



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB

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THE
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PREMIER
DX CLUB

July 1996

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION

Tuesday, July 16th, 7:30 PM, Old Hickory House in the Days Inn, Roswell Rd., just inside I-285.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

-Steve Schmidt, KR4DL, President

Finally one Monday morning I hear FT5WE. He's spotted on the cluster on 14,005. I tune the rig, turn the beam to the southeast and listen...very faint, but a signal there. I turn the beam to 304 degrees to check the long path and he comes right up to a 539. Really need the amp for this one. I turn on the amplifier, set the plate and load to the proper settings, find a clear frequency and fine-tune the settings. I find the station he's was working, set the split and call. He comes back to a DL4. My heart jumps there for a second. He works the DL and I call again. He calls a K4 this time, but not me. This time he's sending a longer exchange...let's see, "...TNX ES 73, QSY NW TO 14150, 14150 DE FT5WE SK." Darn, I thought I was close.

I tune up to 14150..he's there all right, but a loud spanish-speaking station on 14151 is obliterating him. I listen futilely through the wash of QRM until he goes away. Just as I'm preparing to shut down for work, he is spotted on 7005. I change to the sloper, strain to hear him. Nope, no copy at all. The beverage points northeast, but I try it anyway. Nothing there, either. I get organized for my day's work and am about to shut the cluster off when he's spotted on 7045. Man, this guy must have some grasshopper in his blood. I tune to 7045 and, of course, don't hear him there either. I pull the plug and go to work. Around five in the afternoon, I turn the cluster back on to see if I've missed anything. 7O1JAF at 2:45 local time. Man, it is a Monday.

I gave up on the DX chasing for a while and read the internet reflector news. Let's see, they're almost certainly going to eliminate the CW requirement for licensing and the First Vice President of the

ARRL has made a doom and gloom report to the ARRL board that the manufacturers are dying, ARRL membership is down, and we're going to have to ease licensing requirements or amateur radio is going to die. (Is it possible that lack of sunspots can rearrange brain cells?) A KH6 proposes a compromise plan to make three licensing tiers, "Novice", "General" and "Expert", with the current General, Advanced and Extra class being grandfathered as "Experts." He recommends that 28 MHz and up be open to Novice with no CW allocation, 18 MHz and up open to General with mode endorsements, and everything open to "Experts" with mode endorsements. He offers this as a forlorn compromise. Gee, I thought the six o'clock news was bad! I got frustrated with the whole shebang and blasted the offending writers with my "reply" button. It sure is a Monday.

It's gotta be just the lack of sunspots, right? I mean, that's why most of you aren't coming to meetings anymore, isn't it? We've had some pretty good programs. Especially last month. What do you think? I keep asking, but I never hear any answers. I know one thing; if you like CW, you better start lobbying to keep it. There's a move afoot to eliminate more than the license requirement. I think that would be a mistake. CW, like it or not, was the first radio mode. It's the only human digital mode. Some of us actually like it. CW provides an efficient, low-cost way to enter the world of amateur radio. In some countries, it's the only mode that's available or affordable to native amateurs. Perhaps it's time to get involved. Have you really given anything back to the hobby lately?

Off my soapbox, I've gotta go write my article. Rick keeps badgering me. Man, it sure is a Monday.

73, Steve, KR4DL

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FROM THE VP

-Sonny Marsh, KE4LDJ, VP

Because of the early press deadline this month, I don't have the speaker lined up for this month. Please come and be suprised!

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

SEDXC MEETING 6/18/96

-Nancy Draheim, NK4U

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Hickory House by President Steve Schmidt, KR4DL. Introductions were made by everyone.

Steve apologized for the lack of a SEDXC booth at the Atlanta Hamfest. Steve read a letter thanking the SEDXC for sponsoring a hospitality room at Dayton.

The May minutes were accepted as printed in the June Newsletter. A motion was made to defer the vote on the amendments to the club's Constitution and By-Laws until the September meeting because of a lack of a quorum.

The Treasurer (Nancy, NK4U) announced that \$110 was sent to the Kermadec DXpedition as a donation. Nancy displayed mockups of QSL cards approved by the Atlanta Paralympics Operating Committee which contained their "Blaze" character and the words "Triumph of the Human Spirit".

Steve announced that candidates for club officers were being solicited. If anyone is interested in running for office, call Steve, KR4DL. A motion was made and passed that the election of officers be held at the September meeting.

It was announced that the wife of Dub Hawkins (W4DMB) passed away.

A discussion was held concerning the fact that the second gate for vanity calls would follow the deadline for ordering amateur radio automobile tags. Steve has spoken to the tag office, explained the situation, and was instructed to forward further information. He will follow up on this.

Delaine, KM4FV, was congratulated on the

selection of the forum speakers at the Atlanta Hamfest. Nancy gave an update on the funds collected for the 1995 160 CQWW Contest plaques. There are a few which may be open for other sponsors and members were encouraged to contact Dave Thompson K4JRB, if they are interested.

There was a motion to cancel the July meeting because of the Olympics and possible traffic, but, after a couple of votes, the motion failed and there will be a meeting, same time and same place.

KE4QLF won the 50/50.

Fred, KT5X, from Santa Fe, NM, gave an extremely interesting talk on his trip to Russia and the customs, education and eating habits of the populace.

SEDXC shirts will be sent to SEDXC participants in the World Radio Sport Contest. Good luck in the contest guys.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Draheim NK4U,

Treasurer (and arm-twisted minute-taker) Secretary Amateur Tem

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Nancy Draheim, NK4U

Balance 5/31/96 (Checkbook)	\$2584.46
Income:	\$705.46
Expenses:	
Dayton Hospitality Supplies	244.25
Dayton Hospitality Room	198.88
Postage	21.40
Prizes for meetings	44.99
Kermadec DXpedition	110.00
Newsletter (May)	99.76
Bank Charges	20.00

Balance Checking 6/30/96 \$2966.18

And let the Olympics and Paralympics begin. For those who don't read the cluster messages or copy the ARRL bulletins, the Paralympics have permitted hams in Georgia to use their logo 'Blaze' on QSL cards. For more information, call me, 770-516-4413. This permission is restricted to the special calls issued by the FCC for the time of the Olympics. Remember, your membership renewal. I won't be at the July meeting (Olympic duty calls), so put it in the mail. The mailing list will be updated for the September newsletter.. so you have a little grace period (*continued p3*)

(continued from p2) but not much.. get those memberships in and don't forget to update all your information, even if it remained the same.

73, Nancy NK4U Treasurer

BEEPS DE K2UFT

-Dick Bentley, K2UFT, Activities Director

Great program last time, if I must say so. My friend of 35 some odd years, KT 5X, regaled the crowd with tales from the two trips he has taken to the former Soviet Union where he operated as US1A and UA1A. Fred is a school teacher in Santa Fe New Mexico and a spell-binding story teller. He was in town to coach his son Dan, N5HFZ (The world's fastest ham) in the 1500 meter track trials.

Unfortunately, Dan did not make it past the semi finals where he ran a sub 4 minute mile but was 4 undreths of a second off the pace and placed 7th. Had he won in the semis we speculate he might have qualified for the Olympic team, since the winning times were much slower. In any event, Dan already has his sights set on setting a new record for the Pike's Peak race in Colorado.

Another field day has come and gone - had the pleasure of operating from KM9P's mountain top in Dahlonga - the site really plays.

See you at the next meeting.

Dick, K2UFT

DX TIDBITS

-Rick, N4XMX

Another short column! I was not at the last meeting, anniversary tends to take priority. Been playing with the CY0AA gang, trying for 160. They of course aren't on when I care to listen for them. Not very accomendating of them, is it?

Mentioned I got my endorsements from ARRL from the last hamfest in a week. What a change from the "old" days!

Now if I can just find that ZS8...

CU in the pileups... -Rick, N4XMX

FROM THE INTERNET

From: "Jim Reisert AD1C" <AD1C@tiac.net>

To: "DX" <dx@ve7tcp.ampr.org>

Date: Thu, 27 Jun 96 22:42:26 -0400

Priority: Normal

MIME-Version: 1.0

Subject: Hawaii to get jurisdiction over KH1, KH3, KH4, KH5?

WASHINGTON (AP) - U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka wants the federal government to give the state of Hawaii jurisdiction over seven U.S. possessions in the Pacific region. Akaka's "Insular Areas Consolidation Act of 1996" would transfer jurisdiction over Baker Island (KH1), Jarvis Island (KH5), Howland Island (KH1), Johnston Atoll (KH3), Kingman Reef (KH5K), Midway Island (KH4), and Palmyra Atoll (KH5) to Hawaii (KH6). The bill was prompted by the revelation that the new owners of Palmyra Atoll - KVR Inc. of New York - want to create a nuclear waste storage facility there.

The Hawaii congressional delegation and state officials oppose the proposal. "My legislation will give the state of Hawaii a stronger voice in the fate of U.S. possessions in the Pacific that currently are not part of any state or territory," Akaka said. Similar legislation was introduced in the House last year.

Date: Tue, 18 Jun 1996

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From: Mauro Pregliasco <i1jqj@fileita.it>

Subject: 425 DX News * 7O1JAF

Geraldo, IK8JAF is in San'a, Yemen for business and has been given a licence. He started transmitting as 7O1JAF yesterday (16 June) and will go on approximately for one month. He is likely to return to Yemen in October. Geraldo is active (with dipoles and 100 Watts) on Thursdays and Fridays (from 16 UTC between 14.200 and 14.220 MHz and from 20 UTC on 7.075 MHz) and whenever his business commitments leave some spare time to him. He is active in SSB only, presently he cannot work split and he does not like wild pile-ups. QSL via home call: P.O.Box 230, 84091 Battipaglia - SA.

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KK4JF	144.93, 145.71, 440.75

DX COMMUNICATION FREQ.

Simplex	147.54
Melvin	147.51
K4JPD Repeater (tone 7)	147.795-

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www.peachmall.com/sedx/dxhome.html

NEXT MEETING

Oct. 15th 7:30 PM, Old Hickory House, Days Inn on Roswell Rd., just inside I-285