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**SOUTHEASTERN**



# SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB

## W4NT

HEADQUARTERED IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA

DX Alert 147.500, also 147.795T/.195R

DX Ragchew 147.470, ~~.540S~~, .795T/.195R

Meeting Date: June 19, 1984

Time: 7:30 PM (Local)

Place: Lutheran Church at the corner of Peachtree and Narmore. (2 Blocks North of Phipps Plaza.)

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THE MAY PROGRAM was a slide show from Carl and Martha's recent attempted DXpedition to 5U7. The faithful 40 (+/-) seemed to enjoy themselves quite well. It would be nice to have a LITTLE better turnout at our club meetings. HINT, HINT.

THE JUNE PROGRAM will be a slide program from ZL4LR/A, Campbell Island. Bill Barr, N4NX, was the QSL manager for the operation and will be showing the slides.

THE ATLANTA HAMFEST will take place the weekend before the club meeting. The DX Forums will take place on Saturday afternoon, and will include the slides from the recent Malpelo DXpedition, HK0TU, which will be narrated by one of the operators (HK1AMW, Bolmar Aguilar). Don't miss this one! Also plan to visit the DX Club Hospitality Suite at the Marriott Hotel. In exchange for the DX Club's putting on the DX Forums, we have graciously been given the Hospitality Suite at the Marriott, a Hamfest Booth, and two tables in the flea market. You are invited to bring your treasures and display them at the flea market tables for a 10% fee (to a maximum of \$10, which will be a DXPO fundraiser). Unfortunately, Don Search will NOT be at the Hamfest checking cards this year.

THE JULY MEETING will be the THIRD Annual SEDXC picnic! Be sure to make plans. The location will be the QTH of Hugh Valentine, N4RJ; in the shade of all those large aluminum trees. Hugh should have his new 3 element 80M beam up by then...Yes, Virginia, a 3 element 80M beam! Plan to bring your swim suit and treasures for the auction!

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FUTURE BUSINESS - Third-Class mail has been a small disappointment to us. While almost everyone has received their bulletin actually quicker than under the previous First-Class mailings, the entire 303## block did not receive their bulletin until after the meeting. Some local members got the bulletin about 2 weeks after the mailing. The financial reward of bulk mail is so significant that we should try to keep it. We ALL know that the Club meeting is always the 3rd Tuesday of the month; if for some reason the club meeting were to change place or time, then we would send the bulletin by First-Class mail. Likewise, we should keep the First-Class mail requirement for Budget, Dues, or Election notification.

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LICENSE RENEWAL REMINDER - JULY, 1984: K4AHJ. I still need new renewal dates for K0ALL, WB4EDD, WA4FVT, KN4H, W4JD, K4PHE, K4STK, and K05G; plus I have never received renewal dates for the following:

WA4BEC, K4FWR, W4GKF, K4IHP, WB4LJP, KC4OH, N4OL, W4OOZ, WA4PBW, N4PN, WA4REF, W4RNZ, K4ROZ, KD4UH, W4PME, W4QO, and W5VUX.

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CONTEST CORNER - Things are rather slow on the contest front this month. I have only received one WPX contest score as this is being written. Better get them in fast, as I

have to let the people who make the trophies know the winner by June 14th.

I want to say a big thank you to the three who entered the QRP contest. Russ Blair, WA4BSN, Dave Thompson, K4JRB, and our winner Don Nesbitt, N4HH. All three said they had a great time and learned a lot about DXing with low power.

Don really did a bang up job by working 119 countries, 80 on phone and 39 on CW. I wish we had room to print his log. He made DXCC running 4.7 watts peak output. Don used 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters and some of his DX included 3B8, ZK1, OH0, 3D6, VQ9, 7X2, UA0, VK9N, VK9L, ZL8, and on and on. How long did some of us try to work ZL8 using a KW? WELL DONE, DON.

The June contest is a month long to see who can work the most Asians. The All Asia Contest is also this month on the 16-17; this should provide some good activity. So get going and let's have some good activity.

73 and good DX de Jim K4DLI.

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(The following is a reprint from the KANSAS DX Newsletter and was reprinted from WORLD RADIO News. While I did not see this particular letter in WORLD RADIO, I think it was in response to John Minke's DX column comments about how difficult it was for W6s to work the Malpelo DXpedition - which I did read. Do the W6s deserve special attention? -ed.)

#### MALPELO REFLECTIONS

by Fred Laun, K3ZO

"Your comments about the Malpelo expedition in the January Worldradio motivated me to do something which I had been planning to do for some time anyhow; that is, go over to HK3DDD's house and study the logs from the expedition. I have done so, and - after five hours' worth of study - I find that those who missed the expedition from W6-land have little to complain about. Though I did not make an exact count, it appeared to me from five hours' worth of study - that there were as many W6's in the logs as those of any other district. I noted some pages (the special log pages made up for the expedition held 30 QSO's each) which were entirely filled with W6 calls. These tended to be on 10 and 15 meters toward the end of the opening, which was when the savvy DXers were present. However, there were also swatches of 6's on 20, 40, and 80. On SSB, it was obvious that from time to time the operators stood by for W6's only and then W7's only.

The thrust of your comments appears to be that anyone who is on the air 'deserves' to get the DXpedition of the moment, and if they don't, it is the fault of the expedition. This certainly isn't the way things were 30 years ago when I started DX'ing. In those days, one expected to have to work to get a new country and was admired, not resented, when he did so. I am hearing much the same comments about the recent (first) VU7WCY expedition. Because they used low power, no split frequency and dipoles, they were roundly criticized. Since when is working DX supposed to be easy? I say, let's have more of these types of DXpeditions so that the men will once again be separated from the boys.

Incidentally, there were a few interesting things that turned up in the logs. One N5 worked HKØTU about 20 times and QSL'ed each QSO separately. Yes, he got 20 QSL's! Should be enough to paper one wall of the shack entirely with HKØTU cards. And a pair of JA's obviously had a confederate working for them in the United States because they appeared in the logs in the midst of W openings, when it would have been impossible for the band to be open to Japan from Malpelo (0200 GMT on 40 Meters????!!). Yes, one of the JA's has already claimed his QSL, and he got it, because after all he was 'in the log'."

(The editor of the Kansas DX Association's Newsletter must be given credit for the following comment: "Perhaps the recent attitude that Fred is writing about is a result of

those damn lists and DX nets that have surfaced in the last few years." Personally, I think the opposite is true. The lists and nets are a result of that attitude. -ed.)

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#### 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.

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#### THE TRADER

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 is a DXPO fund-raiser (they will not be given as door prizes) and 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.)

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.

FOR SALE: Yaesu FT-207R with NC-3 AC powersupply/charger and speaker mic. Genave GTX-1 2 meter xceiver with desk charger. Vocom 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 night.

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, N4OE, (404) 449-8536.

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