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MEETING DATE: Tuesday, August 17, 1982  
 MEETING TIME: 7:30pm  
 MEETING PLACE: Peachtree Lutheran Church  
 2 blocks N. of Phipps Plaza at corner of  
 P'tree and Narmore.

The July meeting was held on Saturday, July 17, 1982. The occasion was the first annual SouthEastern DX Club fund raising picnic (or what ever you want to call it!), a terrific time was had by all! My condolences if you were one of the folks that was not able to attend.

It is appropriate that some individual efforts are recognized. The club wishes to extend its appreciation to Hugh (N4RJ) and Anne Valentine for the use of their home and property. Their contribution was indeed 'above and beyond'! Thanks are also in order to Betty Thrash (maker of the delicious Cole Slaw, and the lady that puts up with Ken, KN4H!), Martha Henson, WN4FVU, (credited with the creation of the Bean Salad), Bill Ford, WA4HDD, (fantastic Potato Salad, I am sure glad to see there is a man somewhere that can cook!), and last but not least, all those folks who came out and had such a good time!

\*\*\* Meet the DXers \*\*\*

Lee 'Breezy' Foster, K4RPK, was first licensed in 1957. Lee holds an Extra Class License and his DXCC totals are 317/348. The only country he needs is Heard Island. Looks like he won't need any before much longer!

Lee and Dot were married in 1943. Until 1980 Lee was an Airline Captain for Delta. Now retired, Lee pursues his other hobbies as well as Ham Radio, DXing in particular. Lee is also a Bass fisherman and Quail hunter. He has belonged to a gun club for many years.

I asked Breezy about his biggest thrill in DXing, and he replied, "All the new ones!", but during the course of the conversation he remembered his very first DX Qso. Lee amended his earlier statement and reckoned as how that DL4 on 15M, using a wire antenna with about 8:1 SWR and a Viking II remained his most memorable contact.

When asked to give young DXers some sage advice and the benefit of his 25 years of DXing, Lee responded, "Antennas! If it is still up then it ain't big enough!"

As a large DX Club, I think it unfortunate that it is not possible for us to meet and get to know each individual member. It is also impossible to print something about all the very interesting people that make up our organization. Your input and suggestions are requested and welcome!

ATTENTION!!! August meeting will feature N6ZV, Don Jones, in person! Don has made a very special effort to time a business trip to coincide with our club meeting. Let's have a real big turn-out to show him our appreciation! I have seen the program, and I suggest you make every effort possible! It is good! Don will be showing slides and telling about the DXpedition to East Africa which he and Steve Orland, AA6AA, went on in 1980. The stops include such goodies as Mauritius (3B8), Rodriguez (3B9), Comoros (D68), Reunion (FR7), and Tromelin (FR7/T).

Is anyone using our propagation forecasts? Please let us know if you have been. If no one is using it, then it will be discontinued. It is too much work if is not serving any useful purpose. Forecasting two months in advance, as we have been trying to do, is not very accurate. A less precise method of reading the chart is included here to reflect this situation and to make it easier to use.

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DX NEWS

Little has been happening of much interest on the bands. The summer doldrums seem to be upon us in full force. Ed, W4M6N, has been heard and worked locally on his most recent trip to Africa.

BY1PK (or Slim) is reported active again. We can hope! F88WG not reported in recent weeks. Rumors have it that his antennas blew down during a recent storm, and given the observed dedication level of George, I would say he is probably more interested in an old jigsaw puzzle than in putting his antennas back up in the air!

DX NEWS (cont.) Nothing has been heard as of yet from Joseph. He should have been home in Malabo for 4 weeks now. I have written for a progress report.

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(While conducting the interview, I received almost exactly the same advice for fledgling DXers from this next person as I received from Lee Foster, K4RPK!)

Ben Adams, K4EZ, was first licensed in 1926 as 4EV (no W!). At the time Ben was a Freshman at Georgia Tech. Upon graduation, Ben let his license lapse since he had no more interest in amateur radio. A couple of years later, he changed his mind and was relicensed as W4APU in '31. Ben held this call until people were allowed to reclaim old calls in 1939, when he was given W4EV.

Ben and Frances were married in 1933, in the peak of the great depression. During this period, actually 1935-1940, Ben served as a Director of the ARRL. He was probably the youngest member of the board, ever. Ben was involved in some decisions regarding phone band expansion. He was a CW man but got himself a phone rig (all AM in those days, of course) and tried to be fair in his judgement for phone band expansion. Ben said it was a great controversy just as today! Ben recalls the 20M band was 14.0 - 14.4, and 40Ms was 7.0 - 7.5, all CW. He remembers when the 80M phone band went all the way down to 3.5MHz. I wonder what it was like serving on the board under Mr. Hiram Percy Maxim?

Ben and Frances lived in Birmingham, Alabama before WWII and Ben was active in the Birmingham Radio Club. He was in that club when they acquired the club callsign, W4CUE.

Ben was an Army Signal Corps reservist from the age of 21, so it is not surprising that his active duty during WWII was as a Signals officer. During his 5 years of active duty, Ben saw action in Europe. Ben retired after almost 40 years of association with the reserves as a Lt. Colonel.

Ben lost his W4EV call when he moved North in 1952. He was issued W8EV and kept it until 1963. During this time Ben was a member of the Ohio Valley ARA and even though he never really got to know W4TO, remembers Buck's loud signal from Georgia very well.

When Ben and Frances moved back to Georgia from the cold yankee north, Ben found that W4EV had been reassigned. So he was issued K4EZ in 1963. This was also the time when Ben joined the SouthEastern DX Club. He recalls some of the members at that time were: Lee Foster, K4RPK; Clay Griffin, W4DXI; Bruce Montgomery, W4BFR; Curtis George, W4SSU; Wallace Carpenter, K4TJL; Jack Van Hutton, W4SHP; Bob Beatty, W4TFL; and Bob Hudson, W4MCM (now W4HR).

Besides having worked every DXCC country on the current list, Ben is proud to have worked over 200 countries on 80Ms! Ben's DXCC total is 318/347. When asked about his biggest thrill of DXing, he answered, "Working the last one a couple of years ago, Bouvet."

Ben's advice to DXers is to "have an antenna better than mine!" That is pretty good advice since Ben uses a 4 element Quad at 60 feet!

I hope you enjoyed meeting Ben Adams, K4EZ, half as much as I enjoyed learning about his amateur radio career!

<<<< ITEMS FOR SALE >>>>

Ben Painter, W4BBP, still has plenty of the aluminum tubing we mentioned several months back. Give Ben a call.

Carl Henson, WB4ZNH, has a TS-820S with VFO-820, MC-50, service manual, new finals, and W6T06 QRO Kit installed (140w out CW). \$700.00 complete.

Carl also has a Collins contest station for sale. KWM-2, 75S-3B, both in excellent condition, includes a B&W kit for installing rejection tuning on the KWM-2, an electrovoice microphone, Collins Power Supply and Speaker, the receiver has a CW filter (500Hz, I think) installed, and an almost complete crystal pack (for those new bands if we ever get them!), this is a good contest station so you can listen to the DX station on his freq. while listening to the pile-up with the receiver. \$1000.00 complete (will sell separate).

Some more interesting notes on the 1st Annual Swap-fest: we consumed almost 10 gallons of beer, much soft drink, and about 7 doz. hotdogs! The first hour was spent in awe of Hugh's antenna farm. I thought I was going to have to switch hands, just counting towers! Hugh let us shoot skeet in the field behind his house (I think we shot up at least a couple of crowns and 2 or 3 bridges...Hugh is a dentist). I must say, I was the only person to shoot a clay pigeon from the hip. Really. The ultimate liberty was taken with Hugh when KS4B and I threw him in his own pool. After the club auction, we auctioned off some other folks' things. To tell the absolute truth, my memory is a little foggy regarding the later afternoon! The arithmetic is not quite complete, but we cleared almost \$200.00!

Latest ZA rumor - The story is that the EA has gone back to Albania to try to "firm up" plans for a longer operation than the "demo" he gave the Albanians last winter. Don't hold your breath, but don't be caught sleeping at the switch! Marti Laine, OH2BH, who pulled off a ZA operation in the past, is rumored to be trying to influence the Albanians into establishing a club station at one of the universities. While I think this is the best approach, we must be careful to not ruin it with unruliness! 73 wb4znh