



# SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB

## W4NT

THE  
SOUTH'S  
PREMIER  
DX CLUB

March 1998

**NEW MEETING TIME & LOCATION!!!**  
**Tues., Mar. 17th, 7:00 PM, TECH AMERICA, just north on Buford Hwy north of I-285.**

### VP THOUGHTS

**-Ernie Zingleman, KS4Q, VP**

Thanks to Bob, K4UEE, for providing last month's program on both a TA mini-DXpedition and a trip to XF4. The program for the upcoming March program will be the 'road show' slide show. If you recall, this will be a trial run of the program which will be presented to other metro Atlanta radio clubs; this in an effort to encourage interest in DXing in our local area, the purpose of OUR club. Everyone can help by being a DX and DX club ambassador to our DX inactive friends.

I sent out approximately 160 surveys to club members, current and past, two weeks ago. About 30 or so have been returned by fax, mail and e-mail. Generally, there seems to be a mix of both positive and negative opinions. These comments, that people have taken the time to write down and send in, will help determine the future direction of our DX club. Please send in your survey if you have not already done so, or better yet, bring it to the next meeting and turn it in! We would love to see you!

I wish to publicly recognize Neal Starkey, NU4D. In the midst of our discussions on tight club finances and how we, as a DX club, are having trouble contributing to even our own club member's DXpedition efforts, Neal donated \$100.00. Neal, I know you were not looking for thanks or recognition when you did this, but let me thank you publicly on behalf of the club. Through Neal's contribution, and Bob K4UEE's well conceived efforts, we were able to collect \$250.00 which will be used to help defray the expenses incurred by our club member Tom K8XP, on both the ZK1 N. Cook and KH9 Wake Island efforts. Many club members thoughtfully contributed on their own to Tom's efforts with their individual QSL card requests.

And while I am on the subject of "efforts," I wish to

recognize some individuals in the club who continue to work for the club in the background to keep things moving. I, after doing the survey mailing to the club, realize the big job it is to complete a large mailing to the club. Next time you see Rick N4XMX, who has been the newsletter editor for a number of years, thank him for doing the newsletter, month in and month out. Nancy NK4U, keeps the books for us. Next time you sit down to figure out your own finances, realize that Nancy not only gets to do her own, but the club's too! Also, Dick K2UFT, is working hard to get the club e-mail reflector set up for all of us. Jim AD4J, a relatively new member has been working hard to get the club e-mail directory up to date.

I do understand that we need to get corrections on e-mail addresses for the following: JN1GEW, K4AH, K4XR, N4ONI, and NX9O. These and any others that want to get their newsletter by e-mail, please drop Jim, AD4J, a note: jimw@tstnet.com Nancy NK4U has sent out the official letter stating that we, as a club, are willing to put on a DX style meeting program for other metro Atlanta radio clubs. Sonny KE4LDJ, Jim AD4J, Tom K8XP, and Bob K4UEE, are all working hard to get the above mentioned 'road-show' presentation going. All of us like to talk about DX and DXing, and probably have a wealth of DX how to knowledge that we take for granted. If you want to take part in this effort to promote DXing and our club, see Sonny.

Also, if you have not sent in your CQ 160 meter scores, no matter how big or small, get them to K4JRB as soon as you can. You may e-mail them to Dave K4JRB at the e-mail address of: cq160@contesting.com You will need to include the log (.all or .log or .prn), the summary sheet (.sum) and the dup list (.dup).

Lastly, I will miss seeing all of you at the March meeting. I must be away in Minnesota on business but hope to see all of you in April. If you have a club survey to turn in at the meeting, give it to Paul W6XA. Otherwise, fax it, e-mail it, or mail it as previously instructed. Also, we are looking for a program for the April meeting. How about a program on propagation prediction software, or on long path or gray line propagation techniques? Do I have a volunteer?

73, Ernie KS4Q

## TREASURER'S REPORT

**-Nancy Draheim, NK4U**

Balance 1/31/98 (Checkbook)           \$3008.80  
Expenses:  
DXpedition donation                   \$100.00  
Balance Checking 1/31/98           \$2908.80\*

See ya at the meeting if the storm's haven't washed you away.

73, Nancy NK4U, Treasurer

who have subscribed.

Keep your messages short and to the point and don't engage in any bashing or flaming. We are privileged to be guests of W4AN in this endeavor. Let's be perfect guests!

Other than being disappointed with only 30 and 40 meter QSOs with 9M0C, it wasn't a bad month. Hope you all did well in the 160 phone test - I had W4S reserved for use but wasn't able to get on the air at all.

See you at the next meeting.

73 De Dick, K2UFT Activities Chairperson

## BEEPS DE K2UFT

**-Dick Bentley, K2UFT, Activities Director**

As that radio announcer of old used to say: "There's good news tonite, folks...." Thanks to the generosity of Bill Fisher, W4AN, we are establishing an SEDXC reflector running on contesting.com. I will be the technical person for all inquiries (dickb@akorn.net). These are the details:

### SEDXC Reflector

Purpose: An internet based means for members of the Southeastern DX Club to maintain contact with each other for sharing ideas, tips and techniques, provide a forum for SEDXC news and to generally promote DXing as contemplated in the club's constitution and by-laws.

To partake in the reflector, you must subscribe using an EMail on the internet. Send your EMail to sedxc-request@contesting.com. Leave the subject blank. In the body of the message, type:

subscribe sedxc <callsign>

To remove your name from the reflector, send a message to sedxc-request@contesting.com, no subject line, and type in the body:

unsubscribe sedxc

To participate in the reflector discussion, simply send a message to sedxc@contesting.com, with your opinion, announcement, etc. in the body of the message. Your note will be distributed to all those

## SEDXC MINUTES 2/17/98

**-Rick Glisson, N4XXM, Sec.**

The meeting started right at 7:00 PM with Paul, W6XA, calling everyone to order. There were 16 members present.

Nancy, NK4U, went over the projected costs of the club for the next several months. One way to keep costs down that was discussed is to distribute the newsletter via email as a PDF (portable document format) file. PDF files are read with Adobe Acrobat which is available free from Adobe (www.adobe.com). The major advantage to this is the files can be read on any platform and all formatting is retained. File size is small too. Ernie, KS4Q, said he was still obtaining email addresses and looking for space for a SEDXC reflector/home page. Rick, N4XXM, said he could generate the newsletter as a PDF format and would forward it to Jim Worthington, AD4J, who would do the bulk email.

Also discussed was deciding a policy for people who did not renew. Mike, K4PI, suggested a postcard. Neal, NU4D, asked about marking the mailing labels. Nancy, NK4U, replied that this was done for several months after the June deadline.

Also discussed was the Dayton hospitality room with the Kansas City DX Club. A motion was made and seconded to drop the room if the commitment has not been made to the Kansas City club. Paul, W6XA, said he would look to see if the commitment had been made. A show of hands determined that not many members present were going to Dayton.

Randy, K4ODL, asked if increasing the dues would help the club but the consensus was that more members would help more. (continued p3)

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Nancy, NK4U, gave a report on the progress of the traveling show. 18 clubs have been contacted to see if they would like a program of DX'ing. A committee of Tom, KX8P, Bob, K4UEE, Sonny, KE4LDJ, and Jim, AD4J are putting the program together.

A motion was made to match the \$100 donation made by Neal, NU4D, for Tom's North Cook DXpedition. This was seconded and passed. Bob, K4UEE, brought shells from AH1A which he sold for \$5 each to raise another \$140 dollars for Tom. That made the total amount \$340 presented to Tom.

The traveling slide show program will be shown at the March meeting.

The program was given by Bob, K4UEE. He showed slides from his 1987 XF4DX DXpedition and also from his 1994 trip to Turkey as TA/K4UEE. Quite a contrast!

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

-73 Rick, N4XMX

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## DX TIDBITS

-Rick Glisson, N4XMX, editor

Last weekend (the one before the flood!) I hooked up a pulley up a tree and then proceeded to lower my A-2 (see last month) and restore it to an A-3. All the parts had come in from Cushcraft promptly once you could get to the "ham" guy in service. My thought was, instead of having a cast of thousands to control the decent of my 30' pole, I would hook a rope through a pulley on a tree and lower it using a come along. Well, lowering the antenna was easy. Actually didn't bruise anything except some privet.

Took this opportunity to remove the rotor and put in the extra heavy rotor wire. Reinstalled the rotor, stuck on the third element with new boom sections, and was ready to raise it. Of course going up is much harder than going down. Wife did yeoman service running the come along while I yanked on the side cables to keep from hitting all the trees! Paid off because I worked a TT during the ARRL DX contest for a new one on phone! CU in the pileups...

-Rick, N4XMX

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## ZL9 - CAMPBELL ISLAND COMING TO YOUR RX JANUARY 1999

The Kermadec DX Association who brought you the very successful DXpedition to Raoul Island, Kermadec under the callsign ZL8RI is pleased to inform you that plans are now at an advanced stage for the January 1999 DXpedition to Campbell Island ZL9.

The necessary permissions have been obtained, transport arranged and the logistics needed to put together an operation from this remote island are well in hand.

An international team of operators has been assembled from New Zealand, Japan, Canada, The US and Ireland.

The operation should be qrv January 9th 1999 and remain on air till January 25th allowing plenty of time for the DXer's worldwide to enjoy a qso with Campbell on many bands and modes. The team will operate on SSB/CW/RTTY and on all bands.

The team leader Ken Holdum ZL2HU has previously written to major DX clubs worldwide seeking their financial support for this DXpedition which is costing in the region of US \$65,000 to mount.

If you feel you would like to contribute to the success of the ZL9 DXpedition by helping to meet the enormous costs it would be very much appreciated by the Team and by your Fellow DXer's worldwide who will enjoy working the DXpedition.

Donations can be sent to .....

Ken Holdum ZL2HU (Team Leader)  
The Kermadec DX Association P O Box 56099, Tawa, Wellington, New Zealand or to  
Declan Craig EI6FR (Team Member)  
The Kermadec DX Association (Europe) 167 St. James's Road, Greenhills, Dublin 12, Ireland.

All donations will be acknowledged on receipt and in the event of the DXpedition not proceeding will be returned.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to working you from Campbell Island in 1999.

As European team member I would be delighted to hear comments from European stations about their band/mode needs etc from Campbell island as it will assist us to plan our operating strategy.

Comments etc can be emailed to westnet@iol.ie

73 de Declan Craig EI6FR  
ZL9 Campbell Island 1999 Team member