



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

DX Alert 147.500S
also 147.195/.795
DX Ragchew 147.470S,
.540S, 147.195/.795
Meeting Date: April 19, 1983
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: Peachtree Lutheran Church at
the corner of Narmore and P'tree,
2 blocks North of Phipps Plaza.

THE MARCH MEETING seemed to be enjoyed by all in attendance. I certainly hope everyone liked the slides of N'Djamena and the countryside. The business end of the meeting resulted in acceptance of the 1983 Budget as proposed by the executive board and a motion to provide matching funds to donations for the TT8AC/TT8BC DXpedition.

THE APRIL MEETING will feature Dave Fisher, WONHS, the former chief antenna scientist for Hy-gain! Dave will talk on antenna design, with emphasis on DX antennas for the lower frequency bands. Dave has gained quite a good reputation around Atlanta during the last year or so for his willingness to teach an antenna forum and give talks on antennas to local clubs. Let's really turn out for this meeting; while your present antenna might be doing all you need right now, the declining sunspots are going to make you wish you had something good up on 40, 80, and 160!

ANOTHER good reason for coming to the April meeting is the annual membership roster/want-list book will be there for you to pick up. If you can't make the meeting, try to arrange for someone to pick yours up. It is also appropriate to express our appreciation to the volunteers that make this book possible: WA4FVT, Bill; K4SMX, Stu; W4GKF, Chaz; WA4PBW, Winston; KC4M, Harry; WA4HNL, Joel; K4DLI, Jim; NZ4Y, Bill; KD4NB, Jess; and WD4ABO, Rick.

AT THE APRIL meeting, our Activities Director will present the plaque for the February contest. The contest was won by K4EZ, Ben Adams. Also ran was KX4R, W6OKX, W4CTS, and N4NX.

BRING your March Contest (10M) logs to the meeting, as that is the deadline for submission. Additionally, please be reminded that the April Contest (15M) is underway and you still have two weeks in which to make a good showing!

THE MAY meeting will be the 2nd Annual SEDXC SWAFFEST and the tentative date is May 21. The location will be announced in next month's bulletin, we are trying to find a place more centrally located that will permit the consumption of beer.

JOHN SHINALL, K4BYK, requested the donation of old (but not too old) callbooks, handbooks, and similar material for forwarding to UK3SAB and others for their assistance in getting so many SEDX club members the Soviet cards they needed. One of the fellows in that group collected and sent direct to me the last two Soviet cards I needed. John is going back in the hospital on April 11 for additional surgery and will not be able to attend the club meeting but Tom Plummer, K4STK, should be there to pick up the books for John. So remember to bring stuff for the Russians. No classified documents will be accepted.

QSL MANAGER for the recent HH2CQ DXpedition and contest effort (by Steve McElroy, K4JPD) is our own Matt Blender, W4NGX.

SEDX CLUB BULLETIN will be going back to a Dot Matrix type printer for a while, until I can sell the present character printer and buy one for a standard interface. Also the new computer needs to be outfitted with a printer port and I need to learn a new word processor program.

For Sale - 4-element Quad (or two 2-element Quads.) Cast aluminum hardware and fibre glass arms. 2 inch boom, 24 feet long (2ea. 12' long), needs new wire. \$125 you take down. Ben Adams, K4EZ (404) 321-6407

For Sale - Henry 2K-4 Linear \$900, SM-220 w/BS-8 panadapter \$325, Frequency Counter 50Hz - 512MHz \$150. Bill Jay, K4KG (404) 942-3192

For Sale - 1/4 inch diameter hard-drawn aluminum tubing. \$1 per 12-foot piece! Ben Painter, W4BBP (404) 241-3888

For Sale - Solid Aluminum, 4-foot, commercial dish antenna with mount and 2.5 GHz feed. Barry McDonnell, WA4FBH (404) 968-0244

Wanted - Ten-tec speech processor and noise-blanker for Omni-D. Barry McDonnell, WA4FBH (404) 968-0244

FREE - Partial QST collection, some going back to the early thirties! A deal at twice the price! Ben Painter, W4BBP

Almost Free - KWM-2, PS/speaker, partial crystal pack and mod-kit for rejection tuning. Carl Henson, WB4ZNH (404) 478-3255

NEEDED - Columnist for the DX Club bulletin. We need a regular News, humor, technical or contest columnist. Contact WB4ZNH

The TT8AC/TT8BC Qsl cards were delivered to the Qsl managers, K4PHE and N4NX on Sat. April 9, so cards should start appearing in mailboxes real soon.

Code-Free License?

editorial by WB4ZNH

Your editor has received a letter from Hank Luhrman, W4PZV, with a copy of a letter he has written to his congressman. Hank has asked me to reproduce his letter for club members to send to their congressmen with a cover letter stating their agreement with his letter. Considering the size of his letter and our photocopying and postage expenses, I think we can achieve the same purpose while making it much more personal for our congressmen. I will draft a letter and bring it to the DX club meeting for folks to sign (if they are in agreement). I will send copies to our congressmen. I will also have Hank's letter at the club meeting for anyone interested. I recently had the distinct pleasure to meet Scott, WB2YSY, who is the editor of the Vienna (Virginia) Wireless Society Relay. Scott gave me a draft of his editorial page called "Relay Chatter." He addresses the No Code proposal very well, expressing the belief that the source of the proposal could very well be the manufacturers wanting another market for their products and the magazine editor looking for more subscriptions. While I don't have any proof of these things, I would say there is a better than even chance that Scott is right!

The FCC, in NPRM #83-28, said, "We are doing this in the belief that there are intelligent, disciplined persons who can make a valuable contribution to the Amateur Radio Service without such a (International Morse Code) proficiency." While I think we would all agree with the basic premise made by the Commission, they stopped far short of the complete scenario. If these valuable people are really intelligent and disciplined they will have absolutely no difficulty in mastering 5 wpm Morse Code! The most important missing consideration is that the FCC has NOT demonstrated an ability to examine applicants in such a manner as to determine anything else about a person except their Code proficiency! The FCC doesn't even do that very well!

Anyone who has read a Bash Book right before taking an amateur exam knows the truth of what I am saying. Bash Books are THE TEST, most often word for word! Dick calls his books "The Final Exam", and it is indeed the last time you have to take the exam! The written exam only requires memorizing the questions and answers in his book. The code tape ad reads thusly: "If you can master this tape, and have any and all updates to it, you will have no trouble passing the actual FCC exam." The FCC only has a few different "QSO" tapes and Dick has ALL of them reproduced on 1 tape. The only thing Dick cannot do is keep you from needing some knowledge of the Morse code. You don't need to understand anything about radio to pass the written, but you have to be able to copy enough code to know which test they have given you!

The FCC says they are going to give us a Code-free license if we want it or not. I say our congressmen are the only ones with the power to stop them. The FCC can just say "Oops" if they create another monster, but we have to live with it. Ten-4?

Your comments should indicate PR Docket No.83-28 at the top of the first page and should reach the FCC before April 29th. The League would like a copy of your comments also. Send the original (cont.)

and 5 copies to: The Secretary, FCC, Washington, D.C., 20554. Assuming you are likewise opposed to this NPRM, it is better if you write yourself. If you aren't going to, then make sure to be counted by sending in a photocopy of Hank's letter, or make sure your name is included with someone else's letter.

If someone has an opposite view, I would be happy to put it in the bulletin. I would really like to be convinced that my CBER brother-in-law, who has been telling me for years that he will become a Ham when they drop the code requirement, is really that important to our hobby!

=== MEET THE DXERS ===

Mike Greenway, K4PI, was first licensed in 1957 at the age of 14 as KN4TBN. Mike was K4TBN up until he received K4PI in 1976.

Mike's accomplishments don't seem to mean as much to him as the enjoyment he has had along the way. That is very important and I think we can learn a lot from his ideas. Mike's DXCC totals are 307/317 mixed and 302/308 CW. He has the 5BDXCC as well. Mike is a zone and prefix hunter. He has Worked All Zones 10 thru 40 M and needs only 7 more for 80 M! Mike's prefix total is greater than 1100! He also has confirmed 150 Soviet oblasts!

Contesting has always occupied a special place in Mike's heart, as well as participating in the VP2KC world record setting effort in 1979, Mike has won the 4th district 40 M category a couple of times and placed 2nd in the 4th district all-band competition several times.

Mike and his bride, Evelyn live in a semi-rural area that permits Mike to have several antennas. He uses 4 element Wilson Mono-banders on 20 and 15 at the 85 and 93-foot levels. Mike's 3 element converted CB beam resides at 60 feet, while his 2 element 40 M is appropriately located at 100. Mike has an inverted-L for 80 and 160 plus various slopers for 80 as well. (You may remember his article in the bulletin about the inverted-L.) His equipment consists of a Yaesu FT-107 and an Alpha 76.

Mike works in Electronics, doing Flight Simulator maintenance for Delta Airlines.

When asked about his DXing philosophy and any words of advice, Mike laughed and said, "Well, of course, the much repeated advice about listening instead of transmitting is excellent, but also we need to stop being so quick to criticize DX stations for what they are doing or not doing when we don't have all the facts regarding their situation. I had the most fun working DX until I reached about 300 countries. At this point, it became necessary to pursue other more difficult awards in order to keep amateur radio fun. It doesn't make much difference if I ever reach these goals, but since I don't ragchew much, I need to be listening for something. I would lose interest otherwise, since everything I need is not on the air." (I have noticed a lot of DXers dropping out because of this and I wish we could keep them active for their obvious experience and knowledge!-ed.) 73 and Good DX! wb4znh
