



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB

W4NT

*THE
SOUTH'S
PREMIER
DX CLUB*

March 1996

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION

Tuesday, March 19th, 7:30 PM, Old Hickory House in the Days Inn, Roswell Rd., just inside I-285.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

-Steve Schmidt, KR4DL, President

I was trapped in Florida for the beginning of the 160 phone contest. Work ran late, I had to skip two flights and the one I managed to catch was forty-five minutes late. I didn't check my bags (would have been disastrous on Atlantic Southeast Airlines) to save time and tried to hurry home (from Gate D-32) to start operating. I missed the first six hours and any chance to work Europe the first night.

On the bright side, Dave, K4JRB, worked only the first night and amassed over 100,000 points. I'm still analyzing the "multee" antenna in the Antenna Book to figure out just how he did that! I heard Ron, AB4RU, putting in a big multi-single effort, shorthanded (sorry Ron). Heard many others, so I know many of you were there.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you that put in an effort for the club. Now let's get those logs in! We're currently running about fourth place in the club standings, behind FRC, PVRC and YCCC. Probably no way we can catch FRC, but the latter two are beatable. If you haven't sent in your CW log, it's not too late! Just send it in with your Phone log. Send the logs to David L. Thompson, K4JRB. He likes disks with a CT.Bin or NA.Bin file, but a paper log will work just fine. See the rules in November CQ magazine, page 120 for more complete information. Don't forget to show your club affiliation in the appropriate spot!

Kiyoshi, AE4EZ, reports that Ken's (JA1CMD/AD4WF) trip to Christmas Island has been pushed back five days. He'll be on Christmas as VK9XH on March 24th and 25th, then will operate from Cocos-Keeling as VK9CA from March 26th through the 30th. He's only running 100 watts, so this

one will be tough for us little pistols. He'll be focusing on some low band operating; QSL to Kiyoshi.

Many of you may have read about the upcoming DXpedition to Raoul Island in the Kermadecs. Al Hernandez, WA3YVN, will join ZL2HU, ZL2DX, ZL2TT, ZL2AL and a Japanese operator to be named later. They will be on for eleven days (May 4-14) with four complete HF stations and have been given rare permission to remain on the island around the clock for the entire eleven days.

Al has requested financial support from the SEDX Club and has provided material supporting the viability of their operation. Kermadec ranks 14th as the overall "most needed" country and 10th as the "most needed" from the eastern United States. We'll probably raise this issue at the next meeting. Hope to see you there!

73, Steve, KR4DL

FROM THE VP

-Sonny Marsh, KE4LDJ, VP

Well, the 160 contest has come and gone and I hope everyone had lots of contacts. I was no help at all because I still don't have an antenna for 160. I asked "ALL" the other night on the packet what was the lowest SFI anyone remembered seeing. My lowest response was 63. Any of you ever see it lower than that?

I was unable to get a live speaker for next month's meeting so we will have the Peter I Dxpediton video. I'm sure most of you have seen it, but you must agree it's one of the best. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

-73, Sonny, KE4LDJ

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MINUTES, SEDXC MEETING 1/16/96

-Buddy Harrell, W4OUN, Sec.

MINUTES FROM JANUARY, 1996 MEETING

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30 PM. After the usual round of introductions, everyone was requested to sign the attendance list. It was motioned, seconded, and approved that the minutes from the last meeting be accepted.

OLD BUSINESS Nancy reminded everyone that the club will handle outbound DX QSL cards for members and DX'ers for whom club members may be QSL Managers. Any questions on how it works or clarification of rules, call Nancy. Also, Nancy is going to try to get Scitrek cards for W4NT.

\$485 was collected for the AD4NQ fund. A motion was made and passed to provide matching funds of 10%.

According to Bylaws, a membership list is to be published within 60 days of a new slate of officers taking office. The list is now in electronic form and should be published to accompany the next newsletter. Also, Steve is in the process of updating the Constitution and Bylaws.

It was announced that Kioshi will handle QSL cards for VK9XH Cocos-Keeling.

NEW BUSINESS Dick, K2UFT presented a proposal for an award for working members and alumni of SEDXC. This could be especially desirable in this Olympics year. Bill Barr has some certificates and info from a previous awards program. It was decided to proceed with the achievement award as proposed by Dick.

Other awards and call info. WB4ZNH discussed that the club will be 40 years old in 98. We could apply for use of special calls such as WB40ZNH. N4UCK is also working on use of "400" prefix during the Olympic year.

Carl Henson led a discussion of DXCC qualifications and some of the recent decisions made vis-a-vis Yemen, Aruba, etc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS John, K4BAI expressed thanks to the club for the opportunity to represent the club at the WRTC. Bill Fisher KM9P will be his team member.

PROGRAM John, K4BAI, presented info on WRTC and discussed some of the changes since the 1990 contest.

73 & DX, Buddy W4OUN

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Nancy Draheim, NK4U

Balance 1/31/96 (Checkbook)	\$2315.87
Income:	\$422.00
Expenses:	
QSL Outgoing Buro	5.40
Andy AD4NQ Fund	550.00

Balance Checking 2/28/96	\$2182.47
See everyone on the 20th.	
	-73, Nancy NK4U

BEEPS DE K2UFT

-Dick Bentley, K2UFT, Activities Director

Coming up March 30-31, CQ World Wide WPX Contest. Complete rules in the January issue of CQ magazine. Interestingly, this contest was rated by recent respondents in a K1AR survey as the #2 contest of only 7.5% of those responding and none put it in the #1 column at all. If you have a relatively unique prefix, such as NQ4I, you'll have a built-in demand since prefixes are the multipliers.

Found a neat graphic featuring a night time shot of downtown Atlanta that we won't have to pay royalties on for the back drop of our forthcoming award. Its still under construction, so stayed tuned. Hope to have it printed and advertised prior to the big event downtown - the Atlanta Ham Festival of course, what else were you thinking? Since our bulletin gets World Wide distribution on the Web, I can't mention that other event without fear of lawsuit or demand for royalties.

The Atlanta Ham Festival is also under construction and we've arranged for heavy exposure on the World Wide Web. Check into the following site if you can: [HTTP://WWW.EVENTS2000.COM/ARCHAMFEST.html](http://WWW.EVENTS2000.COM/ARCHAMFEST.html) The Web Page includes full details of the site (Old Sears Bldg. downtown), date & times (June 8 & 9), facility and site maps, instructions and application forms for commercial and flea market space.

See you at the meeting March 19.

-73 Dick, K2UFT - Activities Manager

1996 Atlanta HamFestival
June 8 - 9, 1996
WE'RE BAAAAACK...FOR '96

We've moved the date back to June 8-9 to accommodate the Olympic Centennial Games.

We've negotiated exhibition space in historic City Hall East. Many of you will remember it as the Sears store on Ponce de Leon. The facilities feature a covered outdoor boneyard, copious air conditioned commercial space and indoor flea market space, all reasonably priced. Commercial electric hookups will be free. We are passing along the savings to our exhibitors and guests as we learn to work with our new location.

Free, guarded parking for RV's will be available in adjacent parking areas.

The Hamfestival has been sanctioned by the ARRL and has been designated the ARRL Georgia State Convention for 1996.

You might say the Olympics Centennial has been the force that will return us to our hamfest roots - outdoor tailgating in June when the temperature seldom exceeds 90°. June '96 will be a great time to be in Atlanta. Our location is near the Carter Presidential Center, King Center, Scitrek, Zoo Atlanta and convenient to all of the amenities of downtown Atlanta. Plenty of media technicians (many of whom are hams) will be in town setting up for the games.

What more could you ask? Here's where to ask:

General Information:

CALL: Marty Reynolds, HamFestival Chairman, on 404-814-9304

INTERNET: MARTY@AA4RM.RADIO.ORG

WEBSITE: HTTP://WWW.EVENTS2000.COM/ARCHAMFEST.html

Commercial Vendors CALL: Bill Bass 770-493-8438

DXPEDITION to VK9C & VK9X

DATE CHANGE

1. QRV From COCOS KEELING Callsign:

VK9CA Date: March 26-30, 1996

2. QRV from CHIRISTMAS Is. Callsign:VK9HX

Date: March 24-25, 1996

3. Both QRV: Band: 160 ~10m, All Band, Mostly

WARC Band. Mode: CW/SSB RIG: 100W

Only(Legal Power under regulation of VK)

Op. Ken, AD4WF & JA1CMD

73? Kiyoshi Endo. AE4EA & JA0BSL

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DX TIDBITS

-Rick, N4XMX

Two big contests since the last meeting! Starting off was the CQ 160M phone. Had limited time to spend but made a run at it. Each time I push a little further towards the west coast. The sixes don't really start until around midnight anyway. Sometimes I wish I had a long wire up but then there are people I can hear but can't hear me! Oh well. The Carribbean is still hit or miss depending on conditions and the operators. Very frustrating to hear someone continuously CQ, get no strong answer but refuse to try to work a weaker station. What is there to lose?

Thought I was going to miss the ARRL DX phone contest by being out of town but at the last minute, things changed. Friday night worked a bunch of 20M EU just to put some stuff in the log. Then, I figured, time to buckle down and work some 160/80/40. Need some more low bands for 5BDXCC anyway. (one does have to decide whether to contest or chase DX!) Threw all the switches to connect to the big GAP, hooked in the MFJ SWR checker and lo and behold, it won't load! Not even close! On 160/80/40 the SWR could not be tuned anywhere near. Went to bed.

Next morning, went out to examine antenna. Turns out the kids had tripped over the couterpoise wire connection and broken it! A quick fix and it's ready for Saturday night. ON4UN big signal on 80! Got Carlos at TIIC on 160. Always nice to hear "You're 59 KW, Rick." I don't care what CD or software he's running, it's a nice touch. I go out of my way to work him, regardless of band. Good QSL'er too (through manager). Moral: Contest stations, be nice. Someone might work you who really doesn't need another P4, VP5 or VP9 card.

-CU in the pileups...

Rick, N4XMX

Big Contest Score!

The following Southeastern DX Club member was listed prominently in the scoring for:
1995 CQWW WPX SSB Contest: P40R (Bob, K4UEE op.) was 2nd in the world with 15,705,995 points from Aruba, missing first by just 126,800 points. Way to go, Bob!

Article IV.
Meetings of the Club

- A. Regular Meetings shall be held once each month at a time and place selected by the Officers of the Club.
- B. Special Meetings may be held at a time and place selected by the Officers of the Club provided that at least seven days notice is given the full membership by First Class Mail.

Article V.
Activities of the Club

- A. Club Activities should include, but not be limited to:
 - 1. Participation in all DX contests of bona fide Amateur organizations shall be encouraged.
 - 2. Publication of an official Bulletin informing members of meeting content, DX and member news and so forth shall be ~~published~~ ~~maintained and continued~~.
 - 3. The Club shall render any technical, or clerical, *and or financial* assistance to DX Stations approved by the Club.
 - 4. The Club shall institute any Operating Achievement Awards deemed appropriate.
 - 5. The Club shall maintain a radio net for the benefit of the Membership. *For the purposes of this provision, publishing DX packetcluster frequencies and DX communication frequencies shall be deemed to satisfy this requirement.*
 - 6. The Club shall apply for and strive to maintain Club Affiliation with the ARRL.

Article VI.
Bylaws

- A. In addition to this Constitution, the Club shall be governed by a set of Bylaws designed to govern each Article of the Constitution and to be approved as soon as possible after adoption of this Constitution.

Article VII.
Amendments to this Constitution and Bylaws

- A. This Constitution and the Bylaws of the Club may be amended by a majority of Regular Members present at a meeting, providing the total Membership has been notified by First Class Mail of the pending action at least seven days prior to said meeting.

Bylaws of the Constitution of the Southeastern DX Club

1. The Club shall be governed as stated by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Southeastern DX Club according to Robert's Rules of Order.
2. Any motion by any member of the Club, or any ruling or action by the current *B*oard of Officers of the Club (*the "Board"*) which conflicts with any Article of the Constitution or any Bylaw of the Constitution of the Club shall be out of order and immediately so ruled by the *Presiding Officer*. Any *Regular* full *M*ember of the Club may challenge and request a vote on any ruling by the *Presiding Officer* of the Club. A simple majority of all *Regular M*embers voting yea shall overrule either the specific action of the *B*oard, or the ruling of the *Presiding Officer*. No *Officer* of the current *B*oard may vote on any challenge.
3. If any Article of the Constitution of the Club is deleted by amendment of the Constitution, any Bylaw pertaining to that Article of the Constitution of the Club shall also be deleted. Any proposed amendment to the Bylaws of the Club, or any motion which would change the intent of any Bylaw of the Club must be presented according to the same procedure as an amendment to the Constitution of the Club and shall require the same majority to pass.
4. In addition to the duties of each *Officer* of the Club as outlined by the Constitution of the Club, the *President* of the Club may assign additional duties to any *Officer*, including duties normally the responsibility of another *Officer*. If any *Officer* of the Club is unable to continue their duties, the *President* of the Club, or *Vice President* if the *Officer* resigning is the *President*, shall appoint any member of the Club to fulfill the remaining term of the retiring *Officer* with the single exception that an *Associate M*ember may not be appointed to the office of *Vice President* of the Club. If both the *President* and *Vice President* resign, the remaining *Officers* of the board will immediately follow the procedures for election of a complete board of *Officers*. During such time as elapses before such election occurs, the remaining *Officers* of the Board shall serve as a joint committee, with all powers normally exercised by the full *B*oard of *Officers*. The term of office by the newly elected *B*oard shall expire at such time as would normally occur, except, if less than 2 months remain until the normal election of new *Officers*, the newly elected *Officers* shall serve for the remainder of the term of office of the previous *Officers*, and then for their normal term of office.
5. The *Secretary* of the Club shall be responsible for recording all *M*embers present at all meetings. Monthly membership attendance lists shall be retained for the last 12 months and the *Secretary* of the Club shall be responsible for passing this list to his elected successor.
6. Any *Regular* full *M*ember of the Club may, on any vote, demand that each *Regular M*ember present orally state his yea or nay to the current motion by requesting a roll call.
7. No amendment to the Constitution of the Club, or any Bylaw of the Club may be presented for consideration unless 50% of the *Regular M*embers of the Club are present. This requirement may be waived by a proper motion by any member of the Club. Unanimous consent by all *Regular* full *M*embers present shall be required for waiver of the 50% requirement.

8. The current President of the Club shall not be eligible for reelection as President of the Club, nor to the Office of Vice President of the Club. This does not exclude the nomination and election of the current President to any other office.

9. The President shall be directly responsible for the appointment of a committee comprised of *Regularfull* *M*members of the Club to nominate future *O*fficers of the Club. Of the current *B*oard of *O*fficers of the Club, only one may serve on the nominating committee. In addition to this exception, no *A*ssociate *M*member of the Club, nor any *Regular* *M*member of the Club who has served as an *O*fficer of the Club within the preceding 12 months, nor any *Regularfull* *M*member who has served on the nominating committee within the preceding 12 months may be appointed to the nominating committee. This Bylaw shall not prevent the election of any *A*ssociate *M*member of the Club to any office except President or Vice President. The intent of this Bylaw shall be that the nominating committee be comprised of a representative cross section of all *Regularfull* *M*members of the Club. No *M*member of the Club who has not attended at least 9 of the last 12 Club meetings may be nominated for any office.

10. No *M*member of the Club shall be permitted to offer any motion which would be to the direct detriment of any other *M*member or *M*members of the Club. Such a motion shall immediately be ruled out of order by the *P*residing *O*fficer.

11. All *M*members of the Club shall be bound by the Code of Ethics as presented by the ARRL, and shall not take any action or offer any motions for consideration which would be to the detriment of any other amateur radio operator, any other duly constituted radio amateur club, or the ARRL. Any motion by any *M*member of the Club which the *P*residing *O*fficer considers to be in conflict with this Bylaw shall immediately be ruled out of order.

12. All *F*ull *M*members of the Club are specifically charged with aiding all *A*ssociate *M*members of the Club toward the goal of *F*ull *M*membership. The Club itself shall dedicate its efforts in aiding all *M*members to upgrade to higher classes of license.

13. Any Bylaw of the Constitution of the Club, or any section of any Bylaw of the Club, which by 2/3 majority vote of all Club *M*members present is deemed to be in disagreement with the Articles of Constitution of the Club shall become null and void. The President shall then direct the Secretary of the Club to remove the entire Bylaw or section of the Bylaw. This action shall be printed in the next edition of the Club Newsletter. Nothing in this Bylaw shall be deemed to be in conflict with the Bylaw governing amendments to the Bylaws of the Club. This Bylaw shall not be applied in any manner to the Articles of the Constitution of the Club.

14. *The new slate of Officers each year shall be required to publish an updated roster of club members within 60 days of election*

CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB
(Revised)

Article I.

Name and Purpose of the Club

- A. The name of the Club shall be Southeastern DX Club, with permanent headquarters in Atlanta, GA, and shall hereinafter be referred to as "the Club."
- B. The purposes of the Club shall be to promote fraternalism among Radio Amateurs of the World having a prime interest in international Amateur Radio communications and to assist members in achieving a higher standing in the ARRL DX Century Club.

Article II.

Membership in the Club

- A. Membership in the Club shall be open to all Radio Amateurs holding an active Amateur License who are interested in international Amateur Radio Communication. Membership shall be in two classes:
1. Regular Members are those members who hold a valid post-*World War 2* DXCC award, issued by the American Radio Relay League. Regular Members are entitled to all Club privileges including the right to vote and to hold office.
 2. Associate Members are those members who have not yet received membership in DXCC. Associate Members can neither vote nor hold Office. Immediately upon receipt of the DXCC award, an Associate Member instantly and automatically becomes a Regular Member.
- B. Membership dues shall be assessed by the Officers of the Club herein-after provided for, and shall be approved by a majority vote of the Regular Members present at open meeting, provided the total Membership has been notified by First Class Mail of the pending action at least seven days prior to said meeting.
- C. Candidates for Membership shall be accepted provided they have received a majority vote of the Regular members present in open meeting.

Article III.

Officers of the Club

- A. Government of the Club shall be vested in the Officers of the Club consisting of five (5) Regular members elected each year by the Regular Members
- B. The Officers of the Club shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Activities Manager.