



# SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

THE  
SOUTH'S  
PREMIER  
DX CLUB

April 1995

## NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION

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

## VEEP BEEPS

by Dick Bentley, K2UFT, VP

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

-Delaine McCarthy, KM4FV, President

Hope you all had a great month! The weather has been great and everything is in beautiful bloom. Sorry about the pollen!

Pete Rhodes did a super job at the last meeting on Russia. You missed another good one if you weren't there.

Well, it will be after the fact when you get this newsletter, but I hope everyone of you attended the Ham Radio '95 Fest and DXPO. A lot of work has been put into this by many people and clubs. It is always good to hear positive comments by members of all clubs on the repeaters about a great endeavor for our hobby. This should be encouraged by us all.

We'll see you at the next meeting, April 18th. We will begin planning for a new slate of officers soon. Think about it, maybe it's your turn!

CUL, 73 Delaine - KM4FV

Shorty this month, headed out of town. Hope you all had a great experience at DXPO and HamRadio 95, looking forward to an "after action" report on both at our next meeting. Unless something more interesting materializes, April's program will be a short slide show from ZF1DX 160 Meter contest and a glimpse at Field Day, Cayman style - Hey Mon, dis bee de kay-mon.

See you in the pile ups!

-73 Dick, K2UFT

## TREASURER'S REPORT

-de John Tramontanis, N4TOL

Balance 3/1/95 (Checkbook)	\$2,067.20
Income	
160 Plaques	80.00
Packet Cluster	18.00
SIG DXpedition	69.00
Membership	44.00
Raffle, shirts & pins	334.00
Total Income	<u>545.00</u>
Expenses:	
Newsletter (Mar)	102.62
Bank Charges	10.35
Total Expenses	<u>112.97</u>
Balance Checking 3/31/95	<u>\$2,499.23</u>

Of this ending balance, \$788.00 is earmarked for the cluster fund, resulting from voluntary contributions from the club membership at renewal time. The club is also holding \$800.00 for 160 meter award plaques.

- 73 de N4TOL John

## HELP SEDXC! BE AN OFFICER!

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The Internet DX Mailing List -  
Frequently Asked Questions (edited)

Comments or additions should be sent to:  
lyndon@canada.netbistro.com

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### 1. Introduction

What is the Internet DX Mailing List?

1) It is an electronic mailing list dedicated to the discussion of Amateur Radio DXing. This is the place to exchange tips and techniques, discuss hardware (rigs, antennas, DSP add-ons), awards, DX related software, announce upcoming DXpeditions, etc. Anything and everything pertaining to DX is fair game, with the following exceptions:

A) Don't send requests for QSL info to the DX mailing list. You can obtain QSL information via e-mail by sending a message to [qsl-info@aug3.augsburg.edu](mailto:qsl-info@aug3.augsburg.edu). Include in the message body the callsigns you want QSL information for - one callsign per line. This service is operated by Ray Rocker (W5QL). Please direct questions or comments to him at [rrrocker@rock.b11.ingr.com](mailto:rrrocker@rock.b11.ingr.com).

B) Discussion about contests and contesting should be kept to a minimum. The CQ-Contest list already provides an excellent forum for contest related discussions. (To subscribe to CQ-Contest, send an e-mail request to [cq-contest-request@tgv.com](mailto:cq-contest-request@tgv.com))

### 2. Subscribing, Unsubscribing, and Administrivia

How do I subscribe to the list?

To subscribe, send an e-mail message to [dx-request@unbc.edu](mailto:dx-request@unbc.edu) with the following request in the message body: subscribe DX

How do I unsubscribe from the list?

To unsubscribe, send an e-mail message to [dx-request@unbc.edu](mailto:dx-request@unbc.edu) with the following request in the message body: unsubscribe DX

Mail from the list might not cease immediately after you unsubscribe. It may take a few days.

How do I send a message to the list?

It's easy! Just send an e-mail message to: [dx@unbc.edu](mailto:dx@unbc.edu). Your message will be automatically resent to all the mailing list subscribers. Depending on the load on our mail system this could take anywhere from a few minutes to several hours. If you don't see your message

within a day or so, send a message to [dx-request@unbc.edu](mailto:dx-request@unbc.edu) (NOT the general submission address) and I will look into the problem.

Here are a few things to keep in mind when sending a message to the list. If everyone follows these guidelines it will help the list operate smoothly.

Make sure your subject line is appropriate. If a conversation wanders off the original topic, change the subject line to reflect the new line of discussion.

Proofread your message before sending it! Spelling mistakes and poor formatting do nothing to help you get your message across.

Keep it short! Many subscribers pay for their e-mail access.

Make sure there is something of value in each message you send to the list.

### 3. Other Related Internet Services

Where can I obtain back issues of the various DX bulletins?

An incomplete archive of DX related bulletins is available via anonymous FTP from [ve7tcp.ampr.org/bulletins/](http://ve7tcp.ampr.org/bulletins/). I add back issues as I come across them. Feel free to contact me if you can help fill in the holes. At some point I hope to set up a WAIS search index that will let you do keyword searches on the bulletins in the archive.

Where can I find out about current solar and propagation conditions?

One of the best sources is Cary Oler's Solar Terrestrial Dispatch. He provides both daily reviews of solar activity and a report of current solar conditions updated every three hours. Sites on the Internet can obtain these reports by fingering the following addresses:

[solar@xi.uleth.ca](mailto:solar@xi.uleth.ca) (3-hourly report)

[aurora@xi.uleth.ca](mailto:aurora@xi.uleth.ca) (hourly auroral activity report)

Lyndon Nerenberg - VE7TCP -

[lyndon@canada.netbistro.com](mailto:lyndon@canada.netbistro.com)

Editor's note: In addition to the DX and Contest Reflectors mentioned, there is also a 160M reflector at [topband@frontier.net](mailto:topband@frontier.net). I subscribe to all three and generally get around 50 to 60 pieces of mail a day! Not for the faint of heart! The information is generally very current and is a great way to contact many people around the world such as ON4UN! Surf the 'net!

## MINUTES SEDXC MEETING 3/21/95

**-Buddy Harrell, W4OUN, Sec.**

The meeting was called to order by Delaine, KM4FV. There was an introduction of two visitors from JA-land and new member, Don. Visitors are always welcome.

Dave, K4JRB reminded all present that he needs the logs from the 160M contest. The race appears to be very tight for first place among clubs. Jim Stafford, W4QO, reported on HR95 and DXPO. Plans are still progressing well. Tickets for the Breakfast Banquet may be purchased from Jim. Some of the other key features of the upcoming event include the Forum Track, DX Row, and hospitality room on Saturday night. Ed Sleight, K4SB, discussed plans for Saturday night's hospitality suite. Nancy, NK4U still needs volunteers to help at the SEDXC booth on Saturday.

Congratulations to W8BLA, Vern, for first place World, low power, in the WPX contest. Also, Vern announced that he plans to be part of a Heard Island (VKØ) operation targeted for Jan. 97.

There was discussion of the motion concerning limiting attendance to the meetings by non-members. As part of the discussion, Ed Sleight presented his interpretation of the bylaws as they related to this particular issue. Several members present expressed their opinion that passage of the motion was not in the proper spirit of amateur radio or the club. The motion was voted down.

Pete, K4EWG, provided us with another interesting program concerning his activities in Russia. Pete will be returning to Siberia within the month (at least warm weather is on the way). We all wish Pete and his wife well in their endeavors.

73's and DX

Buddy/W4OUN

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## DX TIDBITS

**-Rick, N4XMX**

### THE HUNT FOR CONWAY REEF

The last time Conway was up, I was a new ham with my 100 watts and a verticle antenna. I thought I had worked them on 20m phone near midnight. After the long

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## FROM THE INTERNET

**Problem logs:**

Hi Guys. Every year I get logs with some of these problems. The biggest problem for US guys is the file name on disk. The eastern European countries are a problem with not giving breakdown on coversheet.

Some log headaches:

1. Guys who lump country and zone mults together.
2. Guys who give no QSO total.
3. Guys who multiply pts x z x dxcc.
4. Guys who think they are in the WPX contest!
5. 50% of disks which use the "unique" file name of CQWWSSB.BIN.
6. Guys who say "this is our first contest, but we don't know how to score the 4000 QSO's we made, let us know how we did." And it is a rare country!
7. Guys who send the .ALL or .band file from CT instead of the .BIN file.
8. etc. 73 bob (??)

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wait for the cards, I recieved one of those NIL notes written on my card with my \$1 returned. It was a sad day. I have waited four long years for the return of Conway.

This was supposed to be a BIG three station, kilowatt operation with beams. Exactly the type of operation I like! Reminds me of the first class operation at AH1A a few years ago. At the end of the DXpedition, they were begging for contacts.

When they didn't show up on schedual, the anxiety increased. As everyone learned later, one of the boats capsized dumping substantial equipment in the drink. As it ended up, only on linear was working.

First morning I was at the radio 6:30 local to find that the best propagation was at 5:00 AM local! Next morning, I was ready. Up at 4:00 AM local. Nothing but static until I had to go to work. Got home, turned on radio, found them on 21.295, worked them on 21.300, 2 calls. Three hours later, I found them calling on 14.195, "CQ 14.200." Nobody was coming back to them. Naturally I couldn't let them call in vain.... 2 calls.

CW was another story. They zigged while I zagged. When they were on, I was at work, supper or whatever. Never did connect. BUT, after waiting for four years, I really didn't care... Have fun! It's only a hobby! Right.

-CU in the pileups...

-Rick, N4XMX

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