



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB

W4NT

*THE
SOUTH'S
PREMIER
DX CLUB*

September 1995

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION

Tuesday, September 19th, 7:30 PM, Old Hickory House in the Days Inn, Roswell Rd., just inside I-285.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

-Steve Schmidt, KR4DL, President

The first sunspot of the new solar cycle seems to have appeared in the northern latitudes of the sun. Greeted with some fanfare, the news is not immediately promising. An entry on the packetcluster indicated that the low point on the cycle was generally regarded as that point when "new" sunspots in the higher latitudes equaled the number of "old" sunspots around the sun's equator. Seems it'll likely be another year before we hit rock bottom. I'm already thinking of erecting a new 40/80/160 meter antenna. I think I'll need one to carry me through the next couple of years!

Speaking of antennas, we're approaching the "fall equinoctial period" as reported by CQ magazine's propagation section. In short, this means possibly improved propagation to the southern hemisphere, including South Asia, South Africa and the South Pacific, and improved long-path and grayline propagation. If you haven't burned the dust off your antennas lately, this may be a good time to do it. Just over the equinoctial horizon (so to speak) are optimal low band conditions and the CQ World Wide 160 contest. Now is the time to start planning your strategy and improving your radiators (and "listeners") for this important event. It sure would be nice to see an improved club performance this year! Anyone want to issue a challenge?

The number of members listed prominently in the standings of the 1994 CQ World Wide SSB contest is too long to cover in this space. Some notable efforts include Bill, KM9P operating from N4RJ, 3rd in the US all-band category; Neal, AE6E operating from K4JPD, 1st in the US on 15 meters;

Lee, AA4GA, 3rd in the US all-band low power; and Bob, WX4G, 6th in the US all band assisted (1st in call area 4). Ron, AA4S and Ron, AB4RU also posted some very impressive scores in the competitive all-band category. Congratulations to all of you. I hope you're making plans for exotic DX locations in the CQ World Wide 160 contest! See you at the next meeting.

73, Steve, KR4DL

FROM THE VP

by Sonny Marsh, KE4LDJ, VP

This month I haven't been able to nail down a speaker for the meeting by press time. It will just have to be a surprise.

Don't forget to look for the Easter Island DXpedition coming up in September. By the time you read this, our own Bob (K4UEE), Randy (KØEU), and Bob (KØIYF) will be QRV from Juan Fernandex as CEØZ. They should be very active on the low bands, WARC, RTTY, and satellite. Low band signals should be loud as they will be using full power and full size loops on 80 and 160, and a two element beam on 40. As I mentioned at last month's meeting, individual contributions would be welcome.

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

-73, Sonny, KE4LDJ

CQWW IS COMING UP GET READY!!!

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TREASURER'S REPORT

-Nancy Draheim, NK4U

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| Balance 7/31/95 (Checkbook) (\$10 checkbook balance discrepancy from last month) | <u>\$2768.46</u> |
| Income: | |
| Dues, shirt and pin sales | \$418.50 |
| Subtotal | <u>\$3186.96</u> |
| Expenses: | |
| T-shirts | 623.52 |
| Newsletter (3 months) | 333.83 |
| QSL bureau and Treasurer's stamps | 15.40 |
| 160 M plaque mailing | 104.68 |
| Bank Charges | 10.45 |
| Total Expenses | \$1087.88 |
| Balance Checking 8/31/95 | <u>\$2099.08*</u> |

* Of this balance, \$1,294 is designated for the cluster fund.

NOTICE: CHECK YOUR LABEL - IF IT IS HIGHLIGHTED AND YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES IN 1995 - THIS IS YOUR LAST ISSUE. SEND IN YOUR DUES NOW TO AVOID MISSING OUT ON ANY SEDXC ACTIVITIES.

This month SEDXC would like to introduce the following new members: Jon Adams KE4MKW, Travis Danley N3QDL, Kazu Miyamori AD4WF/JA1CMD, Mary Stowell KR4YV, George Titlow KO5G, Jack Valk WA4TQE, Tim Whitehead, KD4AYT and Seiichi Yamazaki AE4KL. Please excuse me if I left anyone out or picked up an 'old timer' by mistake.

See you at the meeting.

73, Nancy NK4U

**GET THOSE LOW BAND
ANTENNAS READY!**

MINUTES, SEDXC MEETING 8/15/95

-Dick Bentley, K2UFT

Minutes From August Meeting Held 8/15/95

Meeting called to order by Steve, KR4DL who welcomed one and all (27 attendees), had all present sign attendance sheet and then introduced themselves. Several multi-taskers signed in and identified simultaneously.

Plaques were presented to N4XMX for his tireless efforts on the Newsletter in 1995 and to W4QO, who was this year's recipient of the W4NT award for outstanding achievement.

The reading of last meeting's minutes were waived, W4OUN is recovering from a broken leg.

There was no old business. Under new business, it was noted with sadness that KB4C, N4AA's XYL had passed away.

NK4U, Treasurer, advised on the collection of literature she had available for perusal. VK5QW has renewed his membership and had called Nancy from Australia regarding same. WA4CUG recalled meeting VK5QW in person and finally one day on the air.

K4ODL introduced discussion on the responsibilities of handling the 160 meter contest plaques, since this past year's handling was a bit difficult. It was agreed that Nancy, NK4U would handle collecting from the donors and K4ODL will handle distribution. KR4DL expressed thanks to both for working this out so amicably.

Details were read on the upcoming expeditions to Easter Island (XRØY), Salas y Gomez (XQØZ), and Juan Fernandez (CEØZ) featuring our own Bob, K4UEE, KØEU and KØIYG (9/13 - 9/20.)

K2UFT relayed a message to all from WA4ETN that the paperwork for 5A1A was in ARRL's hands (K5FUV) as of 8/15 and it appeared that everything needed to reach a decision was received except for a license photocopy. It was also reported that the second Pratas expedition may count for DXCC purposes.

We took a short break and then ran a 50-50 prize drawing. It was agreed that every other meeting would be 50-50, alternating with the usual prizes. In a late breaking announcement, KB4NJ has volunteered to create an Internet (*continued p3*)

(continued from p2) Web page for the Southeastern DX Club. The evening's program was a presentation on communications through amateur satellites given by Terry Gibbs, N4TYP.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

(Dick filled in since Buddy couldn't be there, thanks Dick! -ed.)

BEEPS DE K2UFT

-Dick Bentley, K2UFT, Activities Director

You all get various publications to keep you up to date on the latest operating events in the DX World, so I won't be reinventing the wheel here and Rick wouldn't give me the space anyway! But we will have some home grown activities throughout the year and I'd like to see us put on a big push for the CQ 160 Test in January and February, '96. We need to make this an olympic year for amateur radio as well as other, more physical sports.

Kiyoshi, AE4EZ has suggested that SEDXC sponsor an award for working increasing numbers of SEDXC members, 10, 20, 30, etc. Suggested is a special award for achieving this during 1996 to tie us in with the Olympic Games, and an on-going award for working club members over the years. We would levy a fee for the award to cover printing and mailing expenses. **WHAT DO YOU THINK?** Send me a note on the DX Packet system or via phone (770-393-2150 or 770-913-3624 at work) or buttonhole me at any meeting.

Back to home grown activities. **CUMULATIVE CONTEST:** We will have an operating contest running for the club year with the winner to be announced at next year's DX banquet. Work as many stations as you can starting September 1, 1995 through April 30, 1996. Score your efforts in accordance with the point values assigned below and submit a **SUMMARY** only (FORMS available next meeting) by May 21, 1996 meeting to K2UFT.

BAND(S) OF THE MONTH: For **OCTOBER** work as many stations as you can on 10 and 12 meters, using the appropriate point values from the list below. For those members with Technician or Technician + privileges, you may use bands and modes appropriate for your license class in lieu of the **BAND OF THE MONTH**.

General rules: With the exception of satellite
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QSO's, direct contacts only, no repeater QSOs. None of the contacts claimed for points may be from an organized contest - casual, recreational type contacts only. Stations may be worked for QSO point credit once per band and mode. Credit for multipliers may be taken only once, regardless of band/mode.

Deadlines: The meeting following the end of each contest. **QSO POINT VALUES:** HF: High power - 1 Point, Low Power - 2 points VHF: Satellite QSO's 5 points, Direct QSO's 10 points **MULTIPLIERS:** HF: total number of US states and DXCC countries VHF: total number of different grid squares and DXCC countries worked.

Overall multiplier: Multiply your score by the number of different club members worked during the contest. To keep the interest running, you are encouraged to submit monthly updates on your cumulative contest score for publication in the club bulletin.

For October, let's set 24.910, 24.940, 28.110 and 28.440 as calling frequencies for SEDXClub. We can at least gain points talking to each other and perhaps by our presence, promote some activity on the bands.

-73 Dick, K2UFT

DX TIDBITS

-Rick, N4XMX

The best thing about September? Well, my 3V8BB card came back from YT1AD in Serbia after only a month! The way things are over there, I'm suprised anything survives the trip. Be thankful for where you're not!

The Easter bunch have come on the air with a vengeance! The CW operators actually give real signal reports (as advertised) but the SSB ops give just about everybody a 59. Strong signal on 40M CW. Am waiting to see if I get an Internet confirmation email of the QSO!

Resurrected the A-3WS on a 20' pole to help with some of the Africans and Europeans. Since it is aimed with the Armstrong method, I pointed it at 35 degrees and left it. Better get another remote antenna switch, the Heath is out of ports! Does give me a few S units over the vertical. Worth the trouble and hides well in the trees!

-CU in the pileups...

Rick, N4XMX