



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

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September 1992

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CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION

Old Hickory House in the Day's Inn, Roswell Rd.,
just inside I-285, Sept. 15th, 7:00 PM

The old Day's Inn has closed their restaurant and meeting rooms so we will be at the new location. The food is good so please join us! The club needs 20 people to eat there to avoid the \$80 meeting room fee.

WORDS FROM LARRY

-Larry Fleagle N4TMW, President

First, I would like to apologize for last month's meeting. You deserve better. You will have better. The buck stops here!

I'm getting excited about the 160M contests. SEDX can end up in the #1 spot. Get your antennas ready. DXCC on 160M is a fun challenge. Go for it!

Three SEDX members received a Letter of Commendation from the Navy for work with MARS. John Hill, Bob Varone and yours truly. There are so many facets of our hobby.

Recent cards in here; South Cook, Pitcairn, and Clipperton. If you have program ideas, please share them with John or myself. -73

Larry

FROM THE VP

de John Tramontanis, N4TOL

Greetings fellow DXers. I enjoyed meeting and seeing many of you at our July gathering, "DXPO", at the airport Marriot. It was a most enjoyable evening with recognition given to the prior years officers and an entertaining presentation of the rebirth of amateur radio in Albania given by Chip Margelli of Yaesu. A great way to kick off a hamfest weekend.

Speaking of the hamfest, once again the Atlanta Radio Club and Vern Fowler put on an superlative and well organized event. I supported the cause by investing in a new Bencher paddle and an electronic keyer. I hope to boost my country count when I figure out how to use them.

Many thanks to those who manned the SEDX booth at the hamfest, especially the card checkers who worked full tilt all weekend. They were led by Tom Hogerty of the ARRL, and our own Neil Foster and Bob Varone.

Regretfully, I was out of town and had to miss the August meeting. However, I look forward to seeing you at the September meeting. Our program features, Richard Taylor, KC4FST also a station operator of XP1AX, with a presentation of the expedition to Greenland and recovery of a P38 airship buried under the ice. Richard's presentation will cover interesting aspects of aviation, ice excavation, and amateur radio. The P38 recovered will be on display at Peachtree-DeKalb Airport on September 12 during their "Neighbor Day" for viewing by the general public. Thanks to DX club member John Hill, W5CBN, in helping to secure Richard's time for this presentation.

If you hadn't noticed, a few of our members have made the ink in some of the ham radio rags as of late. Bob Varone, WA4ETN, proudly displays his toilet paper QSL card from South Sandwich Island, (continued)

DX!

CATCH THE WAVE!

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VP8SSI, which appears on page 13 of the August issue of QST. Allen Bond, WA4GNT, is highlighted in the August issue of World Radio magazine QRP column on page 68, for his flea market presence at the Dayton Hamfest.

Again thanks to all who helped at the hamfest, and to those who attend the meetings. I welcome any suggestions of program topics for future meetings, and also any volunteers in assisting or presenting any programs at these meetings. Please contact me at 843-5253 days or 587-4623 evenings. I look forward to hearing from you.

73 de

N4TOL

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sam Silverman, KB4NJ

The figures for the club are as follows:

Checkbook	\$2971.75
Tower Fund	
Collected	\$990.00
Spent	\$816.20
Balance	\$173.80

Many people have renewed their membership, but a few have not. Please get those renewals in. I would also like to thank some former members who have returned. Welcome back! Also, remember to renew your ARRL dues through the SEDX, it helps the club.

-73

Sam

NOTE FROM K4PI

Be sure to participate in the CQWW SSB, September 24 & 25. The club did real well last year.

-73

Mike

DX TIDBITS

- Rick Glisson, N4XMX

It was wonderful to see everybody at the hamfest and the SEDX/ARC awards presentation. Chip's ZA1A was fast paced but very interesting. It shows you how much work and luck is involved in setting up something like the ZA1A operation. It takes a team effort. I hope everyone got a chance to look at the CW 2 meter handheld that was introduced there.

I did manage to get my cards to the SEDX booth where Tom Hogarty and Bob Varone, WA4ETN were hard at work. I turned in about 125 cards and apparently, none were rejected. As a plug for DXBase, printing the forms all filled out was very nice. The only part I had to do was list the multiple contacts at the end since the program can't handle that. I even had them ready a week ahead of time! It is so much nicer to get my cards back right away rather than send them to ARRL. The last time I did that, they folded my picture QSL from a K4/portable HN in half to fit into their box after I had sent an oversized envelope up there. Grumble.

Of course, as soon as the hamfest is over, my rig starts acting up. I thought at first that everyone's CW was flaky. Then when a SSB spot came up on the cluster, I went to it but found no station. Then I checked WWV at 10.000. No WWV! I found it at 9.985 and dropping. Hard to break a pileup when your rig is changing frequencies while you call! Have to get that fixed... Fortunately, Milton Lord up at Ham Radio Repair knew exactly what the problem was. In fact, he has run across it so much Milton has made a tape. After he adjusted the rig to work for the moment, I bought the tape. If it does it again, out comes the soldering iron!

I think I may build the digital signal processor in the September QST. Cheaper than buying one of those new rigs! Isn't DX'ing fun?

See you in the pileups -73

-Rick

ACTIVITIES

-Chuck Ogburn, AB4OH

As your new Activities Manager, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve you in this capacity. I am anxious to develop new activities and to continue popular old activities to make this a most enjoyable year.

Because some of you do not know me, let me give you a personal profile. I am in my second year as a club member, but have not been able to attend as many meetings as I would like because my job requires a good amount of travel. I was first licensed in Virginia as a novice in 1978, upgraded through each level, and finally changed my call to AB4OH in 1988. I moved to Atlanta in 1989 from Dallas, Texas and I really like it here. (Don't ask me how I got a 4 call while living in Texas.) My main hobbies are amateur radio and tennis. I prefer DXing to all other facets of amateur radio and have 250 countries confirmed. I also enjoy contesting, but feel some major changes in the rules need to be made to allow people without super mega-stations to compete (skill versus power.)

I would like to hear your ideas on new activities that you would like to see put in place as well as your opinion on the following ideas.

Since this is a DX club and most folks want to increase their country totals, we should conduct a survey as to what countries club members need. Once the survey is performed, we could group people into clusters of 5 to 8 people based on a statistical correlations of their needed countries. It is easier to keep a look out for a few people with country needs similar to yours than to go through a list of what every club member needs to see if they need a certain country. The grouping of clusters would work as follows:

1. For members with less than 250 countries confirmed or worked (depending on how each defines "need"), the groups would consist of people with similar country totals.
2. For members with 250 or more countries, the members would be loosely clustered based on country totals and then grouped based on a correlation of similar country needs.

These surveys would be conducted annually. Once these clusters are formed, names and phone numbers would be exchanged so that when a needed country is on the air one group member can notify other group members. After the clusters are formed,

what can be done is limited only by the imagination. For example, if a "rare one" is supposed to be on the air, members could take turns on an around-the-clock "watch" for the station. Additionally, for really "rare countries," a phone network could be established so that one member in each cluster could be contacted and that person would contact all other members within the cluster.

The second idea that I have is the "MEG AWARD" which will be awarded to each club member once his cumulative contest totals reaches one million. Additional awards would be given for each additional million or maybe at the 5, 10, 15 million levels, etc. Perhaps the rules would be as follows:

1. Points are based on the summary sheet totals from each contest.
2. Multi-operator point totals are divided equally among all team operators.
3. 160 meter contest point totals are multiplied by two.
4. Single band point totals are multiplied by two.

This award is designed to be an ongoing event. One member might receive an award after one contest and another might require to years.

Another idea might be to give an award to the person that works the most countries in the CQ WW and ARRL DX contests.

Please give some thought as to what activities you would like to have and be prepared to discuss them at the next meeting. Also, consider what software the club might use to administer the awards and the survey. Please feel free to call me at 668-9435 to express your ideas. -73

-Chuck

FROM THE EDITOR

-Rick Glisson, N4XMX

It's a dirty job but someone has to do it. I have agreed to be newsletter editor since no one else would help. I hope you like the new format. If you have anything to contribute, please send to me at home: 1901 Cambria Ave., Atlanta GA. 30318. You can also modem me stuff or leave a message on the cluster. Let's show the new people how it's done. Help someone else learn the right way to DX. Make it fun! -73

-Rick



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