



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB

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PREMIER
DX CLUB*

April 1997

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION

Tuesday, Apr 15th, 7:30 PM, Old Hickory House in the Days Inn, Roswell Rd., just inside I-285.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

-Steve Schmidt, K4WA, President

I'm ready for some sunspots. When I first started DXing, on the downslope of the last sunspot cycle, it seemed I could work anything I wanted on a G5RV. I worked some long-haul DX with that antenna, even on 10 and 15 meters. Then I got a modest tower (41') and a TA33Jr. It seemed I had a whole new weapon to methodically eliminate my DX requirements. As the cycle fell, it appeared to be less effective. So I bought a TH5MkII for five elements on 10, 15 and 20. I also installed a longer mast and stacked an A3WS, with 30 meter kit, ten feet above the TH5. For a while, I had some effective DX weapons again. The solar flux continued to fall; after a while, even my new array seemed inadequate for serious DXing. On occasion, I've even considered putting the G5RV back up to see if it really might outperform my tower. Common sense tells me it won't, but my heart remembers those great times when I could work the world with a wire and an inexpensive radio.

Perhaps it has something to do with the fact that I've worked all the easy ones. The T5, VK9's, and FR/whatevers I need now are tough to get in this stage of the sunspot cycle. I didn't hear the two folks on Spratly, working with 100 watts and a vertical; I haven't heard the VK9 on Campbell Island yet. Oh I know they've been there, thanks to the new Mega Cluster that lets you see what everyone else around the world is working. I just can't hear 'em when I turn my modest little beam in their direction. With solar flux levels in the low 70's, and the few active stations I need for new ones operating only on twenty meters during our night (long after that band has closed for us), I suppose I can't blame some of the old timers for taking a hiatus from their radio activities. The most

fun I've had with a radio lately was taking it out of the country. I'm looking forward to the IOTA contest, hoping to line up some semi-rare IOTA for a less-expensive domestic "DXpedition."

I'm also looking forward to more of the magic returning. Being able to tune twenty meters at night and finding rare Asian and Indian Ocean tickers that help me with my totals. Being able to work fifteen, and even ten meters for some long-haul, east-west DX paths. Getting cards from the bureau that don't start with "T"... Hearing that the solar flux rose above 100 would be music to my ears. Lately, I heard it dropped back below 70. Not exactly the direction I was looking for. It seems we're going backwards again. What would it take to get this thing going in the right direction? Should I buy an older radio? Perhaps I should burn my rotator as a sacrifice to the DX gods? Maybe I should just put that G5RV up again.

Hope to see you at the meeting. It'll be interesting, and may even remind us of those not-so-distant golden days of DXing.

73, Steve K4WA

FROM THE VP

-Paul Pescitelli, K4UJ, VP

This month Bob and Wes (if he can make it) will be giving a presentation on the Heard Island DXpedition. There will be video and slides. If you have ever seen these two together it will be fun filled with lots of humor and very educational as well.

I would like to thank everyone for the support that was received last month. I will be giving a brief update as to the status of the Southeast MegaCluster at the meeting. Good news is on the way!

73 - Paul K4UJ

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Nancy Draheim, NK4U

Balance 2/28/97 (Checkbook)	\$1937.99
Income:	\$126.00
Expenses:	
Bank Charges	10.00
March Newsletter	61.02
Atlanta Radio Club (Hamfest table)	70.00
K4UJ Megacluster	150.00*
SEDXC badges advance	158.00
Stamps, 160M plaques, and treasurer	19.20
Balance Checking 2/28/97	\$1595.77**

* This amount is from the Cluster fund

** This amount includes \$840.15 (packet cluster account) and \$120.08 (160 M CQWW plaques account).

The new badges are in and really look great. Paul, K4UJ, has them in his hands and promised a speedy delivery to those who got in on the first order. If you want your city/state added to the badges, just catch Dale (Cap and Badge Man) at any hamfest and they will be added at no cost.

If you would like a new badge with the SEDXC logo, the cost will be \$7 (for regular pin backing) or \$8 (for pocket holder). This amount includes postage. The badges can be ordered from:

The Cap and Badge Man
P.O. Box 652
Fairforest, SC 29336
800/579-3039 (for credit card orders)

I have taken over the role of membership lists, so send any changes to me instead of Paul. My antennae are still down but I can be reached at home in the evening or via E-Mail at NK4U@Juno.com

73, Nancy, NK4U, Treasurer

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SEDXC MINUTES 3/97

-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 if anyone has worked any thing good? Steve worked 8Q for a new one, ZS8 has been a good one.

Old business - The new SEDX badges have been ordered from the Cap and Badge Man. The cost will be about \$6.30. Call Nancy to get on this order.

We will have a booth at the Atlanta Hamfest June 21 and 22. We need to have some people to work the booth. The ARRL will have a rep there to check cards. The Atlanta HamFestival will be at the City Hall East Exhibition Center (the old Sears building on Ponce de Leon). Check out their web site <http://www.saf.com/arc>.

The 160 Contest results were reported in the last news letter. We are currently in 5th place. We expect that our results will improve as more people submit their score. Nancy ask if anyone would like to help with the delivery of the 160 Meter plaques, please call her.

New business - We need people to work on the committee for the slate of officers for next year. Please let Steve know if you would like to help.

Paul K4UJ gave us some information about a Mega Cluster that would provide packet spots from the Internet. Paul is currently working on a Packet Node 145.67 for the Mega Cluster. You can connect to K4UJ. You can get Internet spots via Telnet to 205.217.100.91

We had a discussion on the use of the cluster funds to help with this Mega Cluster effort. A motion was made for a one time donation of \$150.00 for the Mega Cluster.

Announcements - A B-17 will be at the Lawrenceville Airport April 25-27. The plane will be open for those that would like to visit.

Frank- WB2HMG- made an announcement for anyone that may be looking for a job in the Field Service work for mobile data service, please give him a call.

The DXCC desk did not approve the 701A.

Program - We had a general discussion about any and every thing.

-Randy, K4ODL

BEEPS DE K2UFT

-Dick Bentley, K2UFT, Activities Director

My apologies to Ron, AA4S for goofing up his call sign last column. That fine score did indeed belong to him. Other scores : K4TEA: 160 CQWW CW - 79 Qs 36 Mults Score: 8064 ARRL DX Test CW - Single Band 160 - 111 Qs 52 Countries Score: 17,316 KE4LDJ: 160 CQWW SSB - 149 Qs 50 Mults Score: 17,850 K4BAI: CQWPX SSB - 205 Qs 452 Q pts 134 Pref. - Score: 60,568

In case you haven't seen it elsewhere, here's the story on the rejection of 7O1A: The following was received today from the League addressed to members of the DXAC.....de Tedd KB8NW (DX Advisory for the Great Lakes Division)
To: DXAC Fm: K8CH & K5FUV

You may be hearing questions about the recently announced decision of the DXCC Desk regarding 7O1A documentation. We are planning to provide some additional background on the situation in Yemen in the "How's DX" column of May QST. In the meantime, here's some background for you. Please feel free to share this with ARRL Members in your Division. 1. We have been following closely developments in Yemen for more than three years. Several groups have been working independently in efforts to obtain a ham license. Most of them have been in contact with DXCC, informing us of their progress. All of them have sought avenues for licensing in the north and the south. All of them have been there several times. All of these sources agree that administration of Amateur Radio is under the Ministry of Communications (MoC) in Sana'a. 2. During the operation of 7O1A, we received contacts from several of these people, each independently. One of them called Sana'a several times, and told authorities about the operation after it was over. Sana'a authorities requested that further information be faxed to them, as they did not know of any such operation. The authorities went on to say that at the very least, they should have been advised, and should have approved any operation. 3. (We also received a letter from well respected European who was actually in the MoC offices in Sana'a at about the time of the operation. He also requested that we "check it out.") 4. Bill Kennamer faxed MoC in response to their request. Bill received the following reply:

Dear Sir:, Thank you for your fax message of FEB.07, 1997 on the issue of the Amateur Radio License NO. 1 from our Aden office. Please note that the applicant had previously approached us in the Ministry of Communications-Sana'a and was advised that it is not possible at this time to issue any license for the Amateur Radio as the ministry is still under the preparation stage for the relevant regulatory documents & procedures for this activity. Therefore the ministry of communication in the Republic of Yemen, as the main body responsible for this activity, till this moment had never issued an official authorization for the RADIO AMATEUR. We will let you know when we shall issue such licenses in due time and to whom the first license will be granted. Please be advised and act accordingly.

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Best Regard MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS-SANA'A

5. An MoC official followed up this fax with a telephone call to be sure that Bill understood that the license should never have been issued, and that we should not consider it as an acceptable license. 6. The union of North Yemen and South Yemen (aka Aden) has not been entirely smooth. The administration of both halves has been united over a period of time. Some folks in the south have not been entirely happy that the administration now resides in Sana'a. 7. In 1990, the two countries merged. At that time all functions were duplicated, north and south. This is when the two previous licenses were issued—all from Aden. 8. In 1991, the country began a 30-month program to merge all government functions. Since the conclusion of the civil war in 1994, the MoC is one agency. 9. How does 7O1A documentation compare with 7O1AA and 7O8AA documentation? The 7O1AA and 7O8AA licenses are signed by the same person. However, this is not the signature on the 7O1A document. 10. Both 7O1AA and 7O8AA are issued on paperwork which is marked over or crossed out PDRY paperwork for the Ministry of Communications, Yemen Telecommunications Corporation. This is as we would expect, since one operation took place within days of the unification, and the other occurred within two months. 11. 7O8AA operators were told by the people that issued their license that their's was the first issued. In fact the 7O1AA license preceded it, and was signed by the same person. 12. The seal of the country is different on the later paperwork. 13. The letters of correspondence from Aden are on the stationary of the "Ministry of Communications, Aden Branch". Stationary from the Sana'a office says, "Ministry of Communications, General Directorate of Telecommunications." 14. A letter to the DXCC from an Arab DXer, dated 19 January 1995, contains the following: "I was going to get my own personal call sign in the 7O land but the war [in 7O] started and after the end, everything was controlled by the north, and they do not allow the Ham operation." In his letter he states that two people are members of a ham club at the Ministry in Aden. One of them appears to be the frequency manager of the MoC. It is strange they do not operate from a club station at MoC... Later skinny on the Internet said Carl, WB4ZNH provided ARRL with the phone numbers and identities so that the DXCC folks could contact knowledgeable people in Seven Oscar.

Late breaking news as I write this is that FCC will now only allow 1 x 1 call signs to be issued if the supporting organization or ham running the event identifies with his/hers/its "real" call sign on a regular basis. Guess that gives a 1 x 1 a non-call sign status. The 1 x 1,s will not be issued by the FCC but a third party. I supposed their real problem is that their XT can't handle the load!

It's election time again - we need candidates for the office of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Activities Manager. Several incumbents have indicated they will run again if ,slated%o but not the President or the Vice President. Contact me (dickb@akorn.com) 393-2150 913-3624 or DX Packet or Mike, K4PI770-942-4576 mike.greenway@sid.net or DX Packet if you would like to be a candidate or have a suggestion for a candidate.

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