



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB

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*THE
SOUTH'S
PREMIER
DX CLUB*

June 2000

NEXT MEETING: June 20th at 7:30 PM at Radioshack.com located just north of I-285 on the Buford Hwy.

SEDXC MINUTES 5/16/00

-Dale Nordin, K4HGG, Sec.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

-Mike Greenway, K4PI

Our condolences go out to Phil, W4GTS, as his wife passed away recently. He also went into the hospital for an operation. Our wishes for a quick recovery go out to him. I recently heard a program on PBS by an author that had written a book called "Bowling Alone". What he had to say was very interesting as I think it reflects a lot on what the club has gone through in the last few years. His data shows that people are not joining groups anymore. He said for example, bowling league participation was down by 70 % I believe although the number of bowlers was up. He said people are participating in activities as much but in smaller groups but not clubs and organizations. He quoted a lot of data I can't remember but it happening in all organizations. He had a number of theories of why this was happening.

I have had people over the years tell me how many members we used to have. I know there are other factors in our club size but I believe this gentleman may have hit upon something. Due to the specialized nature of our hobby I don't think we should judge the health of the club on the number of members. As long as we are having some fun and occasionally learning something new I will be there.

Since July is a big vacation month, give some thought to skipping that month for a meeting. That is one less program I have to dig up. HI.

We have been re-affiliated with the ARRL. I did not know we have to send them paper work every year on the status of the club. That should clear the way for N4XP and his DXCC checker appointment.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 by Mike – K4PI with approx. 25 members present.

After introductions, Mike called for Old Business: There wasn't any old business except for the fact that there will be elections next month for President of the SEDXC. As of the meeting time there were no candidates for this office. Rick-N4XXM, Dale-K4HGG and Nancy-NK4U volunteered to continue as Editor, Secretary and Treasurer respectively. There surely must be a club member who is willing to assume the office of President.

The guest speaker for the evening was ON4UN – John Devoldere who gave a very interesting talk on radials for vertical antennas. He presented them in a straight forward manner so that most people could understand how they functioned and why they were needed. I understood that he was to present the same program at the Dayton Hamvention. There were some problems interfacing John's laptop computer with our projector(s), which was finally resolved. Also because our meeting room was in use, we were late getting into the room and starting the program.

A reminder: Phil –W4GTS has taken over the QSL card shipments to the outgoing bureau. Any outgoing cards should be directed to him. Also on a sad note, Phil's XYL passed away several days after the club meeting. Our sincere condolences to Phil

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

**MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION/RENEWAL
ENCLOSED
PLEASE SEND IN!!**

73 Mike Greenway, K4PI, P491

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Nancy Draheim, NK4U, Tres.

December 31, 1999 balance	\$3294.55
Income	777.50
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	\$4072.05
Expenses:	
160 Meter Plaques and mailing	\$939.51
November - May newsletters	97.69
Post Office Box rent	64.00
Outgoing QSL Cards	51.82
Bhutan donation	500.00
Bank charge	11.00
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	\$1664.02
May 31, 2000 balance	\$2408.03 *
* includes below:	
Packet Account = \$930.15	
CQWW 160 contest account = \$194.00	
Southeastern Contesters Club Fund = \$300.96	
SEDXC balance = \$982.92	

I'm sorry for not having forwarded the Treasurer's Report for inclusion in the newsletter, but, hopefully, this catches me up to current.

Enclosed in this newsletter should also be a renewal form. Remembers, dues are due by the end of June.

For those still employed (as opposed to being retired), don't retire. Daytime TV is terrible. Anyone know of a job as Network Administrator, System Analyst, Data Modeler, Data Base Administrator or any other neat job on the northwest side of town, please call me. I'm desperate.

See you at the meeting.

73, Nancy NK4U

GET WELL SOON!!

PHIL, W4GTS

DX TIDBITS

-Rick Glisson, N4XMX, editor

I want to wish Phil Latta a speedy recovery from his surgery. Everyone missed him at the ARC Hamfest. I know he had some 80M cards to turn in. I have spoken to him while he was in the hospital and he seemed in good spirits. Our thoughts and prayers are with him, especially after the loss of his wife two weeks ago. We look forward to seeing Phil again in person AND the pileups! Get Better, Phil!

Last month's program was definately worth the effort to see! John, ON4UN, explained more great information faster than anyone I've seen since Ansel Adams! His program concerned radials for low band antennas. The material is covered in his book, LOW BAND ANTENNAS, published by the ARRL. Despite some projection equipment delays, John really covered the bare facts concerning what is *really* needed for proper antenna performanc. Because of time constraints, the discussion was continued out in the packing lot! I have several photos on page 3. This meeting is one of the reasons I belong to the SEDXC. Now I will try to put up a verticle 80M, vertically polarized of course!

The ARRL-VEC program has finally gotten over the hump as far as upgrades go. The longest delay was up to 6 weeks after HQ received the paperwork. Now they are done to 3. My wife's and my upgrade have gone through and then she immediately applied for a vanity call. I'll let everyone know when it comes through. She found KG4EHB was too much of a mouthful in a pileup! She has picked out a nice 1X3. Since you can register for vanity calls online, she was able to apply and pay for as soon as her Tech Plus showed up in the FCC database.

The ARC Hamfest was not as crowded as I would have thought judging from previous years. I do like searching through all the junk for that hidden treasure... :) Good to see everybody though. I had a bunch of cards checked. Not quite enough for 80M DXCC but close.

Congrats to the A5 bunch, the card came in the Friday before the hamfest! A great operation under difficult conditions. Great turn around on the cards too! I look forward to hearing about it from Bob, K4UEE. Hopefully, he won't bring another shirt.. :)
CU in the pileups... -Rick, N4XMX

GEORGIA QSO PARTY

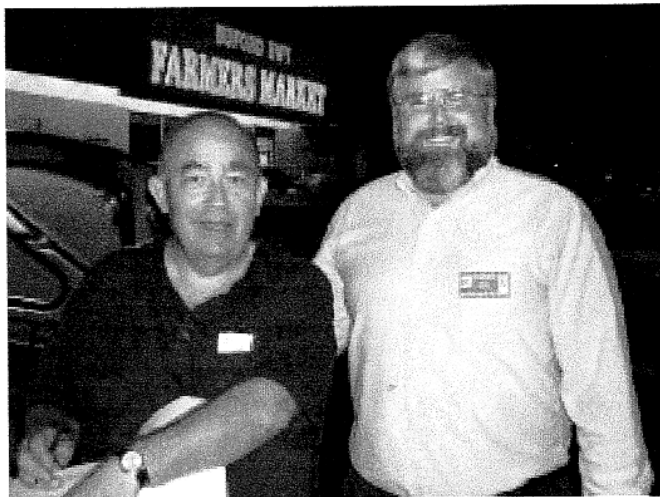
Sponsored by South East Contest Club and South-eastern DX Club

Object: For amateurs outside of the state of Georgia to make contact with as many Georgia stations as possible. Georgia stations work everyone.

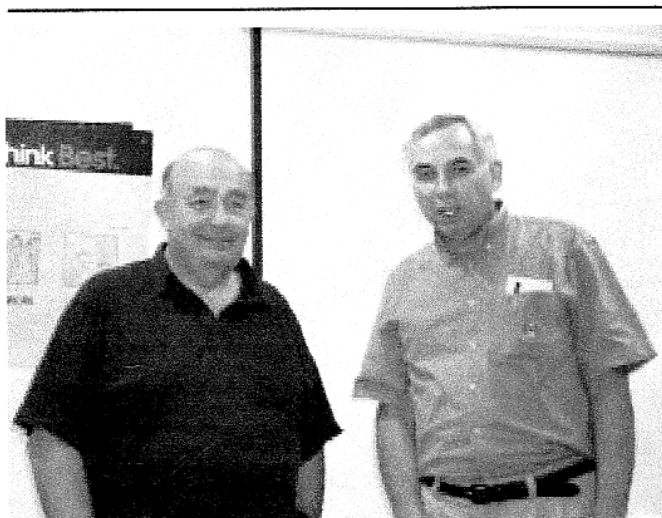
Contest Period: July 22 and 23, 2000. There are two operating periods. 1800Z July 22 - 0359Z July 23 and 1400Z - 2359Z July 23. 20 hours total. All stations may operate the full 20 hours.

For more information contact John Laney, III at K4BAI@worldnet.att.net or check out the website at <http://secc.contesting.com/GaQsoParty.htm>

See you there!



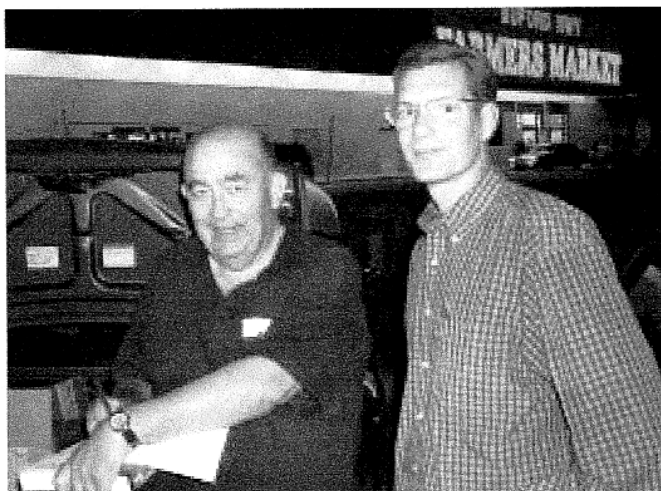
ON4UN and Rick, N4XMX, signing books in the parking lot!



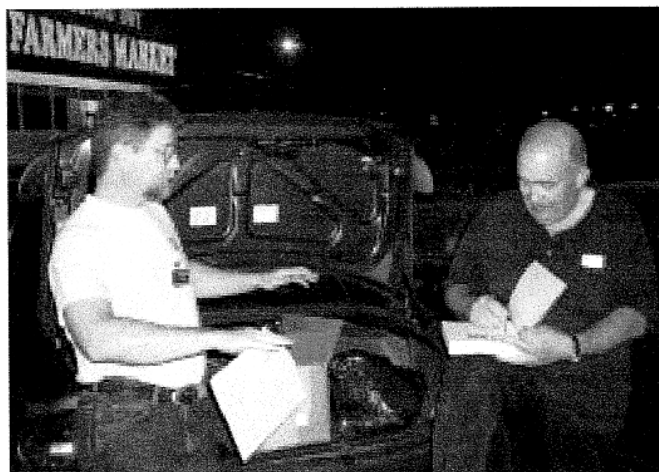
John, ON4UN, and Mike, K4PI



The program and questions continued outside.



John, ON4UN and Jim, AD4J



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W8ZF (2400) 145.63
K4KG (2400) 144.91
W4UCK(24&96) & ARCDX (2400) 145.65
NI4X (9600) 144.93, 145.71, 440.75
K4UJ (2400) 145.67 (SE Megacluster)
(telnet 216.1.128.11)
K4UGA (Athens)(2400) 145.67 (SE Megaclst)
(telnet 128.192.52.40 599, must put in port 599)

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Simplex 147.54

K4JPD Repeater (tone 85.4 Hz)
147.195+

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