



DX Alert 147.500S  
also 147.195/.795  
DX Ragchew 147.470S,  
.540S, 147.195/.795  
Meeting Date: March 15, 1983  
Time: 7:30 PM  
Place: Peachtree Lutheran Church at  
the corner of Narmore and P'tree,  
2 blocks North of Phipps Plaza.

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The DX Club meeting last month turned out pretty good. Everyone else did such a good job telling about their radios that I felt bad about not representing the TS-830S better. While the features of the FT-ONE, IC-730 and the TS-930S were being discussed, I remembered a lot of things that should have been said in favor of the TS-830S.

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The program for the March meeting will be a slide presentation of Carl and Martha Henson's DXpedition to the Republic of Chad. This will be the first group showing. So far the slides have only been seen by four people. The Hensons and 2 CIA agents.

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Perhaps editorial comments by the editor (or anyone for that matter) should be labeled as editorial in nature. The Club received a letter from a member who doesn't like WB4ZNH's editorial comments. Now there certainly isn't anything wrong with that! Many of WB4ZNH's comments are meant to be disliked. Your editor's solicitation for articles to be included in the Newsletter certainly encompassed those of an editorial theme. Feel free to express your opinion regarding issues concerning DX and DXers. K7CU submitted an interesting and thought provoking letter last year. Can you imagine a hobby where everyone agreed on everthing? It would be awful. Come on, let us hear your opinion or ideas.

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147.5 can be a very valuable tool. It would appear the time has come to remind everyone of its value and its proper use. The DX Alert frequency decreases in value when people ragchew on it. Many of us are guilty of this. The nature of our hobby is not of SWLing, but of communicating (we hope!) therefore when we hear a quiet frequency, we tend to think it is not in use, while in fact 147.5 is very much in use. This alert frequency has been the source of many new countries for club members and the medium for the winning of several Helping-Hand Awards. Helping Hand activity is its purpose. When you think a person is not using 147.5 as it was intended, you should make that person aware of the inconvenience they are causing. However, it is essential to be tactful. DON'T be rude! You can catch more with

honey than vinegar! While it is true the offending person probably won't do it again, it is counter-productive to the club's objectives!

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Mozambique? A station signing ON6BC/C9 was worked 2/27 on 15m SSB. Your editor's opinion is that if it really is ON6BC, then it most likely will count. I remember when ON6BC operated TZ4AQS, he stayed on CW exclusively the first few WEEKS. I would be surprised if he changed his M.O.

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Republic of Chad...TT8AD is on the air! Othmar Wigger, HB9CLA, is active using an FT-ONE (would you believe it?) and a TH3jr (formerly the property of WB4ZNH). Othmar is a CW operator. He is fast (30wpm) and his fist has a very distinctive chop to it. Othmar is 22 years old, and a commercial operator. He has been a Ham for almost 2 and 1/2 years. Othmar expects to remain in Chad a long time.

Othmar's other interests include computers, especially CP/M based ones. He speaks Basic, Pascal, French, German, English, Swiss-German, and a smattering of the local Chadianne languages.

Qsl to his home call or to B.P. 813, N'Djamena, Chad. Do not mention amateur radio on the envelope or it might never reach him. If you should work Othmar, tell him the grass seed (that is NOT the kind you can smoke either!) is on the way!

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For Sale - 105 feet of Rohn 25G tower (10ea.x10, 1ea.x5), tower base plate, accessory shelf, Ham III Rotor, 5 element KLM 20m Monobander, and includes all cables and hardware \$500 and you take it down. Call Terry, WA4OQL 451-0676.

For Sale - Hv-Gain HDR-300 Deluxe Digital Rotor (Brand NEW!) with Warranty, \$320. Drake C-Line and L4B, \$1200. KWM-2A, 312-B4, Speaker and Homebrew Power Supply, \$600. Contact Charlie Benton, NQ4X at 964-5800.

For Sale - WB4ZNH has been offered \$400 for the excellent condition 75S-3B Receiver. Going once....

Needed - Bulletin board software for a TRS-80 Model III. Intention is to start a DX (only) BBS. WB4ZNH.

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### 1983 Budget

The following budget is submitted to the membership for consideration at the March meeting. Keep in mind that even though we call this the '83 budget, that the executive board is required by the by-laws to

review the budget in 6 months.

INCOME:

Membership dues (140).....\$2520.00  
 1982 Surplus.....1014.00  
 Banquet (loss).....(-197.00)  
 TOTAL on hand.....3337.00

PROJECTED INCOME:

Potential new members (10).....180.00  
 Room funds/Door prizes.....400.00

TOTAL INCOME.....3917.00

EXPENSES:

Office Supplies.....47.00  
 Programs.....100.00  
 Paper, Postage, and Photocopying....850.00  
 Meeting Room (\$20x10months).....200.00  
 Refreshments.....150.00  
 Door Prizes.....275.00  
 Yearbook.....100.00  
 Annual Awards.....300.00  
 SEDX Club Pins.....350.00  
 Hamfest Hospitality.....125.00  
 25th Anniversary or Special Events...420.00

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE GOOD OF DXING:

DXpeditions.....375.00  
 QSL Card Donation.....375.00

SURPLUS/EMERGENCY FUNDS/CARRY OVER.....250.00

TOTAL BUDGET.....3917.00

The scheme for distribution of Contributions is the same as it has been in years past, with one small addition.

To qualify for a contribution to a DXpedition, the country must be in the top 50 needed countries of the SEDX Club as determined by the annual want-lists supplied by the members.

Contributions by club members are matched by the Club up to 25% of the budgeted amount or the remaining amount, whichever is lesser, if the country is in the top 25.

Contributions by club members are matched by the Club up to 10% of the budgeted amount or the remaining amount, whichever is lesser, if the country is in the top 50.

Donations for (of) QSL cards are possible for any DX station operating from a country in the top 100.

If the QSL Manager is a Southeastern DX Club member and the QSL Cards

bear the SEDX Club logo, the station is entitled to 25% of the budgeted amount or the remaining amount, whichever is lesser, if the country is in the top 25. If the QSL Manager is a Southeastern DX Club member and the QSL Cards bear the SEDX Club logo, the station is entitled to 10% of the budgeted amount or the remaining amount, whichever is lesser, if the country is in the top 50.

(This is the new part.) If the station is in the top 50 countries, the station can receive 1000 free SEDX Club QSL Cards imprinted with his/her callsign and Qsl information. If the station is in the top 100 countries, the station can receive 500 free SEDX Club QSL Cards imprinted with his/her callsign and QSL information.

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CODE FREE AMATEUR LICENSE - will soon be upon us. The FCC has issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FCC 83-23) which effectively says they ARE going to do it. The only input they want from amateurs is whether we would prefer an Experimenter Class license with no-code or the technician class license with no-code! The deadline for comments is 29 April. Personally, your editor feels that we should each and everyone write to the Commission with our most strenuous objections and likewise petition our Senators and Representative to collar this run-away and destructive FCC! Let us hear your comments to be included in the April DX Club Newsletter before the deadline on comments.

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The Northern California DX Club will host the 34th International DX Convention at Visalia on April 22-24. Programs begin Saturday. Guests will be SMØAGD, who last year operated from ZK1AF, 3D2DX, C21NI, T2AGD, T3OCB, ZM7AG, FWOAG, T31AE, T32AJ, 5W1EC, SMØAGD/NH8 and /KH1. In years past Eric has operated from Bangladesh, Rwanda, Lesotho, Equitorial Guinea, Guinea Bissau, and the list goes on! Others include Al Fischer, K8CW, of VKØCW and PYØ (St. Peter and Paul Rocks), Lloyd and Iris Colvin (I won't even try!), and many others. Preregistration prize is an IC-730 and the Grand Prize is a TS-930S! This is quite a show. I wish I could go back again this year. K4GFH has preregistration forms and you can call (800) 238-8000 for room reservations. 73 wb4znh