside Monroe. He reconnected with the SEDXC, and is an active member today.

Tom holds DXCC #1 Honor Roll with 340/366 entities, 9 Band DXCC, All Band WAZ and WPX. His modes of choice include CW and RTTY.

Tom's DXpedition experience began by accident in 1993 when work took him to Kwajalein Atoll and AL7EL/V7. Next was Wake Island in 1995 as AL7EL/KH9. This trip allowed him the chance to return with a team of 4 in 1996 and 1998 as AL7EL/KH9. In between these efforts he led a team of 7 to North Cook as ZK1XXP.

Additional DXpeditions include as Team Leader, Co-leader or operator on Spratly - 9M0S, Sabah as 9M6AAC, Taiwan and BV4FH, Kingman Reef - KH5K, Palmyra KH5 and

Christmas – T32R, Midway as K4M, Mozambique - C82DX and in 2022 Svalbard as JW0A. Tom has visited 43 entities world-wide (so far!) and operated from most of them. A number of SEDXC members were members of some of the above operations. He also was a member of management team for the last operation from BS7H Scarborough Reef, Baker Island KH1/HKH7Z in 2019 and Kure Island in 2007.

In 1996 while on Wake Island the Dateline DX Association was formed by Tom N4XP and Don N1DG as co-founders. The DDXA has grown to over 200 DXers world-wide with all being much traveled in the DX world. Many of the above operations were also sponsored by the DDXA and included many SEDXC members.

Of all Tom's activities over the years two are held as his most remembered in ham radio. In 2003 the SEDXC honored him by selecting him for the SEDXC DX Hall of Fame and in 2009 he was inducted into the CQDX DX Hall of Fame.

Tom is retired from the Federal Fire Service with 36 years of service and currently provides consulting services to the US Army world-wide.



Nathan Wood K4NHW was initially licensed in 2012 and obtained my extra in 2014. First generation ham. My DX travels thus far have been to Haiti, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Curacao, Bonaire, Sweden and Svalbard. His past callsigns included HH2/K4NHW, 6Y5/K4NHW, 9Y4/K4NHW, PJ2T, PJ4G, SM/K4NHW and JW0A. By his own admission, Nathan is "primarily a DXer with a side of contesting". He won first place in M/M during the ARRL SSB contest in 2017 (PJ2T) and placed first in the world in M/2 during the ARRL SSB contest in 2020 (PJ4G). He also activated the rare Dry Tortugas National Park in 2016 (POTA) and again in 2018. Nathan has been the Georgia state manager for the 13 colonies special event since 2016.

A native of Atlanta, He is semi-retired as a Paramedic after 24 years of service. He is also a Financial Coach for Dave Ramsey. Nathan is married and has 2 children: A 19 year-old daughter and a 5 year-old son.

73 es gud DX,

Clark, WU4B

Treasurer's Journal *(de Jeff Cantor, K1ZN)*



Greetings, Fellow DXers! Disbursements to report for last month:

Purpose	Amount
CY0S DXpedition (Sable Island) March 20 th – 29 th , 2023	\$1,000.00
Dalton Hamfest Tables (2)	\$20.00
Georgia Incorporation Fees	\$100.00
Application to the IRS for 501c3 Status	\$250.00
Postage	\$50.00
Books for New Member Packages	\$58.39
ARRL Memorial Brick for Dave Thompson, K4JRB (SK)	\$250.00
TOTAL:	\$1,728.39

Our Account Balance is \$11,657.58 as of February 6, 2023.

We are continuing to work on our 501c3 status. SEDXC has been successfully incorporated in Georgia as a not-for-profit organization, and the application has been filed with the IRS to obtain 501c3 status. We are in “pending status”, but things are proceeding well.

The membership approved the purchase of an ARRL Memorial Brick honoring Dave Thompson (K4JRB). We have attached a picture of the Diamond Terrace Certificate commemorating the memorial.

This month, we received a DXpedition Application for Rockall Island (IOTA #EU-189). Rockall is part of the Outer Hebrides of Scotland. Only about 15% of IOTA chasers have this one! As the number two DX awards program world-wide, we want to support IOTA chasing. The Leadership Group would like to recommend an award of \$150. We are asking the Membership to vote on this during the February meeting.

This month, I would like to share a quick bio written by the two newest members of the Southeastern DX Club:

[Robert Usher Thomason \(NN4EE\)](#)

Greetings all!

First, I go by my middle name: Usher. Yes, it gets me a lot of jokes and I do not mind. My interest in radio started as a freshman in high school in the mid 60's through SWL and then CB radio.

I received my novice ticket in the early 70's but never did much with it due to college (UGA) and then work. I received my extra ticket about 22 years ago when I reentered the hobby. CW is my first love followed by the digital modes.

I have a relatively modest station and I live in a reasonable HOA so all my HF antennas are wires in the trees. I have gotten pretty good with a slingshot, fishing line and untangling ropes over the years! Other hobbies include SCUBA diving with my XYL of 43 years, yoga, target shooting, fishing and reading.

Don Deal (KK4E)

I've been a HAM since 2017, when I received my Extra Class license. An interest in CW is what motivated me to join the hobby, and I'm still slowly honing my CW skills. I also enjoy electronics, antenna experimentation, paper QSL'ing, and fox hunting. My shack doubles as my work-from-home office. My station is not much more than can fit on the corner of my desk. Currently I'm using an Elecraft K4D paired with a home-brew EFHW inverted L at about 45 ft. I use an Apple MBP for rig control and logging.

I have a full-time job in software customer service which limits my operating time. While I don't consider myself a prolific contester, I do enjoy the assorted contest here and there, especially the State QSO Parties. Each year, the GA QSO Party pushes my CW operating skills a bit further. From a DX perspective, I especially like chasing DXpeditions and special event stations. Among DX contests, the "His Majesty The King of Spain" - CW and "CQ WW WPX" CW contests are among my favorites.

I'm also a member of the North Fulton Amateur Radio League, and the Atlanta Radio Club, usually operating Field Day for the former and enjoying the weekly lunches for the later. You'll also likely find me around many of the local hamfests, where I like to meet up with local hams. I try to get out to Huntsville most years and one other major remote hamfest once or twice a year.

Living in the North Buckhead area of Atlanta, I'm a bit challenged by limited real estate and some urban RFI. The improved noise reduction of the K4D compared to my prior rig has opened up with world of SSB to me, which was virtually inaccessible before. I'm hoping to make some voice DX QSOs, as I have very few of those in my log now.

Dave Christie (WB5KFP)

Dave is a retired Chemical Engineer who was first licensed as a Novice in 1974, having been introduced to ham radio by a co-worker, WA5PNM(SK). His main love is CW, which he finds relaxing, akin to listening to music. He also operates FT8 and very infrequently, SSB. Contest activity, besides Field Day, is limited to looking for new DX entities.

Involved in EMCOMM, Dave serves as Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Fayette County ARES. The ARES role involves vhf/uhf FM, Winlink packet, and Winlink VARA modes. He serves as one of the net control operators for the WX4PTC SKYWARN spotters net for the Peachtree City National Weather Service office.

Dave is primarily a DX chaser but is HOA limited to attic and backyard wire antennas. Current DX achievements include DXCC-slightly over 200 mixed/around 150 CW. WAS-mixed and CW, and WAZ-mixed (only need zone 22 for WAZ-CW).

Dave will be presenting a talk on “How to be a Successful Ham Operator with Cheaper Older Equipment, Even in an HOA” during the upcoming QSO Today virtual ham expo. Recently learning of the SEDXC, Dave is quite enthusiastic about learning new DXing tips and techniques from the other club members.

TNX, 73 & GUD DX,

Jeff, K1ZN

Around the Shack *(de Hal Kennedy, N4GG)*

A Little Break



Hal is taking a little break this month, so we do not have a column to share. He will be back next month – Stay tuned!

Shortly after the DXpedition goes QRT, your QSO disappears from the log.

73,

Hal, N4GG

25 Years Ago... (de Bob Sarnecki, NF7D)



"If it wasn't for ham radio, I would have never even heard of Kyrgyzstan, Brunei, Kiribati, Djibouti, Malta, Nauru, Azerbaijan, or Burkina Faso!

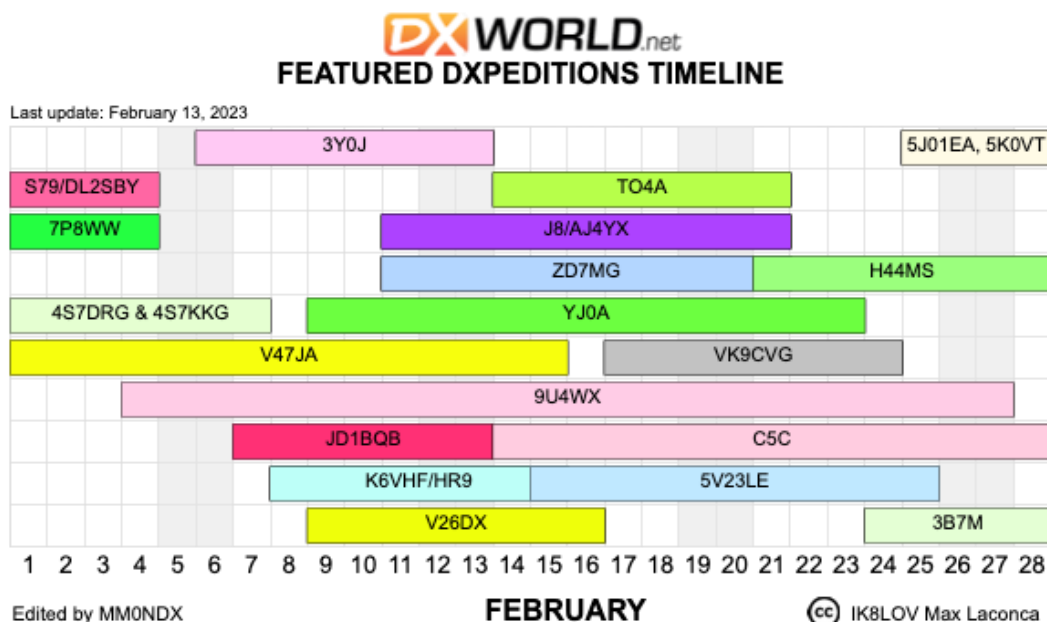
The February, 1998 Newsletter is attached for your entertainment. Rick Glisson (N4XMX, SK) talked about persuading his daughter to take her Novice exam – in exchange for a kitten (and a 2m rig if she passed her Technician exam)! The Club was just getting used to its new meeting place in Tech America.

Take a few minutes to read and enjoy!

73,

Bob, NF7D

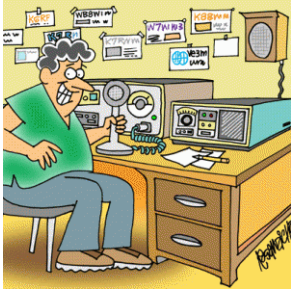
DXWorld.net DXpedition Timeline



The *DX World* Calendar features a timeline of all DXpeditions anticipated for the current month and is a great way to plan your chase for the next, All-Time New One (ATNO). The Calendar is updated regularly; use this link to see the latest version:

http://www.hamradiotimeline.com/timeline/dxw_timeline_1_1.php

SEDXC Officers & Positions



SEDXC Officers:

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Van Herridge, N4VGE – *SEDXC Bulletin* Editor – vanherridge@gmail.com

Call	Name	Class	Band	Mode	DX entities	CQ Zones	Total	Winners	Plaque Sponsorship
KB4KBS	Scott Straw	Formula (100w)	AB	Mixed	159	35	194	Plaque Winner, Formula (100W)	KM4AF, Chip Hood
WU4B	Clark Macaulay	Limited	AB	Mixed	221	39	260	Plaque Winner, Limited (decline)	AA5JF, Andrew Goss
KK4TKJ	Charles McCord	Limited	AB	Mixed	196	40	236		
WA4HNL	Joel Levine	Limited	AB	Mixed	185	40	225		
K4VBM	Bob Hensey	Limited	AB	Mixed	177	39	216		
K3GWK	Buzz Kutcher	Limited	AB	Mixed	170	38	208		
NG4DX	Ricky Bramlett	Limited	AB	Mixed	167	40	207		
WA1S	Ann M. Finkelsen	Limited	AB	Mixed	149	38	187		
K4PWS	Phil Smith	Limited	AB	Mixed	122	32	154		
K1ZN	Jeff Cantor	Unlimited	AB	Mixed	266	40	306	Plaque Winner, Unlimited (declined)	W4RSC, Silver Comet (or K4ELI)
KD5M	Edward Seeliger	Unlimited	AB	Mixed	253	40	293		
K4PI	Mike Greenway	Unlimited	AB	Mixed	245	40	285		
AA5JF	Andrew Goss	Unlimited	AB	Mixed	243	40	283		
W4UCK	Jim Altman	Unlimited	AB	Mixed	221	39	260		
W8ZF	Dean Fredriksen	Unlimited	AB	Mixed	205	39	244		
K4WM	Joel Hoag	Unlimited	AB	Mixed	201	36	237		
W2BJN	Joel Emmett	Unlimited	AB	Mixed	183	36	219		
N4TOL	John Tramontanis	Unlimited	AB	Mixed	177	37	214		
NF7D	Bob Sarnecki	Unlimited	AB	Mixed	175	39	214		
K4MQM	Matthew Barnhill	Unlimited	AB	Mixed	173	38	211		
K4ELI	Steve Walls	Unlimited	AB	Mixed	170	40	210		
WA4ZXV	Norman Schklar	Unlimited	AB	Mixed	170	40	210		
N4FN	Neil Foster	Unlimited	AB	Mixed	158	35	193		
KT4O	Benjamin Morris	Unlimited	AB	Mixed	149	38	187		
N2ZZ	Bob Bennett	Unlimited	AB	Mixed	119	37	156		
KA4UPI	Mark Melton	Unlimited	AB	Mixed	48	21	69		
WW8RR	Ron Rodgers	Unlimited	AB	Mixed	18	15	33		
AE4CW	Chuck Catledge	Unlimited	AB	Digital	217	40	257	Plaque Winner, Digital (decline)	NF7D, Bob Sarnecki
W4SYB	Bradley Davis	Formula (100w)	AB	Digital	132	33	165		
W4TE	Jim Kauten	Unlimited	AB	Digital	48	18	66		
KN4APC	Greg Gilbert	Formula (100w)	AB	Digital	39	23	62		
N4PL	Wald Sierocinski	Unlimited	AB	CW	157	37	194	Plaque Winner, CW	AE4CW, Chuck Catledge
W4ANO	Michael Sheaffer	Formula (100w)	20	Digital	63	23	86	Plaque Winner, 20M	NF7D, Bob Sarnecki
K5TF	Dick Baxter	Formula (100w)	40	CW	127	29	156	Plaque Winner, 40M	WA4ZXV, Norman Schklar
						Total:	6697		



ARRL *Diamond Terrace*

This is to acknowledge that a brick has been placed in the Diamond Terrace at the ARRL Headquarters in Newington, Connecticut with the following inscription:

**In Memory of
David L. Thompson, K4JRB
Southeastern DX Club**

With the placement of this brick in the Diamond Terrace, the ARRL is pleased to acknowledge your generosity to the ARRL and commitment to Amateur Radio through the Diamond Club.

January 2023

 **K5UR**
Rick Roderick, K5UR — ARRL President



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

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February 1998

NEW MEETING TIME & LOCATION!!!

Tues., Feb 17th, 7:00 PM, TECH AMERICA, just north on Buford Hwy north of I-285.

PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS

-Paul Hansen, W6XA, President

The February meeting will be at the Tech-America store once again. January's meeting was successfully held there and even though it was slightly crowded, everyone had a great time. This time the meeting will get underway at 7:00 PM. That's 30 minutes earlier so try to remember to come a half hour earlier. For dinner there are a couple of good places nearby. For Mexican there is an El Azteca only a couple of intersections north of the store. Baldino's is a good deli for spaghetti and sandwiches. Inside 285 there are so many eateries I can't begin to name them all. Sushi and Pho Hoa are everywhere.

Last meetings success was due in no small part to Tom Harrell, K8XP who put on an awesome show of the ZK1XXP DX-pedition. I apologize to him for not being able to properly announce his show in the bulletin. Tom picked up the slack I left behind and had us all wishing we had gone with him to North Cook. At the end of the month we will all probably be meeting up in Dalton, the beginning of the Hamfest season. I always look forward to the trip up 75 after a long dry spell from November in Lawrenceville.

Dayton is 3 months away and the club members going should be prepared to volunteer to serve in the hospitality room as bartenders. This year I believe we will be trying to work with Kansas City on both nights as a joint effort as opposed to the Friday night SEDXC and Saturday night KCDXC routine of the past. That means we will be needing much more help and involvement from members this year. Please help out!

I look forward to seeing a big crowd at Tech-America one half hour earlier (7:00pm - 1900hrs). I'm not sure as I write what the program will be but I am confident Ernie will have something very interesting for us to see.

-73 Paul, W6XA

VP THOUGHTS

-Ernie Zingleman, KS4Q, VP

Last month's meeting at the new location was very well attended. The next meeting will be at the SAME LOCATION but at a NEW TIME, 7:00 PM. This will allow enough time for both the meeting and program before the Tech America store closes. Most club members that had a strong opinion were in favor of the new meeting location. Perhaps the larger number of members attending the meeting said the most about the new location's popularity.

For those that want to get a bite to eat before the club meeting, the El Azteca Mexican restaurant has been suggested. It is located further north on Buford Highway on the same side of the road as Tech America. If you pass Ham Radio Outlet on the right, you have gone too far!

At the last meeting, Tom, K8XP, presented a program on his recent ZK1XXP North Cook Island DXpedition. The program was interesting as it focused on both the radio operation and the island. Thank you Tom for an excellent program. Tom's next trip will be a return to KH9 Wake Island. Tom is also taking part in the effort to put on a road show to visit other radio clubs in the Atlanta area. The objective will be to introduce them to the DX facet of the hobby by putting on club programs on DXing.

We are looking for someone with the time and commitment to create and maintain a web page for the club. Is there anyone that would like to take on this important job?

An effort is being made to create a list server or e-mail reflector for the SEDXC. I have been contacting club members to obtain missing e-mail addresses. Of those I have contacted so far, less than half bothered to phone or e-mail me back. As soon as we locate a long term sponsor for the list server to run on, an introductory message will be sent to all; or at least to all that have provided an e-mail address. I am hoping that this will be a way to broadcast both newsletters and news among club members.

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(continued from p1) I am still missing e-mail addresses for: K4DX, K4SMX, KE4RAN, KF4IOA, N4TMW, N4TNZ, N4VTL, N4XJ, NF4A, NU4D, W3BZ, W4BFR, W4DMB, W4DXI, W4GIW, W4GKF, W4GTS, K4JAG, W8JI, WB4FQP, and WI4K. If you do not have an e-mail address, bulletins will continue to be mailed to you! If you see your call above, phone me (770-667-1786) or better yet, e-mail me at: ernie@avana.net And yes, I realize that not everyone has or even wants e-mail. But please, just let me know.

I regretfully report the passing of club member Robert Brady, W4RK. Robert passed away in December and will be missed.

There has been some concern among your club officers about our club sponsorship of the Friday night DX Hospitality room at the Dayton Hamvention. The Kansas City DX Club has been sponsoring Saturday night. Historically, this event has not been well attended and it has been the devil to get anyone to man the bar. Considering the poor shape of our club finances, it may be reckless to continue to sponsor this expensive event. If a number of volunteers to man the bar do not contact me prior to the next club meeting we will have no choice but to discontinue our sponsorship of this event.

The upcoming meeting's program will be a DXpedition video. Which one it will be is a surprise! And remember, the meeting is now at 7:00 PM!

73, Ernie KS4Q

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Nancy Draheim, NK4U

Balance 10/31/97 (Checkbook)	\$3055.15
Income	\$217.00
Expenses:	
Outgoing QSL's	\$16.00
Post Office Box	\$58.00
November Newsletter	\$48.70
December Newsletter	\$50.73
January Newsletter	\$63.58
Treasurer Postage and Labels	\$26.34
Balance Checking 1/31/98	\$3008.80*

* This includes \$905.15 from the Packet Cluster Fund and \$1120.08 of the 160 CQWW Plaques fund.

73, Nancy NK4U, Treasurer

BEEPS DE K2UFT

-Dick Bentley, K2UFT, Activities Director

Sorry I'll be missing next month's meeting, XYL's birthday carries a bit more weight in the priority category.

It was great to hear all the Georgia Section stations during the 160 CQWW CW Test. I don't know if you noticed, but I think there's some direct correlation between the President's latest predicament and the sudden appearance of so many AR Section stations in the 160 CW test. Most years you'd run into W5KL and AB5SE and thank your stars you worked them! This year the AR stations were coming out of the woodwork! It was a pleasure to hear the DX Window for the most part being respected. We had a hard time establishing a run frequency that would good for the US and EU - there were just too many EUs trying and succeeding at the same thing.

We had a blast running W4S from W8JI's new QTH. We worked 835 or so valid QSO's, 47 countries, 58 States/Sections, 270,000 or so points. The crew consisted of W8JI, AD4J and K2UFT. Tom has a 180 foot tower and we erected 4 beverages for the contest. He has since put up three more beverages and this past weekend worked YB0ARA on 160 - the QTH really plays well.

Don't forget to get on for the SSB 160 Test, February 27 thru March 1. Dust off that microphone and get on for a few QSOs to support the Club.

The members voted at the last meeting to try Tech America's Training Room once again as the meeting place. It was OK for 30 people, but if we keep increasing our attendance, we'll outgrow that room quickly.

See you soon

73 De Dick, K2UFT Activities Chairperson

BOB BRADY, W4RK SK

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SEDXC MINUTES 1/20/98

-Rick Glisson, N4XXM, Sec.

Paul, W6XA, started the meeting at 7:34 PM. Twenty three members were present at the beginning, but quite a few came in as the meeting progressed. Concern over seating accommodations were voiced. This was the first time at Tech America. Paul announced that because of the length of the program, the program would be first.

Member Tom Harrell, K8XP, gave us a wonderful account with slides and narration of his latest adventure on the North Cook Islands last year. This was the expanded program that covered every aspect of the operation from the planning stages, arrival, through the operation, and the packing up again. Their island host proved very helpful as well as resourceful! Cards are being printed now and will be sent out when they arrive.

The program ended at 8:52 PM, so the reports by the officers were made short.

Nancy announced there was some money in the treasury and that the full statement would be in next month's newsletter.

Paul, W6XA paid Nancy \$69 from the club auction as well as the \$10 paid by Phil, W4GTS.

Ernie talked about the "Show for the Road." Sonny, KE4LDJ, has most of the program.

A vote was taken concerning the new location. Only two were opposed. Paul announced that we would meeting here again but thirty minutes earlier because of the 9:00 PM closing time.

E-mail addresses were collected so that possibly the newsletter could be emailed for quicker delivery. Discussion will continue.

The meeting ended at 9:06 PM will people scrambling to purchase those last minute items before they closed down all the registers!

-73 Rick, N4XXM

NANCY SEZ...

Please double check the sorting of your QSL cards. Particularly, if there is a manager, sort the card by the manager's country prefix, not the DX station.

DX TIDBITS

-Rick Glisson, N4XXM, editor

Ah, the joys of mother nature! Thanks to the last severe wind storm to go through the area last week, my Cushcraft A-3 is now an A-2! A tree next door fell across one of my guy wires holding up my 30' pole. The cable it fell across was a steel with a plastic coating. Didn't hurt the cable at all but yanked the 3/8" diameter eye hook straight! The jolt shook the system so bad it jerked the director right off the end of the boom and bent the boom. Cushcraft is sending the parts as I write this. Guess now is a good time to put that heavy rotor wire on along with a lube job for the rotor. I was planning to do this anyway, but never "got around to it." :) Odd thing is that the rest of the antenna still loads fine and still turns! Of course I guess the gain will be down a little..

Everyone says we should get new blood into the hobby. I am trying to do my part. I have made a deal with my 9 year old daughter that may cost me a kitten if she gets her Novice licence. I also sweetened the pot a little and said that if she would then get her Tech+, I would throw in a 2M radio. She has taken me up on it. Got her the latest copy of "Now You're Talking" and some 5 WPM code tapes and Super Morse. I think it is easier for her to learn the code than the second half of the Tech. I also want to get her on 10M during a contest and get her hooked good! Of course, I may have to share the rig.

So she wouldn't be alone taking the tests, I told her that I would take the Extra test at the same time. Now that puts the pressure on me! I hope I can get ready when she is...

The last CQ 160M contest was very interesting. Finally got some west coast coming in. Northwest as well! Even worked some of the DXpeditions in the Caribbean as well as the Central America stations. Mike, K4PI, was banging away as usual from PA. Hope everyone got a chance to work him. Still alot of stations from PA though. Please turn in your scores to Dave Thomson, K4JRB, with SEDXC on the scoresheet.

Now if I can just get everything fixed before the next contest... :)

CU in the pileups...

-Rick, N4XXM