



*** DX Alert 147.195R (Trial) ***
147.795T

*** DX Alert 147.500S (Normal) ***

Ragchew 147.540S and 147.470S

Meeting Date: 20 April 1982

Place: Peachtree Lutheran Church

On P'tree 2 blocks North of Phipps Plaza turn left on Narmore, park in rear of church.

WAIT!! DO NOT PANIC!! You have NOT, I repeat NOT, made a mistake regarding the meeting date! There is still at least a week left before the meeting. "How can this be?", you are probably asking yourself. Well, it's like this troops. When the annual budget is presented for the membership's approval, there must be at least 7 days notice. Members should plan to attend the meeting for the purpose of this important business.

The preliminary figures were told at the March meeting but because of the time factor, it could not be formally presented for the club's approval. The proposed budget is included in this bulletin.

One of reasons for the SouthEastern DX Club's success has been our unique ability to not become burdened down with business formalities and details at the regular meetings. It is, however, important that the executive committee remain responsive to the club's desires. Please feel free to bring ideas regarding club improvements to our attention at ANY time.

Something which should have been included in a previous bulletin, but was not, is a comprehensive listing of winners of last year's awards. We apologize for this oversight.

The most important award, THE HELPING HAND, went to WB4GNT, Allen Bond. Unfair advantage, what else did he have to do while rocking that new baby to sleep but to make all those phone calls and "Alerts" via 2 meters? The winner OVERALL of the MONTHLY CONTEST was K4JRB, Dave Thompson. I would not expect less from anyone with HONOR ROLL on 10m!

Winners of the Band Contests are:

- 10m - KX4R, Greg Carter
- 15m - K4EZ, Ben Adams (our only club member with all!)
- 20m - K4PI, Mike Greenway (ambidextrous-phone and cw!)
- 40m - W6OKX, Lee Sheridan
- 80m - K4EZ, Ben Adams (where have I heard that call?)
- 160m - W6OKX, Lee Sheridan (must be a show off!)

Winners of the (almost) Monthly Contests are:

- Mar.- N6CR, Rick Musicer (the sixes won 4 awards!)
- May - NAOL, Bob Harrell
- Jun.- WA4QMO, John Reasoner (wins an award every year!)
- Jul.- KV4L, Larry Ledford
- Aug.- W6OKX, Lee Sheridan (winner of three awards, but uses only dipoles and 400W; list-takers take note!)
- Sep.- K4BAM, Bill Witte(traveling job didn't stop him)
- Oct.- AA4GA, Lee Hiers (VP2E, 1981, operator)
- Nov.- N4WQ, Aaron Walker

As was promised at the February meeting, your executive committee met and reviewed the club policy on contributions to DXpeditions (and Qsl card assistance). The exercise was very fruitful and led to a lot (?) of work on the part of the committee. The plan was created several years ago, but the only possible area we could see for improvement/change for the future would be in the maximum amount to be spent for Qsl card assistance. The price of printing and paper, like everything else, has gone up quite a bit. The acceptance of the 1982 Budget will include accepting this plan, so we have reprinted it here for your perusal.

QSL CARD ASSISTANCE FOR DX STATIONS

is available if (1) the Qsl Manager is a member of the SouthEastern DX Club and (2) the DX station is in a country that is in either the top 25 or top 50 needed countries of the SEDXC (as determined annually by the submitting of countries needed lists). If the country is in the top 25, then the club will pay up to 50% of the cost of the Qsls, but an amount not to exceed \$50 or the remaining BUDGETED amount, whichever is smaller. If the country is in the top 50 but not the top 25, then the club would provide up to 25% of the cost of the Qsls, but an amount not to exceed \$25 or the remaining BUDGETED amount, whichever is smaller.

Obviously, if we don't have the money in the budget, we can't give it.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO DXPEDITIONS

can be made when the country is in the top 25 or top 50 needed by the SEDXC (as determined annually by the submitting of the countries needed lists). If the country is in the top 25, then the club can provide MATCHING funds to member contributions, up to 25% of the BUDGETED amount, or the remaining budgeted amount, whichever is smaller. If the country is in the top 50 but not the top 25, then the club can provide MATCHING funds to member contributions, up to 10% of the BUDGETED amount, or the remaining budgeted amount, whichever is smaller. Again, if we ain't got it, we can't give it.

TRS-80 owners and programmers attention! Due to the selfless devotion of several club members (WA4FVT, Bill Strickland, K4SMX, Stew Woodward, KC4M, Harry Early, W4GKF, Chaz Cone, and others, I am sure) we have had a very valuable, annual, up to date, club roster/DXCC want list. In the past it has been a very big selling point for the club. More later in this bulletin about the "has been" situation! This book has been practically FREE. It is getting increasingly more difficult to prepare. (CONT.)

There are several reasons for the difficulties. The program was written for an IBM 34. Presently, we have access to 2 of these machines, I think. However, the data entry can only be done at 1 available spot, if I understand correctly. All three of these sources could conceivably "dry-up" at a moments notice. The likely-hood of this is not apparent. We should not wait until catastrophe hits to make preparation. With the proliferation of TRS-80s, why don't we write a BASIC program, compatible with the Model I and III, to eventually replace the present operation? I know we have some excellent writers of software in the club. This approach might indeed facilitate semi-annual or even quarterly revisions. Any volunteers?

Now why is this valuable tool a "has been"? We don't use it. The membership has complained many times that they don't receive phone calls. I don't recall any one complaining that they don't make any! It has been proven many times that the DXer capable of building a perfectly tuned "Monster Quad" at 300 feet, carrying 50,000 clear channel watts with a VSWR of 1:1 from a freq. of 1.8 to 29.7 Mhz, is totally unable to get into the St. Mt. repeater full quieting. Consider also that he must spend a lot of time in the front yard or down the street (so he doesn't get a stiff neck) admiring his handy work. Or, he might be worn out from all that work and have gone into mental and physical therapy in order to spend a few hours in the "real" world (to earn money for his power bill). In any case he is not monitoring any one of the several local frequencies used officially and unofficially by the local DXers for the plying of their black art. Perhaps a telephone Helping Hand award would be in order. I remember several years ago, we gave extra points for the use of 2 m DX alert, trying to increase 2 m activity. We are still trying to do that but it seems that most DXers are not interested in monitoring 2 m. Next year, should we give 2 pts. for telephone alert, 1 pt. for 2 m alert, and 3 pts. for long distance telephone alert? Would that really penalize the regulars on 2 m? Would it actually help the club to fulfill its' function? Have we already recognized those people interested in the Helping Hand award? Nothing more can be done this year, but your input might keep the light from going out next year!

The point, to which I am on my way to making, is decreased capital for the purpose of all those good works we would like to do. Qsl card assistance, donations for DXpeditions, and many other things we would like to do as a club. We just don't have the money. About 30% of your dues goes for postage and associated costs! I spend twice the amount of my dues in gasoline costs going to the meetings and I drive a Honda! When you examine the budget, please take note that there is pitiful little to budget for those projects. While costs have been rising like mad, membership has been dropping. What are we doing wrong or not doing? The solution is either increased membership or increased dues. What can we do as individuals to help?

One thing for sure that we can do is make phone calls for DX alert! If you know any budding DXers, tell them about the club. If you can think of any service which we can offer the membership to increase the attraction of belonging, but at the same time costing little or nothing, then bring it forward for consideration! Donations to the club WILL be accepted!

***** PROPOSED 1982 BUDGET *****

INCOME:		EXPENSES:	
1981 Carryover	\$ 225	Programs	\$ 60
Membership dues	1680	Postage & stationery	690
1981 Banquet (loss)	-141	Meeting Room	220
(this item is in the		Refreshments	132
income column because		Reproduction	135
it SHOULD always be		SEDXC Yearbook	150
a positive figure!)		Qsls for DX stations	50
SUBTOTAL (on hand)	1764	Donations/DXpeditions	21
Anticipated membership	144	Annual Plaques	365
Raffle (estimated)	495	Club Door Prizes	360
1982 Banquet	0	Hamfest Suite	100
1982 Spring Fling	0	SEDXC Hats/T-shirts	120
-----		SEDXC Pins	0
TOTAL BUDGET INCOME	\$2403	**Banquet	0
** Self-supporting or		**Spring Fling	0
income producing.		Unallocated Funds	0

		TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	\$2403

Since the Donation/Qsl card assistance plan is not part of the Constitution and By-laws, acceptance of this budget is also acceptance of the use of the plan for this year.

Budget notes from the Pres.- It is obvious that the budget is very tight this year. We had a loss on the banquet and the increase in postage rates have caused a significant increase in operating expenses. We should probably raise the banquet fee to \$8.00 per person so it will be self-supporting next time. In addition, we should seriously consider raising the annual dues for next year to some figure that would allow for funds to support DXpeditions in a realistic manner. I think \$20 per year is realistic; what do you think? 73 de KC4M

Well, several thoughts come into your editor's mind, all having to do with Supply-side Earlinomics. Sri, I could not resist that one.

Our own KAUEE, Bob Alphin, will be operating from the Cayman Islands April 12 thru 18. Bob's call will be ZF2FX and Qsl to his home call. He will be on 10 thru 160m, with emphasis on Lower frequencies. Have fun Bob! I know you will! CU all at the meeting! de wb4znh.