

SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB

THE SOUTH'S
PREMIER
DX CLUB

W4NT

March 1994

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION

Tuesday Mar. 15th, 7:30 PM, Old Hickory House in the Days Inn, Roswell Rd., just inside I-285.

FROM THE VP

-Delaine McCarthy, KM4FV, VP

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

-John Smith, KI4XO, President

Welcome to Spring! Weather is getting nice and time to get on with all those projects around the antenna farm. We have been under the weather somewhat here at the home QTH but managed to work several hours in the 160 meter phone contest. Be sure to get your logs to K4JRB, Dave Thompson, for the SEDXC credits for the phone contest. Almost everyone I contacted commented on Georgia being on their minds as being all over the bands. Now if we can get all the logs and scores in, we will do great. I noticed a drastic increase in the PA, NJ, NY calling in during the contest so our competition is on the rise this year.

I have received copies of letters from Val, N4RJ and the response from Mr. Miller, the governor, about the license plate fees. He has noted Val's concern over the fees for plates. Great work! Maybe the \$25 dollar fee will be rescinded.

The last item for the month is that Mike, K4PI, has arranged for ON4UN to appear in town after Dayton for a brief visit to speak on May 3, 1994, at the Perimeter Terraces office building theater. The facility holds 135 people with plenty of parking. The time for the event is 7 to 9 PM. A 1\$ donation is requested per person. Please try to attend as he is an excellent authority on low band DX and the author of several books and papers on the topic. Most notable publication is "Low Band Dx'ing" by John, ON4UN.

Hope to see all of you at the next meeting. Till then good DX!

73 de John, KI4XO

Greetings, friends! Dale (K4HGG) did a terrific job last month with his presentation of his trip to Tanzania. He had a good story with great slides of the animals and the countryside. I'm sure we could all "rough it" for a while to get to see such a beautiful natural wildlife area. Thanks, Dale, and bring your wife to the meetings more often, it was nice to have her there.

On March 15, Neil Foster (KC4MJ) will bring us another good program. This time we are going to Geneva, to 4U1ITU. He operated radio from there and has some good experiences to tell us about. Again, I say, how lucky we are to have so many folks who have been so many places. Would anyone like to hear about my trip up the "big" hill at Vogle State Park on my trusty Bridgestone bicycle with my favorite 2 meter HT at my side? Probably not.

Hope everyone got to work Peter the 1st. Great propagation most of the time. I'm sure some of the "big guns" worked them on all bands.

Last Sunday, Mac, N4SE, and I spent four hours at the SciTrek radio station (STARS, SciTrek Amateur Radio Station). It was a great experience! It was very impressive and very well done. We should be proud of our amateur radio exhibit and I encourage everyone in SEDXC to volunteer. To volunteer your time for this very worthwhile venture, call Neil, KC4MJ for more details.

Our club is really growing. Last month we had over 60 people there. If you didn't make it last month, try to join us on March 15 and bring a friend.

CUL Delaine, KM4FV

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SEDXC MEETING HELD 10/18/93

-Buddy Harrell, W4OUN, Sec.

MINUTES OF SEDXC MEETING HELD 02/15/94

The meeting was called to order by President John Smith at approximately 7:30 PM. Several visitors were introduced including KE4CXI - Margaret, KE4IHB - KP, Eric, and KQ4BG - Jim. Welcome all!!!!

The SEDXC now has several new ARRL DXCC Field Checkers. In fact, it is believed we now have more than any other club. Joining KC4MJ - Neil as DXCC checkers are KB4MJ - Sam Silverman, K4ODL Randy, KI4XO - John, WA4CUG - Tad, and W8BLA - Verne. Tad & Verne can also check WAS and VUCC submissions. Tad can check CQ awards including WAZ, WPX, and CQ DX Award. See these fellows if you have questions.

It was announced that we are now classified as an ARRL Special Services Club. A booklet is currently being circulated among officers and club members which explains what this means. It is anticipated this will expand the scope of the activities with which we are currently involved.

KC4MJ - Neil and W4QO - Jim reported on Scitrek progress. There have been two good work parties. The station will open February 18 with a "soft opening", i.e., no newspaper coverage, etc. It is anticipated the station will be associated with a major supplier who will be furnishing four complete operating positions. More volunteers are needed!!!!

K4LDR - Pete has volunteered to start an outgoing QSL bureau. It was moved, seconded, and passed that his offer be accepted. Details and rules concerning this can be found elsewhere in the bulletin.

There was discussion of batching up all cards for the Peter I DXpedition as an entity from the SEDXC. Get your cards to Pete. He will handle it. Also, the 3YØ QSL team has requested that only one card per mode should be submitted. One band entry on the front of the card, all others on the back.

A reminder, get your CQ 160M contest logs to Dave - K4JRB or Verne - W8BLA. Do not send to CQ Magazine.

Delaine reported that there is a new 610 form. The FCC will not accept the old one. If you have questions or need a form, contact Delaine.

Larry, N4TMW reported on the 160M contest plaques. He is close to being ready to send them out.

A SEDXC Hall of Fame plaque was presented to Bob Allphin, K4UEE. Bob was one of the original recipi-

ents announced back in July but has just now been available due to travel schedule, etc. Congratulations Bob and thanks for the contacts over the years.

Dale - K4HGG and his XYL presented a very entertaining and informative slide presentation on their recent trip to Tanzania.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:20 PM.

73's and DX, Buddy/W4OUN

NEW SEDXC MEMBER SERVICE OUTGOING DX QSL BUREAU

SEDXC members attending the February '94 meeting voted to consolidate club members' DX bureau bound QSLs and mail to the ARRL Outgoing DX QSL Bureau. The postage and ARRL handling fee will be funded by the SEDXC. This will be a trial for six months (March thru August '94) to learn if the membership will utilize this opportunity.

BRING your DX QSL's to SEDXC meetings and deliver to K4LDR Pete Shaw or KE4CXI Margaret Shaw. If they should be absent, deliver to KR4DA Bob DeGrippe or AD4JU Chuck Calmbacher. They live very near and can relay. If you can't make a meeting and are anxious, hand deliveries are OK. DX Cluster message to or Phone K4LDR in Lawrenceville 978-2877 for arrangements/directions.

Here are the rules.

(1) Only cards bound for DX QSL bureaus are acceptable by ARRL.

(2) Look in the current DXCC List/Booklet (or other references) to learn if the country has an incoming bureau. If not, ARRL won't handle and will toss.

(3) No stateside destinations or stateside managers.

(4) Enclose with your QSL bundle your QST magazine mailing label. If you are not an ARRL member, sorry, you can't take advantage of this service.

(5) Family members (ARRL Family Membership) should indicate "family membership" on the primary member's address label.

(6) Print the destination station's Call Sign on the upper right corner on the back (mail address side) of your card. If the station you worked has a DX QSL Manager, print "via ON4XYZ" in the upper right corner.

(7) Presort your QSLs alphabetically by parent call-sign prefix (AP, C6, CE, DL, PY, U, 5N, 9Y, etc.). e.g. Prefix R and 4K would go with parent U. PT with PY, VA with VE, etc.

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(Continued from p2) K4LDR and KE4CXI will merge each individual's bundle into a larger mass alphabetically and ship to the ARRL. A cost accounting will be provided to the Treasurer by K4LDR for reimbursement of out-of-pocket postage and ARRL fee expenditures.

To give you an idea of the average cost per card, here are the statistics for recent shipments by K4LDR for members of another ARRL Affiliated ARC:

November - 240 cards, 1 lb. 8 oz, 2.875 cents per card.

December - 532 cards, 2 lbs 15 oz, 1.786 cents per card.

If you sent your cards direct to the ARRL outgoing DX QSL service the cost is 10 or less cards for a \$buck or 2 \$bucks per pound, plus postage. The average quantity of QSLs per pound = 183 +/- 3 cards in a mix of sizes and various card stock weights.

BRING your outgoing DX QSLs to the March meeting!!
-Buddy, W4OUN

GATHERING POINT

From 1957 to 1992, the club used 147.50 as a simplex ragchew frequency. For reasons I won't go into, we cannot use 147.50 anymore. The advent of packet has caused many to use their 2M rig for that function. There are many of us that would like to renew a DX ragchew frequency. 147.54 I believe would be the best choice. The DX voice (Marvin) bulletin station is still doing working well on 147.51. So if you've got a spare 2M rig, put it on 147.54 and monitor while you are in the shack. You might find some new friends and learn some DX secrets.

A reminder to turn in your 160 M scores no matter how small. It is all the small scores that win club competition, not a few big ones. PLEASE help the club out and send in your score! CU in the SSB contest.

-Mike, K4PI

FROM NEIL FOSTER, KC4MJ

Spoke to the outgoing buro at ARRL. They confirmed that they like the designation callsign on the front as well as the back corner. They say that makes the sort go faster.

Also, a reminder that the next program will be on 4U1ITU, Geneva, Switzerland and the Alps. It is rated "G" and is suitable for family viewing, hi!

-73 Neil, KC4MJ

ON4UN COMES TO ATLANTA!

John, ON4UN will be coming to Atlanta following the Dayton HamVention. He will be delivering a talk on low band DX'ing. We have arranged for the use of a theater near Perimeter Mall but the seating will be limited to the first 130 persons requesting tickets due to the size of the theater.

For reservations call Verne, W8BLA (642-2009, 518-4634), Dick, K2UFT (913-3624) or Andy, KD4ABB (333-8385).

TURN IN YOUR 160 M SCORES!

CLUB BADGES

An insert for the Signman is included in this issue if you would like a custom SEDXC name badge. As you can see from the sample, there is room for your DXCC pin as well as putting one of our new pins on the other. Help promote the club!

TREASURER'S REPORT

-de John Tramontanis, N4TOL

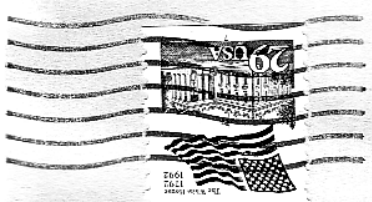
Balance 12/31/93 (Checkbook)	\$1,893.98
Deposits:	
Raffle & Pins	169.00
Plaques 160	230.00
Peter I	120.00
Memberships	65.00
Subtotal	<u>3206.63</u>
Expenses:	
Newsletter (Jan)	90.30
Bank Charges (Jan)	10.00
Total Expenses	<u>100.30</u>
Balance Checking 1/31/94	<u>\$3106.33</u>

A reminder that \$1,470 of this balance is earmarked specifically for 160 meter award plaques which the club is administrating the receipt and flow of funds. Also, all those who pledged Peter I, please submit your checks soon so I can close out the accounting for that DXpedition.

-73 de N4TOL, John

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 N4UCK 145.65, 144.97
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 KK4JF 145.71 (also 1200)

DX COMMUNICATION FREQ.

Simplex 147.50
 Melvin 147.51
 K4JPD Repeater (tone 7)
 147.795/T-195/R
 W8BLA/R 442.075+

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