

SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB



DX Alert 147.500S
also 147.179/.795
DX Ragchew 147.470S,
.540S, 147.195/.795R
Meeting Date: May 21, 1983
Time: 2 PM till Dark
Place: Murphy Candler Park
Shelters #2, 4, and 5.

THE APRIL MEETING was great! I hope you learned as much as I did. We really did get quite a lot from Dave Fisher's, WØNHS, antenna talk. Thank you, Dave! Come back and visit us anytime, you're always welcome!

THE MAY MEETING will be the SEDXC second annual blowout! There will be soft-drinks, food and a great time for all. Remember, the admission fee is \$5 worth of junk from your junk box. Prices on the refreshments will be set just high enough to ensure break-even for the club. We had a great time last year and earned some money for the DX Club doing it. We will need a new auctioneer this year; I plan to be there, but I won't be able to stay the entire time.

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Bring your gear for auction.
BEER must be consumed discreetly in this park, so the Club will NOT be selling any this year. Get off I-285 at Ashford Dunwoody, exit #21, and turn inside the perimeter. Go 0.7 miles to West Nancy Creek Drive and turn left. There is a traffic signal at this intersection. Go another 0.7 miles on West Nancy Creek Drive to Candler Lake EAST. This is just past the large lake on your left in Murphy Candler Park. Turn left on Candler Lake EAST and go 0.2 miles to just beyond the tennis courts. To get there from the regular meeting place, go North on Peachtree to just beyond Cglethorpe University and turn left on Ashford Dunwoody. Continue on Ashford Dunwoody to West Nancy Creek Drive just beyond Marist School, which is on your left. Turn right on West Nancy Creek Drive and follow the above directions. Grover, KC4BX, will be on 147.195/795 to talk you in if needed. See you there!

GUESS what? The wait for the new printer, et al., was not nearly as long as I expected. I hope everyone enjoys the improved quality of printing of your bulletin. Reluctantly, I must admit that Chaz Cone, W4GKF, was correct. I have no business owning two computers. Please check the ads this month for a real deal on a TRS-80 Mod. III, etc.

CORRECTIONS - KC4TJ's phone number is wrong in the book. Please correct it to (404) 939-3462.

Your editor never intended to imply in an earlier bulletin that SEDX Club members interested in contesting should join the Dixie DXers or that the SEDXC has not been well represented by our Contester members. I was pointing out that the majority of the club are not Contesters and that we should encourage this TYPE of activity. Generally, Contesters are better operators and I think it would make us better DXers to get involved in contesting. I was also trying to set the atmosphere of friendly, albeit heated, competition and head off some hard feelings over a 2 meter frequency misunderstanding. I think it worked, and now we should get down to the business of competing with them. Come on and show them what you are made of!

MAILING LIST PURGE to take place NEXT month! Those people who have not renewed their membership will be dropped from the bulletin mailing list effective in JUNE! Check this list to make sure your callsign does not appear. If you have overlooked renewing, or just decided to renew, send your check for \$18 to David Hibbert, 4120 Wild Flower Lane, Tucker, Ga. 30033. If you have decided not to renew your membership, we would appreciate you taking the time to drop us a note telling us what we are doing wrong or what we aren't doing!
K4FWR, K4HCA, K4XP, K7CU, KC4FU, KD4IN, KS4Q, KV4L, N4BGM, N4CC, KE4WH, N6CR, NE4R, NO4U, W1UA, W3BTX, W4PME, W4RNZ, W4UVP, WA4BEC, WA4OOM, WA4QQE, WD4EYD, WD5JDT.

(I don't object to printing anonymous articles; however, I will have to take responsibility for their contents. In light of this, the author might find editing that would otherwise not occur. - ed.)

NOTES FROM THE OLD DXER

Having worked a lot of DX in my time, I have come to the realization that DXing would be more enjoyable and less hectic if only a few rules were applied sensibly to maintain order. Today, I would like to pass along a few rules about pileups which I have formulated over the years. The application of these rules will undoubtedly be of great assistance to all members of the DX fraternity and they will also help you work more DX.

Rule #1. Under no circumstances should you listen for more than 2 nanoseconds at a time. If you expect to work the DX you have to call. If the DX station is going to come back to you, he should be able to do so in that interval. If he can't, he is undoubtedly a poor operator who won't QSL anyway.

Rule #2. When a DX station asks for 7's only, do not be deterred from calling just because you are a 4. This is simply a little trick used by some DX operators to cut down the QRM. Do not be fooled! Apply Rule #1 liberally.

Rule #3. A DX operator may get your call wrong the first time he calls you. Remember, there are many trying to work him. When he asks

for "the Lima Lima station," and your call ends in UAW, you can assume that he simply got your call wrong. Jump in! Remember Rule #1!

Rule #4. Once you have worked the DX station, you are one of the privileged. But with privilege comes responsibility. Now you must do what you can to help others. Zero-beat the DX's transmit frequency and assume the role of frequency policeman. This is an important duty and must never be avoided.

Rule #4(a). One of your prime duties as a frequency policeman (also known as a "freq man" or just "freq") is to advise those errant souls who call on the DX station's transmit frequency where they belong. Sometimes these poor misguided people will ask questions or make comments when you have advised them where they should go. NEVER let such comments go unanswered. To do so will undermine your authority. Everyone must know who the "freq" is.

Rule #4(b). When you are not providing guidance to the uninformed, you should endeavor to relay vital information to others. Such information should include the DX station's call sign, QSL information, the operator's name, postal rates and other relevant data. When transmitting such information, timing is critical. It will do no good to transmit while the DX station is listening for callers. Transmit only when he is transmitting so that more people can hear you.

Rule #4(c). Once in a while, say every 45 seconds or so, you should transmit a general information message somewhat like the following: "This frequency is in use. Do not call while the DX station is transmitting. He is listening up." Then give your call sign three times, phonetically.

As a "freq" you will become well known to all DXers throughout the world and as your reputation grows, you will undoubtedly receive much fan mail. Let someone else share your involvement in DXing. Let them open the mail!

Well, that's all from the Old DXer today. The mail is just arriving and I have to think of an errand to run. My neighbor usually gets my mail although it's not so easy for him anymore since he lost an arm and three fingers on his other hand. His seeing eye dog hasn't learned the route to my mailbox yet either.

73 and gud DX, The Old DXer.

FOR SALE - TRS-80 MODEL III, IBM SELECTRIC MODEL 72 interfaced to the expansion port of the TRS-80. Most flexible arrangement. Gives user a character printer while leaving the parallel printer port and the RS-232 (serial) port open for other peripherals. Computer has 48K, RS-232 and 2 Disk Drives; all Radio Shack. Package also includes: all manuals, service manual, several other books, typewriter stand cut-out for the printer, small desk, and many diskettes. \$1900; call WB4ZNH, (404) 478-3255. Used just on weekends to stir up trouble!

FOR SALE - Yaesu FT-707, remote vfo, antenna tuner, power supply, base mic and scanning mobile mic. This is the Solid State rig that stacks. \$875 complete; call Don, WD5DLX (404) 478-2050.

WANTED - Motorola 6802D2 microprocessor evaluator kit. Call N4OE.

FOR SALE - ASCII Terminal 300 to 9600 Baud Microterm ACT-1. \$75 or trade; Call John, N4OE; (404) 449-8536.

MEET THE DXERS

Bill Dunbar, WA4VDE, describes himself as a DAMN YANKEE, that is a Yankee that came South and never went back up North to Staten Island, N.Y. Bill and Dot, his wife of 39 years, came to Georgia to raise chickens in 1965. After 18 years, we should be almost ready to accept Bill as a Southerner. Well, we ought to accept Dot anyway!

Bill was first licensed as WN4VDE in 1975. Bill is a phone operator and his DXCC totals are 303/308. While Bill is not a "serious" contester, he did win the SEDX Club 1980 Year-Long DX Contest. Bill has some other pretty impressive accomplishments as well. He holds 5BDXCC, 5BWAS, WAC, and has worked 154 YL Countries!

Bill Dunbar, besides being our patriarch of 2 Meters, has developed quite a reputation as a QSL manager and has served DXing well with his service. Bill handles cards for the following: TU2HH, PYØZDX, 6W8HL, 6W8DS, 6W8JI, TR8DX, C53CC, EL2AG, 5R8AL, TL8AV, 5Z4CZ, 9U5JM, FRØHIF, FH8CL, S79ARB, W4MGN/3B8, and D68AM.

Bill's only advice to DXers was that if you need something for your DXCC, you should keep after it; persistence usually pays off!

HAPPENINGS - This has been a busy time between meetings. We found out that Marti Laine, OH2BH, famous DXer/DXpeditioner/Contester was in town for COMDEX. Through some hurried phone calling we got together a group to visit with Marti. Great time was had by all.

If that was great enough, Erik, SMØAGD, and Jörgen, SM3CXS, Erik's QSL Manager left a phone message on my machine as they passed through the Atlanta Airport going to Florida. With some detective work by K4SMX, they were located and talked into coming back through Atlanta to visit. As it turned out, Steve, K4JPD, was helping Stew with the arrangements, and pointed out that the Dixie DXers were having a meeting the night these famous DXers were in town. Since they already had a meeting place arranged, it was quite convenient for everyone to go to their meeting and give everyone a chance to meet two people who have brought us so many RARE DX countries. Erik's slides were terrific, and the enthusiasm and stamina of the man never ceases to amaze me! Such short notice prevented many from going and I know many were never reached by phone. If you missed it, I am sorry because it was such a rare opportunity to meet these really great people.

I did take the opportunity to point out to the Dixie DXers that now we had visited them and they were certainly invited to come to the SEDX Club meetings.

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