



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

*THE
SOUTH'S
PREMIER
DX CLUB*

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 be 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