



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB

W4NT

*THE
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PREMIER
DX CLUB*

July 1998

MEETING TIME & LOCATION

Tues., July 21st, 7:00 PM, TECH AMERICA, just north on Buford Hwy north of I-285.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

-Paul Hansen, W6XA

The next meeting will still be at Tech America. Jack Black, the manager, wants us to pay \$75.00 to use the meeting room. This is regardless of the numbers for the dinner. I have been trying to come up with an alternative but not yet. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated. The program has not been set as of yet so come and be surprised!

73 Paul

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Nancy Draheim, NK4U

Balance 5/31/98 (Checkbook)	\$2759.66
Incoming	\$399.00
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QSL outgoing	\$4.68
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Don't forget to mail in your dues. If you are receiving the newsletter by the post office and would rather have it via e-mail, let me know and we'll switch you over.

Really enjoyed seeing everyone at the Atlanta Hamfest. Congrats to K4UJ for winning the grand prize. See Paul, it pays to bring your wife. Years ago when I worked for an amateur radio store, we knew that, if the ham came in alone, he was just twisting knobs and dreaming... but if he came in with his wife,

he was ready to buy. Maybe it works the other way also, if he comes by himself he wins an antenna book, but if he brings his wife, it wins a great prize.

73, Nancy NK4U Treasurer

BEEPS DE K2UFT

-Dick Bentley, K2UFT, Activities Director

It's been fun, folks, but I need to move on and you need some new ideas from a fresh Activities Director. My best wishes to the incoming administration, may they be successful in growing the SEDXC to be the best DX club in the world.

My sincerest thanks to whoever thought I should be nominated for the W4NT Award - I will treasure it always!

I am looking forward to the successful cooperative efforts of the SEDXC and the South East Contest Club members in breathing life back into the Georgia QSO Party - we're gonna give California and Florida a run for their money! Start thinking about which county you want to activate for next year's event - there are 159 to choose from!

73 & Gud DX Dick, K2UFT

NOTE: Neil Foster, N4FN, had a blood vessel cleared out and is in doing fine. Neil was at the SEDXC table at the ARC hamfest. Good to see you Neil!

TELL SOMEBODY ABOUT DXING TODAY!

SEDXC MINUTES 6/16/98

-Rick Glisson, N4XXM, Sec.

The meeting started right at 7:09 PM with Paul, W6XA, calling the meeting to order. After he introduced himself, everyone went around the room and introduced themselves. Alex, formerly KF4IOA, is now KJ4TE, taking Fritz's old call. Should save on caps, etc!

Rick, N4XXM, mentioned 30 copies of the newsletter were made for the hamfest.

Nancy, NK4U, reported that \$2760 was for the 160 CQ plaques. She reminded everyone that this was money donated for the plaques and did not come out of the club funds.

A motion was made and seconded and passed to accept the treasurer's report and also the minutes as published.

Gainsville ARC will be the next stop on the "Road Show" with Alford to follow. Mike, K4PI showed the slides at the Atlanta Hamfest. Steve said he would speak to GARS. Jim, AD4J said he would help along with Paul, K4UJ.

Ernie, KS4Q, reported that the surveys reflected a dislike of the business portion of the meeting but he commented that some business had to be conducted. Another suggestion was to let the officers do everything on their own and the club would trust their judgement. Big items would be brought up before the club only. Ernie and Paul suggested an Executive Committee to be formed to guide the club and remove some of the work off the officers as far as getting programs, etc.

It was pointed out that other clubs have used this approach successfully. The immediate problem is that nobody will run for President and VP under the current system. The ex-pres and ex-vp would be offered one year positions with other members to be voted on by the membership. A five member board was agreed upon and all of these people would have to hold DXCC. A motion was made by AD4J and seconded by K4UJ. A vote was taken, 11 aye with one abstention.

After that motion, officers were voted on. Jim, AD4J agreed to be VP. Nancy, NK4U, and Rick, N4XXM agreed to continue to hold their current positions. Paul, W6XA agreed to be president for 1

more month until a new president can be found. The members voted to accept this slate for the next year. Dick, K2UFT, wishes to let the Activities post be passed on to someone else.

The 1996 CQ 160M plaques were to mail this week.

The officers presented plaques to each other. The W4NT AWARD was presented to Dick Bentley, K2UFT for his outstanding commitment and general involvement in amateur radio as well as the SEDXC. Congratulations, Dick! Well deserved!

Ernie, KS4Q, gave a talk about the "fishing trip" he made with K4JPD and other to YS land. Turns out he caught just two fish but spent a lot of time at YS1RR's shack. Ray let them run the pileups. (*I got both Ernie and Steve on 20M SSB -ed*) They made about 1200 QSO's each on SSB and CW. Sounded like a lot of fun!

DX TIDBITS

-Rick Glisson, N4XXM, editor

This July 4th weekend, the family packed up and headed back down to Black Island, just outside Darien, Georgia. It didn't take long to set up the GAP vertical and TS-440 the next day. I wanted to show my daughter how good 10M could be during the day. Try to get some DX'ing in the blood! The first set of stations she worked were in Brazil. I went through the exercise in pileup etiquette, teaching her to throw out her call with conviction. She was amazed at the results! A little more work and she had two HK's as well! Then we got out the atlas and showed her where she worked. The final act was to put in the pins in the world map I have back here in the shack! She loved it! That's one way to encourage young people to get into the hobby. We take a little at a time. Tonight we filled out buro envelopes after I explained why she needs them. Lots to learn but we are taking little steps. Now we are getting ready for the IARU contest. She will be running 10M and the N4XXM super station.

While at the hamfest, I bought a MFJ-1026 Antenna Noise Canceler. Turns out through a long tale that I actually ended up with a unit Ernie, KS4Q, had returned. I sent it back to MFJ and they fixed a bad pot. I had not been able to get the unit to do anything like

what ON4UN had raved about.

When the unit returned, I tested it in the following way: First, I used a MFJ SWR meter with frequency counter as a RF source. Just stuck an alligator clip on the center jack connector. Then I opened the unit up, disconnected all antennas and hooked more alligator leads on both the main and reference antenna jacks. This way, both should hear exactly the same signal. Since the unit is supposed to reverse the phase of the reference antenna signal and add it to cancel out an unwanted signal, this would be a fair test. What I found under these conditions is that I was able to reduce the S readings on the radio by up to 6-7 units. However, it takes a lot of fine tuning and practice to achieve this even with a test signal. With real life signals, I got about 2-3 S units on the air. Since the bad S-7 noise I was having has disappeared as soon as I bought this unit (of course!), I don't have a good test. However, i keep it hooked up just in case.

I will also mention that I purchased a Front End Saver from C & E Engineering as was mentioned in the article by N4XX. This disconnects any sense antenna when you transmit. ICE also makes one. Save your radio or noise unit, don't work without it if you are doing anything higher than barefoot or your antennas are very close together. Something else to play with.

CU in the pileups... -Rick, N4XXM

FROM THE INTERNET

From: Stu Greene <wa2moe@doitnow.com> To: dx@ve7tcp.ampr.org <dx@ve7tcp.ampr.org> Subject: A5 Opening Up ? Date: Wednesday, July 08, 1998 12:07 PM

According to sources at ARRL Headquarters this should be a positive step in reopening amateur radio in Bhutan where the major obstacle has indeed been the king.

July 7, 1998

Bhutan King Passes Power to Panel

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By The Associated Press

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — The king of Bhutan has given the legislature the power to fire him and to choose a cabinet —historic reforms to the mountain nation's 91-year-old monarchy.

The moves adopted last week were proposed a month ago by the king himself in a royal edict. Word of the National Assembly's endorsement was received Tuesday in New Delhi, the capital of neighboring India.

It was the biggest step so far in a gradual process of diluting the once-absolute power of the monarchy in isolated Bhutan, which borders India and China.

King Jigme Singye Wangchuck asked the National Assembly to periodically take a vote of confidence in his rule. A two-thirds vote against him would require him to abdicate in favor of the crown prince.

The king retained the right to assign portfolios to the cabinet ministers elected by the legislature, and said he must be kept informed of matters of "security and sovereignty."

Previously, the king had appointed a majority of the cabinet.

In its first act under the new reforms, the National Assembly elected six ministers last week. Six others who had been elected under the old system retained their cabinet seats, as did two ministers appointed by the clergy.

In the reform edict, published in the national newspaper Kuensel, the king expressed concern that ethnic divisions could affect direct voting for the National Assembly.

Nearly 100,000 people of Nepalese origin were evicted or encouraged to emigrate in the early 1990s when the dominant Drukpas cracked down on what they called illegal immigrants. Nepal, which is housing most of them in U.N.-administered refugee camps, is negotiating their return to Bhutan.

The 42-year-old king, whose title Druk Gyalpo means Precious Ruler of the Dragon People, is the fourth in a dynasty that has ruled the landlocked, mountainous country since 1907.

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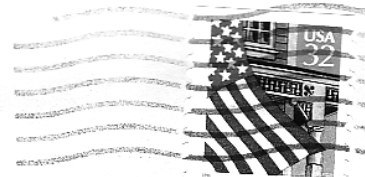
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