



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB

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*THE
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PREMIER
DX CLUB*

June 1996

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION

Tuesday, June 18th, 7:30 PM, Old Hickory House in the Days Inn, Roswell Rd., just inside I-285.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

-Steve Schmidt, KR4DL, President

ZS8IR was barely discernible on long path. He'd moved from 30m to 20m earlier, now was weak on 20 SSB long path. He'd been loud on 30m, but I was too late and I still needed him for a new one. I strained to hear his weak signal through the QRN...I heard beeping. My DXBase alarm going off. I check the screen, it's Brunei! I do a panic QSY, ZS8 will be on Marion for awhile yet, and he appears to be getting more active.

I tune to the spot frequency; it's Bernie, V85BG, and solid copy! I listen briefly to Bob and Dick, two of the local big guns on 20, compare signal reports with the V85. I send Bob a note, thanking him for the post and he kindly mentions my call to Bernie. They wrap it up and Bernie calls QRZed. This is going to be tough. Bernie, the V85, has a fine signal and Bob and Dick's long QSO attracted a lot of attention. Besides, Bernie's a bit slow with the exchange, and a full one at that. Most of the stations that get through appear to have just arrived and require frequent repeats of the address for QSLs.

I call, and call again. The pileup has grown, but it's still manageable. "George, there seems to be some DX station on here, and quite a few people calling, but I'm gonna go ahead and start the net." What? Somebody's about to start a net on 14.234 in the middle of a pileup? Sure enough, a W8 calls his buddies and tries to organize a roundtable. He meets with an angry buzz from frustrated DXers who can no longer hear the V85. Tempers flare, and die, the net goes away and so has Brunei. I search for him in vain.

Then Dave, a friend in the pileup, sends a talk message that the V85 is on 14.250. I find him, and call a few times.

Suddenly, a 2 megawatt spanish-speaking station cranks up right on top of the V85. I call him, "The frequency's in use, OM, we were here first." He says, "Can you prove it? If you can't prove it, shut up." I recognize the futility of arguing with 2 megawatts and I take his advice. So, apparently, has Bernie, for he's gone. I search some more.

Tuning across 14.226, I find him again. A DX net is trying to recruit him, take a list. I call, along with others; some work him. The net gives up, and Bernie keeps plodding, terribly slowly. He's fading now, and I'm faced with the realization that I won't work him this day. Reluctantly, I go to work. For the low end of the sunspot cycle, times aren't all bad.

In the last two weeks, I've heard nine countries I need for new ones: 8Q, KC6, VK9C, VK0M, ZS8, KH3, 8Q, EK and V8. As of this writing, I've worked three of them (KC6, KH3 and EK). Though I haven't heard them, I also know of three more that are currently active: VK9W, JX and FT5W. If reaching the honor roll was easy, I suppose we'd all have it, and it wouldn't be prestigious. Still, I wish sometimes I was operating from a contest superstation. The close calls are starting to fray my nerves.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

73, Steve, KR4DL

FROM THE VP

-Sonny Marsh, KE4LDJ, VP

About a year and a half ago, I bought a Moseley PRO-67B and had no idea how to install it properly. My wife was no help as she didn't want it up at all.

I obtained the services of Neal Sultmeyer, AE6E, along with help from some of our other club members. The antenna is up now and performing flawlessly.

Neal did such a fine job I thought it would be interesting to have him speak to the club at the meeting next Tuesday. The subject will be *(continued p2)*

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Elections will be soon. If anyone is interested in running for one of the many positions on the board, please let us know.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

-73, Sonny, KE4LDJ

**ELECTIONS WILL BE IN JULY
IF INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT
ANY SEDXC OFFICER**

SEDXC MEETING 5/21/96

-Steve Schmidt, KR4DL

Buddy couldn't make the meeting, so I have to fill in with my inadequate prose. Hope you'll forgive me. KR4DL passed sign-up sheet, took a show of hands on those working ZL8RI. Entertained motion to accept minutes from 4/16 meeting as capably recorded by K2UFT, Secretary Pro Tem. Motion was seconded and passed.

KR4UJ announced the membership list was out, asked for comments if you didn't receive one or noted errors. NK4U updated the membership on collection for ZL8RI (\$110 with matching). KR4DL polled the members (26 on sign-up sheet) and decided to postpone the vote on Constitution and Bylaws revisions until next month. Suggest you show up for the vote or lose your right to complain.

KR4DL forwarded announcement by South Sandwich Group of their proposed trip to Bouvet in Dec. '97, Jan. '98, and forwarded announcement by K4MZW that ACOG has bowed to the fact that they desperately need help.

Contact K4MZW or N4UCK if you're inclined to provide assistance for the Olympics. KR4UJ announced 5A1A cards were handed out, personally, by Toly at Dayton.

After a break with door prizes, Keith Hylton, KE4TEG, provided a very interesting program on interference, the ARRL and the FCC. If you weren't there, you missed a very informative session.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

KR4DL, Secretary Amateur Tem

BEEPS DE K2UFT

-Dick Bentley, K2UFT, Activities Director

Another year, another Atlanta HamFestival. This year's event was rather strange in that we had at least two DX superstars in attendance (WA3YVN and K4UEE), both giving seminars thanks to the efforts of our own Delayne, KM4FV, we had one controversial character (W2NSD/1) - in other words, we had drawing power and yet the attendance at all but Wayne Green's seminar was paulytry!

We didn't have a DX Banquet (no interest at the meeting in which I introduced the idea), in fact we didn't even have a Southeastern DX Booth! What's going on? The sunspots can't be blamed for all of it! The hamfest had an attendance around 2600 or so paid ticket holders a couple hundred less than last year, but it's a new location. Most of the comments I got were generally positive, so it looks like they'll do it again next year in the same place but not running opposite Dallas!

Your comments will be more than welcome by the Atlanta Radio Club members - send them to me if you like.

73 for now Dick, K2UFT

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Nancy Draheim, NK4U

There's no Treasurer's Report this month... but don't worry, I haven't taken the money and run to a rare DX location. It's because I wrote a check at Dayton for the hospitality suite and now can't find the receipt so I'll have to wait until the check clears to find the exact amount. But, have no fear, there will be a 'catch-up' report later.

Dues have been coming in and it's important for everyone to fill out the form completely because Paul's putting together a new database.. so don't just assume we have all your information.

A check for \$110 has been forwarded for the Kermadex DX position. Now all we have to do is wait for those cards to arrive.

See you at the meeting.

73, Nancy (Alias Treasurer) NK4U

DX TIDBITS

-Rick, N4XXM

Well, I tried out one of the new summer game calls during CQ WPX CW contest. I figured N400XXM would really haul them in. A big mistake. Most EU didn't believe me. A few hung in there, but gave up after a try or two. Couldn't even nail many on 20M. So much for the low bands...

Took my cards to the ARC Hamfest. Got them checked right away by Bob Varone. What amazed me was that they could check any card EXCEPT the 160M cards. So my 3V and XZ1A cards went right through but the G and SM on 160 had to be taken back to HQ! We live in interesting times...

-CU in the pileups...

Rick, N400XXM

FROM THE INTERNET

From: K7LXC@aol.com
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Subject: New Tower Reflector

Greetings, one and all --

This post is to announce a new reflector, Towertalk, devoted to tower, antenna and system concerns, issues and questions. There's a lot of tower building mistakes being made out there so if you have any questions, or have some of the answers, please subscribe. It really pays to do things right. There is a wide range of subscribers from first tower builders to tower riggers and PE's so lots of valuable information is available.

To subscribe send a message to towertalk-request@akorn.net with the word "subscribe" in the message. You'll get registered automatically. Hope to see you there!

73, Steve K7LXC

PS -- This group is available to EVERYONE. Please spread the word and tell anyone else that may be interested to join. No question is too dumb -- we all had to start somewhere.

ARLD028 DX news

This week's bulletin was made possible with info provided by Mauro, I1JQJ, Jean Michel, F6AJA, Tedd, KB8NW, the OPDX Bulletin, the Yankee Clipper Contest Club PacketCluster network and Contest Corral from QST. Thanks to all.

SRI LANKA, 4S. 4S7EA was active on 80, 20 and 15 meter SSB over the weekend. On 15, try 21250 kHz around 1130z, on 20 try 14190 at 1515 and 0140, and on 80 try 3799 at 1920. QSL 4S7EA. Mario, HB9BRM, will sign 4S7BRG June 7 to September 2. He will operate between 14270 and 14320 kHz on 20, and between 21210 and 21260 kHz on 15, both bands around 1300z. On 40, try between 7045 and 7070 kHz, and 80 between 3790 and 3800 kHz from 1900 to 2100z. QSL via HB9BRM.

ZAMBIA, 9J. Hans, KN6DI, will be active for one to three months, probably as 9J2DI. He will operate SSB only. QSL via AA6BB.

MALTA, 9H. Listen for Heinz, DL6MDG, June 7 to 20 as 9H3SS, mainly on SSB. QSL via DL6MDG. From July 22 to August 9 listen for 9H3UD by DL8OBC and 9H3UF by DL4OCL operating from Gozo Island, IOTA EU-023. They will operate mostly CW on 80 through 10 meters. QSL home calls.

NEPAL, 9N. Brad, KV5V, will be in Nepal June 23 to 30 and try to get on the air from 9N1ARB and 9N1RHM. 9N1RHM is frequently found around 14200 kHz between 0100 and 0230z. QSL via KV5V. Kyoko, 9N1KY, will be active until July.

CYPRUS, 5B. Michael, DL5MX, will sign 5B4/DL5MX July 18 to August 1 160 through 10 meters.

BURUNDI, 9U. Peter, ON6TT, has been on the air operating 9U5CW. He was primarily on 160 and 80 meter CW between 2230 and 0300z. Also check 20 and 17 meters CW, SSB and RTTY.

TAJIKISTAN, EY. Prefix hunters take note. Nodir, EY8MM, is planning to be on the air as

CLIPPERTON ISLAND, FO. DXpedition organizer Jay, WA2FIJ, continues efforts to secure one or more boats for transportation to and from

Clipperton during the February/March 1997 operation. Commitments for transportation are needed before vessel approval, landing permission and a license can be obtained.