



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB

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THE
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DX CLUB

March 2000

NEXT MEETING: March 21st at 7:30 PM at Radioshack.com located just north of I-285 on the Buford Hwy.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

-Mike Greenway, K4PI

Hope this has been a good month for everyone. I am disappointed at the conditions we are having on HF. I was hoping for some flux numbers in the high 200's but it appears that is not going to happen this cycle. There are a few good things coming through. XW2A has been very active. Still trying to get him on 10 M but I only get a couple of nights a week to try.

I have not had any volunteers for the club's DXCC checker. I want someone who is presently in the club and not someone joining up just to get the post. The job will not be an easy one. I would like to do it but I am afraid it might become overwhelming.

Also we still need someone to take over the President's post. This is my second year and I need some relief. We have not had a Vice President for the last 2 years either. The new year starts in June so I hope to hear from some volunteers.

If any of you are still wanting to build the noise tracker I noticed that Radio Shack has their aircraft band receiver on sale for \$15. That is a good price. Also I noticed that MFJ is now building a noise tracker that operates on a fixed frequency of 135 Mhz but I see a problem with it. It has a built in dipole antenna. From my experience you really need a yagi of at least 2 element and 3 preferred. It is \$100 bucks which I think you can beat and have a superior product to boot.

Probably a little late with this next tip and with the nice weather we are having doesn't seem appropriate. I had several friends to complain during the ice storms we had that their beams would not turn. I use an ice boot on my towers. Without it you frozen water down in the tube on most towers that the mast runs through. I use a piece of rubber to form an upside down cone that is attached to the mast with a hose

clamp to prevent water from running down into the mast tube.

73 Mike Greenway, K4PI, P49I

SEDXC MINUTES 2/15/00

-Dale Nordin, K4HGG, Sec.

The meeting was called to order at 7:29 by Mike - K4PI with 24 members present.

Old Business: There has been some reflector registration problems on the web site. This has now been corrected. To become a "member" of the reflector you must access the following Web Site and follow the directions for reflector registration at "www.contesting.com/sedxc".

In last month's minutes, was noted that the QSL route for WY2000 (Oscar Oscar Oscar) was via the bureau. This is correct BUT it *must be* via the W4/K4/N4 bureau or directly to K4MQG.

Another report on Field Checker applications was made. ARRL representative Sandy Donahue - W4RU explained that the present Field Checker Program has been discontinued. The 3 applicants that were approved as ARRL field checkers will serve only 1 month. The new program will take effect on April 1 2000. This means that we will have only 1 checker from each DX Club (there is only 1 DX club in Ga.) and 1 checker (at large) for the state of Ga. From our 3 applicants, we will have to select ONE to be our Field Checker.

A reminder: Phil -W4GTS has taken over the QSL card shipments to the outgoing bureau. Any outgoing cards should be directed to him.

Another reminder: A new group of officers will take office in July. Mike advised that you should be thinking of a new President, as he will not assume a 3rd term. N4XMX volunteered to continue as the newsletter editor and K4HGG as the secretary.

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New Business: N4XXM is going to investigate the software to be used on the Cluster that would allow INET spots to come through. Mention was made that the Athens Cluster is using a German program called "CLX" (Mike thinks) and that it works "great" for them

Mike - K4PI was presented the Single Operator, CW award, for South America in 1998. His score was 928,408 points.

Program: Tom-N4XP presented a GREAT program on his group trip to S.E. Asia. He made stops and operated at BV0US, 9M6AAC (E. Malaysia), 9M6AAC/P Spratley, VS5?? etc

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Nancy Draheim, NK4U, Tres.

There was no report this month.

DX TIDBITS

-Rick Glisson, N4XXM, editor

The bands have really opened up lately. If you haven't gotten your share of DX, you haven't turned on the radio!

Alan, VK0MM, is now in the log. He has a homepage that details his operating schedule and he really sticks to it. Check it out at:

www.geocities.com/vk0ld/1.html

He posts frequencies and which part of the world he will be working. Most on 20M CW so far but starting to work on 17M. He does have a few rules though. You can only work him a total of two times, any mode/band combination. Otherwise he says he will delete you! Well, he's the DX and he makes the rules. I am happy to get him once on 20M CW! Typical times will be starting 9:00 or 10:00Z for 2 hours. He is trying to work as many different stations as possible. He does not tolerate calling out of turn when going by numbers or areas of the world. He is very clear where and who he is working. Check the webpage for full info. New one for me.

Played around in the ARRL DX SSB contest

this month. Tried to work as many different countries as possible to qualify for the ARRL Millennium Award. You have to work 100 different DXCC countries. So far I have 91. You do not have to submit cards, just log extracts. Fun to chase G, GD, GU, GJ, GI and GW's again (as well as DL's, F, etc)! I just finished working 100 countries and have just mailed off the application and log extract. Forms can be downloaded off ARRL's web site. I'll let you know what they send back.

During the contest I spent a lot of time on 80M trying to find a new one. Found HB2AUS with a great signal. QSL via HB9AUS. My 80M count is up to 92. Won't make it for submission this summer but will keep sending cards out. As I mentioned last month, you can submit cards towards a future award. So I will show them all the 80M cards I have so far and a few other new ones that have trickled in this summer.

The FO0AAA was quite a show! Heard them on 80 and 160 but was not able connect. Everywhere else they were quite audible and workable. The CW ops were fast and moved around quite a bit. I was able to fill out a few band/modes I needed. Congrats to all! I know Bob, K4UEE, was there also, low bands if I remember correctly. My wife, KG4EHB and harmonic KF4YQQ both were able to work FO0AAA on 10M SSB. I told them people didn't go there everyday!

The TX0DX group should be on the air right now. As soon as the IARU makes the right vote, then hopefully we get a new one. Something else to chase! Conditions and solar flux have been pretty good so good signals should be heard.

As I am writing this, Mike, K4PI, has announced that Tom, N4XP, has agreed to be the club's DXCC card checker under the new system about to kick in. Congratulations Tom! Now everyone be nice to Tom, it is a thankless job. I know I have plenty of cards to turn in. Nice thing about the new system, he will be able to check all cards except 160 and anything over 10 years old. This will eliminate some of my major objections to the current system. The inability to check all cards is why I have been waiting each year until the ARCHamfest when an ARRL checker comes down. Don't want those cards to get out of my sight!

The local cluster now has internet spots! The details and bugs are being worked out but anyone connect to K4KG or W4UCK should see the extra spots. I for one, welcome the additional spots. The more the merrier!

CU in the pileups... -Rick, N4XXM

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TX8CI - CHESTERFIELD ISLANDS - TX0DX

The Chesterfield Islands (OC-176) DXpedition [425DXN 456] remains on target for the window of 15 March through 1 April. The departure date for the expedition vessel has been set for 13 March. Two different callsigns have been issued by the New Caledonian telecommunication authorities: TX8CI will be used initially, while the distinctive TX0DX call [425DXN 456] will become effective at 00.00 UTC on 23 March, assuming the needed parameters of the new DXCC entity requirement have been positively acted upon prior to that target date. TX0DX will have two CW and two SSB stations on the air throughout the WPX SSB Contest weekend (25-26 March): one station will be dedicated to 15-meter SSB, transmitting on 21.445 MHz, while tuning in the range above 21.400 MHz; the other SSB station will be dedicated to 12 and 17 metres during the WPX weekend. The web site for the DXpedition is at <http://www.n4gn.com/tx0dx/> [TNX N4GN]

3W - Mal, 3W2LC/VK6LC reports that JA7GAX plans to operate as 3W2GAX from Phu Quoc (AS-128) on 14-20 March and Hon Tam (NO-REF) on 25-30 March. Please note that his plans and dates may vary. [TNX G0APV]

5H - Bert, PA3GIO will be active as 5H3/PA3GIO from Mafia Island (AF-054) between 18/19 and 24 June. Look for him on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10 metres (SSB only). QSL via PA3GIO either direct (Bert vd Berg, Parklaan 38, NL-3931 KK Woudenberg, The Netherlands) or preferably through the bureau. [TNX PA3GIO, <http://www.qsl.net/pa3gio/5H3/>]

5H - Bert, PA3GIO will be active as 5H1/PA3GIO from Pemba Island (AF-063) between 25-26 June and 1 July. Look for him on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10 metres (SSB only). QSL via PA3GIO. [TNX PA3GIO, <http://www.qsl.net/pa3gio/5H1/>]

5Z - The 5Z4WI team on Wasini Island (AF-067) [425DXN 460] will concentrate their 160 metre CW activity from 16.00 UTC on Friday 10th March

until 06.00 UTC on Saturday 11th March, and from 16.00 UTC on Sunday 12th March until 06.00 UTC on Monday 13th March. They will transmit on 1827 kHz and listen on 1835 kHz for Europe etc. or 1910 kHz for Japan (until 21.00 UTC) during the first 15 minutes of each hour. They will listen particularly for US stations between 20.00 and their sunrise at 03.30 UTC. In the event of a lack of activity, they will QSY to another band. 5Z4WI will be active on 9-16 March. QSL via G3SWH either direct (Phil Whitchurch, 21 Dickensons Grove, Congresbury, Bristol, BS49 5HQ, United Kingdom) or through the bureau. [TNX G3SWH]

8Q - Frank, PA3DYS is active as 8Q7DY from Kuredu Island (MJ65RN) in the Maldives until 8 March. Look for him on 50110, 50135 and 28420 kHz. [TNX PA5BW] **9M6** - Blacksheep Contest and DX Group members Peter/G4MJS, John/G6YIN, Stephen/G4SHF and Martin/G4XUM will be active (on 6-160 metres CW and SSB) as 9M6BAA from the Hillview Gardens Resort in Sabah (OC-088), East Malaysia between 17 and 27 March. They will participate in the CQ WPX SSB Contest as 9M6AAC. QSL 9M6BAA via G4SHF (Stephen Purser, 80 John Bold Avenue, Stoney Stanton, Leicester, LE9 4ND, United Kingdom). QSL 9M6AAC via N200. The web site for the operation is at <http://www.9m6baa.com> [TNX G4MJS]

C2 - Jack/VK2GJH and Nev/VK2QF plan to operate (primarily on 6 metres, but also on the HF bands) as C21JH and C21/VK2QF from Nauru (OC-031) in March/April. QSL C21JH via VK2GJH (Jack Haden, P.O. Box 299, Ryde, N.S.W. 1680, Australia); QSL C21/VK2QF via VK2QF (N. E. Mattick, Hargraves, N.S.W. 2850, Australia). [TNX the Daily DX]

CY9 - Duane/WV2B, Rick/AI5P, Henry/KE1AC and Rob/WA4RX plan to operate (on 6-40 metres CW and SSB) from St. Paul Island (NA-094) between 6 and 10 July. Landing permission has been received from the Canadian Coast Guard. However, this news is tempered with the new rule that the island housing structures cannot be used and liability insurance will be required. The group is looking for sponsors (particularly foreign clubs) and they are encouraged to directly contact either WV2B or AI5P. The web site for the operation is at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Pines/7651/DXpedition.html> [TNX AI5P, ai5p@sark.net]

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W8ZF (2400) 145.63
K4KG (2400) 144.91
W4UCK(24&96) & ARCDX (2400) 145.65
NI4X (9600) 144.93, 145.71, 440.75
K4UJ (2400) 145.67 (SE Megacluster)
(telnet 216.1.128.11)
K4UGA (Athens)(2400) 145.67 (SE Megaclst)
(telnet 128.192.52.40 599, must put in port 599)

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Simplex 147.54

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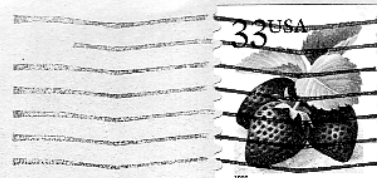
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