



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

THE
SOUTH'S
PREMIER
DX CLUB

February 1999

MEETING TIME & LOCATION

Tues., Feb. 16th, 7:30 PM, TECH AMERICA, just north on Buford Hwy north of I-285.

VP CORNER

-Jim Worthington, AD4J

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

-Mike Greenway, K4PI

Hope everyone is getting the New Year started off good. There was a lot of expeditions out in the Pacific but things have quieted down.

The ARRL CW DX Test is coming up in February. Another chance for band country hunting. I am writing this letter on the CQ WW 160 Test. I was not able to make it to Aruba for the test for the first time since 1992.

Kinda glad in a way as we are having thunder showers with heavy QRN again. I think every time for the last several years there has been a thundershower over the test weekend. This makes it tough for the guys on the other end also as there is no one able to hear them due to the QRN. I gotta believe there is some change going on in the weather patterns as I don't remember us having a lot of thunderstorms during the winters during my earlier years. Now they are commonplace.

I checked the band when I came in from work and there were a lot of EU stations on coming through the QRN. It was the best EU opening I have heard this season's 6 Meters is having it's problems also. Most people were expecting there to be some good opening for DX this year, but it has been a bust. The solar flux got up to the 180 area for a while but it is back down to 118 now.

If anyone out there is not on the SEDXC reflector let me know and I will send you the info. It is a great place for asking questions and making announcements but it is getting very little use. If you have some good information share it with the group on the reflector.

73 Mike Greenway, K4PI, P49I
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I was disappointed to be out of town on business for the January meeting. I understand that Bill Fisher, W4AN, put on an excellent program demonstrating remote operation of his contest station. From his laptop computer at the meeting, Bill worked Europe on 80 CW via his north Georgia station. Thanks to Bill for a fine show.

The ARRL is now offering an email forwarding service at no charge to members. This allows you to use <your-callsign>@arrl.org (ad4j@arrl.org in my case) as an email address as long as you remain a member of the league. Even if you change Internet providers and email addresses, your ARRL email address will remain the same. This makes it easy for people to remember how to contact you. Go to the Members Only page on the League website (<http://www.arrl.org/members-only/>) and click on the link entitled "New!! The ARRL E-Mail Forwarding Service" for details. It takes about 30 seconds to sign up for this service.

We have interesting programs lined up for the next couple of meetings. In February, Larry Flegle, N4TMW, will talk to us about his recent DX operations from Southeast Asia. The following month's meeting features a presentation on VHF DXing by K4EA.

-73, Jim AD4J

BILL DUNBAR, WA4VDE
CLAY WHIFFEN, K3IX
SK NICK

Our thoughts and condolences go out to there families and friends.

Nick

TREASURERS REPORT

-Nancy Draheim, NK4U

No report received this month.

TIPS FROM MR. 160

-Mike Greenway, K4PI

TIP #4 in a series

SEDXC MINUTES 1/19/99

-Rick Glisson, N4XMX, Sec.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mike, K4PI, President. 26 people were present. The manager had run off with the keys for the room, we meeting the in manager's office in the back. It was a little crowded but everyone managed.

Mike mentioned two SK's, WA4VDE and K3IX. Mike also updated us on the status of K4JRB and Bob, K4UEE. Both were recovering nicely.

There was no old or new business,

Announcements: Tom, N4XP, mentioned that he should be going to V7 end of February into March. He will be concentrating on the low bands.

The program was presented by Bill Fisher, W4WA. He demonstrated how to operate his north Georgia station from anywhere using his laptop and a pair of speakers. Not only can he choose radios, antennas, he has a full display including S meters, frequency display, split capabilities, etc.

Bill also showed how to connect to another station on the northwest coast and listen and work DX from there! The basic system consisted of a dos computer at the shack end with lots of I/O and the Windows software running on the laptop. A data modem is used on each end to transfer the data. The software is not available at this time and is still in the early beta stage. Impressive! Thanks, Bill.

After the program, Mike, K4PI, shared a little DX news. Vietnam has been heard on 30M as well as the ZL9CI group. Mike also reminded everyone about the 160M contest on January 29th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

This is for those of you with the Heil Lightweight boom headsets. The pads deteriorate quite often and you have foam hanging in your ears after the headset is off. I called Heil and the cost was something like \$6 which I thought was way out of line being the

do remember it was more than I thought they were worth. You can get them at Dayton hamfest for a few dollars but I don't always make it up there.

I wanted a local source so I went to my local Radio Shack. They don't carry anything off the shelf that will fit but the dealer was kind enough to try to find a headset that had pads like I wanted. He found a set and was able to order just the replacement pads for it.

They were \$1 each or \$2 for a set. Shipping was \$1. For \$7 I got 6 pads shipped directly to me. If you want to order some the number is RSU 11839404. There is also a stock number mentioned E90001. Description is EAR PAD/CUSHION SPONGE.

73 Mike Greenway, K4PI, P49I
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KC4BDT UPDATE FROM THE REFLECTOR

-Jay Pryor, K4OGG

I just learned that Pat had a pacemaker installed this morning; it went well, and he is now "ready to slay dragons." The next step is a meeting with an Emory University Hospital surgeon next Thursday. He will remain in St. Mary's Hospital in Athens at least until that time. I am sure that cards would be much appreciated.

Pat's home address, thanks to Tom, N4XP:
310 Greencrest Drive Athens, GA 30605

YOU CAN'T WORK 'EM IF YOU CAN'T HEAR 'EM! THIS ALSO APPLIES IF YOUR RADIO IS NOT ON. MAKE A POINT TO CHECK OUT THE BANDS AT FUNNY HOURS. NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU WILL FIND. FINDING 5A1A BY YOURSELF ON 12M IS ALMOST AS MUCH FUN AS LISTENING TO THE PILEUP AFTER YOU GOT HIM! TURN IT ON!!

DX TIDBITS

-Rick Glisson, N4XMX

Palestine, another new one! I have already put E4 in my DXbase 98 and am looking for the first on-air to come on the air! Contacts as of February 1st count, DXCC taking cards after October 1st. Other than the usual giant EU pileup I expect, should have a reasonable shot for this one. Probably what will happen in the next couple of months is one of those ten operator, five station, 24 hour operations like the ZL9CI group.

Speaking of the ZL9CI bunch, can you believe over 96,000 QSO's? Unreal! And to think they had to leave the island almost every night. I did get my fair share I will have to admit. As mentioned before, my harmonic KF4YOQ also nabbed them on 10M. Just to show that novices can lead a charmed life, she has gotten a 5A1A 10M card direct from Abubaker! That, along with the 3V8BB card, are the pride of her collection.

I don't know about the rest of you but after the ZL9CI DXpedition, I'm worn out! Had to let the radio rest for a few days. All the 12M contacts were with just 100W since I hadn't converted the Ameritron 811 to 10/12M. Now that that is done, I'll have a little more power (400-500W) on 12M. My Alpha 76 fries itself on 12M.

Now I see that East Timor may get independence! The new countries are appearing faster than I can work them! The honor roll seems to keep slipping away... Good news though, Cocos Keeling and the Christmas will be up this month. More meter work. Yawn! Need more sleep...

CU in the pileups.. Rick, N4XMX

FROM THE INTERNET, JY1, SK

Jordan's King Hussein Dead; Abdullah Is King

By Suleiman al-Khalidi

AMMAN, Jordan (Reuters) - King Hussein of Jordan, a pivotal figure in the tortuous politics of the Middle East, died of cancer Sunday after a turbulent 47-year reign and was succeeded by his eldest son Abdullah.

Abdullah, in a televised address to Jordan's 4.3 million people, vowed to follow the dead monarch's policies, which include his dramatic 1994 decision to make peace with Israel.

Less than an hour after Hussein's death at the age of 63, a somber news reader went on state television to give the official announcement that the long-serving leader in the Middle East had succumbed to his lengthy illness.

"The cabinet grieves and announces to the dear Jordanian people and the brotherly Arab nation...the death of the greatest of men, His Majesty King Hussein of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, whom God chose to be by his side at 11:43 (0943 GMT)," he said

Black flags appeared and shops began to close in Amman. The country was expected to virtually close for the next three days, starting the 40 day Muslim mourning period. Egypt and the Palestinian Authority declared three days of formal mourning.

E4, PALESTINE NEW DXCC ENTITY ADDED

DXCC News Release, 2/3/99,

The International Telecommunication Union, in its Operational Bulletin No. 685 of February 1999, has allocated the call sign prefix E4 for use by Palestine. This is in accordance with the Resolution of the Plenipotentiary Conference of the ITU held in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1998.

Under the current DXCC List Criteria, Section 1, this call sign allocation meets the requirement of paragraph b. Palestine will be added to the DXCC List effective October 1, 1999. Contacts made with E4 stations after February 1, 1999, will count for this new entity. Under the DXCC rules, contacts with the deleted entity of Palestine made prior to June 30, 1968 do not count for this entity. There is no commonality of territory or administration.

Note from N4XMX, editor: With the passing of JY1, things may be a little slow getting started, be patience.

**GET THOSE 160M
ANTENNAS UP NOW!!**