



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB

THE SOUTH'S
PREMIER
DX CLUB

W4NT

June 1994

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION

Tuesday June 21st, 7:30 PM, Old Hickory House in the Days Inn, Roswell Rd., just inside I-285.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

-John Smith, KI4XO, President

Well, this is the last newsletter in which I get to say thanks to all the wonderful people that made this year a success. We want to personally thank the following people on the executive team for their outstanding contributions.

Delaine McCarthy - our lively Vice President who brought the many interesting and live programs to the club. She has been a real asset in obtaining the shirts, mugs and many other items too numerous to mention. Buddy Harrell - our Secretary and keeper of the records. Buddy has continually and steadfast been the accurate source of recording all of meetings and furnishing yet another year of SEDX history

John Tramontanis - our Treasurer and mailing labels expert. John has been a delight to have support this vital function and role for the club. He always has the membership roles, deposits and accounts payable performed promptly and reliably. A most vital function in any club.

Rick Glisson - Our News Editor and Scribe in place. Once more for another year the quality news letters and articles Rick authors and puts together form the nucleus for an entertaining publication that I always look forward to receiving in my mail box.

Neal Sulmeyer - Contest Manager - Neal has records of this years scores and contest information. We hope to see the results soon.

Verne Fowler - Membership Chairman. Well Verne has definitely done a fine job this year in bringing some far off members from the Caymans, Russia and the like from all over the globe. Membership is up in the club and we hope to see this great trend continuing into 90's.

Thanks a million from myself and the club for an outstanding year and wonderful time of fellowship and memories that I will treasure for a long time to come.

I received a note from Jerry, AA6BB, thanking the club for the additional \$180 that we sent up to them in 7 land for the 3Y0 expedition. He hopes we can also be counted on to help for two more special upcoming DXpeditions. Thanks to all the members and the club on this project.

The slate of officers for next year has been selected which was announced at the last meeting. We still need a person to run the Activities office to keep up with members scores, contests and awards. Please, if you are interested let me know at the next club meeting.

Last, the banquet has been scheduled on a Friday, July 22, 1994 at the Hickory House. We would like to get advanced reservations for each person so bring your \$15 per head to the June meeting.

Again thanks for great year.....

-John, KI4XO

FROM THE VP

-Delaine McCarthy, KM4FV, VP

Greetings friends! Hope all of you have had a good month. At our last club meeting a lot of us heard about a new aspect of Ham Radio, VHF and UHF contesting. Have you ever seen so many antennas at one spot? It really looked like an antenna farm. Jim Holt, N3AHI, was the primary presenter and he did a super job. He will also be giving this presentation at the Southeastern Amateur Radio Convention on July 23rd at the Cobb Galleria Convention Center (48 days from this writing). Thanks Jim, your time and effort was appreciated and enjoyed by all.

In November of 1978, Dave Johnson, WA4SSU, climbed up on a big rock with lots of radio equipment, food, water, etc. to talk to folks all over the world over Amateur Radio. "So what is the big deal?" you may ask. Well, the big deal is that the "big rock" was Navassa Island down in the Caribbean Sea. He will show his slides and tell us about this DXpedition at our next SEDXC meeting, June 21. Some of you may have seen it before, but it will be worth a second look. Doesn't miss it!

Great News Too! Our own Stew Woodward, K4SMX, will be presenting his program (*continued p2*)

(continued from p1) on his DXpedition to Spratly Island, a very rare place for Amateur Radio. Check your program for the time and forum room. It will be good to see Stew again. He is flying up from Florida just for us!!

Lots of good things are happening. Join in and make it fun!

73, Delaine, KM4FV

TREASURER'S REPORT

-de John Tramontanis, N4TOL

Balance 4/30/94 (Checkbook)	\$2,740.58
Deposits:	
Raffle & Pins	70.00
160M Plaques	120.00
Memberships	105.00
T-Shirts	362.00
Subtotal	<u>3,397.58</u>
Expenses:	
Newsletter (May)	80.99
Club QSL buro	26.16
T-Shirts	514.59
160M Cups	30.88
160M Plaques	1872.00
Raffle Prizes	37.70
Peter I Contribution	180.00
Postage & Supplies	96.95
Buckmaster CD for Cluster	50.00
Dinners @ Hickory House	19.71
Total Expenses	<u>2,909.01</u>
Balance Checking 5/31/94	<u>\$488.57</u>

Membership renewals are in the mail. Please renew on time and also consider a contribution to our cluster fund.

-73 de N4TOL, John

MINUTES SEDXC MEETING HELD 5/17/94

-BUDDY HARRELL, W4OUN, SEC.

The meeting was called to order by President John Smith at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Plans for this year's banquet to be held coincident with the Atlanta Hamfest were discussed. A motion was

made, seconded, and passed to have the banquet at the Day's Inn Hickory House much the same as last year. Details will be worked out and announced.

A proposed slate of officers was presented to the membership. The slate will be voted on at the June meeting. The slate was approved as follows:

President: Delaine McCarthy KM4FV

Vice Pres: Dick Bentley K2UFT

Treasurer: John Tramontanis N4TOL

Secretary: Buddy Harrell W4OUN

NL Editor: Rick Glisson N4XMX

Memb.Chmn: Verne Fowler W8BLA

Pete, K4LDR, discussed rules relative to the QSL bureau. As a result of experience to date, a couple of rules changes are required. Pete will only accept cards that have the DX'er's own call on them, i.e., QSL managers should not use the service for DX'ers they may be handling. Also, cards must be for contacts made within the past 24 months.

Club dues are now due. Please bring cash or checkbooks to the June meeting. We will also be soliciting for renewal through the mail this year.

Dave Thompson, K4JRB, issues plaques for the 1993 CQWW 160M Contest. Those receiving plaques included: AB4RU - World High Multi Op SSB; K4PI - Zone 5 SSB; P4OPI (K4PI) - 1993 World High CW; 4U1UN (W8BLA/K2UFT) - World High Multi Op CW. Congratulations guys!!!! Thanks to Dave and Larry, N4TMW for coordinating the plaques.

Jim, N4UCK, announced that the packet cluster fund has been depleted. There will be a solicitation for funds to replenish the fund as part of the dues renewal process. Jim also discussed the "first forwarder rule" as it affects SysOps. Essentially, it is the responsibility of the sysop of the first station to forward a message to ascertain that the message is in conformance with Amateur Rules and Regs.

N3AHI, Jim, provided an interesting and informative program on VHF operating and contesting. With the bands in the "sun spot doldrums", interest and activity in the UHF and VHF bands may pick up. Satellite Communications and other facets of VHF/UHF are being overlooked by many of us.

73 and DX, Buddy/W4OUN.

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HISTORY OF THE FOURLANDERS VHF/UHF GROUP

The Club was organized in late 1982, early 1983 for the express purpose of building an organization devoted to competing favorably in VHF radio contests. The core startup group was initially approached by Ron, (WB4NMA then, now AB4RU), who had been heavily involved in previous years.

The first major problem to be overcome was the lack of funds to obtain necessary antennas, towers, rotators, etc. for club use. With only a limited number of members, this resulted in membership dues in the \$50 - \$100 per year range for several years. As a result, the membership never grew.

Regardless, the core group pressed on. As can be imagined, the amount of work involved in putting on a strong effort was enormous in and of itself.

The operating site for the first several years was on Oglethorpe Mountain, near Jasper, Georgia in EM74. With the elevation at this location at just over 3000' ASL, the club never was considered a true national competitor. Winning the Southeastern Division wasn't a problem, but obtaining top ten ranking nationally among multiop stations was.

In 1984-5, a much improved site (within reasonable driving distance), Mount Toxaway in extreme southwestern North Carolina, became available to the group. The elevation here was just over 4700' ASL, offered good facilities and accommodations. It was clearly a major improvement in terms of location. In fact, it was from this site that the group was able to capture its one and only national multiop first place, the 1986 ARRL September QSO Party. Unfortunately, within another year the availability of the Toxaway site was withdrawn.

The next and current contesting site the group uses is Roan Mountain in northwestern North Carolina on the Tennessee border. The elevation here is 6600' ASL, and again offers reasonably good facilities and excellent access.

The group has gone through a lot of activities over the years, but has never grown. In an effort to expand its membership, the dues have been lowered to a more reasonable fee, the club's constitution and bylaws have been rewritten. This has been done to make membership for the interested Amateur more affordable and much easier to obtain.

The club is currently considering the establishment of a training program for new Amateurs in the art of

radio contesting, along with developing other methods of fund raising in order that operations be properly supported.

The club will continue to strive to remain a serious VHF contest competitor on a national basis. This plan will be implemented by good leadership and safe practices. The club is ARRL affiliated and carries a one million dollar liability policy for the protection of itself and its members.

Officers for 1994: President, Ron, AB4RU. Secretary, Charles, WD4MBK. Treasurer, Jim, N3AHL. If interested contact Jim at (404) 945-3655.

FROM THE CLUB QSL BURO

-Pete, K4LDR

The 3YØPI cards are in! Come to the next meeting and pick yours up. A packet message was posted indicating the calls of the cards I have. Tnx and gd DX!

-73, Pete

NOTE: Our member Dave Thompson, K4JRB, reminds me that his book is still available at a special price of \$15 to club members at the meeting. Call ahead to make sure there are enough. The title of the book is the 1994 Amateur Radio Mail Order Catalog and Resource Directory. Call Dave at (800) 825-8684.

DX TIDBITS

-Rick, N4XMX

Another short one this month, still digging out of boxes. Since the move requires setting up all over again, I had to run some 110V, 220V, and a phone line to the shack (an upstairs closet). Made the prerequisite 2" hole through the wall to run the cables out. Ran over to Alan Bond's, WB4GNT, to pick up another 8 foot ground rod and pounded it in. Next comes the GAP vertical! Have to wait for a dark and stormy night to slip it up. At least one neighbor is out of town...

CU in the pileups! (soon)

-Rick

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 K4KG 144.91
 N4UCK 145.65, 144.97
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DX COMMUNICATION FREQ.

Simplex 147.54
 Melvin 147.51
 K4JPD Repeater (tone 7)
 147.795/T-195/R
 W8BLA/R 442.075+

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