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DX Alert 147.500,
also 147.795T/.195R
DX Ragchew 147.470S,
.540S, .795T/.195R ²⁰
Meeting Date: September 19, 1983
Time: 7:30 PM (Local)
Place: Lutheran Church at
the corner of Peachtree and
Narmore. (2 blocks North of
Phipps Plaza on the left.)

REAL DXers DON'T eat quiche... Unless that is all they can get brought to the radio so they don't have to leave the pileup. Some actually prefer quiche because it doesn't hurt if they forget to duck!

THE AUGUST MEETING was pretty well attended in spite of the "Dog Days" weather. Little business was discussed and nothing earth-shattering happened. The movie got off to a slow start, but once the projector problem got solved, everyone had a good time watching yankees play contest! This film cost the club around \$40 to rent for 48 hours. It would seem by ARRL logic to be unethical to charge money for a film about amateur radio. But it cost money to make! So did 4Z4TT's QSL cards! But they had to go on location to film it! 4Z4TT had to also!

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING has no significant business associated with it, and the program will be WB4ZNH's 10th Anniversary of DXpeditions. Carl will show selected slides from a decade of DXpeditions to over a dozen countries. List-takers and sympathizers are excused.

CONTEST CORNER - The September Contest is 40 Meters and the mode is OPEN. Scores must be in to W6OKX by the October meeting and the plaque will be awarded at the November meeting. Remember to bring or send your 30 Meter score to the Sept. meeting which is the deadline.

STRAYS

CHINA, BY1PK and/or BY8AA by our own Bob Duggan, N4IA! Bob forwarded a photocopy of a VERY nice letter of invitation to visit the two stations during his October trip to China! Keep your fingers crossed and look for Bob between October 3 and 15. Looks like we should start making plans to invite Bob and Kathleen to show us some more of their excellent slides early next year! Congratulations, Bob, and have fun!

RUMOR is that XU1SS and the KL7 both look good for DXCC. Some F08s claim to have a couple of islands that count separately also. I guess we will find out soon enough.

WELCOME HOME, Lee Sheridan, W6OKX, from the hospital. Lee did not enjoy the trip at all! The gall bladder is now a deleted country!

CORRECTION - In August's "Meet the DXers" column, the damage to N4RJ's equipment as a result of the lightning strike was \$3000.00 not \$300.00! The word processor here has been losing an occasional character and I have not been able to pin down what is doing it.

W400Z, Everett Brooks is back home from the hospital. In fact, Everett was able to attend the August meeting! That makes a total of 7 by-passes! Worked all arteries, Everett? Get him to tell you about roasting the chestnuts! Wow!

A51PN - K4JRB needs recent good address for A51PN; any help?

WHILE NOT directly related to Amateur Radio or DXing, it is worthwhile to note that the

present moratorium on the taxation of fringe benefits will expire on December 31, 1983. If you are opposed to having the fringe benefits of your job taxed then you should write to your Senators and Representatives expressing your point of view. Senate Bill S-1817 and House Bill HR-3525 are aimed at excluding such benefits from taxation which are not in lieu of income and which are available to employees on a non-discriminatory basis.

READ license renewal paragraph! Through a human error, a few license renewal dates were erased. Please check for your callsign and send your license expiration date, even if you had already sent it.

The Southeastern DX Club offers FREE license renewal reminder service to members. Only about 100 members have provided their expiration dates and already we have notified about 6 members of "time to renew." The database does NOT contain the expiration dates for the following list of people. Send the month and year of expiration to WB4ZNH.

AA4GA, AE4Q, AE4Z, K3KG, K3PPY, K4AHJ, K4EZ, K4FWR, K4IHP, K4MQG, K4RIG, K4ROZ, K4RPK, K4SE, K4YXJ, K8CFU, KA4S, KB4I, KB4TS, KC4I, KC4M, KC4MJ, KC4OH, KC4UC, KD4UH, KS4Q, KX4R, N4DXX, N4HU, N4OL, N4OM, N4PN, N4RJ, N4VZ, N4WQ, ND4Y, NE4R, NN4K, NT4W, NZ4Z, W1UA, W4DXI, W4GIW, W4GKF, W4MGN, W4MWT, W4NET, W4NL, W4OZ, W4RNZ, W4UYC, W8QFR, WA4BCY, WA4GOX, WA4OMI, WA4OPV, WA4OQL, WA4PBW, WA4REF, WA4SSU, WA4UNZ, WB4LJP, WB4NDX, WB4RUA, WD4LRB.

MEET THE DXERS

Bob Hudson, W4HR, was first licensed as W4MCM at the age of 13. Bob lived with his family in Florence, S.C. Bob's father worked for the FCC at the time and taught him the code. This was in the days before the Novice class license so W4MCM was a class C ticket which was CW only except for Phone on 10 Meters. After the required 1 year experience, Bob upgraded to class A by taking an additional written test. During those days in the late 40s and early 50s, Bob's equipment was home-made. Of course, it was AM and CW only. The VFO featured an 807. The final was a single 814, modulated by a pair of 809s. This 150-Watt amplifier was rack mounted and used 2 full panels! One for the RF deck and one for the power supply.

Even though Bob has enjoyed ragchewing and many other attractions of Amateur Radio, he has particularly been involved with DXing and Contesting. Bob was an 80M traffic handler for a number of years and several fellow High School students he ragchewed with have gone on to become accomplished DXers. Bob likes competition and the sport of Ham Radio; he has been a county hunter, DX contester, DXpeditioner, and is presently chasing VHF DX. W4HR's last DXCC country was Heard Island!

Bob Hudson remembers those early days of the Southeastern DX Club when for several years there were only 13 members, no dues, and only 1 meeting per year. That was to elect a President and W4OJI, C.G. Riddle was the only person who would take the job! When Bob accepted the job as President, it was the beginning of the up-hill struggle to make the Club into a viable organization. It worked! In more recent years, Bob has given the club a couple of programs on contesting and DXing strategy.

Bob has been involved in many Contest efforts, notably PJ9GIW (World Multi-Multi Winner) and VP2KC. Bob was responsible for much of the planning of VP2KC and the duping of the logs. Bob wrote the duping program for his TRS-80 Mod.I and made sure the logs were 100% free of duplicate contacts within the 1-month time limit (something which has yet to be done by subsequent Record setters).

Bob and Bettie were married the year Bob got out of the Air Force. They have three children, two daughters in college and a son entering the Navy. Bob's military pilot training led to a career flying for Delta Air Lines.

Bob Hudson is a versatile and interesting DXer. We talked at some length about his more recent homebrew projects and his VHFing. During our conversation he echoed the same concerns and distastes for some of the things happening in Amateur Radio that I have heard from so many of you. I just wish he and other more experienced folks would come to more meetings so as to lend us direction and motivation. Thanks, Bob!

WANTED - Auteck or equivalent Audio filter. Call K4PI, (404) 942-4576

FOR SALE - unusual tube, mounted in a display case. Case has antique finish, hidden lamp gives the effect of lit filaments. \$40. K4PI.

FOR SALE or TRADE - TET 3 element 40 Meter Broadband Monobander (current list \$380!) sell for \$150.00. Drake Twins, R4A, 14X, AC4, and MS4, all manuals included for \$380. Ten-Tec Triton IV (540), NB, CW filter, 262G P/S with VOX, and Digital Display all for \$400.00. Want a pair of 3-400Zs or recent 2 Meter FM or FM/SSB. Call Dave Thompson, K4JRB at Home (404) 448-0588 or at work 955-3800 Ext. 4005.

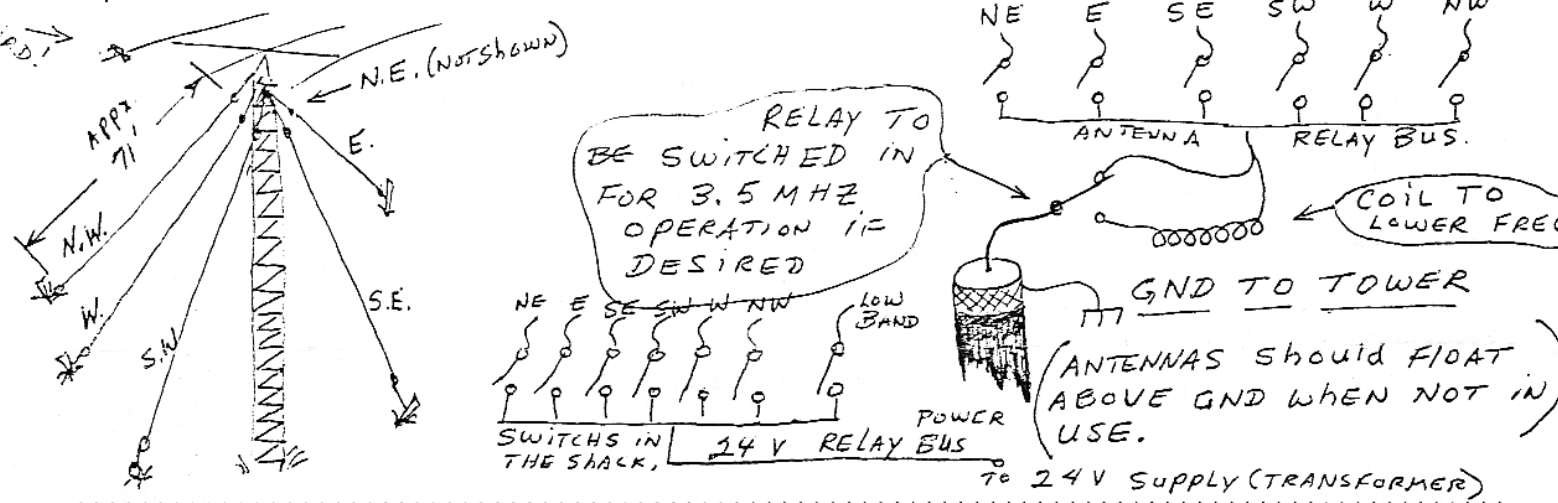
ANOTHER ANTENNA PROJECT!
by Mike, K4PI

The end of summer is near and it is time to start migrating back to the Low Bands. Each year brings a new crop of antennas, and the hope one will be that "MAGIC" wire!

My Inverted L, shown in the bulletin about 2 years ago, beat out last year's contender. After working for two months on that ill-fated Two Element Delta Loop, and getting no results, I found an article in Ham Radio Magazine which rated 15 types of Low Band antennas. The Delta Loop came in at the bottom, five notches below the dipole!

This year's project is a system of six 1/4 wave slopers. Conditions have not quieted down enough to get a full evaluation yet, but it looks promising so far. The dimensions shown may vary with each installation, but should be a good place to start.

As with any Low Band Wire antenna, don't expect miracles. This antenna will show 8 to 10 db front to back ratio on most signals. (Not to be confused with gain.) It is interesting to watch signal strengths on the different legs as they are switched in line. While this has been the easiest antenna system to tune, its main attraction to many might be the small space it occupies. It is still going to be very hard to beat a good high dipole.



YOUR BULLETIN still needs contributing authors. Also the bulletin is taking up more of my time than I would like. I really enjoy doing it, but I need a little relief. Would someone be interested in giving it a try? Just an occasional month would help a lot.

BULLETIN COPYING - Thanks to K4JRB for copying this month's bulletin. We have a volunteer for October also but that is all. Please help if you can! If you can "host" the bulletin copying one month, please call KC4BX (255-4677) with the information. We will also need labels soon, if someone has a source for cheap labels let us know.

***** 73 de wb4znh

Why should I join the Southeastern DX Club?

Well, maybe YOU shouldn't! Especially, if you don't like people, if you don't like competition, if you don't like learning how to improve your signal or operating technique, if you don't want to improve your DXCC standings, if you don't like helping DXpeditions, if you don't like being entertained by pictures and narratives from DX locations far and not-so-far, or you don't like the opportunity to meet some of the International personalities that we are so fortunate enough to have visit us from time to time, then you should probably save your time and money.

However, if you DO like people, the Southeastern DX Club meets every third Tuesday of the month, presently at the Peachtree Lutheran Church just 2 blocks North of Phipps Plaza on Peachtree Street at Narmore, in Atlanta. Don't feel that if you attend a few meetings you will be expected to join. We like to think you will want US just as much as we will want you. Come visit and get to know us, then make your decision. There are fewer reasons to join if you live too far away to attend the meetings. If there is no DX club AT ALL in your area then you should definitely read further! The SEDX Club publishes a newsletter (not a DX bulletin) to keep the membership (especially the OUT-OF-TOWN members) up to date on Club activities and happenings.

If you DO like competition, we have numerous intra-club contests and the winners are awarded some very nice plaques. We promote and encourage participation in all the major DX contests. Quite often, we find club members in friendly but heated competition with each other and with members of other clubs. Our Club members have been involved in and in some cases wholly responsible for NUMEROUS record-setting and winning scores in many International competitions. They are indeed too numerous to list here.

If you DO like learning how to improve your signal and/or your technique, you should know the Club has had several expert speakers for meeting programs on antennas and contest operating. The SEDX Club has also brought in technical expertise to speak at DXPO ATLANTA, which the Club sponsors every other year. The alternate years, DXPO is held in the Washington, D.C. area under the sponsorship of the National Capital DX Association.

If you DO want to move higher on the DXCC rolls, it might interest you to know that for the greater part of the more than 25 years which the Southeastern DX Club has been in existence, the members have maintained a DX Alert frequency of 147.500 Mhz. In recent years, Stew Woodward, K4SMX, has maintained a repeater on 147.795/.195 where DX Club members are encouraged to gather in order to ragchew or pass DX information. We print an annual club roster/countries needed list which enables a DXer to see at a glance, who to call when he hears DX.

If you DO want to contribute to DXpeditions, you don't have to be a member to contribute. On the other hand, a Club donation combined with your individual donation gets a lot more attention and being a member authorizes you to use the Southeastern DX Club Qsl cards or if you prefer another design then you may use the SEDX Club Logo on your card. Being identified in this way can sometimes have a profound effect on the speed of your Qsl card return! Many club members are Qsl Managers and will often give special treatment to cards identified as Club members.

If you DO like to see pictures of DX locations and like to hear about them, often first hand, then you might justify membership in this way alone. We average about 9 such programs per year. Because of the Club's status and the high esteem in which the Southeastern DX Club is held by so many prominent DXers, we have been fortunate enough to have Internationally reknown visitors. To be a "name-dropper", these include AP2AD, CE0AE, HC2YL, OH2BH, PY1RO, SM0AGD, W2PV, and others.

Our membership includes several DXpeditioners of note, several experts in different technical areas, a former ARRL Director (under Mr. H.P. Maxim himself!), and MANY prominent DXers (including no less than 5 who have worked every DXCC country on the list!). All of these are quite ready and willing to give advice or otherwise assist you with any DX problems you might encounter.

Yes, the present dues of \$18 per year are quite expensive, being the rough equivalent of 60 feet of coax. Considering the investment of time and money you have already made in this hobby, you would be selling yourself short to pass up the enhancement a good DX Club can add to your hobby. Please notice that I said "a good DX Club." We are NOT THE ONLY good DX Club. We might not even be the best choice for you. Just remember "there is strength in numbers", and we have good numbers. For more information, write to W4NT. 73 and Good DX!