



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

THE
SOUTH'S
PREMIER
DX CLUB

August 1995

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION

Tuesday, August 15th, 7:30 PM, Old Hickory House
in the Days Inn, Roswell Rd., just inside I-285.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

-Steve Schmidt, KR4DL, President

Well, the 5A1A operation has come and gone. I hope everyone who needed it worked through the pileups. Now we'll just have to hope it counts. Wish I could get a 3W or a JT in my log. As low as the sunspot count is now, it's a tough time DX'ing for us little pistols! Speaking of guns, did anyone notice the feature picture in QRZ DX of Bob, K4UEE, Val, N4RJ, and Bill, N4NX posing with Luis, ZP5JCY/ZPØY? Looked like Luis was wearing an SEDX pin.

I noticed a few SEDX club members listed prominently in recent contest scores. Neal, AE6E, operated at WS4F and took the continent as a multi-op entry in the ARRL 10 meter contest. Steve must have a nice station in Cornelia, though Neal seems to do well anywhere. Other notable entries in the 10 meter test include John, K4BAI, who took Georgia in the mixed-mode, low power category. Tad, NZ3I, took second in the same category and Paul, AD4NQ, needs to explain the 526 Q's for third place. Albert, W4BTZ, had a respectable score for second in Georgia in the CW, high power category. The Georgia Tech radio club, W4AQL, took third in the continent as a high power multi-op entry in the ARRL RTTY Roundup and Roy, N4ONI, was second in the state with high power. Be sure to congratulate these guys when you see them.

By now most of you know that Ken Byers, K4TEA was inducted into the SEDX Club Hall of Fame and that Jim Stafford, W4QO won the W4NT Award. Congratulations to both of you. Both awards were well deserved.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the next meeting!

73, Steve, KR4DL

FROM THE VP

by **Sonny Marsh, KE4LDJ, VP**

Each month in this column, I will try to announce the program for the next meeting. Sometimes people cancel after press time so please bear with me.

Satellites and such have always fascinated me. I believe we have three orbiting satellites at this time; RS-12, RS-15 and Oscar-13. A new satellite, Phase 3D, is being assembled in a clean room operation near the Orlando International Airport. Plans call for it to be sent into orbit aboard an Araine-5 rocket in April 1996.

We will be fortunate to have Mr. Terry Gibbs, N4TYP, at our August 15th meeting. Terry has been involved with satellite communications for six years. He will discuss equipment, antennas, etc., and will show a video depicting some stations of interest.

Hope to see you all there!

73 Sonny, KE4LDJ

MINUTES, SEDXC MEETING 7/15/95

-Buddy Harrell, W4OUN, Sec.

Minutes From July Meeting Held 7/15/95

No minutes this month, I was unable to attend the banquet. See you next month.

-73 Buddy, W4OUN

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TREASURER'S REPORT

FROM THE INTERNET

-Nancy Draheim, NK4U

-ODDS & ENDS

Balance 5/1/95 (Checkbook)	\$2505.40
Income:	
Misc.	\$3110.50
Expenses:	
160M Plaques	950.00
Tape duplication	20.64
Kansas City Club (Dayton)	250.00
Atlanta Hamfest table	30.00
Banquet	752.50
Pins	796.22
NK4U (Hamfest prize)	27.00
Bank Charges	11.08
Total Expenses	<u>\$2,837.44</u>
Balance Checking 7/31/95	<u>\$2,778.46</u>

Date: Fri, 28 Jul 1995 21:09:19 -0400
 From: al541@detroit.freenet.org (Jim Vining) To: topband@frontier.net
 Subject: TopBand: BC Special
 Cc: DX@ve7tcp.ampr.org
 Sender: owner-topband@frontier.net
 Precedence: first-class
 Reply-To: al541@detroit.freenet.org (Jim Vining)

I am relaying to the DX community, a letter I received yesterday from George, W8UVZ. I hope that he doesn't mind me posting it on the DX boards (I called him, but he was out of town!). I just thought it might be of interest to other Low Band DX'ers out there !!!!

Dear Jim,

For some time, WØCD, K8GG, and I have been building and supplying low band verticals to DXpeditions which we call the "Battle Creek Special". These 48 foot verticals are designed for 40, 80 & 160 Meters to compliment a tri-band beam normally taken on DXpeditions. Our "Battle Creek Special" has been used by DXpedition groups who have operated as 3Y5X, 8Q7AJ, VP8SSI, VP8SGP, 3YØPI, YKØA, AH1A and others. We hope you were able to work several of these stations on the Low Bands.

While Charlie, George and I have footed the cost (about \$300 apiece complete in wooden shipping crates) to build and offer 4 of these verticals to the DX community, we have asked those we can identify as being keenly interested in working Low Band DX in the USA and Canada to help us with the shipping and maintenance part of the outlay. We've needed funds to air freight these verticals to Europe and Africa as well as all over the USA. Extensive repair costs from damage during Antarctic DXpeditions like VP8SSI and 3YØPI were necessary as well. A group of about 30 Low Band DX'ers were solicited twice and generously provided these funds over the past 4 years. Rather than going to that well again, we are asking a new group of DX'ers whom we hope share that love of Low Band DX.

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Income includes renewal dues, new members, and miscellaneous sales of shirts and pins at the Hamfest. Some of this income was used for the purchase of prizes for the banquet. Even though the bank account shows a healthy balance, there are still bills expected for the printing of the Newsletter (June and August) and new shirts (which are on order).

And then there is the \$800+ which is earmarked for the Cluster Fund. The cost of the 160M plaques was excessive and the balance was credited to the outgoing officers' plaques. There may still be a small balance to be paid.

But, with all the gloom and doom, the club continues to recruit new members and a 'sellout' is expected of the latest orders of pins and shirts by Kiyoshi, AE6EZ, during his trip to Japan.

See you at the meeting.

73, Nancy NK4U

**GET THOSE 160 METER
 ANTENNAS READY!
 NOW'S THE TIME...**

DX TIDBITS

-Rick, N4XMX

(continued from p2) Currently, we have one "Battle Creek Special" vertical with the group to CEØ Easter Island (and Juan Fernandez?) in September. And another vertical will be shipped in a few days to KØIR and the VKØ Heard Island DXpedition. We have a request from WB2DND for one for a planned KH9 trip (and possibility of A61) and intend to supply him with the one just received from the VP8SGP group. And finally, one vertical remains with Chris, ZS6EZ for use in Africa. A wire version of the "Battle Creek Special" is located with 5Z4FO for his upcoming transfer to 5X this fall.

If you would care to donate to our shipping and maintenance fund, please use the enclosed SASE. We appreciate your help to maintain what we think, is a worthwhile project. Sorry, there's no tax exempt status here - just a low key operation to assist DXpeditions with a decent vertical to give serious attention to Low Band operations. Thanks. 73
W8UVZ

George Taft
271 Parkshore Drive
Battle Creek, MI 49017

I am sure that the guys could use all the help we can give them in helping to provide us with good signals to hear on the Low Bands.

Gud Luck in the Pile-ups Jim - KC8PG.....

BEEPS DE K2UFT

-Dick Bentley, K2UFT, Activities Director

Your August opportunity is still available if you act fast. Kioshi, AE4EZ (JAØBSL) needs your articles and pictures if possible of any DXpedition you've been on in the past for use at the Japanese Ham Convention. Get the material to Kioshi before August 15 so that it may accompany him on his trip to Japan. Kioshi's business phone is 396-5100 and you can also FAX him the info (get the # from Kioshi.)

As for future activities, I am planning to feature a band and mode of the month, something appropriate for the season and/or upcoming contests, with appropriate certificate(s) to the winners, plus there will be an overall achievement award for the 95-96 year. Stay tuned and plan on trying to beat out Phil, W4GTS to these awards.

-73 Dick, K2UFT

Last month I recounted the trials of getting up something I could point, even if not very far off the ground. Just in time as 5A1A fired up. I had planned a short vacation the weekend they came up. Fortunately, I was able to work them 20m CW the Friday night before I left. I could then take a four day vacation without feeling terrible! When I got back, they did some SSB but mostly CW and mostly on 20m. I do not dupe on same band and mode so I hung around off and on looking for other opportunities. They zigged when I zagged. Long story short, the first contact was the only one. If it counts, I really don't care!

Good fortune was also smiling on me when 3V8BB popped up on 20m SSB four nights later. 14.205 simplex and in the evening! He would go by numbers, listen and work three at a time. What a mess. Now the only problem is that the QSL route is in Serbia... To round out the evening, a 5T on 20m CW took only a couple of calls. Makes all the work putting up the beam (at 30', remember) worth it. Only a few more in that area of the world to go. (TT, TN, ST, 7O, YK, EP and SV/A) The rest I need mostly have either a VK9 or VKØ prefix. (Don't forget the privy freq, Verne...)

But, if everything was easy, it wouldn't be very challenging, would it? You can always tell a DX'er by looking at his or her radio. If the labeling on the A/B, A=B and TF Set buttons hasn't been worn off, someone hasn't been in very many pileups!

Anyone following the Internet discussion (??) about Scarborough and Pratas would understand that discovering and activating a new one can be less than clear cut. I will not give any opinions since I did not work either of them!

Speaking about the Internet, there has been some remarkable talk about the future of the DXCC program in the next few years. Rather than spread rumors, I will wait until we hear more from some of the official sources. The Internet is an amazing thing. Information good and bad can be spread in a hurry. The one thing it isn't, is dull.

-CU in the pileups

Rick, N4XMX

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