



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB

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DX CLUB*

September 1998

MEETING TIME & LOCATION

Tues., Sept 15th, 7:00 PM, TECH AMERICA, just north on Buford Hwy north of I-285.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

-Mike Greenway, K4PI

It's been a busy month here getting the antenna farm ready for winter.. Vines and briars have overgrown the beverages and tower. I got the new 6 meter 6 element antenna up and waiting for the band to open to DX. The flux was up to 179 today. If that is any sign of things to come then 10 meters should be hot soon. That first frost is closer than you think..

The officers and board are working hard to get the new year started off. We are open to suggestions on programs you want to see. The Shelby fest was great. If you have never been put it on your calendar for next year.

I bought a new Alinco DX70TH from Tech America and on the way back with K4VT he said didnt guess there was any chance the power plug that was in his truck would fit it... It did fit and we were on the air working Europeans in the European Field Day on SSB. I guess I should have bought a key.

We worked 10 stations in 7 countries with most of them first call, so you can see it doesnt take much to start off DXing. By the way the DX70TH was only \$750 with tax and it works 160-6 meters. Maybe I'll do a review on what I think about it sometime.

See you at the meeting..

73, Mike, K4PI

VP CORNER

-Jim Worthington, AD4J

The summer doldrums are fading away and there's lots of good DX to be had on the high bands. I heard several Asian stations on 20 and 15 over the

Labor Day weekend and understand 10 meters is really hopping, too. Even DX on 160 is picking up. I worked a DL about a week ago on topband and have seen packet spots for several countries there. Looks like we're in for a good fall of DXing and contesting.

Thanks much to Mike Zeug, W4MS, for a very interesting look at 4U1ITU operation at the August meeting.

The plan for this month's meeting program is to show one or more DXpedition videos. I've ordered a couple from the NCDXF and am anxiously awaiting their arrival. If they don't make it, we'll have an alternative program.

In October, Jay Pryor (K4OGG) will be giving the South East Contest Club slide show on contesting just in time for CQWW Phone. We have one or two other programs lined up for future meetings and a leads on others. However, I'm still looking for programs. Please email or call me with ideas or to volunteer for a program.

73, Jim AD4J

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD 8/18/98

-Rick Glisson, N4XXM, Sec.

An executive board meeting was held right after the general meeting in at the same location.

Mike, K4PI, appointed Paul, K4UJ and Jim, AD4J, to assist members with their newsletter.

Nancy, NK4U, got the membership list file to Rick, N4XXM, to be included in the next newsletter. It will be sent email and hardcopy.

K4PI decided to wait one more month before cutting off non-paying members. A large announcement would be made in both formats. K4PI would also announce it on the reflector.

K4PI and Paul, W6XA discussed the full membership provisions of the club constitution but agreed to leave as is for now. Meeting ajourned 8:40PM.

TREASURERS REPORT

-Nancy Draheim, NK4U

No article submitted.

SEDXC MINUTES 8/18/98

-Rick Glisson, N4XMX, Sec.

The meeting was called to order 8/18/98 at 7:03 PM by Mike, K4PI, President. Mike welcomed everybody and then the group introduced themselves. 18 members were present.

Paul, K4UJ agreed to handle the membership office so a vote was taken and there were no objections.

The "road show" was discussed and had been shown to all the interested local clubs except Gwinnett.

There was a reminder to get any roster changes to Nancy, NK4U, before the roster was printed in the next issue of the newsletter.

A motion was made to appoint some individuals to assist club members with their computers to enable them to get email, read the electronic version of the newsletter, etc. It was seconded, and passed. The two individuals chosen were Jim, AD4J and Paul, K4UJ.

Rick, N4XMX, mentioned the offer by the Electronic Switch Company about buying 3 boxes of European air mail envelopes. These would then be sold to club members to raise a little money. Rick was told to inquire about the price.

The possibility of posting the newsletter on a web page was discussed. A location for the page has not been settled on yet.

The roster was discussed and the general opinion was that it would be better if the roster was sorted by callsign. Rick, N4XMX, said he would take care of it.

Phil Latta, W4GTS, congratulated Mike, K4PI, on being brave enough to be president. The membership present agreed!

An announcement was made that Gary, NI6T, may go on a possible T31 DXpedition in December. Stay tuned.

Mike, K4PI, reminded everyone of the DX reflector (sedxc@contesting.com) and encouraged everyone to use it. It is a quick way to contact many members quickly.

The door prizes were a '94 and '95 ARRL Handbook. Paul, K4UJ and Sonny, KE4LDJ, won them.

Mike, K4PI, was presented a 1996 ARRL CW SO First Place plaque.

The program was an interesting visit to 4U1ITU in Geneva. The program was presented by Mike Zeug, W4MS. It featured slides and QSL cards.

JoAnne, KF4YOO, commented that she did not like the proposed ARRL licence restructuring as it made the hard work already done meaningless. This from a novice!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

DX TIDBITS

-Rick Glisson, N4XMX

The mad rush to get all the 40M cards in for 40M DXCC is on. I started off needing about 30 cards. I have worked 103 but obviously I can't count of getting cards from everybody.

So far the real surprises are actually getting cards from FR5DX (back in '91!), 3B8CF (3 tries), HK0TCN, and 3V8BB. Hrane is a good QSL'er but finding out exactly who was the op during your peculiar QSO is the trick.

The FO0 and 3B7 cards have been trickling in but many, including myself, are still waiting for the H40 cards. No big deal, I don't plan to submit before next year anyway. Hopefully a hundred of the 40M will pass must inspection.

A couple of nice surprises on the bands, 5A29 on 20M (I needed on SSB), TZ6DX on 17M, and 3D2DX on 15M. Shows the bands are getting back to normal. Flux numbers have been above 150!

Heard a W6/AG calling CQ on 17M. He sounded about 12 years old. Thinking of the type of reception I would like my daughter to have, I answered. I congratulated him on the upgrade. He sent me a card and even though there was no SASE, I sent one back. I was his first GA QSO. We have all been there... be nice. CU in the pileups.. Rick, N4XMX

DXCC NEWS RELEASES

Temotu Province Added to DXCC List

The ARRL Awards Committee has accepted a recommendation of the ARRL DX Advisory Committee to add the Temotu Province of the Solomon Islands to the DXCC List. The addition will be effective with contacts made beginning 23:59 UTC on 31 March, 1998 and after.

The DXCC Desk will accept QSL cards for Temotu Province (H40) beginning October 1, 1998. QSL cards received before that time will be returned without action. Temotu Province includes the Santa Cruz, Reef, Duff and Vanikolo Island groups. They are located more than 356 kilometers from the main grouping of the Solomon Islands.

Marquesas Islands & Austral Islands Added to DXCC List

The ARRL Awards Committee has accepted a recommendation of the ARRL DX Advisory Committee to add the Marquesas Islands and the Austral Islands to the DXCC List. The additions will be effective with contacts made beginning 23:59 UTC on 31 March, 1998 and after.

The DXCC Desk will accept QSL cards for both the Marquesas and the Austral Islands beginning October 1, 1998. QSL cards received before that time will be returned without action.

A TRIBUTE TO "ACK"

-Phil Latta, W4GTS

Tommy "Ack" Atkerson, W4RRW, recently became a Silent Key. His father, W4ECI of Birmingham, was a member of the earliest DXCC. Tommy's first "Ack Radio" store was on Luckie Street, but business was so good he moved to Deering Road off Northside Drive, a larger place.

Young would-be DXers found a ready friend at Ack Radio. Tommy was always there to lend a helping hand, even with something as simple as tying a beam antenna on a car. If he didn't know something, he would find the answer for customers. His friendliness and enthusiasm went a long way to helping the DX community.

His place up in Lumpkin County was a fine locale for Field Day. Pulling a long wire with a boat across his lake made an antenna that was great, even using only solar power.

Bill Durham, Jim Zerkle, Ed Tanton, Marty Reynolds, Tommy and I had a lot of fun up there, back in "the Good Old Days."

73, Phil Latta W4GTS

CQWW 160 CHANGES

-Dave Thompson, K4JRB

The CQ WW 160 meter Contest Committee has three items on the table for discussion. Please feel free to post this on any club bulletin board. Notice the closing date for comments on each. Any changes would begin with the 2000 contests except where noted:

Item 1.0 Stations operating from disputed areas with calls not assigned by proper authorities will not be allowed to compete for awards in the contests and will be listed as check logs. These contacts will be similar to maritime mobile contacts for credit (no multipliers). Immediate implementation. Applies to 1998 and forward.

1.1 Alternative to 1.0. Contacts with stations operating with improper calls as in 1.0 will not count for points credit. Applies to year 2000 on if adopted.

Examples of such stations include call prefixes include (improper/correct): 1X/UA; 4N4, 4O4, YU4, YT4, YZ4/T9; 1B/5B4

ITEM 2.0 DX stations will send a preselected number (of their choice). This number is to be between 00 and 999 (3 digits max, 2 min). Suggested is age or power. This is proposed as the location currently sent is confusing.

ITEM 3.0 There has been numerous claims and counterclaims about QRP participants. The proposal is to eliminate the QRP category and have two levels:

Low power is 200W output and high power anything above 200W output. **ITEM 3.1** Alternative to 3.0 Add single op assisted and make low power be 100W output.

Cut off date for all items is 1 December 1998. Send your ideas (please be brief) to cq160@contesting.com or the Director via mail. Please note Item 1.0 cut off date is 9/15/98 as this needs to be reflected in the 1998 results to be printed in the December 1998 CQ magazine. All or none of the issues may or may not be adopted! Dave Thompson K4JRB CQ WW 160 Contests Director 4166 Mill Stone Court Norcross, GA 30092 USA CQ-Contest on WWW:http://www.contesting.com/_cq-contest/ Administrative requests: cq-contest-REQUEST@contesting.com

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K4KG (2400) 144.91
W4UCK (24 & 96) 145.65, 144.97 (ARCDX)
NI4X (9600) 144.93, 145.71, 440.75
K4UJ (2400) 145.67 (SE Megacluster)
(telnet 205.217.100.91)

DX COMMUNICATION FREQ.

Simplex 147.54
Melvin 147.51

K4JPD Repeater (tone 7)
147.195+

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