



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB

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DX CLUB*

May 1998

MEETING TIME & LOCATION

Tues., May 19th, 7:00 PM, TECH AMERICA, just north on Buford Hwy north of I-285.

VP THOUGHTS

-Ernie Zingleman, KS4Q, VP

No doubt many of you are preparing to attend the Dayton Hamvention. If you are like me, you are disappointed to hear that the DX Forum is now off site. Buses are to be provided as transportation. I am sure many will be eager to hear the consensus on whether the three 'new' countries, the H40, and the FO Marquesas and FO Australs, will count for new ones. Hopefully everyone worked them while they were on the air.

As I type this article, I have begun again to try and work the 3B7RF on SSB after having what I thought was a good QSO yesterday. When you clearly hear your call come back to you through the pileup, you can usually count on being in the log. Darn!

WOW, after a long pause in the 3B7 working the pileup, when the operator changed radios, I was able to get him on the second call after he came back on the air! I guess it pays to lie in wait! Hopefully the Internet log checker will say that it is a good QSO when it is posted in 24 hours or so. Many of you did not need the 3B7 for a new one, but I did. I was living in a condo when the last operation took place.

After an absence from the last two club meetings due to business commitments, I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the May meeting. A brief report on the results of the member survey as well as a report on the DX road show will be given.

The program for the club meeting will be announced via e-mail this time around. It is also time to be thinking about officer candidates for the coming year as your President and Vice President will be retiring in June.

73, Ernie KS4Q

BEEPS DE K2UFT

-Dick Bentley, K2UFT, Activities Director

Not a lot to report on this time around. Getting tired of the evening parade of violent thunderstorms we get every couple of days. Last Sunday's seems to have wiped out the transmit part of my packet rig, so I'm living with an occasional telnet check from time to time. With the events that have been occurring on the sun, seems like I haven't missed much.

Speaking of not missing much, from what little I've heard of the 3B7 expedition, it doesn't seem to be running with the accustomed HB precision. The 40 CW op seems to fluster real easy when the going gets rough. But as they usually say, I'm not on that end of the expedition to see what they are going through to try to provide contacts.

Good news for the Atlanta HamFestival June 20 - I was able to get Bill Moore, NC1L, new ARRL DXCC desk head man, to join us for some QSL checking and perhaps a forum on DXCC2000. More good news is that all but 6 of the commercial booths are sold out.

Bad news is the flea market table sales are going slowly - there are plenty left and we'd sure like to sell most of them before move in time to ease opening day complications. If you'd like a table, send me a note and I'll fax the application form to you.

You can also check out the floor plan and download a blank form from Atlanta Radio Club's Website, <http://www.saf.com/arc>. The HamFestival is June 20, 9 to 5, air conditioned. Georgia International Convention Center, Sullivan Road, College Park, just off the southern border of Hartsfield Airport.

See you at the meeting.

73 Dick, K2UFT Activities Chairman

-Rick Glisson, N4XMX, Sec.

The meeting started right at 7:10 PM with Rick, N4XMX walking in and finding out he was running the meeting. Top end I-285 traffic was as bad as ever, hence the delay. There were 18 members present. Rick passed around the signup sheet.

The tornado was discussed in detail. Most members did not suffer too much damage but Dick, K2UFT, announced that N4CIW had lost 60% of his home.

Phil, W4GTS, thanked everyone for their calls and good wishes. Phil is doing fine and was home in time to work the H40AA bunch. Good timing, Phil!

The Treasurer's report was accepted and passed. Same for the minutes with the exception of Fritz, KJ4T, who sent word that he objected to his callsign being butchered in the last newsletter. (*Sri Fritz! -ed.*)

New business: Mike Greenway, K4PI, has pins and T-shirts for sale. He is looking for the Honor Roll plaque. If you know where it is, please contact Mike! Mike also mentioned that the SEDXC reflector is up. He encouraged everyone to use it. An easy way to contact everyone quickly.

Apparently the program at North Fulton was not presented. Details will be published when they are known.

Bill Ronay, KM4LS, announced that he will hopefully be moving south and this would be his last meeting. Good luck, Bill. Use the reflector to keep in touch.

Paul, K4UJ said he would get a copy of the SEDXC survey to Tom, K8XP.

Dick, K2UFT mentioned that there will be a special H40AA QSL card issued for those who contribute \$25 by May 10th. It will benefit the locals. Dick also mentioned that a special 9N1MM station will try to be built in honor of Father Moran in Nepal. There are details on the internet and the DX bulletins.

There was a break and after the break, door prizes were raffled off consisting of 3 pins and a T-shirt. Rick, N4XMX, displayed the gel-cell power supply he purchased for the next bad weather, power outage combo to come along.

The program was a very interesting saga of what it takes to get permission to activate a rare DX location. The program was put on by Steve, K4WA,

and Paul, K4UJ. It was quite impressive and "it ain't over yet!" You had to be there!

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

DX TIDBITS

-Rick Glisson, N4XMX, editor

Well, after the H40AA/H40AB and the FO0FI/FO0FR DXpeditions, I needed a rest! I know the H40AA had a full crew, but when did the FO pair sleep? I have never seen such a presence on the bands from just 2 people! Way to go, guys! I worked them so many times, I feel bad... (not really, just kidding!). My antennas had been pointed out there for so long I forgot there might be some DX eastwards.

Sure, enough, here comes the 3B7RF bunch. I don't know if it's just the solar storms, etc. but I am not hearing much. I know the east coast is supposed to be a shoe-in for things eastwardly, but the times for certain bands are a whole lot different than the Pacific crowd. Instead of 15M warming up around 4-5 PM local time, it peaks around 10 AM local time for the 3B7 guys! Signals have been weak, spots are few and the QSO's slow. Lots of QSN. There are log checks for the 3B7RF. Oddly enough, I show up in the VE7 checker but not the official 3B7RF search engine. Still some bugs to work out. Be grateful though, remember the days before instant log checking? :)

After fixing my A-3, I noticed that after the leaves had come out on the trees that my rotator was having some trouble. Turns out that a few branches that cleared nicely before now hung up the tribander. Rather than call a tree guy out to get the limbs at 35', we used a variation of the slingshot/antenna method. Using some egg shaped fishing weights and a fishing reel, we shot the line over the offending limb. Then tied twine to the weight and reeled it back over. Then tied a rope saw to the twine and pulled it back over. Taking down the limbs usually took no more than 5 minutes once the rope saw was in place. Quiet too! Now all is clear. Now if I can get rid of the S-7 crud at 300 degrees I get at night that cycles off and on in 1 minute intervals... Something to get at the ARC hamfest!

BTW, my harmonic, JoAnne, has passed the novice written and will take her 5 WPM code in 2 weeks. May have to share the rig!

CU in the pileups... -Rick, N4XMX

FROM THE INTERNET

From: Gerry Smith <w6ter@worldnet.att.net> To: dx@ve7tcp.ampr.org <dx@ve7tcp.ampr.org> Subject: Update, 3B7, from K5KG Date: Sunday, May 10, 1998 7:08 PM

3B7RF Information Update — 1600 UTC — May 10

All operation is going smoothly at this time. Operators and stations have settled into a good routine to provide 24 hour coverage with four hour shifts. All equipment working well with minimum interstation interference. Generators working excellently with fuel fed from large tanks to eliminate refueling. All antennas up — 6 yagis, including monster X7 (35 Kgs at 7 meters), Battlecreek and 80M TitanX V80. All on beach locations. Amps working excellent running 400 watts on all stations. We believe we are generally loud.

WX excellent. Hot days, warm nights. Daily rains provide some cooling. Have to be careful of sunburn. Food excellent. Raphael Fishing chef prepares wonderful meals always with some surprise fish dish for dinner. All fish served are only two hours out of the sea. Operators eat in shifts. Swimming and snorkeling excellent when the sharks are at work.

Operation update by band:

160 meters: Generally difficult. Weak European signals, hard to pick out but have worked about 150 including VE1ZZ and a few ZS's. No VK, JA or USA yet. We will continue to watch specific times and frequencies as instructed in pilot feedback.

80 meters: Also wall of European signals approaching chaos. Need Europe filter! We tried working by numbers but no help. Also paying attention to pilot feedback on JA, VK, USA times. K3ANS reported to us today that our signal is good in USA but we can not hear. We will try a short Beverage. However space is limited since our CW site is on the North shore of Raphael.

40 meters: 40 m CW — Excellent condx with Battle Creek. Worked some long path W6 stations last two days at 3B7 sunset. Good east coast USA and European coverage.

40 m. SSB — Sucks. Only antenna is single element on triband yagi. Few contacts but will keep trying. The world should not count on this one from us.

30 meters: First operation took place yesterday. Will concentrate more time on this band in next few days. Excellent condx from 1600 UTC equally strong to JA and EU. More good operation occurred today including some USA.

20 meters: Generally strong although closes from 0500 thru 1200 UTC daily. Excellent USA condx from 0200 to 0400 UTC beaming short path. Today SSB run to all USA districts including some West Coast and KH6, AH8, KP4, FS, YS, YV, ZL, etc. Will continue to concentrate on this opening. Find it necessary to run by number.

18 meters: Dynamite band as predicted by NM7M and W7SE. Incredible JA runs. Will continue to look for USA openings. Will continue to listen for Asia outside of JA. JA's very helpful in standing by.

15 meters: Same as 18 m

12 meters: Strong JA runs. Had good EU opening today and some USA thru W5. Strong PY's and ZP's at times. In general, SA is scarce on all bands.

10 meters: Band usable to EU and JA but signals from EU are measurably stronger. Today band opened wide to all parts of the globe simultaneously. Within one 30 minute period we worked all continents with equally strong 59 signals. Solar condx have improved measurably.

All for today.

73,

George, K5KG

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W4UCK (24 & 96) 145.65, 144.97 (ARCDX)
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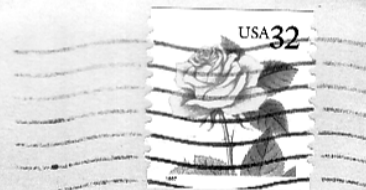
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