



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

THE
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DX CLUB

March 1997

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION

Tuesday, Mar. 18th, 7:30PM, Old Hickory House in the Days Inn, Roswell Rd., just inside I-285.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

-Steve Schmidt, K4WA, President

Once again, I was stuck in a Florida airport during the start of the CQWW 160 Phone contest. It seems we should be able to predict this... thunderstorms, bad weather, delayed flights for the weekend of any CQWW 160 contest. I feel I could call the Weather Channel and tell them the forecast for the last weekend in January next year. They'd probably think I was crazy. Just for the record, I predict thunderstorms.

I don't enjoy phone contests, and I'm not very good at them. Perhaps it's the wall to wall QRM. Maybe it's the lack of juice, or how the terrain affects my antennas (I run a maximum of 700 watts or so and the ground rises in all directions). At any rate, I'm sure you've guessed I didn't do well in the CQWW 160 Phone test. Oh, I got my 70,000+ points. But I got waxed by W4WA, K4UJ, and probably others. I think I missed a few QSO's with people who thought they had already worked me, but actually worked W4WA. I got several comments from people who said they almost passed me up, and from others who insisted I was a dupe until I convinced them I was KILOWATT four whiskey alpha. Even Ron thought I was a long-delayed echo at first when I worked him.

Timing is everything. Once, I handed my run frequency off to K4UJ while I went to make a quick cup of coffee. While I was gone, and he was CQing, he worked an S5 and an HB9. The HB9 was so loud I heard him from the kitchen. I dashed back to the rig and asked Paul if I could work him, but too late, the HB9 was gone. I finished without both multipliers.

Oh well, I still have CW contests to fall back on! Narrow filters work wonders for weeding the weak signals out of the QRM. I'll have to build my

confidence up with the next one. Perhaps that'll also assuage my distress over the loss of my 701A contacts for DXCC credit. This month's article will be short. I've got to spend time catching up with QSLs and figuring out how to delete credit for 70, et. al., from my logging program. Perhaps I'll see you at the next club meeting? I'd like that. I can always use a shoulder to cry on.

FROM THE VP

73, Steve K4WA

-Paul Pescitelli, K4UJ, VP

Thanks to those who worked Steve and I during the CQ WW 160 CW. Operating from KP4 was fun for us. At this month's meeting we are going to tell a short story on how two newbies to the DXpedition scene wasted two days of blood, sweat and tears.

Topband has been pretty good this season. I have managed to put about 5 new ones in the log. Hope you're enjoying it, soon we will hear nothing but the hiss of summer on 160.

Look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

73 - Paul K4UJ

BEEPS DE K2UFT

-Dick Bentley, K2UFT, Activities Director

Short article - editor short on time or patience (time! - ed.) Only two scores made it to my door step this time around:

CQ 160 SSB: AA4B M/S 1047 Q 56 States

33 Countries Total: 224,814

ARRL DX Test SSB:

K4BAI SO 232 Q 91 Multipliers Total: 63,336

Like I've said in the past, if you want to see it here you need to get it to me.

See you at the next meeting.

-73, Dick, K2UFT Activities Manager

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Nancy Draheim, NK4U

Balance 1/31/97 (Checkbook)	\$2078.60
Income:	\$65.00
Expenses:	
Bank Charges	10.00
Feb Newsletter	72.82
QSL Bureau and Post Office box	74.69
Door Prizes	48.10
Balance Checking 2/28/97	\$1937.99

Well, now I've been initiated and can claim Georgia as my home. While I was at my former home (Virginia) attending the Vienna Winterfest, an NCDXC meeting, and the Sterling Park QSL Bureau banquet, a tornado (that's what I call it, the weather bureau calls it a microburst) took everything above the 60 ft height on my tower. Of course, my neighbors are more concerned with the trees that snapped off and fell on their houses, garages, cars, etc. . . . but to lose an antenna, even in the low sun spot cycle, hurts. But the good news is the insurance adjuster came by, looked up, and said, "I don't know a thing about antennas, just fix it and send me a bill." OK, Nationwide. See you at the next meeting (with pictures) . . .

73, Nancy, NK4U, Treasurer

DX TIDBITS

-Rick, N4XXM

Once again I am running this issue to the printer at the last minute. If anyone has any articles for me, the absolute deadline is 12 days before the meeting (Sunday night). My printer has extra help on Monday and the issue can get out timely. If anyone has any better ideas or wants the job, let me know.

Sorry to read about the 701A, I needed that one. :(

CU in the pileups...

-Rick, N4XXM

SEDXC MINUTES 2/97

-Randy Tudor, K4ODL, Sec.

The meeting was called to order by K4WA Steve. Introductions were made and the guest list was passed for everyone to sign. Minutes approved from the last meeting. Steve ask who had not worked the S21XX. The QSL route for the S21 is DL3NEO. Steve needs the KH9 -please call Steve anytime if you hear KH9.

Old business - The new SEDX badges have not been ordered yet due to a problem with the vendor. Paul will try to find another source. Also, will allow more time for those people with new call's to get their order to Paul.

The new membership list was included in the last news letter.

Remember the 160 SSB test this weekend. We need the Club's support. A suggestion was made that we call all club members and ask for their help in the Test. After some discussion it was agreed that Paul would send an email to those members that have an email address asking for their support in the Test this weekend.

New business - Phil Latta wants to thank K2UFT Dick for his help in fixing the horizontal loop.

The Dx repeater (147.195) antenna has been moved to Douglasville.

Kennhoochee Hamfest will be on March 15th.

Announcements - 8Q7AF Feb 15-23 Q S L I8RIZ 8Q7CR Feb 12 - Mar 4 QSL DF5JR FT5ZG Feb - Nov 97 QSL F5RQQ JD1/JG8NQJ Now 'til Apr 23 QSL JA8CJY

We need a group to start working on the next slate of officers for next year. Please be ready to help with this important job.

Program - Paul K4UJ and Steve K4WA gave the program about their DX Journey to KP4 for the 160 CW test. Sounds like they had a very good learning experience. We will be waiting to hear about where they will go next.

-Randy, K4ODL

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FROM THE INTERNET

*** 425 DX NEWS ***

Edited by I1JQJ, IK1ADH, IK1GPG

3Y5 - The DXpedition to Bouvet Island [425DXN 295] is now scheduled for departure Cape Town on board of Afrique du Sud, a 67 meter vessel whose cost will be in the order of USD 100,000. Barry, ZS1FJ and Tony, WA4JQS have been at this project for a long time: a solid 12

day operation on Bouvet will see the team leaving Cape Town on 5 January 1998, with planned return date of 5 February. All team members are expected to contribute, initially by way of bank

guarantee and eventually an estimated USD 10,000 into attorney's trust account in tranches as need arises.

5N - Franz, 5N0BHF is active from Bonny Island (AF-076/prov) as 5N4BHF. QSL via OE6LAG.

9U - 9U5CW and 9U5DX will use the special call 9U5T for all the major contests in 1997. QSL is via F2VX (who has just sent some 5,000 9U5DX cards through the French bureau).

A7 - Chris, A71CW will go QRT from Qatar at the end of March.

BS7H - Tim Totten, N4GIF reports that "a multinational team, led by BZ1OK and JA1BK, will set sail from the southern Chinese port city of Guangzhou (a.k.a. Canton) on 28 April, and is expected to commence the one-week operation from Huang Yan Dao [Scarborough Reef, AS-116] on Wednesday, 30 April, using the call sign BS7H. The primary goal of this operation is to provide at least one QSO with as many individual DXers as possible. For this reason, the operators will concentrate on those regions having the most difficult propagation paths (e.g., the eastern half of the U.S.), giving DXers in every corner of the globe the best possible chance to make it in the log.

A secondary goal will be to provide QSOs on additional bands and modes, including 160 through 6 meters, CW, SSB, satellite and RTTY, with as many as four stations simultaneously on the air. Operators for BS7H 1997 include BZ1OK, JA1BK (who will also serve as QSL manager), JA1RJU, N7NG, W6EU (ex-WA6AUE) and W6RGG. The complete operating team, as well as the list of transmit frequencies, will be announced once they have been finalized. BS7H 1997 will also employ an 'operations support network' consisting of several stations throughout

the world which will be in constant communication with the operating team from the time of their departure until their safe return. Thanks to the CRSA's [Chinese Radio Sports Association] tireless efforts to promote Amateur Radio within the People's Republic of China and to develop relationships with key agencies, this DXpedition enjoys strong support from the PRC government".

BV9P - Joe Fitter, BV/N0IAT reports the following: "Had a nice discussion with several of my Taiwanese/Chinese hams during the Chinese Lunar New Years holiday. One of the topics of discussion was the upcoming DXpedition to Pratas Island, one of the newest of DXCC countries. It is with a sad note that I must report that the application to revisit Pratas Island was rejected. Citing military preparedness, the officials rejected the application for a return to the island for DX operations. So, at this time, there is no plan for a return to Pratas Island during the first half of 1997".

D4 - Didier, 6W/F5OGL and Christian, 6W1QV will try to be active from Cape Verde (AF-005) from 26 February to 4 March.

DU - DU1IXY, DU2NHK, DU3RAA and JG0HZE/DU1 will be active from 13 to 20 April from Lubang Island (OC-126)

PY - Operations by PY5AA and PQ5L from Mel Island (SA 047, DIB 24) have been postponed to 17-22 April.

PY0_fer-W9VA was active as PY1ZFO/PY0F. QSL via W9VA.

S7 - Staffan, SM7DQW is active (SSB and CW) until 28 February as S79DQW. QSL via SM7DQW,

SP - The local Police Radio Club will celebrate the 1000 year anniversary of Gdansk from 1 to 31 March. Operations will take place with the special call 3Z2GD. QSL via SP2FOV.

ST0 - John, PA3CXC/ST0 [425DXN 301] made 1200 QSOs. QSL via N4FN (ex KC4MJ)..

AEA

Here are the 2 companies who bought AEA.

1. For AEA antennas and antenna related products, the new company is Tempo Research Vista, Ca. 619-598-9677

2. For all other AEA type products: Timewave Technology 612-452-5939 E-Mail dsp@timewave.com