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Meeting Date: February 15, 1983
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: Peachtree Lutheran Church at
the corner of Narmore and P'tree,
2 blocks North of Phipps Plaza.

I hope everyone enjoyed the banquet. I am sure they did! Especially, Bob and Kathleen Duggan's slide show! They always do such a great job. Thanks Bob and Kathleen! Likewise, I am equally sure most everyone in the club is looking forward to the coming year's activities and celebrating the Club's 25th anniversary. Your editor has made a New Year's resolution to get more active in 1983 (on the air, as well as letter writing!).

The program for the February meeting will probably be at least a travelogue of Carl and Martha Hanson's latest trip to Africa. By the time you read this bulletin, you should know how successful or unsuccessful a trip it was! If it was successful, the program might have to wait until March since there should be plenty of slides to have processed and sorted. I hope.

The alternate program (hosted by Allen Bond, W34GNT) will be a comparison of a number of currently popular HF transceivers including but not necessarily limited to Kenwood, Icom, Signal One, Ten-tec and Yaesu. Rigs will be brought by their owners who will tell us of the features (strengths and weaknesses) and will be available to answer your questions about their radios.

This paragraph is a plea for printing. Our Secretary, Grover Mainert, KC4BX, did a lot of leg work securing bids to print our bulletin. To reproduce the bulletin (3 pages, front and back) and mail it to the membership would cost around \$1000. The postage is a non-movable object, but if we can find another source of free copying (we have a couple now but we are greatly concerned about over-working a good thing!) it could very well keep us from spending \$6 per member per year on the bulletin. If you can volunteer to reproduce the bulletin just 1 time, then please contact Grover, KC4BX.

Our activities Director, Lee Sheridan, W6OKX, has come up with a really DYNAMITE awards program for 1983. The Executive committee believes you will be just as excited about this as we are!

1983 AWARDS RULES

The "contest" year shall run from 1 March until 31 October, inclusive. All claimed scores MUST be submitted in writing. Members, unable to deliver their scores in person, should mail them to W5OKX. The year-long competition scores MUST be submitted by the meeting following the conclusion of the "contest" year (i.e. 15 November) and the "monthly" contest scores MUST be submitted by the club meeting FOLLOWING the MONTH OF THE CONTEST. (For presentation the FOLLOWING meeting!)

"MONTHLY CONTESTS" (7 ea.): For the person working the largest number of DXCC countries on the specified band during the specified month. Phone or CW, but each country will ONLY count 1 time!

⑬ February	80 Meters	-	August	30 Meters
March	10 Meters	-	September	40 Meters
April	15 Meters	-	October	20 Meters
May	20 Meters			

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"MOST OUTSTANDING DXER OF THE YEAR": For the DXer amassing the highest combined total of the 7 "monthly" contests.

"THE MOST IMPROVED DXER": For the person who increases their DXCC (mixed-any mode, all band) country total (worked not necessarily confirmed) by the most countries between 1 March and 31 October.

"GREATEST CONTRIBUTION TO DXING": A committee will nominate 3 members and the winner will be selected by the club by secret ballot. The winner will be announced at the banquet.

"30 Meters - Most Countries": As the name implies, for the person who works the most countries on the 10 Mhz band during the contest year, 1 March thru 31 October.

"ARRL DX Contest": Highest combined Phone and CW score in the ARRL DX contest. NOTE: Starts THIS MONTH!

"CQWW PHONE DX Contest": Highest score for the PHONE portion ONLY! October 1983.

We are receiving "want lists" without dues! It will save great confusion if everything is kept together!

If you forgot to include the expiration date of your Ham license when you sent in your renewal, then drop a note to your editor, Carl Henson, WB4ZNH, with that information. I am using a new Data Base that is a real handy mailing list program. Each month before I write the bulletin, I will search the roster for an expiration date 3

months (excluding the month the bulletin is written for) ahead. For example, if the program was already implemented, I would have searched for an expiration date of 05/83. If your license expired in May of 1983, you would be notified in plenty of time yet not so early that you might forget before renewing your valuable callsign! I have a friend whose license was expired for more than a year without him realizing it. As a result, he lost an original issue W4XXX and received a KE4XX. I suppose he is just lucky that he didn't get nabbed for operating without a license!

For Sale - MFJ Model 941 Versa Tuner II; built-in Watt meter, handles 300 Watts, mint condition. \$49. Call Allen Bond, WB4GNT.

For Sale - Sanyo Green Screen monitor \$100. Call John Battle, N4OE.

For Sale - Collins KWM-2 with AC Power Supply and Speaker. Excellent condition. Includes Rejection tuning kit NOT installed. \$550. Call Carl Henson, WB4ZNH.

For Sale - Collins 75S-3B Ham Receiver plus a nearly complete crystal pack; \$450. Both KWM-2 and 75S-3B, \$900. Call WB4ZNH.

For Sale - Clipperton-L Amplifier, Galaxy V Mk.III, with AC and DC (mobile) Power supply, Yaesu FT-901DM. Call Jim Stieble, K4DLI.

For Sale - (another good DXer goes inactive) Drake TR4-CW, remote VFO and Power Supply, 120-foot Rohn 45G, coax, guywires, Tail-twister Rotor, 12V DC power supply, all mode 2M rig, BIG antenna tuner, remote antenna switch, some 50 OHM hardline, plus many other bits and pieces that made up a fine DXing station. \$2000 complete; call Gary Helton, WB4CSW, 483-7532.

--- MEET THE DXERS ---

(In 1975 the DXpedition bug had just won another round with my good judgement regarding the family budget and while Martha sun bathed on 7 Mile Beach, I fervently pursued my calling as ZF1NH. Still at least moist behind the ears, and with a keen recollection of my first few DX contacts, I was tuning the U.S. novice bands working novices cross-mode, my Side-band to their CW. One station I worked was a fellow in Kentucky, WN4QMQ. Since that evening in the Cayman Islands, I have worked John many times! - ed.)

Back in about 1955, a 15 year old boy, named John Reasoner, went to Boy Scout camp. Another youngster at the camp had a radio. It was a Hallicrafters S-38C receiver. I can well imagine the clusters of kids grouped around listening to far off and exotic stations. John

was hooked! When he returned from camp, he purchased an S-38C for himself. For the next nearly 20 years John was an SWL! His interest was in listening to Hams rather than broadcast stations and he finally succumbed.

John Reasoner is a Professor of Chemistry at Western Kentucky University. He lives there in Bowling Green with his wife, Sandy, and their family. John's DXCC total is 297.

John learned the code and became a novice in 1975. One of his first DX contacts was ZFLNH. John really enjoyed this new extension of his hobby and at the end of that first year, when he upgraded directly to advanced class, he had worked WAS, 70 DXCC countries, and became one of a very small group of amateurs to qualify for a CQ Counties award as a NOVICE! Yes, counties. John worked 500 counties in his first year, all CW of course!

Even though he wins a plaque each year in the Southeastern DX Club competition, John was a slow starter for contesting. He placed 12th in the nation in the Novice round-up. John has taken several firsts in Kentucky in some contests but by his own admission has "never won a big contest." He did, however, win the Great Lakes Division in ARRL DX Phone contest a couple of years ago, which gave him a big thrill.

John's biggest thrill of DXing came one evening when he heard a station calling CQ CQ this is JY1 aeronautical mobile. No one answered thinking this was surely a hoax. The second time he called John answered. To John's delight, it really was His Majesty King Hussein I of Jordan! His Majesty was returning from one of those "non-aligned nations" meetings and had a little chat with John from the cock-pit of the Royal Jordanian Airlines jet which His Majesty was flying. (Even if it was a phone conversation, I could tell John was smiling when he told me that when they finished their QSO, "all Hell broke loose!")

John said "not just because I am telling this to you, but my second biggest thrill was working 8Q7AF after you tried several times on two bands to work me." (In 1979, we experienced a solar storm while operating from the Maldive Islands and had a couple of days of less than great propagation! - ed.)

When asked to share some good advice with us, John did not hesitate. "The key is LISTENING, not transmitting. Tune the bands and listen carefully. Don't waste your time, voice, or electricity in a pile-up when the propagation is wrong. Calling CQ DX is hardly ever productive. Many times during contests you will hear perhaps a very loud Italian station with a large pile-up, while just a few KCs away you very well might hear a weak VQ9 or 3B8 having little success because people aren't using good listening." John went on to say that he gives much credit to his years of SWLing for learning how to listen! Work lotsa DX and see you Feb. 15, 1983! 73 de wb4znh