



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB

THE SOUTH'S
PREMIER
DX CLUB

W4NT

February 1994

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION

Tuesday Feb. 15th, 7:30 PM, Old Hickory House in the Days Inn, Roswell Rd., just inside I-285.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

-John Smith, KI4XO, President

Hello members, we have many new and exciting things happening this month. First and foremost on most people's minds is the 3YØPI expedition. This was the first new country for myself in a while and gets me to the magic 319 number. So when the cards come in we will be on the Honor Roll after 20 years. Picture me anxiously waiting on the last three cards.

On the home front the club has now received the ARRL Special Service Club Designation that will increase our activities and community awareness for Amateur radio. I will bring the materials with me to the next club meeting and will share them with the officers and members for their reading and our general discussion as to a club project we could become involved with any number of suggestions in the documentation. A member has recently volunteered to batch up cards and forward to our respective DX forwarding bureau. I think that would be a nice feature to have in the club. Lets talk about this at the upcoming meeting and if there is enough interest we can implement the process.

I confirmed that our 3YØPI donation arrived in Washington along with the DX club logos that I laser printed for the cards. Look for the SEDXC logo to be on the 3Y cards when they come out. That should be great PR for the club. I know that the donations are significantly appreciated by the expedition members. I would like to pass the hat again for any \$1, \$5, \$10 (or more) personal contributions that we would send on for the club. This expedition is running smoothly and the QSO rate seems excellent. The operators seem excellent and the lid rate very low. Nice change of pace.

So until we see you at the meeting happy 807s and good DX to you.

73 de John, KI4XO

FROM THE VP

-Delaine McCarthy, KM4FV, VP

Hello friends! I'm sure everyone joins me in thanking WA4IMC, Charlie Wooten, for his fun and very interesting presentation of his operating in Hungary and Czechoslovakia. We get to visit so many places without leaving Atlanta. Thanks, Charlie. Also, thanks for driving up from Panama City to be at most of our meetings.

Well, the Super Bowl is over and the 160 meter CW contest is over. It was fun to talk to our own SEDXC club members while they were contesting out of town. We are certainly proud of our club and the efforts made by so many folks to make it what it is. Maybe we can get a good program together about the contest.

Speaking of programs, don't forget that this month K4HGG, Dale Nordin, will show slides and talk about his trip to Tanzania (Did I say Tasmania?) This should be another good meeting, don't miss it. We missed several of our regulars last month, maybe because of the weather. Stay well and safe and we will see you on February 15.

If you are interested in getting your Amateur License or in upgrading, there is always an A.R.R.L. test session held at St. Ann Catholic Church on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. If you have any questions about this, you may call Delaine McCarthy (KM4FV) at 993-9758 or 642-2003. CUL Delaine, KM4FV

160 METER CW CONTEST -Mike, K4PI

A reminder to turn in your 160 M scores no matter how small. It is all the small scores that win club competition, not a few big ones. PLEASE help the club out and send in your score! CU in the SSB contest.

The officers and members of the SEDXC extend their condolences to Dale, N4REE and his family to the tragic loss of their son, Danny, in December. We wish to offer whatever support we can. The SEDXC Newsletter is published monthly by the Southeastern DX Club. All opinions expressed by the contributors do not necessarily reflect those of the editor, officers, or club. We welcome your opinion.

MINUTES OF 12/14/93 AND 1/18/94

-Buddy Harrell, W4OUN, Sec.

12/14/93: The meeting was called to order by President John Smith at approximately 7:30 PM. Several visitors were introduced including K4OGG AND KE4FOU, Robert. Welcome all!!!!

KI4XO reminded everyone that Larry will be invoicing them for the 160 meter contest plaques. Neal, AE6E and Vern, W8BLA pumped everyone up over the upcoming contest season, especially the 160 Meter contest. Everyone was reminded we need a big turnout to keep our 160 Meter title.

Val, N4RJ brought up for discussion that with recent and past successes of the club (St. Kitts DXpedition of late 70's and more recently CQ 160 Meter contest), we may want to give consideration to a DXpedition or Field Day activity under club call (W4NT). John requested that note of this be put in minutes and club bulletin and that it be brought back up for discussion at a subsequent meeting.

During the break everyone enjoyed trying out a multitude of paddles brought in by members.

Following the break, Nancy, NK4U, gave a presentation on operation of QSL bureaus. Nancy was previously associated with the Sterling Park Club which handles cards for the two letter prefixes in the fourth call district. Thank you Nancy for the informative presentation.

01/18/94: The meeting was called to order by Delaine, KM4FV who did an excellent job running the show in the absence of John.

KC4MJ discussed plans for Scitrek. Things are starting to come together on the project. It appears that a nice exhibit will be put together. STARS (Scitrek Amateur Radio Society) will have a complete radio setup. They will initially use borrowed equipment but will eventually getting some gear from Yaesu. Beginning February 18, they will need volunteer operators during the week and on weekends. Sign-up sheets were passed around. Anyone who can is encouraged to help with this very worthwhile operation.

After introductions by everyone including visitors, Neal AE6Z, went over the rules for the club competition. Basically, you need to keep track of countries worked by band. Certificates will be given

out at the end of the year. Contact Neal if you have questions.

Jim, N4UCK, brought us up to date on recent FCC and ARRL happenings. Custom call signs is definitely the area of most interest. An implementation date has not yet been announced.

Dave, K4JRB, discussed the upcoming 160 Meter contest and provided log sheets and summary sheets for those in need. Also, certificates were presented to club members for achievement in the contest: K4PI - Worldwide #1 as P4ØPI in CW portion and #1 in GA during SSB contest. W8BLA & K2UFT - World high multi-op CW score from 4U1UN. AB4RU - World high multi-op SSB score. Other notable scores were K4TEA, second world high CW from KP2A, N4RJ for sixth high USA SSB, and K4JPD 10th high multi-op USA SSB. Great going guys!

Vern, W8BLA discussed the upcoming Peter I expedition. If we donate \$500, we can get our club logo on the QSL card. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to provide up to \$250 in matching funds toward the operation. That is, if club members contribute \$250, the club treasury will match with another \$250.

The program was a very enjoyable slide presentation by Charlie Wooten WA4IMC on his recent trip to Czech land. Thank you Charlie.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20.

73's and DX, Buddy/W4OUN

ON4UN HERE IN MARCH!! DETAILS AT MEETING

VERN AND DICK'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE

-Dick Bentley, K2UFT

Vern, W8BLA and Dick, K2UFT travelled to Grand Cayman Island for the 160 M CQ CW contest. Operating as ZF1A, they made about 470 QSOs on 160. Another 500 QSOs were made by Vern as ZF1CQ, mostly on SSB and 525 QSOs were made by Dick as ZF2SY, 522 on CW and two lucky SEDX ducks, N4UCK and N4XMX, on SSB. Dick's third SSB QSO went to K2UFM whom he has been battling in pile ups for 37 years and never had the pleasure of QSO'ing until travelling to Grand Cayman. Sun (86 Deg. F), surf, white sand, conch fritters, Red Stripe, Tortuga Rum cake and some of the friendliest people in the Caribbean made for a memorable trip.

STRANGE PEOPLE

-Gary Altman, K4NNK

Some people like amateur radio; others do not. There are some people who enjoy collecting string. One guy can be happy doing something that others may not find very amusing. I like amateur radio.

There are those who believe that communicating with others by amateur radio is not amusing. They say, "If you want to talk to someone, use the telephone."

Some feel that the only way to enjoy electronics is to make a significant contribution to the science: develop a new semiconductor. Some believe that we should wind our own transformers. These technical people are not impressed if you buy a Japanese radio, put up a wire, and talk to a guy in Tanu Tuva.

But Dxers do like ham radio. We go big game hunting from the basement. Each new QSL (kill) is displayed (mounted).

Even those that do like DX will disagree sometimes. Some Dxers say that we should not use nets. It has been suggested that the use of DX nets is inappropriate because the Dixer receives excess assistance. The argument is that no one should have an artificially clear shot at contacting a DX station, but should hunt with the pack.

There are probably similar arguments among big-game hunters: don't use the night-vision scope, or bait, or a professional guide. Use archery, not heat-seeking rockets. Don't read magazines about where the big game is, find it yourself. Go look for elk in South Carolina. Don't use packet, scan 80M CW looking for Iceland.

There are hams who believe that 5 watts is all the power that anyone needs, and anyone using more power is not enjoying the true character of our hobby. Others feel that the only true mode is CW, and that using a microphone (or a keyboard) is somehow distasteful.

Some hams like to say "hi hi". I say "ho ho".

If it's not one thing, it's another. Those who whine about how others behave are only demonstrating their shallow thinking and an intolerant view of other life-styles. It is clear that their universe is small. Whining is their primary intellectual outlet. DX or don't. Packet or don't. CW or SSB. Build it or buy it.

Straight key or satellite. Just be pleasant.

I enjoy many aspects of this hobby, including meeting the strange people that inhabit the fringes and thrust their personalities into the ether.

My motto: Radiate in your way and let others radiate in their way - RIYWALORITW.

My next letter: Working all zip codes using a mobile phone that I built from an old microwave oven.

-K4NNK

9N: K2UFT received a thank you note from Jerry, UT4UZ, expressing appreciation for the SEDXC donation to their DXpedition to Nepal. Jerry reported that they made 5,018 QSO's on all bands, CW and SSB from December 17 to December 25. 60% of the Q's were on 40 and 80 meters due to bad propagation on the higher bands. INDEXA is printing the QSLs and the SEDXC logo will appear on them. Jerry ran into unexpected expense of \$450 to obtain the 9N1UZ license. Jerry will be sending photos of the operation in the near future.

73 de Dick, K2UFT

TREASURER'S REPORT

-de John Tramontanis, N4TOL

Balance 12/31/93 (Checkbook)	\$1,893.98
Deposits:	
Raffle & Pins	144.00
Plaques 160	1240.00
Peter I	100.00
Subtotal	<u>3,377.98</u>
Expenses:	
PO Box Rent	49.00
Peter I Donation	500.00
Newsletter (Jan)	85.43
SEDX Pins	482.58
Photos-Summer newsletter	17.00
Raffle Prizes	53.92
Bank Charges (Dec)	10.00
Total Expenses	<u>715.35</u>
Balance Checking 1/31/94	<u>\$2,662.63</u>

A reminder that \$1,240 of this balance is earmarked specifically for 160 meter award plaques which the club is administrating the receipt and flow of funds. Also, all those who pledged Peter I, please submit your checks soon so I can close out the accounting for that DXpedition. -73 de N4TOL, John