



# SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB

*THE SOUTH'S PREMIER DX CLUB*

**W4NT**

May 1999

## MEETING TIME & LOCATION

**Tues., May 18th, 7:30 PM, TECH AMERICA, just north on Buford Hwy north of I-285.**

audio clips from the DXpedition giving us a feel for how the pileups sound from the other side. He will give a presentation of this material and more at the Dayton Hamvention. Thanks, Tom!

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

**-Mike Greenway, K4PI**

Most of my DXing and contesting this month has been with a new (for me) QRP rig. I picked up an MFJ-9040 for 40 meter CW which puts out 3 watts. It's been a lot of fun working guys with this simple, 3

It's another month closer to elections... June is the "transfer of power" month. We're working on some nominees. If you have suggestions let any of the officers hear from you.

Ken Evans, W4DU, will be talking to us about

Another slow DX month for me. The flux can't seem to get up high and stay there. I saw an email about some predictions by the Navy Dept. They are saying this is going to be a very low cycle. I don't remember all the details but it doesn't sound like we should expect too much. I am sure we will have some good times so enjoy the ones that come along I guess.

QRP operation and DXing at the May meeting. His presentation will include a demonstration of the Elecraft K2 all band QRP rig which Ken built. It has many innovative features one wouldn't expect to find on such a radio. Recently, I had the pleasure of watching Ken work DX with it from the Tech America parking lot. I think you'll find his program interesting.

Jay, K4OGG is still planning a Field Day operation at his place on Lake Lanier. If you have any interest please contact him.

Lots of people have caught the PSK31 bug over the past month. The May QST article showed how simple and cheap it is to be QRV on this new digital mode. I had a nice chat with ON4UN on PSK31 last week and heard several stations in the Pacific using it.

Also please mark your calendar for the Georgia QSO Party, July 31-Aug 1. I am making a list of anyone planning to operate. I need to know which county and class you plan to be. Let's put on a good show here. I don't have too many responses so far.

All you need to join the fun is a free download from the Internet and a couple of cables.

The club has been offered a few spots to sell for the club treasury at the Atlanta hamfest. They will be in the horse area at Jim Miller Park where the hamfest will be held. Let me know if you want one. I have request for 4 so far.

The club is gearing up for Field Day next month. It appears there will be two operations open to SEDXC members - one from the K4OGG cabin and the other as a multi-club effort under the W4A callsign. Both will be at Lake Lanier, so it will be easy to spend time with each group. Check with K4OGG and W4WA for details.

73 Mike Greenway, K4PI, P49I

## VP CORNER

**-Jim Worthington, AD4J**

It's time to elect new officers next month. Be thinking about who would be good to run the club over the next year. It might be you!

73, Jim AD4J

Tom Harrell, N4XP, provided us with an excellent program on his recent V7 operation at the April meeting. In addition to an interesting talk, Tom played

**GET READY FOR WPX CW!!**

## TREASURERS REPORT

-Nancy Draheim, NK4U

No report this month.

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## SEDXC MINUTES 3/2099

-Rick Glisson, N4XMX, Sec.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Mike, K4PI, President. There were 28 members present. Old Business: Nothing brought up. New business: Mike, K4PI, talked about the GA QSO party rules and times. Contact Mike of plans for the event. Dick, K2UFT, acting for the ARC, offered free ARC Hamfest tables to the club to be sold by club as a fund raiser. The ARC Hamfest will be June 5/6.

Pat Scott, W4NW, thanked everyone for the cards while he was recovering.

Jay, K4OGG, talked about the field day site and mentioned the choice of sites being considered in conjunction with W4WA and maybe 4 clubs. Jay was also thanked for his work making up the GA county abbreviation list.

K4BAI was also thanked for his work organizing the event. Check out [www.contesting.com/SECC](http://www.contesting.com/SECC).

Rick, N4XMX, announced that there was a load of junk in his car and invited everyone down after the meeting to take something. (everything went!)

Phil, W4GTS, urged somebody to go to Monserrat and do some low band.

WZNOD was announced as on the air hooked into the SE packet cluster on 144.65 from south Atlanta.

The megacluster has a new IP address but I missed it. Will put it in next month.

Fritz, K4TE, mentioned that hopefully soon, the K4JPD DX repeater will have an external antenna. The repeater it self is getting old and may need some either fixing or replacing soon.

The excellent program was given by Tom, 80M N4XP about his N4XP/V4 operation on Kwajalein there! Atoll. Great program and pictures! Thanks Tom!

The meeting ajourned around 8:45 PM.

## DX TIDBITS

-Rick Glisson, N4XMX

One of the advantages of living in a large city is that when the ARC Hamfest rolls around, there is an official ARRL field checker here from headquarters. To some people this may not be a big deal but to the DX'er, it is a very big deal. Here's why.

As you rise up through the ranks and collect more cards, some of those cards are hard to get. As you pass through the 300 country mark, almost every card you get is a "good" one. Some of these cards cannot be replaced either because the operator cannot be found, doesn't QSL much and you got lucky, or the logs are lost or closed. Other problems such as changing political climates make even getting the mail through a task.

Currently as I write this, there are around 8 to 10 countries that mail is being held up including YU, T9, and EL.

Being able to take your cards to the hamfest greatly outweighs any extra cost to do so. No one wants to be wondering whether their rare cards got lost in the mail or wherever. I once sent a real photo QSL card to headquarters of some MARS troops in Iraq.

They had a ham with them and were operating portable Iraq. The slightly oversized picture showed their tents and setup in the desert. The card counted but whoever repacked the card folded it in half to mail it back! I have never sent another card to headquarters since.

Another advantage of personal card checking is the instant feedback why a card might not count. I had a beautiful card from some in C6 showing their big boat with antennas on it. It was my first C6 back in the early days and I didn't even think about why it might not count. The field checker had a book with "bad calls" in it and indicated that it was a shipboard operation. Time to get another card from another C6.

This year I am turning in cards for my 40M DXCC and with as much trouble as I went through to get these, such as SU, HK0F, XF4, 3V, KP1 and KP5, I'll gladly show up and hand them in.

Next year I hope to turn in enough cards for 80M and complete 5BDXCC. I hope you'll see me

CU in the pileups.. Rick, N4XMX

## FROM THE INTERNET

ARLD018 DX news

**FIJI, 3D2.** Look for Mat, JA1JQY, Sasi, JA1KJW, of Aveiro on 8-9 May. [TNX CT1DTE] EA - Kaoru, JA3MCA/1 and Kuni, JA8VE/1, to be QRV as EA3URT/P will be active on 9 May from Cal Claudio 3D2SH, 3D2HI, 3D2TK and 3D2KZ, respectively, (DIEI L-012). QSL via URE. [TNX EADX]. until May 1. Activity on 160 to 6 meters, including the newer bands, using CW and SSB is expected. QSL to home calls. [TNX F6AJA and Les Nouvelles DX]

**NEPAL, 9N.** Kazu, JA8MWU, will be QRV as F9N7WU from May 3 to 12 on 20, 15 and 10 meters using SSB. QSL to home call. [TNX F6AJA and Les Nouvelles DX]

**BAHRAIN, A9.** Ed, WH6CXQ, will be QRV as (ENAC). QSL via F6ITD through the bureau. [TNX A92GJ from IOTA AS-002 for the next few years. F6AJA and Les Nouvelles DX]

**CHINA, BY.** The BI5D IOTA DXpedition team will be QRV from Dongtou Island in the Zhejiang Province Group, until May 3. QSL per operator's instructions. [TNX DX News Sheet]

**TURKMENISTAN, EZ.** EZ7ST has been QRV near 14021 khz around 2340z. QSL via UA9LM. [TNX DL8AAM and GM0ALS]

**MARTINIQUE, FM.** Pertti, OH2RF will be QRV as FM/OH2RF from May 1 to 7 using CW and SSB. QSL to home call. [TNX DL8AAM and GM0ALS]

**SCOTLAND, GM.** Scottish stations may use the special prefixes 2A, 2S, and 2T to mark their parliament opening between May 6 and July 31. [TNX DL8AAM and GM0ALS]

**WALES, GW.** Welsh station may also change their prefixes temporarily to 2C, 2W and 2X to mark the parliament opening between May 6 and July 31. [TNX DL8AAM and GM0ALS]

**SUDAN, ST.** Dr. Sid, ST2SA, has been QRV on 14274 khz around 1500z. [TNX DL8AAM and GM0ALS]

**TUVALU, T2.** Look for T22JY, T22KJ, T22TK and T22VE to be QRV from Funafuti Atoll until May 9 on 160 to 6 meters, using CW and SSB. QSL per operator's instructions. [TNX DL8AAM and GM0ALS]

take place on 4-24 May [425DXN 417]. [TNX DX News Sheet]

**CT** - CT1DTE, CT1EXK, CT1EFL, CT1EQL and CT2GQI will be active as CQ4A from the Lighthouse

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**F** - Special station TM0AC will be activated between 15 and 19 May to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National School of Civil Aviation

**F6AJA** and Les Nouvelles DX]

**GM** - G0TWI (Allan), G0SKC (Barbara) and G0UTH (Tom) plan to be active as GB2FIO from the Fair Isle Bird Observatory on Fair Island (IOSA SH-9), Shetland Islands (EU-012) on 7-10 May. QSL via home calls (bureau) or direct to GM0AXY. [TNX DX News Sheet]

**GM** - Look for Jim, GM4CHX to be active from the Shetlands (EU-012) on 12-13 May (Papa Stour, IOSA SH-14) and 14 May (Mousa, SH-1). [TNX DL8AAM and GM0ALS]

**JA** - JA6GXX is reported to be working on a special lighthouse in Danjo Archipelago (AS-056) for the next couple of weeks. Plans are to operate on 4

**JY** - Ulli, DL5MBY is active from Jordan as JY8YB for the next two or three months. He and George, JY9QJ are likely to participate in the CQ WW

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**KH0** - Haru, JA1XGI will be active as KH0/JA1XGI from Northern Mariana (OC-086) between 9 and 12 May. QSL via home call. [TNX ARRL D Bulletin]

**SP** - Edward, SP5CGN (sp5cgn@qsl.net) reports the following special event stations are expected to be active from Poland: SN0KAO (until 31 May), SP0LOK (until 30 June), SP0DIG (8 May, 2-3 Jun 1-30 October), SP0ZKE (10-16 May), SP0ZS (15-18 May, 31 July, 1 August, 1 September, 1-15 October), SN0HAC (26-30 May), 3Z2JPB (1-20 June), SN0PR (1-30 June), SP0YEN (1 June-30 September), 3Z5JPS (4-17 June), 3Z5JPW (10-14 June), 3Z0JPG (11 June), 3Z0WVL (14-30 June).

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**9M2** - Johnny, G3LIV will not be active as 9M2/G3LIV from Pulau Penang (AS-015) as he has been unable to obtain a licence. His operation was due to