



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB

W4NT

HEADQUARTERED IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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Meeting Date: March 20, 1984
Time: 7:30 PM (Local)
Place: Lutheran Church at the corner of Peachtree
and Narmore. (2 Blocks North of Phipps Plaza.)

THE FEBRUARY PROGRAM was a VHS tape made by the Franklin Radio Club (and loaned to us by the Dixie DXers) that is designed to get folks into the mood to work a contest. I understand that the tape along with the instructions and hints by Hugh, N4RJ, made a quite nice program. The proposed budget was accepted as recommended and it is appropriate to add here that your club officers will do everything they can to minimize the club's expenses and expenditures. We had to budget for a "worst case" situation and hopefully we will have some surplus in 6 months when we reevaluate the club budget again.

THE MARCH PROGRAM will be a demonstration of SEVERAL popular computers and HAM Radio related SOFTWARE (emphasis will be on DX record keeping and Contesting but we hope to have RTTY stuff also). The Door-prize will be a BRAND-NEW 16K COMPUTER. TELL ALL YOUR FRIENDS! WE MUST MAXIMIZE DONATIONS TO PAY FOR THE FREE 16K COMPUTER!

LICENSE RENEWAL REMINDER-Need new renewal dates for K0ALL, K4STK, K05G, and WA4JTI.

DXPO ATLANTA 1985 - It may appear a bit early but announcements for DXPO are already appearing in QST and other Amateur publications. Some concerns about the financing of DXPO were voiced at the February meeting and these are very legitimate in nature. Unfortunately, so very few of us have any real experience putting together a show of this type, it is almost impossible for us to anticipate our total expenditures. We are taking advantage of each volunteer's personal expertise. The money being set aside for DXPO is intended to be more or less a one-time expense. By taking money from 3 annual budgets, 1983, 1984 and 1985, we avoid spreading ourselves so thin as to endanger the goals of our Club. Theoretically, the proceeds from DXPO will replenish this fund thereby minimizing the pain of keeping it going every other year.

Fund raising will be necessary if we want to insure a real first class operation. Personally, I am donating a couple of things to be sold to raise money for DXPO. One item to be sold at the March meeting is a souvenir from 5U7. Donations of money or saleables will be appreciated. Volunteers are still needed for other jobs.

Upon examining the advertising rates of the major Ham publications, it became obvious that in spite of the nice discounts offered to the club by CQ and 73 Magazine and the relatively inexpensive rates of World Radio News, the most cost effective approach is direct mail. I already have a database of almost 800 DXers world-wide and the committee headed up by Bill Carnes, NZ4Y, has ALREADY looked up several hundred addresses for W4s whose call signs have appeared on the DXCC endorsement pages over the past year!

CONTEST CORNER by K4DLI: Well, gang, let's get the year's contest off to a good start. I hope everyone did well in the ARRL DX Phone contest. Since this is written before the contest, I don't know how well I did but I am sure going to be in there on 75 and 40 trying to get a lot of new ones on those bands.

Get me your March scores as soon as possible, no later than March 31. That way we will be able to present the award at the April meeting. Call them to me at 404-993-1767 or during the day at 404-955-1775.

The April contest will be a QRP contest that runs all month. Very simple -- (continued)

HOT: LOOK FOR YV5EED DXPEDITION TO "ANGLE FALLS" WEEK OF MARCH 26. THEY WILL BE USING A SPECIAL "4M" CALL AND A SPECIAL QSL CARD.

just run 10 watts or less and see how many different countries you can work. Use any band or any mode. This should separate the men from the boys. I will be in the latter class, I am afraid.

We have added one contest more than was first listed. This will be to see who can work the most countries during the rest of the year. It will run from March 20 until December 20. Each country counts once regardless of band or mode. So get in there and start working them on March 20.

The reason it is starting March 20th is to give the out of town gang a chance to read about it in the bulletin and be ready to go. Unfortunately, there may be two expeditions that will be over by the time the contest starts. Oh well --- you can't win them all.

The reason for cutting off on December 20th is so we can get the final scores in and make the award to the top DXer of the Southeastern DX Club at next January's banquet.

Next time I hope to have more details on our other contests and may also present the method I am using to feed my inverted "L" antenna that works pretty well on 80 and 160 meters.

Till then, good DX and 73. Jim (K4DLI)

AN OUT-OF-TOWN MEMBER wrote a letter with his renewal indicating that reading in the bulletin about our donations to DXpeditions helped make the decision to renew. There is very little service we can provide for our non-local members. Identity with our group and the positive helpful image we try to project is probably foremost, but once the person gets within range of the Honor Roll there is even less advantage for the out-of-town member. The expanded newsletter and the license renewal reminder service are attempts at providing incentives for distant memberships. If anyone one can think of any service which we might provide at little or no cost, please bring it to our attention.

EACH YEAR we have some members who choose not to renew. Likewise, we have new members in just about the same numbers. Growth just for growth's sake is not necessarily good. We need to grow by recruiting budding DXers to come look us over. If you know a potential club member and would like to send him/her a sample club bulletin, just let our Secretary, WA4HNL know the address and we will send a copy.

SOME OF THESE PEOPLE have already advised us that they will not be renewing their membership. If your call is listed here then it is probably too late to get in the Club roster/wantlist book. If we have not received your dues by the April mailing, then your name will be removed from the mailing list. If you should change your mind in the future the dues will be pro-rated.

K4BAM, K4BBF, KC4CM, WB4CSW, AA4DR, N4DXX, AA4GA, W4GBU, W4HR, KC4IT, WB4JKY, WB4LJP, WD4LRB, KD4NB, W4NET, WA4NIB, W4PPT, K3PPY, W4PTH, WB4RUA, WA4SSU, KB4TS, WA4UNZ, K4UWJ, N4VZ, NT4W, WA4WLZ, N4WQ, KA4WUW, ND4Y, W4YH, & AE4Z.

MEET THE DXERS

This month's profile is NOT a super-duper Contester or Big-gun DXer. Most people who know Jack McClain just think of him as a real nice guy to chat with on two meters or to count on for help with a Field Day operation. The proper way to describe Jack is as a well rounded, public spirited Ham Radio operator.

Jack received his operator's license during WW II and his station license, W4KNW, in 1946. Right after the war, young Jack McClain was stationed in Southern (naturally!) Turkey and actually operated first from TA1KX. His equipment consisted of a Collins 32RA transmitter and a Hammerlund Super Pro receiver. Jack was always a CW man and when he did get home to Birmingham, Jack built a 6L6 driving a 6L6 crystal controlled 40M CW transmitter and bought himself a National SW-3 receiver.

Jack was one of the first 5 Hams in the Birmingham area to get on SSB. A group of them got together regularly (while their wives played bridge) and all ordered Central Electronics 10A kits at the same time. Over the years Jack has also owned an Eldico and finally bought his present rig(Collins S-line)from Tommy Ack's father in 1959. (continued)

FOR SALE: TS-820S, SB-220 AMPLIFIER HARDLY USED IN PERFECT CONDITION.
MANY EXTRAS. CALL DR. RON LORBER, WB4WMK 396-9473.

While Jack has always been a DXer, he has been even more committed to public service. Jack has received recognition for his volunteer work with the Red Cross and public authorities during several disaster/emergency situations. Jack was the first amateur on the scene of the collision of two passenger trains and used his 10M mobile station to provide communications back to the Red Cross Headquarters in Birmingham. Some Railroad detectives interfered with the operation resulting in the Jefferson County Sheriff deputizing Jack and the other operator, W4RTP. Jack still has that Deputy Sheriff badge with W4KNW on it.

Jack was never one to collect "wallpaper" and it took former SEDX Club President Van Fair, W4GIW, to talk Jack into submitting for DXCC. So much time had elapsed before the effort to acquire the "pasteboard", that Jack had considerable difficulty tracking down some of the rarer ones he had worked years before! Jack's DXCC total is 319/302, still 4 shy of Honor Roll. His most memorable contact was with the famous Russian Polar Explorer, Ernst, who held the call RAEM for life in honor of his Artic exploration in the 1920s.

Jack asked for one of those "new-fangled" 2X1 calls when he renewed in 1978 and received AE4Q. Just a couple of years previous to that, Jack had unanimously been selected by the Club to be a check point for CQ Awards. Jack asked me to remind everyone that he has all the forms for the CQ Awards and can check cards for everything but 5BWAZ.

Jack and Mildred will soon celebrate their 40th anniversary and they have one daughter, Wendy, age 23. While Mildred never acquired any desire to become a Ham as many of their friends' wives, she has always enjoyed having Jack nearby, parked in front of the radio. Jack has worked for the Phone company (now AT&T Communications) for 37 years and will retire in about 2 more years. When asked about his plans for retirement, Jack responded that he had plenty to do. He has been heavily involved in church work and doesn't anticipate having much spare time on his hands. You know, I'll bet he won't!

YVØ - Aves Island (Bird Island). Hope you worked this one. Aves doesn't come on very often and when it does it isn't on very long! Bring your Qsl card and/or your donation to the Club meeting for group mailing with Club matching donation.

STRAYS

CQWW WPX SSB RESULTS - Fourth call area 80 Meter winner (3rd in U.S.A.) was SEDX Club member, WA4FBH. Congratulations, Barry McDonnell! Hope the new baby girl is doing fine!

PIGS IN SPACE! NO, HAMS IN SPACE. THE SOLOMON ISLANDS are issuing a commemorative first day cover of the first Ham operation from space. Bill Barr, N4NX, is ordering a quantity with 20 extra. If you are interested in one, call Bill at (404) 993-3631.

CONGRATULATIONS to KØALL, Ron Roche, SEDX Club member appointed SCM of North Dakota! Ron believes our club has one of the highest HONOR ROLL percentages in the country. It would be interesting to be able to compare with other groups. By referring to the back cover of our 1983 Roster/Want-list, you can see that a year ago we had 21 members on the Honor Roll. That was almost 12% of the total membership! Wonder what it will be this year?

CONGRATULATIONS TO KC4BX'S QSL MANAGER - Betty just received N4JWT! Before long, it will be Grover who is the QSL manager! Nice going, Betty!

HELP! K4DLI - 9M2, 0Y, and TN. N4NX - VKØ MacQ(CW), ZL8/K (CW). WB4ZNH - XU.

The "HELP" column is for you. If you are chasing a particularly elusive DX station(s) let your editor know and you will be listed in the "HELP" column for up to three prefixes.

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR your DXPO ribbon to Kennahoochie, Charlotte, Dayton and Visalia!!!!

K4PI, your 1984 program chairman, is looking for suggestions, requests and ideas for programs. Your input will be appreciated. Call Mike at 942-4576.

INTERNATIONAL 16Ø METER OPERATORS GATHERING - Suite 325, Stouffer's Dayton Plaza Hotel, during the 1984 DAYTON HAMVENTION. Slide presentations include: HZ1AB, VK9ZR, VKØJS, P41C, HKØBKK, and HKØCOP. Additional info contact: (SEDXC mem.) K8CFU, 347 Jackson Rd., Fletcher, NC 28732, or Barry(W9UCW) or Joyce Boothe, 7Ø5 May Ct., Channahon, IL 60410.

SELEBI PHIKWE - in Botswana - is the location of a budding Radio Club to which the SEDXC is extending the fraternal handshake. We are mailing our bulletin to A22CA and A1 has promised to report on the progress of their little club. We understand there will soon be some novices on the air from Selebi Phikwe thanks mainly to A22CA, A22TE, and A22ME.

THE TRADER

FOR SALE or TRADE: TRS-80 MODEL II with Disk Drive expansion (total of 3 each 8-inch floppy disks); much software on MANY diskettes; Radio Shack Dot Matrix Printer, LP-VI. Call Jim Mullins, KC4IX, at 993-1234 (office).

FREE: GLA-1000 with the purchase of nice KWM-2 and Power Supply. FOR SALE - IBM PC, with or without Color/Graphics and Multi-function boards. WB4ZNH, 478-3255.

FOR SALE: BC-221 Freq. meter, manual, and ORIGINAL military A/C PS; \$55. Various ARC-5 military surplus equipment. WANTED: 3 drawer steelmaster 5" X 6-1/2". Call Bill, N4NX, at 993-3631.

NIGER REPUBLIC - As should be obvious to all, Martha and I were not granted permission to operate from 5U7. A local DXer made a comment about that being my first failure. That isn't true. It's just that since I don't spend a month or two on 20M talking about my plans, you don't really hear too much when they don't pan out. This is actually the third time Martha and I have gone somewhere and were denied permission. The other two times we were able to get on from another place, taking some of the sting out of the loss. This trip to Niamey was, however, our most expensive disappointment.

The official response came just a few hours too late for us to go to our announced alternate of 3V8. Two flights a week aren't many! We did take advantage of that final weekend and drove to the W Park. (The Niger River forms a W at that point.)

We never were able to determine the objection to Amateur Radio and we never did actually get to speak directly with the person who had the power to say yes. We never did find out for sure exactly who that person was! Niger has a finely tuned Government bureaucracy. The Military seemed to be the one to object. The PTT was quite PRO-Ham Radio. We were assured that if the approval came, the actual licensing would only take one day. Martha and I were very well impressed with the Government of Niger. There was an openness and a complete lack of the corruption we have seen in some other countries.

We were advised that the PTT is holding over 20 amateur applications (KC7UU's as well!) and when they "receive the green light" they will license them all. We were told the applications came from England, Germany, France and the U.S.

We took pictures and will have a program for the club in the near future. Our next operation will be from (phonetic spelling) ZETA ZOONY.

The Club received a nice article written by G3UHK and G8AUU on VHF FM operations and Reciprocal licensing in Europe. The article is too large to be included in our bulletin but anyone interested should contact the Club Secretary, WA4HNL, Joel Levine. These authors have also written a book which includes details of the requirements of each of many countries including the address of the country's licensing administration, details of the information required, the advance notice recommended, the fees and charges, and the customs formalities. The book also includes maps showing repeaters and other information.

YOUR BULLETIN still needs contributing authors. I really enjoy writing the bulletin, but things are getting very hectic around here, and then I will have to have some relief. Would someone please help? Just an occasional month would be of GREAT assistance.

BULLETIN COPYING - Our thanks to Joel Levine, WA4HNL, for copying this month's bulletin. Please help if you can! If you can "host" the bulletin copying one month, please call our Secretary, Joel, WA4HNL, at 394-5466 with the information.
