



# SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

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DX CLUB*

July 1995

## NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION

**DX BANQUET!!** Saturday, July 15th, 7:00 PM, Old Hickory House in the Days Inn, Roswell Rd., just inside I-285. Call Delaine or Nancy.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**-Steve Schmidt, KR4DL, President**

I must say that I'm flattered at my selection to fill this space in the newsletter. Then, perhaps you were just nervous about having me sitting behind you at the meetings and decided to set me up front where you could keep an eye on me. Nevertheless, you've cast your votes (at least, a few of you did) and now you'll have to put up with my ideas.

I felt compelled, as a potential candidate, to carefully review the constitution and bylaws of the club and it occurred to me that it's probably time to revise and update it. We're not meeting some of the requirements of these documents; in some cases, we may not want to meet them. There are curious ambiguities, like "...valid post-War DXCC." I think I know the War in question but perhaps it won't be obvious to our youngest members. Hey, this isn't heady stuff, I admit, but the lowest spot in the solar cycle seems a good time to address these irksome tasks. Perhaps if we get this out of the way I'll think of something more interesting. I'm looking for volunteers for help with this.

Carl Henson put on the show for the June meeting. He brought a veritable menu of selections and those present voted for Chad, a fascinating collection of bullet-riddled buildings. Carl says he only heard a few shots. Thanks, but I think I'll stick to tropical beaches!

The July meeting, of course, is the banquet as noted elsewhere in the newsletter. Please try to make it Saturday night; if not for the food, then do it to honor the recipients of the W4NT and Hall Of Fame awards and to thank the outgoing officers. I suspect I'm about to find out they deserve it. Hope to see you there!

73, Steve KR4DL

## FROM THE VP

**by Sonny Marsh, KE4LDJ, VP**

Hello everyone! Thanks for having me here as your new Vice President. I'm excited about the year ahead, and I have plans for some very entertaining and informative programs.

I got my first Amateur license in 1955. I let that (Novice) license expire when I went to college and now, some 40 years later, I'm back in the wonderful hobby of Amateur Radio. There have been a lot of changes... so much to learn.

I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you better so say hello when I see you at the Banquet. It will be held at the Hickory House in the Day's Inn; Roswell Road and I-285 just inside the Perimeter at 7:00 PM on Saturday evening, July 15. Happy hour begins in the Bar at 6:30 PM.

Hope to see everyone there.

-Sonny, KE4LDJ

## TREASURER'S REPORT

**-John Tramontanis N4TOL (outgoing)  
& Nancy Draheim NK4U (incoming)**

From John: There is no treasurer's report available for this newsletter as the transition in the office is made from myself to Nancy. The next letter will include the report as usual. I would just like to say I enjoyed serving the club and its members over the past two years as treasurer and appreciated your patience and support. I guess one thing that stands out is that in these two years not one check bounced! Hi! Much unlike the average here at my work place. However, that comes as no surprise considering the fine group of folks that comprise our membership.

From Nancy: Did you know that this checking account was opened in 1950??

# MINUTES, SEDXC MEETINGS 4-6/95

**-Buddy Harrell, W4OUN, Sec.**

## Minutes From April Meeting Held 4/18/95

The meeting was called to order by Delaine, KM4FV. There were introductions by all including new members and visitors.

Jim, W4QO, reported on DXPO. Good feedback was received on the forums. There were approximately 130 present at hospitality and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Ed, K4SB, did a great job on this particular aspect. Thanks Ed. Also, there were about 25 people at the Breakfast.

Larry, N4TMW, provided a preliminary report on HR95. Final results were not yet available. The exhibit hall has been leased for 96 and vendors have started signing up for next years' activity. The event is expected to grow.

Ed, K4SB, informed all present that he has developed a database of available call signs for use with the new Vanity Call Sign program. Contact Ed if you are interested..

Dave Thompson, K4JRB, reported that Carl Henson, WB4ZNH had been elected to the DX Hall of Fame. Carl went on 17 DXpeditions, mainly Africa, during the 1980's. Congratulations and thanks Carl for the "new ones" you provided us.

The SEDXC was second in the 160M contest. Great job everyone.

It was reported that Bob, K4UEE is going to Easter Island this summer.

Dick, K2UFT, presented yet another Cayman Island slide show.

## Minutes from May Meeting Held 5/16/95

Delaine was on vacation so Dick, K2UFT, presided over the May meeting. There were the customary introductions by everyone.

There is a bill to be paid to the Kansas City DX Group for our share of the Dayton hospitality suite. Prior to the next convention, this activity needs to be better coordinated. This should be part of the new officers responsibilities.

Phil Latta, W4GTS, was asked to poll all members of the SEDXC Hall of Fame for nominations to this august body.

AE4EZ, Kiyoshi, discussed the Ham population and DX activity in Japan. In late August, he is going to a show there and wishes to display the SEDXC flag, sell shirts and pins, and solicit overseas members. The club voted to authorize Kiyoshi to represent us and to subscribe up to \$100 to subsidize his booth. Also, it was decided we would provide pins and shirts for him to sell. Quantities to be decided later.

There were discussions of the annual banquet to be held July 14 or 15. Location to be decided at the next meeting.

The program for the night consisted of a SSB call copying contest won by John, N4TOL, and a left footed CW contest won by yours truly, W4OUN. (Phil Latta says I send better code left footed than I do normally. Very funny, Phil!)

A reminder that elections will be held at the June meeting.

## Minutes From June Meeting Held 6/20/95

The meeting was called to order by Delaine, KM4FV. There were introductions by all including new members and visitors.

The first order of business concerned the "when and where" of this year's banquet. It was decided that the banquet would be held on July 15 at the same location as the regular meetings. (There should be additional information concerning the banquet in this bulletin.)

The slate of officers for the next term was presented and accepted unanimously by the club. They are:

President	Steve Schmidt, KR4DL
V. Pres.	Sonny Marsh, KE4LDJ
Secretary	Buddy Harrell, W4OUN
Treasurer	Nancy Draheim, NK4U
Activities	Dick Bentley, K2UFT
Membership	Vern Fowler, W8BLA
Editor	Rick Glisson, N4XMX

There was discussion and approval voted that Kiyoshi AE4EZ represent the SEDXC at the Japanese HamFair.

Carl Henson, WB4ZNH, provided an entertaining presentation on his DXpedition to Chad back in the mid-80's.

The meeting was adjourned at about 9:15.

73's and DX, Buddy

## BEEPS FROM K2UFT

**-Dick Bentley, K2UFT, Activities Director**

Congratulations to our new leadership team. I'm sure Steve and company will do a super job for the SEDXC. It was my honor, occasionally a pleasure, to serve you as VP and provide some programs for you. In 95/96 I'll continue to suggest activities for the membership.

Our July/August activity was to provide Kioshi, AE4EZ, with a QSL from one of your DXpeditions along with a narrative for his use. Get them to him prior to mid-July so he can take them to the Japanese Hamvention.

Also, don't forget the Atlanta Ham Festival, July 15-16th and our own banquet Saturday night on July 15th.

73 Dick, K2UFT

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## DX TIDBITS

**-Rick, N4XXM**

The beam is up! Of course to the big guns with the multiple towers and stacked monobanders, that is a monthly occurrence. However, in the small pistol category, having any beam up at all is a major event. That fact that the beam is up a 30' pole makes it that much more challenging.

I had originally planned to put up a small tower in the back of the lot. Even borrowed Jim's, N4UCK, Rohn book to check out the requirements. Turns out that to even put up a 40' guyed tower would require a distance of 32' for the tie downs. Without taking out quite a few more big trees and staying on my property, that wouldn't work.

Thought about a free standing tower. Again, checking the book said that I needed to dig a hole 6' deep for a small one. A test dig revealed water at 2'. Not just a little mind you, but pouring in faster than I could get it out. Sort of like digging at the beach. No wonder the former owner divided the back yard in half with a fence!

After assembling the whole mess on the ground with some scaffolding supporting the antenna/rotor end, I was ready for the final act of raising this monster. Talked 6 guys from work into

coming over by mentioning something about a quick job. I didn't tell them about the swamp, mosquitoes and alligators...

To make the story short, it took 5 people pulling on the ropes forward, myself and one other pushing up with an extension ladder, and my wife standing by behind to keep the monster from sailing past the vertical position!

After a few false starts, the antenna went up generally as planned. A few elements had to be realigned after catching on a few limbs on the way up. A quick check of the SWR indicated that nothing had broken on the way up! Watch out VKØ!!

I ordered 170' of rotor cable, allowing 20' extra. Of course, after it had snaked its way through the woods, I had 2' to spare. Oh well... better than being 2' short.

I did work ZK3RW that night on 20 meters, so it must be doing something. I do try to work low power until I'm sure of all the neighbors. Tried to work my father on 20 meters in Virginia but no go so back to 40 meters. With my vertical, I have to run around 300-400 watts to rise above the noise level. We chatted for before signing and K4JAG came on for awhile. So nice to chat once for a change!

Speaking of DX, do try to work the 5A and A5 which hopefully all will be up very soon. For guys like me who have not been on long, these have not been possible. Also try to nab the 3V, they will return in August for another couple of weeks.

-CU in the pileups

Rick, N4XXM

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## KK4JF CLUSTER FREQS.

### DIRECT CONNECTS

1200 BPS	144.93
2400	144.93
9600	145.61
9600	440.75

### THRU COMDEX/COMDEX 2/ COMDEX 3

1200	145.71
2400	145.71
9600	440.75

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## DX PACKET FREQ. (2400 baud)

W8ZF	145.63
K4KG	144.91
N4UCK	145.65, 144.97 (ARCDX)
KK4JF	145.71 (also 1200)

## DX COMMUNICATION FREQ.

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

## NEXT MEETING

Nov. 21st 7:30 PM, Old Hickory House, Days Inn on Roswell Rd., just inside I-285