



\*\*\* DX Alert 147.195R (Trial) \*\*\*  
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\*\*\* DX Alert 147.500S (Normal) \*\*\*  
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Meeting Date: 16 March 1982  
Place: Peachtree Lutheran Church

The smaller turn-out at the last meeting is probably due to the short period of time after the banquet. Those not there missed an interesting CW sending contest. I still think I should have won. Mike Greenway, K4PI, cheated.

The program this month might be a very interesting contest. If the U.S. Post office can get the slides to us by Tuesday. The contest will be a test of your knowledge of DXCC countries and may give you some insight into one type of problem Martha and I face when we go on a DXpedition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!! We are currently mailing appx. 244 copies of the SEDXC Bulletin. So far this year, we have 139 paid up members. Starting with the next bulletin, we will only be mailing out 139 bulletins. (unless paid up membership increases!) ALSO VERY VERY IMPORTANT!!! Stew has not received 139 countries needed lists. An attempt to contact those people not having submitted a DXCC want list is being made. The ABSOLUTE deadline is this meeting date of March 16, 1982! If you cannot make it to the meeting then get it in the mail no later than Tuesday. We cannot delay the printing of the club roster/wantlist any longer. Those who are interested in renewing their membership and who want to be included in the roster, can bring their money and want list Tuesday night. Otherwise, we are sorry but, that is all she wrote!

I find it very interesting that we have some very loyal and active out-of-town members and I think ALL of them have renewed, yet some of the local folks, who have the benefit of the alert frequencies and club meetings have not seen fit to renew. Just an oversight, I am sure.

We have also received several inquiries about SEDXC Qsl cards, seems like this might be an appropriate time to repeat that information. For SEDXC Qsl cards contact, W4GKF, Chaz Cone, 6900 Hunters Knoll, Atlanta, Ga. 30328. Current prices are \$17 for 500 cards, \$28 for 1000 cards. Please include your check with the order. Cards will be shipped UPS.

Interesting observation - XZ cards not acceptable for DXCC but are being accepted for CQ Awards! Dirty Pool!

Those who sent their ET3P6 cards to me, it does not appear to be working. DJ9ZB rumored to be Qsl mgr.

This not a DX newsletter, but ZD9 showed recently, and VK3OT and K1MM were operating from VK9Y and going to VK9X.

There is supposed to be a group going to KPI around the 15th of March. This will be the first DXpedition (that counted) to Navassa since our own Dave Johnson was there.

The club's condolences to those members which suffered antenna damage in the ice storm. (I thought winter was over!)

No program chairman has yet been appointed. Harry, KC4M, our President is looking for volunteers. If ANYONE can get an interesting program call Harry or me. I heard that WA2JUQ, WA2JUN and WA2NHE have one. Entitled "HOOKS"

John Battle, our activities chairman, has given me a list of the 1982 contests. Submit all scores, by mail only, to John O. Battle, P.O. Box 96, Norcross, Ga. 30091. All entries shall be postmarked no later than the 15th of the month following the month of the contest. The exceptions to this are the Helping Hand, November contest and the DXYL Award, due to the need to get plaques on order for the Awards banquet, the deadline for mailing these is December 1st.

A) Helping Hand Award - Score 1 point for each local phone call or 2m DX alert. Score 3 points for each long distance phone call.

B) Monthly Contest - (1) MARCH, ARRL International, Phone, Best 24 hours. (2) APRIL, OPEN 20m, Mixed, Best 12 hours. (3) May, OPEN ALL BAND, Mixed, Best 24 hours (2 periods). (4) June, SEDXC Club Contest, Mixed, Details to be announced. (5) July, OPEN 15m, Mixed, Best 12 hours. (6) August, OPEN 20m, CW, Best 12 hours. (7) September, OPEN 10m/15m/20m, Mixed, Best 18 hours. (8) October, CQWW, Phone, Best 18 hours. (9) November, OPEN 10m, Mixed, Best 12 hours.

C) Yearly Contest - from March 1 through November 30. The members who accumulate the largest total of DXCC countries on each HF band. Mixed mode, but each country may only be counted once per band.

D) DXYL Contest - members accumulating the greatest number of YL DXCC countries. The countries must be DXCC accepted; e.g., S83YL counts for 2S only. The same YL may be worked in any number of countries. Contest period from 1 March until 30 November.

E) OVERALL WINNER - At the discretion of the executive committee, overall winner plaques may be awarded in each of the above categories. The general criteria will be that, in the opinion of the committee, an outstanding effort has been made by the participant and that he/she has the highest total score for the category in question. Score for the monthly and yearly contests will be determined as follows: The winner of each contest will be accredited with a number of overall winner points equal to the number of entrants in that contest. The first runner-up receives one less and so on with the last place receiving one point. The total score is simply the sum of these scores.

We have received an interesting letter from K7CU, Curt Wilbur, a SEDXC member in Utah. The letter is written on Utah DX Association letterhead, and Curt has requested feedback from SEDXC members. Curt's address is 907 E. 250th S., Bountiful, Utah 84010. Curt's letter was dictated to me over the telephone, so I will apologize in advance, if there are any errors.

I would like to propose a change to the way DXCC Honor Roll is defined. The concept of basing the Honor Roll "strictly on numbers" is inconsistent with what I feel the word "Honor" implies. The word "Honor" as used in DXing should mean: 1) Most skillful. 2) Mastery of techniques. 3) Dedication. 4) Durability (stick-to-it-iveness). 5) Propagation knowledge. 6) All around DX knowledge.

The attainment of the Honor Roll, as currently defined, only requires the collection of a certain number of cards. Certainly, few of the items above are required. Whip out the VISA card and immediately; 2+KW and lots of aluminum. Now, holler and stomp in the pileups. And, of course, lists. To use a list requires only that you know two things: 1) When and where the list is. 2) How to get on it. Don't you just love it when the EMCEE asks the DX station to; "listen again for K7CU and count out his report".

Another method of getting the total up is to use friends. As an example, on Jan.3, 1982, I was eavesdropping on W7AO on 75 meters. He was explaining how he had arranged with the German boys, who had gone to Juan de Nova and Glorioso, a way to work his (W7AO) friends. The secret split-frequency technique and schedules must have worked; he was explaining how he planned to do it with 1AOKM the next time they were on, and a possible arrangement with the group that might put Bouvet on again.

Now, I have nothing against any of the above. I don't have a VISA card, and I use lists only if that is the only way the DX station operates. And, I've enjoyed lots of help from my friends and others on the air. But, I don't think that using such techniques, with a resultant high total, constitutes what a "Honor Roll" person should personify. They are not unethical; just not "Honor Roll".

I propose that the requirements for the ARRL DX Honor Roll be modified as follows: 1) DXCC/mixed; 250 confirmed. 2) 5BDXCC. 3) Two of the following: (A) DXCC/ssb. (B) DXCC/cw. (C) DXCC/satellite. (D) DXCC/rtty. (E) DXCC/160. (F) DXCC/ssstv.

I feel that the above requirements would accomplish the six goals of "Honor Roll DXing": (1) 250 confirmed would force at least a token form of dedication and durability. (2) 5BDXCC would accomplish all six goals, in my opinion. (3) Any two others would broaden the mastery of techniques and strengthen dedication to DXing. (4) By attaining all four requirements, all around DX knowledge would increase.

I think that the net result would be better quality DXers in that this change would enhance DXing's image and maybe help alleviate some of the atrocious behavior on the bands. With the requirement that "by-mode" endorsements be "two-way", these skills will improve; especially for DXCC/cw. (\*\* ed. note - Curt is apparently referring to the recent ruling by the DXCC desk that no cards for specific mode DXCC, e.g. DXCC/cw, will be accepted that indicate cross mode. "Two-way" is NOT required on the card.\*\*) The 250 confirmed may not be rigid enough; yet, care must be exercised to avoid the two part, 1) rush for "numbers" and 2) "define anything as a new country", plague which has infected DXCC.

I would implement the change as follows: Effective immediately, the new method would be accepted. The current method would be used for the remainder of 1982. Beginning Jan.1, 1983, only the new method would be accepted.

Thank you for taking the time to read and ponder my thoughts. Your comments would be welcome. May we all strive to improve the quality of DXing. K7CU, Curt Wilbur.

Thank you, Curt! for sharing your ideas with us. I have some immediate opinions and if there are any other Club members that would like to express an opinion, feel free to write. My first impression is that Rule 12 is the "Honor" rule of DXCC. If Rule 12 was adhered to, then the "numbers rush" would of itself accomplish ALL six of the goals, which I agree should mean "Honor Roll". Anytime there is a competition, there is always someone willing to cheat or short-cut the intended accomplishment. I have two objections to Curt's proposal. 1) It does nothing about lists. Can you imagine all the list operations on CW, 160, RTTY, and the less popular bands like 40 and 80 meters? Examples; 3Y list on 20m cw run by a WA2 a couple of years ago! during the 160m contest, last year, ZF2DX operated on a list! Without any "list" protection, it would just spread this blight even more. 2) A person can easily work 250 countries in a two years. With the current system of relaying signal reports on lists and DX nets, there would be no assurance they ever really heard anyone except the EMCEE (ego maniac controlling every exchange!). The laughable situation the League has found itself in by creating countries from non-countries does not of itself cause any problem. It does create some activity on the bands, but does not seriously affect Honor Roll, except where the "country" is actually under water part of the time! I don't believe Curt's suggestion, as it now stands, would improve DXing. With some refinements, it has great possibilities. I think it might be good to require 5BDXCC and DXCC/cw of Honor Roll applicants. Perhaps a person should have to apply for it, rather than automatically reach it's plateau. The League will resist because of the increased work load to the Communications department. (They complain about the FCC's similar approach to problems and then do it themselves! Hi! Hi!) What do you think? Everyone knows where I stand! Speaking of my stand, did you know that the list-takers and the welfare rolls have written just as many letters as DXers? If YOU haven't written, then I don't want to ever hear you complain!

Your executive committee has been working hard. We should have a recommendation ready for the next meeting, regarding club policy on DXpedition donations to non-club members as well as to club members.

Speaking of DXpeditions, Martha and I have finally settled on a design for the 300 Qsl cards.

K4DLI, Jim, has a Dentron Clipperton-L (4ea. 572Bs) Linear for sale, \$500, Jim's phone number is 993-1767.

The change in the bulletin is to better inform our out of town members as to what we are doing. Let me know how you like it. 73 de wb4znh