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Next Meeting Tuesday May 19, 1992 - 7:30 PM
Mike Greenway will talk about Station Protection!
 Location - Days Inn at Windy Hill Road @ I-75 Talk in 146.82

Secretary's Column - de KI4XO

Hello Again my friends and fellow DX enthusiasts. I start this months newsletter off to regretfully inform you of my decision not to be the secretary and editor of the SEDX newsletter next year. June will be the last month that I will have publishing responsibility for the newsletter. It has been a fun year.

Many thanks personally to all the new friends I have met through this activity, and all the help received as I got the newsletter going. I do not intend to seek office in any capacity in the club next year. Many thanks to Rick Glisson who wrote MANY fun articles each month. Additionally, he has put together many nice first rate programs for the club. I applaud his efforts. Thanks to the president Mr. Verne Fowler, for a successful year in which the SEDX club has achieved expanded visibility in the amateur community. Thanks to Sam the "checkbook man", our treasurer, who kept the club's finances in order.

Most of all thanks to all the members who read these pages which I cobbled together each month. I hope that I made them a little more interesting for you. I will miss you, but I plan to stick an article or two throughout the year.

73 and Good DX to all of you
 de John KI4XO

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 de John, KI4XO

Dayton was great as usual. Many new products, a lot of software, good forums, and the SEDX membership was well represented at the hospitality suit. Yes, Romeo, Alyona, Andy, Shasha and Ed arrived at Dayton where Fritz (KE4TJ), Jim (N4UCK) and myself ran into Romeo just outside of the Yaesu

booth. It was good to see all of them again and we firmed up to meet them at the hotel later that evening. Next we obtained the liquid provisions for the bar that evening and proceeded in the general direction of the Stoffer's hotel.

We set up the facilities and had a little dinner with a few of the fellows there and meet Gordon Griton, W6NLG, at Chin's right on the corner of the intersection at the Stoffer's. The hot point of the meal was Gordon's ingested one of the hot red peppers in the Chinese meal. To everyone's amusement, he discovered the problem immediately. It was obvious that he was in severe pain from his throat down to his toes due to this pepper. So what the group at the table did was donate their post dinner ice cream to Gordon's plight. When the waiter arrived with an EXTRA tall dish of sherbert ice cream, the cook had artistically placed one of these red hot Chinese peppers like a candle sticking out of the dish. We all had a good laugh over his plight. Much more kidding ensued with "Come on Ice Cream!"

On to the hospitality suite.... Jim, myself, and one of the Kansas City fellows helped run the bar while we waited on Romeo along with a cast of hundreds. This being a room for 30 or so people caused the crowd to spill out over into the hall down to the elevator bank. Shortly, (two and half hours later), Romeo arrived and we begin serious card processing. Several of us converged on Vern's room. Andy (UA3AB) and Bill Barr(N4NX), Val (N4RJ), worked on XY, Shasha, Joel Rubenstein (KA5V), worked on the YA logs and I took the 1S Spratly logs. We worked on the piles of cards while Jim, high speed "Suction manager" (N4UCK), run up and down the stairs and up and down the stairs over and over, obtaining cards and returning cards as they were completed. Verne (W8BLA), was kind enough to furnish the room and act as the moderator, card collector and financial aid.

We had about 10,000 QSO's in the 1S0RR logs, 30,000 QSO's in the YA0RR logs and 50,000 QSO's in the XY0RR logs. The logs were well worn and sorted by operation and broken down by band. Some of the YA logs were by dates and bands so you had to be aware of which cards went for which range of dates operation. Inside the log books the contacts were double, triple or four column wide per page. QSO rates on CW and phone were very impressive. It was not unusual to see hours of CW operation with several contacts per minute which would be running in the 180 to 200 plus QSO rate per hour. For a single operator that is not too shabby. It was also interesting to note the propagation tendencies of what the three DX peditions heard and the times of day to what parts of the world the bands were open. I have greatly changed my appreciation of propagation tendencies. It was apparent that the several times the paths were one way. Most interesting was that the penmanship style of the DXpeditions were neater and cleaner when they were working JA's. When I asked about this phenomenon, I was informed that of all the pileups run, that the Japanese were the most courteous and orderly in this situation. I saw several instances of some blacklisted calls from Italians, a couple of stateside and others while looking up contacts.

The sorting process was interesting. We basically sorted the work into sections. Cards were divided by country and band. Those persons who submitted cards with the Country, log information on the lower right corner of their envelopes was most appreciated. Those who did not had to be removed from their envelopes and sort out by country and band. Card formats were important too. Those cards that were cute, picture cards with information on the back without their owner's corresponding call sign on the back required you to waste time flipping the card over from front to back to look them up in the log. The one most memorable card that gets the "Weenie Card of the Year award" was a generic card someone brought at "K-Mart" that had a picture of radio on the front and the amateur blackened in the report via digital numbers, GMT, and circles on the radio band knob frequency, etc.... This was terrible. It was not cute, nor efficient to figure out the information spaced all over the card. I certainly hope the One Land station who submitted it changes their format in the future.

The XY0RR logs were both manual and on label sheets. The call data had been keyed in and printed off and stuck to many cards that were mailed and were arriving the week before Dayton. The three piles of labels were W's, K's & N's and the 2x2 and 2x3 calls in alpha numeric order. This meant if we had a hole on the label page where your call should have been, the card had been mailed. It was quick and easy to determine if we had not received a QSL request before, because if the label was on the page this was the person's first time making a contact.

Although, I know many of you have heard this before here are some things to remember in the future. Please -- when you submit cards for contacts follow some common sense and get all the information on the front or back in PLAIN clear printing, using the day, month and year format. It really helps if your incoming envelop has the log information on the lower left hand corner of your envelope whenever possible. Last, multiple insurance contacts are terrible.

We stopped working on the Friday night's batch and went back to our rooms to get some sleep around 3:30 AM. Arriving at the Hara arena then next morning Romeo gave a short talk and a table was set up outside the room to work on the cards for the expeditions. Long lines ensued with crowding and much appreciation as Allonya, Andy, Shasha, Romeo, Ed, and

myself processed cards at the table. There were many happy people and several times I had to search forwards and backwards several minutes or days to find the person's contact. 0000 GMT was the time that people can not seem to get the right day. One poor fellow was off by two days on one band and one day in the negative direction on another band. We found his second contact by accident. The crowd was intense and the heat from all the bodies oppressive. Everyone was very appreciative and patient with a few exceptions.

The saddest event occurred about 2 PM Saturday when a fairly heavy set fellow was arguing with Romeo about his cards and was demanding a second QSL card from Burma. It seems that he had worked the DXpedition from 6 land over 20 times and sent 9 batches of cards in for the contacts. He had previously received one card for his efforts. He was standing there begging for ONE more card and said "Why can't I have a second card, I sent my five dollars in to you already?" I found that kind of behavior excessive, and an embarrassment to the hobby. We had literally hundreds of people waiting patiently for confirmation that their cards were either in the mail (the recent mailing of 10,000 was arriving as Dayton started up), or were picking up their contact for the first time. Many of the gentlemen and ladies were there with their couple of contacts for Honor Roll, or as their last worked country. They, for the most part, were waiting patiently while this one fellow was making a spectacle out of the situation. Romeo quite effectively turned this fellow away.

We proceeded on for several more hours and whittled the crowd down at the arena and left late that afternoon. Tired and hungry we headed to the Stoffer's. Later that evening Bill, Val, Greg, and others once again set up shop in Vern's room to process cards received from upstairs. I took a break and went to the Banquet. Cards rolled on and out again until 3AM.

It was good to see my friends again and I wish we could have spent more time together to visit. Thanks again to all who helped and pitched in from the SEDX and Kansas City DX clubs and to all those I forgot to mention.

All in all it was quite a success and I hope to have shared with you a little piece of the behind the scene action.

73 and good luck to you.....
de John, KI4XO

Vice President's Column - DX TIDBITS- Rick Glisson, N4XMX VP

I think the PJ9W tape we saw at the last meeting, courtesy of Ken Beyers, K4TEA, showed how a good thing can be carried away. The amount of aluminum put up in the air was amazing. Having two cargo ships to bring the stuff shows what an all-out effort it was. Makes my little tribander feel bad just thinking of it. Also want to thank Larry Fogle, N4TMW for the 4U1UN presentation. Shows what a little hussle can do!

The program next month will be Mike Greenway, K4P1, and station protection. This will include lightening protection as well as proper grounding to prevent rf problems. With thunderstorm season approaching, this promises to be an appropriate subject. Mike will also have a short video on his contest station, P40T. After seeing the PJ9W tape, Mike didn't want to be left out! Mike is frequently on during contests along with Bob, W3BTW, owner of the P40T call.

Dayton is over and the cards are trickling in. Of course two days after Dayton (Tuesday), my XY card came in, direct from Moscow (postmarked 4/14/92). Too bad that these cards weren't mailed two weeks earlier, it would have avoided much of the "feeding frenzy" at Dayton. Wednesday I get another XY card, filled out at Dayton, but mailed from Tennessee in an envelope I hadn't provided. Later that week, the XY medal came in. When it rains, it pours.

Anyone who doesn't believe in miracles should know about John, KI4XO. He saw a card on the floor at Dayton with XMX sticking out of the envelope. He picked it up thinking, "That looks familiar, can't be Rick's..." It was, my D2ACA contact. John then walked it over to Anatoly and got my D2 card. Above and beyond, thanks John, I owe you one. Also mailed out at Dayton were the PY0SR cards from PS7SK. If you haven't received your card yet, resubmit to Karl.

The DX has slowed up a bit so I have been catching up on QSL'ing. Finally getting around to sending off for all those low band as well as band countries needed. DXBase has made that chore easier, but there are still many cards to send out. Does make it fun to check the mailbox though... Thanks to N4DUG and the packet cluster, I worked G4XMX. He lives in a "stately home" over there and is going to send me a travel brochure on the place! No towers, though. It is fun to actually stop and talk to people rather than always the 59 GA. Try it sometime.

Make your plans for the DX Forum at the Atlanta Hamfest. It's a good time to meet everyone and catch up on all those "the one that got away (or didn't get away) stories." Besides, who else can you brag to? Your spouse certainly is tired of hearing it! On a different note, this year has been entertaining as VP for the club. However, I will let someone else try the job next year on the theory that everyone should have a chance to help run things. Thanks to all who have helped with the programs, it has made my life much easier!

See you in the pileups -73-

-Rick

President's Column - de W8BLA

It's now 8 pm, Sunday, and Dayton is officially over for 1992. For the first time attending the Dayton HamVention, I come away with mixed emotions. The highlight of this visit though was my great privilege to be involved with many Southeastern DX Club members and those of the Kansas City DX club in the XY, 1S, and YAQSLing and Romeo visit. I want to thank the following for their tireless and voluntary efforts: KA5V, N4RJ, N4NX, WA4JTI, KBOU, NOCQL, W8ZF, KI4XO, K1ER, KYOA, WA4APM, N4UCK, KC4YNE, WK1O. The team from Moscow Romeo 3W3RR/AHOM, Andy UA3AB, Alyona UT5JDA, and for all his patience and coordination Ed NT2X. Almost 2,900 cards were processed and another 1,500 made ready. To date, almost 6,500 cards have been received at my qth (I haven't been home to check what has com in lately) and about 2,000 have been delivered to Romeo for processing this coming week! A tremendous effort for which I will remain forever grateful. The hospitality suite was a rousing success, some ups and downs but a great turn-out. D2ACA/UT3UY Toli, dropped by with cards and surprised many with the appearance.

The upcoming weeks will have Romeo in Atlanta for a visit, then off to Birmingham for the hamfest and then to Phoenix to visit more friends. By the time you read this more cards will have arrived and our visitors will be on to the next stop. Bon Voyage and our best 73.

The 1S and YA logs are cards are in my possession and hopefully with the help of volunteers from the club I will be processing those cards for a while. QSL W8BLA 92 CBA. The XY cards should be sent to 3W3RR. Any 3W3, 4K2, YA5MM, ZA1A, ZF2QQ, etc., cards should be sent to the proper address, NOT ME! No, I won't help send them to the correct person. Check GO list and other qsl route aids. Yes, I did get many YA5MM, etc, and even a VP8SSI card! Guess what? I gave it to Marti, who said to look for those cards to appear in September or October. Word is that Toli (D2ACA) will be stateside for about thirty days. Check local packet cluster for possible further info on his whereabouts.

Plans are being discussed for several SEDX dxpeditions, plan to be at the next meeting for more info. There are two members currently signed up for a VK9X trip, and several multi and single op efforts in upcoming contests. More to follow. See you all at the next meeting!

Best 73 es gud dx. Vern.

The Ohio/Penn Dx Packet Cluster
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Thanks to the Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society, Northern Ohio DX Association, Ohio/Penn Packet Cluster Network, K4CEF & Southeastern Cluster Group, DXNL, DF4RD, KE2LJ, WB3LHD, WK3N, NR3Z, N6MZ, KQ8M, KE9KD and K0GU for the following DX information.

1A0KM/IT, PALERMO, SICILY. It has been reported by Tony, I0LJ, who runs the 1A0KM operation, that the 1A0KM/IT are UNICEF people operating in Palermo and this station does not count for the Sov. Mil. Order of Malta (SMOM). Tony does not know why they are using the 1A0KM call. One of the operators of 1A0KM/IT9 whose name is also Tony, stated to QSL to IT9ZGY. Tony (I0LJ) stated that there is no truth to the rumor that the 1A0KM operations have been halted due to the disruptions caused by the last operation. Tony (I0LJ) said it is a very large undertaking for him to run the 1A0KM operation and that he will not be able to do it this year. But, he promised an operation in early 1993.

4U7ITU, ITU GENEVA. Gian, I1RBJ, will be active May 1-3 with the special callsign 4U7ITU. Information on his activities (bands/nodes) was not available at this time.

4W, YEMEM. On April 18th, around 0030z, the International Amateur Radio Society Net on 14243 kHz ran a mystery DX station for their members only (list), guest were invited later. The mystery station's callsign was kept a secret until all the lists were run. Even the net controller did not know who the station was. Each station that worked the mystery station was to address him as Marcel (who had a French accent) After being on the air for 30 minutes, they announced the station was 4W0MD. The suffix "MD" is reported to be the man's initials. PA3AZF appeared on the net with 4W0MD and spoke French with him during the whole session and is reportedly his QSL manager. It is said that 4W0MD will be appearing on that net somewhat irregularly in the coming days. (This is interesting, because both 4W (Yemen Arab Rep.) and 7O (Peoples's Dem. Rep. of Yemen) were deleted when both countries reunited and was replaced with a new 7O (Yemen).

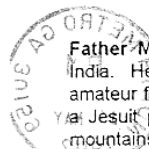
6T2YD/SA, SUAKIN ARCHIPELAGO. Yannick of ST2YD and ST0YD operations is now active as 6T2YD/SA. The /SA stands for Suakin Archipelago and counts for IOTA AF-62. Yannick has been heard on 14256 kHz around 2145 to 0145z.

21260 kHz at 1230z and 28480 kHz at 1200z. For DXCC purposes this counts for ST (Sudan). His length of stay is unknown, but QSL to F6AJA.

5X, UGANDA. Watch for John, PA3CXC, to be active on 10, 15 and 20 meter CW and phone, signing 5X5CW starting in late April.

7Q, MALAWI. There has been plenty of activity from this one. Paul, 7Q7BW, and Chrstine, 7Q7BX, have been very active on the Afikaaner net on 21355 kHz. Look for them around 1900-2000z daily. 7Q7BX has also been heard on 28480 kHz around 1220z. QSL to N5MHZ. For CW activity, look for 7Q7XX on 21025/1900z and 14011/0520z, and 7Q7RM on 28021/2020z (QSL to G0IAS).

9G, GHANA. Activity by 9G3CC has been reported from Europe on 10 and 15 meters CW/SSB. Spots on the Ohio/Penn Network shot activity on 2102M and 21235 kHz around 1200z. QSL via F6FNU, but remember WFWL!m(9G was ranked 9th in the OPDX/NODXA 1991 Most Wanted List)



Father Marshall Moran, 9N1MM, died April 14 in New Delhi, India. He was 86 years old and had been Nepal's most famous amateur for more than 40 years. He was a native of Chicago and a Jesuit priest who operated a school for young children in the mountains of Nepal. Funeral arrangements are pending.

MINUTES FROM LAST MONTH

Last months meeting was highlighted by a dues increase motion from Sam, KB4NJ to \$24 dollars. Please attend next month to review this motion as the club bylaws require a one month notice for a discussion of this sort to take place.

The second motion was " The SEDX Club administer a fund for the maintenance of the packet cluster system in Atlanta. " This was voted and carried by the membership present.

A motion was made by Ed, K4SB, and passed to confirm honorary club membership on Dean, W8ZF, Jack, AA4LU and Bill, K4KG for their work in the amateur community with Dxbase and the DX Packetcluster.

Larry W4MWT announced the 147.195 (pl 84.5) dx repeater has been moved to the top of the new MCI building and it now has EXCELLENT coverage. Always a few big guns and little pistols to be found on this machine.

We also note that W4DA, Fred Pharo is now a silent key. He passed away in April. Fred was a club member and remembered by fellow amateurs of the SEDX.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY-----

2-3 ARI INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST

2-3 OREGON QSO PARTY

30-31 CQ WW SSB WPX CONTEST

JUNE-----

13-15 ARRL JUNE VHF QSO PARTY

27-28 ARRL FIELD DAY

JULY-----

1 CANADA DAY CONTEST

11-12 IARU HF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

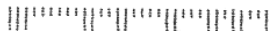
THATS ALL FOLKS. Hoped you enjoyed the news as much as I did. CU in the pileups.....

73 de

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TREASURER'S REPORT

No Treasury report at this time from Sam.



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