

SOUTHEASTERN



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W4NT

HEADQUARTERED IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA

DX Alert 147.500, also 147.795T/.195R
DX Ragchew 147.470, ~~540S~~, .795T/.195R
Meeting Date: May 15, 1984
Time: 7:30 PM (Local)
Place: Lutheran Church at the corner of Peachtree
and Narmore. (2 Blocks North of Phipps Plaza.)

THE APRIL PROGRAM was a slide show on the Pribilof Islands. Not exactly an exciting program, but it was well done (as was the DXpedition) and it was interesting to hear about such a remote part of the United States. The DXAC is apparently split on whether or not it should count as a new DXCC Country, so it might be some time before we have the answer.

THE MAY PROGRAM will be a slide show from Carl and Martha's recent attempted DXpedition to 5U7. No operation was permitted by the Niger Government but you might be interested to see photos of this rare DX location.

FUTURE BUSINESS - The Constitution and By-Laws of the Southeastern DX Club specifies that Constitution and By-Law amendments, dues increases, and election notifications all be sent out by First-class mail, 7 days in advance. If Third-class mail continues to perform, then it should be appropriate to drop the First-class requirement, at least we should change it to notification the previous month.

LICENSE RENEWAL REMINDER - JUNE, 1984: WA4FVT, KN4H, W4JD, and K4PHE. I still need new renewal dates for K0ALL, K4STK, KO5G, WB4EDD and WA4JTI; plus I have never received renewal dates for the following:
WA4BEC, K4FWR, W4GKF, K4IHP, KC4OH, N4OL, W4OOZ, WA4PBW, N4PN, WA4REF, W4RNZ, K4ROZ, KD4UH, W4PME, W4QO, and W5VUX.

CONTEST CORNER - As this is being written, the April contest is just now over and I have not received any reports of how many of you entered the QRP contest or how many countries each of you worked. I have heard reports of several that were in there working away.

For the month of May the contest is the CQ WPX CW contest and let's hope the propagation for the weekend is good. So, during the weekend of the 26th and 27th, let's hear lots of dits and dahs on all bands.

Looking down the road, in June we will be trying to see who can work the most Asians. This will be a month-long contest so get in there and work a lot of different Asian countries.

There will not be any contest for the months of July and August. However, don't let that stop you as you can still be running up your total for the year long (well almost; March 20th to Dec. 20th) contest to see who can work the most countries.

In Sept. we will be trying to see who can work the most Europeans. This should be one where it will be easy to run up a good score.

The March contest was won by KX4R, who was not present, so his plaque will be presented at the May meeting along with the winner of the April contest. Who will that be? Be there and see.

For now 73 and good DX. Jim, K4DLI

CORRECTIONS and ADDITIONS - On the back inside cover of your DX Club Roster/Want-list book is a list of club members in ascending order of countries needed. In the lower right-hand corner is a statement about the fact that the program does not report those needing(cont.)

NO countries. Your editor wrote that paragraph and I had to depend on memory for the callsigns listed here. I missed at least one, W4MGN. We have then 5 members will all the DXCC countries and 26 on the DXCC Honor Roll (or, almost 20% of the paid membership!).

K4TEA call ANYTIME! (Ignore the 2300H limit in the book!)

K4TKM countries needed are NOT listed and countries NOT needed ARE listed! Please be careful about calling Brook collect! In addition his address is transposed. Brook's street number is 2682, not 2862!

DXPO UPDATE - We now have a Hotel for DXPO. There is a meeting planned for the day after the bulletin is "put-to-bed" which should give us some real idea concerning the expenses which we will encounter. A special BIG thanks, for service above and beyond, goes to Russ Blair (WA4BSN) for exceptional effort in looking up HUNDREDS of addresses for the mailing list and to Bill Carnes (NZ4Y) for typing those little boogers into his computer!

MEET THE DXERS

In April of 1912, on her maiden voyage, the British White Star Liner, Titanic, struck an iceberg in the north Atlantic Ocean. While 1,500 people died in that tragedy, 700 were rescued because of the magic of radio.

In Gainesville, Georgia, a 7-year old boy listened to his parents talking about wireless and the Titanic and imagined himself communicating miles and miles without wires. No doubt in his daydreams he was the ship's operator desperately calling for help, or perhaps he was the hero that received those signals and led the daring rescue. Well, about 40 years later, without nearly as much fanfare as I'm sure that little boy imagined, he did get to provide very necessary emergency communications after a severe ice storm isolated Atlanta. For 48 hours without sleep, he relayed messages, often as seemingly mundane as ordering groceries for grocery stores.

Our young lad from Gainesville set out to learn about and build one of those wireless contraptions. He and a neighbor boy started out with wires and sent messages between their homes by morse code. The next step was a Ford spark coil. Now, attempting to operate on 200 meters has its problems. The young man built an antenna out of wire, 6 wires spread 6-8 feet apart and about 250 feet long. Forrest's father was not interested in having all that wire so near the house. "It will attract lightning!", he declared. Fortunately, indoor plumbing had just been installed and there was this little building out back, so to speak, that was for the most part vacant. So, from humble beginnings....

Even though Forrest's spark signal could only get across town, those wires did a really great job for listening to broadcast. Mr. Pilgrim was a great admirer of Wm. Jennings Bryan and one of the great orator's speeches was being broadcast on KDKA. Mr. Pilgrim was either so impressed with the operation or just didn't want to endure that again to hear Mr. Bryan on the wireless, that he allowed his son to bring the radio up to the house. Forrest just used his initials for a callsign until he was finally licensed in 1921. That first call was 4IV. Over the next few years, Forrest drifted in and out of Amateur Radio, taking the exam about 3 times (not counting the upgrade exams). In '27 he was 4AKI, and Forrest held W4PGJ from 1930 till 1952. In 1952 Forrest received his present call, W4JD.

While attending Emory University and teaching at Georgia Tech, Forrest was inactive, and he was also inactive while getting his Ph.D. in chemistry at Northwestern University. Forrest married Rene in 1927 and they have two children, Forrest Jr. and Patsy. During those early years, Forrest operated a wide variety of homebrew equipment: everything from that Ford spark coil and a 1/4 KW rotary gap to a 5 watt and then later a 10 watt single tube Hartley (named for the designer of that particular oscillator circuit).

Forrest only became active in DXing in the late '50s, but didn't get serious about it until he and his son (AB4H) got some friendly competition going. They both made Honor Roll the same month. Forrest only needs 1 country, Burma. His total with deleteds is 329, while his son only has 320. Ham Radio for Forrest's son started out with a bout with pneumonia. In those pre-miracle drug days, pneumonia meant weeks in bed. So Forrest built an oscillator for his 8-year old boy and taught him the morse code to help (cont.)

the time pass. Now Fritz (as his Mom and Dad call him) has his Extra and a First-Class Radio Telephone.

Forrest and Rene have been married 57 years, and Forrest has been in Ham Radio for over 63 years. In addition, Forrest has been retired now for 14 years and will be 79 in September. Anyone with this kind of experience should surely be able to offer us some really good advice. When asked, Forrest said that he abhors the terrible QRM and other garbage he hears these days on the radio. Forrest echoed almost verbatim the same things that accomplished DXers invariably say. Essentially, you must listen, listen and pay attention. Figure out where and how the DX station is operating and time your calling.

BILL WITTE, K4BAM, has been a member of the SEDXC for 11 years. Bill was recently promoted and has transferred to the Washington, D.C. area. We hate to see him go, but of course wish him all the best in his career. Bill will be off the air for a few months, so anyone desiring to contact him should write Bill at P.O. Box 9972, Alexandria, VA 22304.

SELEBI PHIKWE, BOTSWANNA - Your editor has received a nice note from A1, A22CA, thanking us for our interest in their small group. At the present time, there is only 1 local man who is learning about Amateur Radio, but A1 has high hopes. Look for A1 and other A22's on Saturday and Sunday afternoons about 21.315 or 21.415. Stop and say hello; you'll be glad you did! A1, how about writing us an article for our bulletin?

STRAYS

HELP! K4DLI - VK9X, OY, and TN. N4NX - VKØ MacQ(CW), ZL8/K (CW). WB4ZNH - XU.
N4IA - BV, S2, and XU. WD4FWE - JT, A35, and T2.

The "HELP" column is for you. If you are chasing a particularly elusive DX station(s), let your editor know and you will be listed in the "HELP" column for up to three prefixes.

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR your DXPO ribbon to the Atlanta Hamfest and all the other hamfests!!!

K4PI, your 1984 Program Chairman, is looking for suggestions, requests and ideas for programs. Your input will be appreciated. Call Mike at 942-4576.

THE TRADER

FOR SALE or TRADE: TRS-80 MODEL II with Disk Drive expansion (total of 3 each 8-inch floppy disks); much software on MANY diskettes; Radio Shack Dot Matrix Printer, LP-VI. Call Jim Mullins, KC4IX, at 993-1234 (office).

PERCISION CHRONOMETER - A limited quantity of these specially imported timepieces has been acquired for use by the most discriminating DXers. During a veritable treasure hunt in the more industrialized portion of our nation, Hugh (N4RJ), in his inimitable manner, made a once-in-a-lifetime purchase which he will surely share with you. See Hugh, N4RJ.

STATION CLOCK - if you want an LCD clock for your shack which displays the time both in GMT and Local (with the Local time flashing to the date every few seconds) this large 5/8 inch LCD display, this DXPO fund-raiser (they will not be given as door prizes) will be yours for \$25. Pick-up at the Club meeting or contact Carl, WB4ZNH. (It is suggested that you set GMT on BOTH clocks, so the GMT date will be displayed. This will preclude "Sorry, Not in log." The GMT clock will display the GMT date by pressing a button.)

FREE: GLA-1000 with the purchase of nice KWM-2 and Power Supply. FOR SALE - IBM PC, with or without Color/Graphics and Multi-function boards. WB4ZNH, 478-3255.

FOR SALE: BC-221 Freq. meter, manual, and ORIGINAL military A/C PS; \$55. Various ARC-5 military surplus equipment. WANTED: 3 drawer steelmaster 5" X 6-1/2". Call Bill, N4NX, at 993-3631.

FOR SALE: Exceptional condition, Drake C-Line; R4-C, T4X-C, AC-4, MS-4, FS-4 (Synth.), Etek Digital Display, MN-2000, C-4 (station console), WV-4, and Shure 444. All or part, call Don, N4HH (404) 257-0463.

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FOR SALE: Yaesu FT-207R with NC-3 AC powersupply/charger and speaker mic. Genave GTX-1 2 meter xceiver with desk charger. Voccom 25 wt. 2 meter amp. with charger plug. Ham-Key paddle. Heathkit 1 KW dummy load. Call K4DLI at 955-1775 days or 993-1767 at nighth.

FOR SALE: TRS-80 MODEL I; has newest style keyboard with numeric key pad, expansion interface, parallel printer port, 48K, and 1 disk drive; \$450. WB4ZNH, 478-3255. *

FOR SALE: TA-33, Moseley 3 Element Tri-bander (needs new traps), and V4-8, Moseley 40 and 80 Meter Vertical (needs mounting stud). Call Bill Jay, K4KG, at (404) 942-3192.

FOR SALE: Commodore PET 4032, 32K with built-in monitor; \$400.00. Multitech MPF-II, 64K Apple Clone; \$200. Call John Battle, N40E, (404) 449-8536.

THE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS from K1KI's Oblast Newsletter, sent to us by Bob Duggan, N4IA. K1KI expresses appreciation to W4KM for translation of the article from Soviet Patriot.

In summary:

1. Some existing individual callsigns will change.
2. ALL existing collective (Club) callsigns WILL change.
3. EY and EZ calls (Novice - 160 meters) will be changed.
4. No pre-1971 calls (two letter suffix) will be changed.
5. New two letter calls will be issued to Category I (200 watt) licensees, if applied for (optional).
6. Callsigns must be changed if moving to a new oblast.
7. New rules become EFFECTIVE ON MAY 1, 1984.

Callsign structure:

First letter - always R or U.

Second letter - ALWAYS indicates which republic.

A-N-V-W-Z	R.S.F.S.R.	(UA1-2-3-4-6-9-0 presently)
B-T-Y	Ukraine	(UB5)
C	Byelorussia	(UC2)
D	Azerbaijan	(UD6)
F	Georgia	(UF6)
G	Armenia	(UG6)
H	Turkoman	(UH8)
I	Uzbek	(UI8)
J	Tadzhik	(UJ8)
L	Kazakh	(UL7)
M	Kirghiz	(UM8)
O	Moldavia	(UO5)
P	Lithuania	(UP2)
Q	Latvia	(UQ2)
R	Estonia	(UR2)

E-K-S-U-X are not used.

NUMBER - remains the same for R.S.F.S.R., FOR THE OTHER REPUBLICS, IT MEANS NOTHING!

THIRD LETTER - for the R.S.F.S.R. indicates the oblast, in combination with the NUMBER.

For the other republics the oblast is indicated by the SECOND letter and number.

FOURTH LETTER - anything, except club callsigns outside of the R.S.F.S.R., will be indicated by the letters W-X-Y-Z.

FIFTH LETTER - anything, maybe absent.

Misc. details - in the R.S.F.S.R., club callsigns will have a Z as the SECOND letter.

Four oblasts will have distinct callsigns (new) for the city and for non-city portions (UL G, UB U, UB J, and UI A). No word on whether they will count as new oblasts. Navoy oblast will become UI Q (was UI8LN) and Talas will become UM T (was UM8PN).

(ed-oblast hunters and county hunters must necessarily be masochists!)

YOUR BULLETIN still needs contributing authors. I really enjoy writing the bulletin, BUT things are getting very hectic around here, and soon I will HAVE to have some relief. Would someone please help? Just an occasional month would be of GREAT assistance.

BULLETIN COPYING - Our thanks to Russ Blair, WA4BSN, for copying this month's bulletin. Please help if you can! If you can "host" the bulletin copying one month, please call our Secretary, Joel, WA4HNL, at 394-5466 with the information.

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