



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB

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DX ALERT FREQUENCIES:

147.50 SIMPLEX
147.795/T
PACKET (DX) W8ZF: 145.75
RAGCHEW FREQUENCIES:
147.470; 147.540
147.195/R KN4B (ACCESS TONE 7)

FEBRUARY 1989 NEXT MEETING - FEBRUARY 21, 7:30 PM, DAYS INN AT WINDY HILL ROAD AND I-75

President: Ken Byers, K4TEA 955-5800
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sponsor

Ira L. Bray, KA4JNB KC4MJ
W. R. "Bill" Ronay, KM4LS WA4CUG
James L. McNulty, N4OTK K4TEA
Gregory S. Pace, WA4SQR KC4MJ

Reminder.... We need at least 20 people at each meeting to eat dinner in order to receive the meeting room free! Everyone's gotta eat, so plan to have dinner before the meeting at the Day's Inn. It saves the club a ton of dollars.

HELP, PLEASE

Do you have any QSL information on the following DX stations? If so, please contact Tad, WA4CUG.

VS6AM (1971) HS1ABU (1971) VK9FC (1971)
3V8AA (1980)

POSTAGE

Last Wednesday night, while I was tuning around 80 meters, I overheard two local stations discussing QSL Cards. The gist of the conversation was: "that each Ham in the world send every other Ham six QSL cards. That way, when you worked a station (read DX station) you could simply fill out the card and you would have it. No more waiting for the postal

service to deliver the QSL card." I started thinking (I know, that is unusual for an attorney) if the Hams of world sent everyone six cards that would be approximately \$2,000,000.00 in postage (given 2,000,000 Hams in the world and it costs on the average .50 cents to send six cards).

Well (here I go thinking again), I called the United States Postal Service. Guess What!! They keep information on Hams as a "line item" in the annual budget projections.

The postal service:

- (a) estimates that HAMS are the largest purchasers of \$.15 cent stamps in the country;
- (b) the average HAM will QSL seven times a year;
- (c) over \$8,00,000.00 will be spent on postage by US Hams this year;
- (d) the average HAM will purchase eight IRC's a year;
 (Hams use more IRC's than anyone else)
- (e) U.S. Hams buy more IRC's than in any other country.

The postal service uses the above statical information for estimating the number of stamps (.15 cent) to print and how many IRC's to over print with the price.

The person I spoke with at the postal service said that they wish the overseas cards were not in envelopes so they could see the cards.

In case you are wondering how postal employes know what QSL cards look like, there is a postal memo out describing what call letters are and what they look like and the bulletin gives some examples.

73, Cooper WA4PZD

Look for Ken, K4TEA, and Brook, K4TKM, during the ARRL CW test operating from KP2A as a multi-single. Ken said they would slow their CW rate down for club members who copy slightly slower than 80-zillion words a minute, so I am planning on working them.

Speaking of Brook, K4TKM, ---- he is planning on QSYing from his normal San Francisco frequency to Atlanta for a visit and will be at the February meeting.

SECRETARY'S DESK

THANK YOU SHARON FOR TAKING THE MINUTES AT OUR LAST MEETING WHILE I WAS HOME WITH THE FLU. I APPRECIATE IT.

Sandi, KL7JAR

Neil, KC4MJ reported that the membership roster is currently 157.

Dave reminds us to get our scores in for the club. Please see his article in this issue.

DXPO is coming this year. Carl, WB4ZNH is already making plans for the September 29, 30 and October 1 event (Lanier Plaza).

Letters of appreciation to the government of Mozambique for allowing the C9MKT operating privileges are requested from the membership of SEDXC. Saying thank you might go along way in improving the future operating opportunities for C9. Letters should be sent to C9MKT QSL manager, SM5KDM for forwarding.

Cooper, WA4PZD, Chairman of the Atlanta Hamfestival for 1989 gave a report on the possibility of JY1 attending the Ham Festival and speaking at the SEDXC banquet. The U.S. State Department is working with the Ham Festival Committee at this time to determine if King Hussein's schedule will permit his attendance. News updates to follow.

CORRESPONDENCE.....

Dear Ann (KB4SSS):

I want to thank you, K4DLI and the Southeastern DX Club for the beautiful plaque for 1988 160-meter phone contest.

CU in the pileups, ALOHA!

John A. Hultquist, Jr.
K6GSS/KH6

Note: The SEDXC currently sponsors 17 plaques for the CQ 160-meter phone and CW test. The addition of three more sponsors has made an already impressive showing for the club and club members very remarkable. The new additions of club sponsors for the contest are:

Tad WA4CUG - Zone 5 CW
Randy K4ODL - Zone 5 SSB
Neil KC4MJ - Zone 4 SSB

ACTIVITIES

OOPS! K8CFU has the top phone country count with 350. Last June Arch needed 1 for all countries and has added 1 since then. He is still looking for that stray ZA. Frank or Martti where are you?

DXCC ENDORSEMENTS

K4EZ	360	Mixed	
WA4JTI	323	Mixed	
	321	Phone	PHEW Dan!!!
	296	CW	
KN4B	254	CW	
K4PI	277	10-meter	
W4RA	198	10-meter	

DXCC/CQ AWARDS NOTE

Even though 1Z9A or 1Z9A don't count for DXCC, they do count for CQ DX Award and WAZ!

THAT'S BURMA PHIL (W4GTS)!

NCJ SPRINT TOP SCORES (September 1988)

Top 10 CW - K4BAI, WN4KKN/5
 Top 10 phone - N4RJ (KM9P, Bill)

ARRL SWEEPSTAKES

N4RJ (KM9P) 6th Place Overall

CLUB CONTEST UPDATE.....

Winners for CQ WW are..

WX4G - Phone
 KM9P - CW
 K4GFH - Wild Card

They cannot win another plaque except for the overall club plaque!!

The CW CQ 160 has past. But the SSB CQ 160 and both ARRL DX weekends are coming. YOUR PLAQUE IS WAITING!

ARRL CW DX - February 18-19
 CQ 160 SSB - February 24-26
 ARRL DX - March 4-5

Good contesting! Send scores to K4JRB as soon as possible. Remember to list SEDXC for the club competition.

I have a few extra copies of the 1988-89 club contest rules. Call me or drop me a note for a copy.

Dave, K4JRB

PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY

Jim, K4DLI, has obtained a video program for the February meeting on Russian stations. Prepared by WA6WDX, who speaks Russian, the program features both club and private USSR stations and a look inside the USSR.

1989 CLUB OPERATING BUDGET VOTE REQUIRED

According to the club's Bylaws, the membership is required to approve the operating budget for the coming period. This being the last 6 months for our newly adopted fiscal year, the budgeting period requiring membership approval expires June 30, 1989. The budget for the new operating period, and a recap of the previous operating period budget and actual expenses as prepared by the Treasurer, Neil, KC4MJ, are included in this bulletin. Ken, K4TEA will be requesting comments and approval of this operating plan at our next meeting.

CQ 160 METER CW OPERATING RESULTS (EARLY RETURNS)

N4RJ and KM9P reportedly have come within one multiplier of scoring number one for the USA. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENT.

Other early results: KP2A (Ken, K4TEA) 357,000 points; KX4R 59,000 points; WA4CUG 14,640 points; W4DMV 14,000 points.

160 METER CQ WW TEST

Conditions were down this year. There were some interesting times though. Friday showed mostly U.S., ZL's, KH6, PY, C6, etc.. Saturday was more interesting. I only operated 0430 till 0830 due to job requirements. On the way home from work about 0400, Allen WB4GNT said on .5, Europe is coming through. Record time was made getting home. Conditions to Europe were the best I've seen. Stations were being heard that are not native to 160. I called CQ and there was a pile up of Europeans, but like someone flipping a switch all the Europeans were gone. WB4GNT said it happened in the middle of a QSO exchange for him. Never saw the band go out this quick. Mostly Pacific and South America afterwards and KX6, ZL, HP, PY, OA, KP2A (K4TEA). Don't forget the SSB test 160 February 24-26. Be there and please send in these scores no matter how small.

I recently received the following on QSL's from KB5TJ. It sums up my feelings on QSLing.

WHY THE QSL CARD ?

All through life we carefully preserve documents and valuable papers showing that in such and such a year on such and such a day some important event (to us) took place, events such as the date we were

born, the date we said our first word, the date the first tooth came through, date vaccinated, married, acclaimed, honored, and finally the date we died on.

The QSL card which the ham finds in his mail box is his document of a worthwhile event and accomplishment. It is tangible proof of his accomplishment.

Without QSL cards there would not be any awards such as: DXCC, WAC, WAS, WAZ, 5BDXCC, WTW, DUF, WBE, WAP, etc. and your pride of accomplishment would not be recognized.

The Ham who works hard for his license sets up his rig (maybe even building it), spends possibly untold hours getting his antenna "just right", maybe even many hours trying for a certain contact (maybe EVEN YOU) certainly deserves a QSL for his efforts.

Not everyone likes QSL cards, some are not "interested", but those of us who take the trouble to send QSL cards certainly indicate that they WANT YOUR CARD, and I am sure that you must feel the same way about this as I do. To make the QSL chore a little easier many stations send along IRC's or stamps of the country worked and a SAE.

QSL's make me HAPPY, won't you help by sending me YOUR CARD? Thank you and I hope it makes you HAPPY TOO!

73 and DX de K8STJ

As mentioned in K8STJ's article, the QSL should be treated like a document. When I sign a QSL it means a valid QSO, Two Way, has been accomplished. Take the time to verify a received QSL in the log. There are stories of a ZS station that sent QSL's to many stations and made DXCC! Some countries seem to me very loose with their QSL's. I've asked some USSR stations about getting a QSL's for a particular QSO. Quite often cards will come back, but not from the station I worked. I've received QSL's for countries I need but, never worked. They make nice souvenirs. Let's keep the QSL a document.

Mike, KP4I
