



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB

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DX Alert Frequencies	DX Packet
147.50 Simplex	W8ZF 145.63
147.795/T - 147.195/R(tone7) KN4B	W1UA 145.61
	K4KG 144.91

Rag Chew Frequencies

147.47 147.52 147.54 147.795T/147.195R(Tone7)

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Next Meeting - Tuesday, February 19, 1991 - 7:30 PM

>>NEW LOCATION<< 9000 CENTRAL PARK WEST, SANDY SPRINGS >>NEW LOCATION<<

NEAR PERIMETER CENTER MALL NEW MAP AND DIRECTIONS ENCLOSED TALK IN ON 146.82

PROGRAM: W8ZF AND AA4LU PRESENT THE NEW AND IMPROVED DXBase, VERSION 1.5

De KC4MJ

Well, we have some bad news, some good news and some great news! BAD NEWS: Phipps Plaza is closing its community room and it will no longer be available to us. GOOD NEWS: Wayne, W4LVM, came thru and the next meeting will be at his office conference room. Those who attended the next to last meeting remember the great projection facilities and also the comfortable room. Thanks, Wayne! Now the GREAT NEWS - Dean, W8ZF and Jack, AA4LU, the proud parents of DXBase will be putting on a program on the use of DXBase. If I remember correctly the PC in the conference room will project on to the large screen at the front. Don't miss this meeting - we have been using DXBase with the packet cluster and its is phenomenal. The new version 1.5 is a "hummer" - and Jack has finally gotten the dates correct! Hi!

On the DX front, the YA0RR (Romeo) is of course now QRT. Jacky Calvo, F2CW is now in Kabul for 1 year but in QSO's and a letter from Ted, F8RU, it seems slim that Jacky will be on the air. Jacky is working on this; tho - he is stationed in YA with the International Red Cross. John, PA3CXC, was headed back to ST0 and ET3 but the situation in the Gulf has delayed his trip. Crozet has been up. 18 mhz, was open the other nite and I had a really fine QSO with a KH6 station for about 25-30 minutes. I was barefoot and playing with

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antennas - I put up a sloper for 18mhz. and it was OK - but for the heck of it I listened on the 40 meter beam - he was louder and the SWR was 1.8:1. So I used the 40 meter beam - where there is a will there is a way. Good DX - hope to see you all at the meeting on the 19th.

73 de Neil - KC4MJ

RECENT SCORES

CQWW PHONE

K4GFH 1,181,460

SEDXC Mini 160 Test

W4DXI Won with 138 Q's Prize:
International Call Book

CQ 160 CW

K4PI 77,328 (107 Q's " best hour)
WA4CTC 65,343
K4ODL 13,680
K2UFT 10,998

CALL ROSTER

A friend who's a club member inquired as to why his call was not listed in the recently published Call Roster. After doing some checking, I found that the call roster is NOT a list of members. It is published from a list of those members returning their country want-list. I was always under the impression that the names/addresses listed were all our members and I'm sure there are several

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of our members whose names do not appear in the roster. Hope this might clear up some of the confusion. - K4PI

Editor's Note: Thanks for clearing that up for us Mike. Several thought it was the Secretary's fault, and I blamed the Treasurer since he has the database! One of our topics under new business ought to be a clarification of the purpose of the call roster, whether or not it might be placed as a file on the packet cluster and thus electronically update-able, and if its intended to be a Club Roster, let's check with the Treasurer to be sure we list all of the paid up members, even if they did not return the wants-list to its publisher.

QSL'S BY W4MPY

Elsewhere in this issue you'll find a sample QSL and Price list for the SEDX Club QSL card by W4MPY. Black and White doesn't do it justice. See it in person at the next meeting - its printed in a blue and yellow logo. The only bad part is that all of the samples have KC4MJ's call on them!

WORLD RADIO SPORT FEDERATION - Amateur Radio will become an Olympic Games event if an ambitious proposal put forth by a small group of hams becomes reality. A plan to form a World Radio Sport Federation has been announced by an international group of hams led by John Covelli, W2GD. In the founding group are: Martti Laine, OH2BH; Tom Frenaye, K1KI, ARRL Director; Rusty Epps, W6OAT, N. California DX Foundation President; Boris Stepanov, UW3AX, dep. editor of Radio Magazine.

MEETING MINUTES 1/15/91

Meeting called to order at 7:35 by KC4MJ. The usual round of introductions yielded two guests, Connie Tudor, KM4TD, and Winston Whitlock, WA4PBW.

The announcements were gotten to immediately, since the announcer stated he had to leave early. Let the record show that he did stay long enough to win an International Callbook in the eyeball QSO party! In any event, N4UCK the aforesaid announcer, urged us to tune into WXIA tonite to listen and watch him tuning in the events in the Gulf via Air Force command frequencies. Jim updated us on the various tower ordinances he had been working on - the Cobb ordinance goes into effect January 18, with some changes requested by Ma Bell, none affecting amateur radio. The City of Atlanta ordinance was passed with an exception for amateur radio.

At this point in the proceedings, President Foster was successful in gaining the floor just long enough to present a plaque from the SEDX Club recognizing N4UCK's achievements in gaining favorable status for amateur radio towers in DeKalb and Cobb Counties and in the City of Atlanta.

N4UCK also informed the Club of his candidacy for Section Manager of Georgia. He explained that his candidacy is driven by experiences he's had with ARRL's sloppy organization and intransigence. He is also researching the concept of having the State legislature declare restrictive covenants and agreements as against public policy. He wants to "rabble rouse" on this at the State level.

Discussion followed on the feasibility of having a hospitality suite during the Dayton Hamvention. Last year it cost \$175 and was a joint venture with the Kansas City DX Club. The benefit was the opportunity to get to know world-class DXers that are attracted to the Dayton event and it served as a focus point for 25 to 30 club members while attending the Hamvention. A straw vote was taken and approved that we should continue to support this activity.

We also discussed a change in meeting site to W4LVM's facility at GE, Central Park, Sandy Springs. While there was some objection to facing the traffic to that site and the prospect of getting lost on the way, Phipps is losing its appeal due to its 40 person limit and the superiority of

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presentation equipment at GE. Agreed that on a trial basis we would have the next two meetings at Phipps and the three after that at GE, Central Park. One objection to this plan is herewith recorded.

KC4MJ expressed his appreciation to WA4FVT and WB4ZNH for their work in the production of the Roster Call Book, which was distributed to the members.

K4ODL ran an Eyeball QSO Party which ended in a tie between WB4ZNH and N4UCK. Carl graciously declined to accept the prize, which was an International Call Book.

DX Tidbits: The YA station has been on cw, very weak, and on SSB twice. Romeo will be there until 1/20. Most in the audience had not worked him. John Fung Loy is still planning to return to ST0 as KN4NL/ST0 and to Ethiopia as ET3CX. Jarvis looks like it will not gain DXCC status. Per F8RU, F2CW will be going to YA soon.

KC4MJ reported that W4MPY has a new QSL report format that will accommodate a computer label as well as allow you to fill it in manually. K2UFT will try to get W4MPY to send samples of the SEDX-Club QSL card and price lists.

Prize winners in the drawing were: Handbook - W4LVM, Software -W8BLA, K4DLI, KC4MJ.

Dave, K4JRB, presented an interesting program on "Contesting for the Little Gun." Ask Dave for a copy of his handout material if you missed this informative session.

Excerpts from ARRL BULLETIN 6

ARRL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS JANUARY 18 - 19, 1991:

STAFF WAS DIRECTED TO IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM FOR THE FIELD CHECKING OF QSL CARDS FOR INITIAL APPLICATIONS OF DXCC AS SET FORTH IN GUIDELINES SPECIFIED BY THE MEMBERSHIP SERVICES COMMITTEE.

THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THE ADDITION TO STAFF OF A PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR TO ADDRESS THE NEED FOR THE LEAGUE TO ACTIVELY WORK FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF AMATEUR RADIO'S

IMAGE WITH THE GENERAL PUBLIC. AN OUTSIDE CONSULTING AGENCY WILL BE EMPLOYED TO BUTTRESS EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A CONTINUING PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN.

THE BOARD APPLAUDED OUTGOING DX ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN RICK RODERICK, K5UR, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO AMATEUR RADIO, THE LEAGUE, AND THE DX COMMUNITY.

DIRECTORS ELECTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ARE FRANK BUTLER, W4RH, MARSHALL QUIAT, AGOX, STEPHEN MENDELSON, WA2DHF, AND PAUL GRAUER, W0FIR.

THE BOARD SELECTED HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA, AS THE SITE OF THE 1993 ARRL NATIONAL CONVENTION.

THE BOARD CREATED A VOLUNTEER POSITION FOR ENGINEERS TO SERVE IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY, SIMILAR TO THAT OF VOLUNTEER COUNSEL, TO ASSIST AMATEURS WITH SUCH MATTERS AS ANTENNA SUPPORT STRUCTURES.

MEETING MINUTES AND STORY WILL APPEAR IN MARCH QST.

BILL TO PROTECT AMATEUR RADIO SPECTRUM INTRODUCED IN HOUSE

On the first day of the new 102nd Congress, a bill to prevent the loss of radio spectrum by the Amateur Radio Service was introduced by Rep. Jim Cooper (D-Tennessee). Cooper is a member of the House Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance, where the bill is likely to be referred for consideration. The bill, The Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 1991, is designated as H.R. 73.

The legislation proposes that "the Federal Communications Commission shall not diminish existing allocations of spectrum to the Amateur Radio Service after January 1, 1991. The Federal Communications Commission shall provide equivalent replacement spectrum to the Amateur Radio Service for any frequency reallocation after January 1, 1991."

In commenting on H.R. 73, the President of the American Radio Relay League, Larry Price, W4RA, welcomed Rep. Cooper's support of the Amateur Radio Service and expressed the hope that many Congressmen will join him as co-sponsors. "We know that Amateur

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