

SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

THE
SOUTH'S
PREMIER
DX CLUB

September 1994

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION

Tuesday, September 20th, 7:30 PM, Old Hickory House in the Days Inn, Roswell Rd., just inside I-285.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

-Delaine McCarthy, KM4FV, President

Hope everybody survived the vacation season with money left over and a shack untouched by lightning bolts when you returned!

Now's a good time to assess the winter DX antenna system. With things like they see, maybe the emphasis should be on some nice wire, low-band jobs for 160 thru 30 meter operation. The cooler temps mean quieter conditions on these bands can't be far off. The next couple club meetings will provide us with, in addition to all the regular good chat and fellowship, a good opportunity to find out what's hot these days in low band antennas.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting!

73 Delaine-KM4FV

VEEP BEEPS

by Dick Bentley, K2UFT, VP

The editor's deadline came before we got confirmation that September's presenter has arrived in the States. So we'll either cool you off with a show straight from UA9 land or heat you up with a short glimpse of Vern and Dick's great adventure - you've read about it before but now you'll get to see it in living color.

Speaking of adventures, Vern returns to ZF1CQ for the RTTY test September 24-25 and I'll be firing up ZF2SY again from November 19 through 24th, back in time for the CW CQWW if

anyone's looking for an extra operator.

Did you work your share of those guys signing /125? I managed to work members KI4XO and N4UCK on my way to achieving the Hiram Percy Maxim Award. There were some on the cluster who took exception to advertising the /125 station but it sure beat the heck out of most of the spots for opportunities to work stations like DL9XX Willie Stuttgart on 20 SSB!

See you at the meeting.

-Dick

An Important Matter for Your Consideration

At the last meeting a presentation was made that I'm sure many of you did not hear. The Ham Radio Foundation, representing Ham Radio 95, gave the SEDXC an opportunity. This opportunity is what I would like to present to you the membership in a little more detail.

I'm Dan Nixon, N4DVW, a member of SEDXC. and of the ham community at large here in Atlanta. I've volunteered, with Delaine McCarthy's approval, to chair the planning group for this function, providing the club members approve.

We have a chance to heavily promote our fine organization, to enlist new membership and support. In addition we have the opportunity to raise operating revenue for the club, and at the same time promoting a very worthwhile charitable cause, the Scottish Rite Children's Medical Center.

Please put all preconceived notions aside and find it in your schedule to attend the September 20th meeting so that we may enlist your ideas and your support. I'm looking forward to seeing you there. Thanks for taking the time to read this.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

-de John Tramontanis, N4TOL

Balance 7/31/94 (Checkbook)	\$2,371.31
Deposits:	
Raffle & Shirts	117.00
Memberships	309.00
Cluster Fund	80.00
Total Receipts	506.00
Subtotal	2,877.31
Expenses:	
Newsletter (Aug)	not pd.
Raffle Prizes	70.14
Bank Charges	10.42
QSL Bureau	9.50
Plaques	485.17
Total Expenses	575.23
Balance Checking 8/30/94	\$2302.08

Of this ending balance, \$730.00 is earmarked for the cluster fund, resulting from voluntary contributions from the club membership at renewal time.

Minutes SEDXC Meeting Held 8/16/94

The meeting was called to order by President Delaine McCarthy at approximately 7:30 PM. The club participated in a roll call. Pete Shaw, K4DLR, extended the trial period for the outgoing QSL bureau for one month. Bill Blaine's wife sent a note to the club in thanks for the flowers. Neil Foster, KC4MJ, announced that 2 positions are open for Sci-Trek volunteers on the third Friday of the month for the hours of 11:00 am. to 2:00 Pm. Neil Sulmeyer, AE6E, presented very fine awards to club members earned during various contests. Estate items for Wayne Mueller, WA40VM, are available for sale. Call John Smith, KI4XO, for details.

Verne Fowler, WBBLA, brought to the clubs attention a forthcoming DXpedition to South Georgia. He has already pledged \$250.00 and encourages other club members to donate as well to the cause. The club can be on the card with a donation. As usual the club will match all member donated funds.

Verne, WBBLA, also led a discussion about the Ham Radio Foundation Inc., which will be coordinating Ham Radio '95' on April 7,8,& 9. Tickets will be available at the next club meeting. A motion was made that the club support and sponsor the DXPO at Ham Radio '95'. The motion was seconded and passed by a club vote.

- 73 de N4TOL John

ACTIVITIES

-Neal, AE6E, Activities Director

I would like to congratulate all of you who received plaques last meeting. The following members who did not attend can get their plaques at the September meeting: K4BAI, KB0G, WB4ZNH, N4RJ, W4OUN, KO4WE, K4SB, WX4G, WA4APM, AB4OH, N4HOH, K4TEA, W4GTS, W4MWT, and KR4DL.

The fall contest season is almost upon us. I have been busy helping with antenna projects all summer and maybe soon I'll be able to get my own ready for the fall competitions. The first major contest is the CQ WW RTTY test on September 24-25. The 30 hour rule for single ops has been eliminated (about time), and I'll be at K4JPD again. The September VHF test starts at 1800z on Saturday the 10th. Anyone who makes 25 or more QSO's can order a pin for \$3 from the ARRL. This pin has the year marked on it making it a nice addition to your pin collection. 25 QSO's is easy. Just get on 2m FM if you don't have any SSB stuff for VHF. The Four Landers VHF club is planning to go to Bald Knob, VA (FM07) so please look up that away.

For the CQWW Phone (October 29 and 30) and CW (November 26 and 27) competitions, Rons AA4S and AB4RU are assembling teams of 5 single operator all band entrants. There were virtually no entrants in the category. Ron would like to see the SEDXC put together one or more teams per mode. If you would like to be involved, please contact either AA4S or AB4RU.

I was very disappointed in the number of entries I received for the club DX contest. From all the packet messages and direct QSO's with club members, I thought there would be a lot more entrants. I'm especially disappointed with all the members who were excited that I revived this from the past yet didn't send in an entry. At the last club meeting, the membership expressed the desire to continue the SEDXC DX competition. The rules are simple. Work as many countries (ARRL DXCC list) on as many band and modes as you can. The categories are numerous. Aside from the usual mixed mode all band total, include low power (less than 200 watts), QRP (less than 10 watts), single bands (including WARC bands), single mode (don't forget RTTY or even PACTOR), and even Wire Antenna only. If you can think up a category, I'll include it. All contacts must be between June 1, 1994 and May 31, 1995. The idea is to promote club activity and, most of all, have fun doing it! Good hunting and best

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de Neal, AE6E

(from a mailing)

by Ron Bailey, AA4S

(reprinted from the 3rd Qtr FMC Lithium Digest)

Al Hernandez, WA3YVN (VP8SSI co-organizer and operator), and Jan Heise, WA4VQD, recently founded the SGI DXpeditions Group. Their vision is to organize and conduct DX operations from high demand DX locations around the world, including many of the low latitude Antarctic islands. The group's first DXpedition will be to South Georgia island where they plan to operate for three weeks starting in early January 1995. All DXpedition gear for four complete HF stations was put aboard the Research Vessel ABEL-J in June at Fairhaven, Massachusetts. WA3YVN accompanied the freight to Fairhaven and saw all of it safely stored by the ship's crew. This is the same ship that transported the VP8SSI team to the South Sandwich islands in 1992.

OPERATION AND FREQUENCIES

The team will operate on all open bands with emphasis given to CW and low band operation. The Expedition goal is to maximize the number of individual call signs in the logs. Once on the air, they will transmit on 1826, 3522 (3504 for EU), 7022 (7004 for EU), 10104, 14024, 18074, 21024, 24894, and 28024 kHz on CW, and 1845, 3785, 7065, 14195, 18145, 21295, 24945, and 28475 kHz on SSB. On RTTY try 3580, 7040, 14080, 21080, and 28080 kHz.

QSL ROUTE: Please QSL via: W4FRU, INDEXA, P.O. Box 5127, Suffolk, VA 23435 USA.

CW OPERATORS NEEDED: The group is still looking for one or two high caliber CW operator to complete the team. Al, WA3WN can be contacted at the SGI DXpeditions address below or by phone (407) 727-0201 or Fax (407) 728-8072.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT NEEDED: The group is receiving good support from the DX community. However, at a cost of over \$50,000 much more support is needed. The SGI DXpeditions group still needs help with the cost of the charter vessel, generators, and fuel. Contributions (checks payable to SGI DXpeditions) may be sent to: SGI DXpeditions, P.O. Box 2235, Melbourne, FL 32902 USA. Clubs and significant contributors will be noted on the QSL cards.

A now famous athlete (John Kruk) recently said, "When I left my home in Burlington, WV to play professional base-ball, it was the first time I'd ever met people I'd never met before." Well, he has his way of meeting people, I have mine!

For the past 30 years I have pursued a hobby which quite a few fellow employees share. The hobby is that of meeting and talking with people using Amateur Radio (often called Ham Radio or "Hamming" although no one knows why).

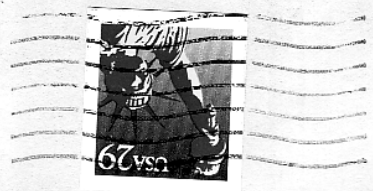
Ever since 1953 when I discovered that my parents' old AM radio could pick up far-distant stations, I have been compelled to "see what I could hear." In 1963 I passed the test requirements for an Amateur Radio license and have been active in this hobby ever since. As a result of over 40 years of listening, I have heard and experienced some amazing things. I have:

Talked with radio operators in every country in the world including such recently-formed ones as Macedonia and Serbia. Heard the echo of my own signal coming all the way around the world. Heard what is referred to as a "long delayed echo" where my own transmitted signal came back after a one or two second delay—equivalent to 10 or 15 trips around the earth. No one has been able to satisfactorily explain how this is possible. Conducted two-way communication with other amateurs by bouncing signals off the surface of the moon. Logged (heard) over eight hundred different AM (standard broadcast band) stations from 36 states including California. Talked to such people as Barry Goldwater and King Hussein of Jordan who are also amateur radio operators. Relayed messages from Managua to various parts of the United States after the Nicaraguan earthquake. Sat watching a wall cloud during a storm ready to alert the National Weather Service in the event a tornado were to form. This done as a volunteer for the Amateur Radio Emergency Service. Talked with a ham operator in the Parliament Building in Lithuania while it was surrounded by Russian tanks.

As you can see, many of my experiences have made it possible for me to meet some of the most interesting and, in some cases, the bravest people in the world. I feel strongly that I would not trade either the friendships made or the knowledge gained through the hobby of Amateur Radio for anything.

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 K4KG 144.91
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DX COMMUNICATION FREQ.

Simplex 147.54
 Melvin 147.51
 K4JPD Repeater (tone 7)
 147.795/T-195/R
 W8BLA/R 442.075+

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