



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB

W4NT

DX Alert 147.500,
also 147.795T/.195R
DX Ragchew 147.470S,
.540S, .795T/.195R
Meeting Date: October 18, 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.)

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING went reasonably well, I hope everyone enjoyed the slides of numerous radio trips Martha and I have taken over the past 10 years. Attendance was pretty much normal. The 10 Meter Contest plaque was finally awarded to KX4R.

THE OCTOBER MEETING will feature Ed Richmond, W4MGN, with a presentation of his 1982 African Safari. Remember to bring your September Contest scores to W60KX. Business to be address includes the appointment of a nominating committee for 1984 Officers. In the past we have not had a great response to calls for officers. Most of us have served you for several years and it is time for some new blood and new vitality. Please advise our President, K4GFH, or his nominating committee if you are willing to work.

CONTEST CORNER - The October Contest is the CQ World Wide Phone. Bring your scores to the November meeting for awarding of the plaque at the banquet. Now about the CQWW Phone: The Dixie DXers, which is a small new club in the south metro Atlanta area, is making us look BAD! True, they are primarily a contest club, but their membership is roughly 1/6 of the SEDXC. Maybe they are 1 better than the SEDX Club. Can you prove them wrong? While the primary purpose of the SEDXC has not changed from a DX to a Contest Club, it is important to note that Contesting and DXing are similar and compatible. Like it or not, Contesters make better DXers. There is some pretty darn good DX on the bands during contests, especially the CQWW. For those DXers working on WAZ, 5BWAZ, 5BDXCC, Prefixes, or whose country total does not include every active country on the bands, it is a marvelous opportunity to move forward. Besides, it is FUN!

STRAYS

CHINA, BY1PK by our own Bob Duggan, N4IA! Bob should still be in Beijing when you receive this bulletin. He is scheduled to leave October 16. BY4AA should be active starting October 15. This should bring the total to three stations from China.

PALMYRA/JARVIS - a group is planning to operate from Jarvis Island on or about November 5, the group is rumored to include WA2MOE, AD1S and H44SH. Editorial comment omitted!

REMINDER - Malpelo is supposed to come up this month. As rarely as this one surfaces, you should make plans to get it on as many bands as possible. KC7UU is supposed to be at 5U7 sometime this month, also. If the bands hold out this could be a good winter season.

3B9FK - Pat was worked on 21.152 (General Phone!) at 1800Z on Sunday. He goes QRT at 1800 because of a weather report he must make but is active most days 1530-1800Z.

VK0GC (MacQuarie Island) - 7.181Mhz, 6 - 7 A.M. EDST also known to show up on 3.799Mhz. with VK9NS (Norfolk Island) about the same time of day. Whether list or not was not known. Speaking of VK9NS, Jim is talking about going to Kermadec Island, but send money. It looks like Jim did not learn anything from the Heard Island experience!

CHRISTMAS ISLAND - VK9XI/XW found regularly at 14.260Mhz., 1300Z- 1600Z. Our Tuesday A.M.

5N23 - For you prefix hunters, all Nigerian prefixes will be 5N23 throughout the month of October in celebration of 23 years of independence.

JORDON - CQWW phone entry. KC5EA, Ray Sawtelle, plans to be there for the contest. Ray is hoping to receive a 2X1 call for the contest (like JY8R) but presently has approved JY8EA. Ray is fine contester and was part of the Record Setting WPX team to Anguilla. If you only operate the contest to work a new country, work Ray anyway, he will appreciate the help.

ANGUILLA - the regular group that goes down there nearly ever year is going for the CQWW CW. VP2E should be active all bands and most modes including RTTY. Nov. 21-Dec. 14.

Garry Hammond, VE3GCO, takes the helm of LONG SKIP. It is to be expected that the Canadian DXers will appreciate a Real Active DXer taking over as Editor. If he writes as good as he DXes, then they will not have anything to complain about!

SILENT KEYS - Qst reports the death of K2UKQ, many of the members more inclined toward CW probably knew Kay. At the recent W9DXCC convention, in Chicago where I went to show the TT8 slides, a moment of silence was observed for K9KXA. Maas, who many of you knew, took a fatal tumble from his roof while working on his antennas. Be careful when up there!

HB9MX, Kurt Bindschiller, sends his regards to his friends in the SEDX Club. It was a pleasure to speak to him recently on 15M. Kurt was the Clipperton DXpedition Qsl Manager.

A well known DXer, whose dog has developed diabetes, was recently seen chasing after his pet at a prime DXing hour trying to catch a sample to test for glucose. While diabetes is certainly not funny, the DXer's perplexed situation was comical.

THE GLITCH is gone, I sure hope! One of the handshake lines between the computer and the printer was not properly connected. As a result, a few characters were getting lost.

THE EDITOR of Ham Radio Magazine, K2RR/1, wrote an editorial which I have not yet read, but I understand it reads as if ZNH had written it. That sounds good for a Yankee!

WHEN K4DLI was called to be reminded of the impending expiration of his license, Jim asked about a possible new twist to DX Alert. There are quite a number of semi-rare countries out there that are darn hard to find. Jim suggests that individuals actively looking for a particular country, which is KNOWN to be on, could list a maximum of three countries in the bulletin for more concentrated assistance. Sounds like a reasonable idea. Let's try.
K4DLI - 9M2, T2, and TN. WB4ZNH - FB8W, XU, and BY.

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 8 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, K4AHJ, K4FWR, K4IHP, K4MOG, K4RIG, K4ROZ, K4RPK, K4SE, K4YXJ, K8CFU, KA4S, KB4TS, KC4I, KC4M, KC4MJ, KC4OH, KC4UC, KD4UH, KS4Q, N4DXX, N4HU, N4OL, N4OM, N4PN, N4RJ, N4VZ, N4WQ, ND4Y, NE4R, NT4W, NZ4Z, W1UA, W4DXI, W4GIW, W4GKF, W4MGN, W4MWT, W4NET, W4NL, W4OOZ, W4RNZ, W4UYC, W8QFR, WA4BCY, WA40MI, WA40PV, WA4OQL, WA4PBW, WA4REF, WA4SSU, WA4UNZ, WB4LJP, WB4NDX, WB4RUA, WD4LRB.

MEET THE DXERS

Jim Wilson was originally licensed as W4WRV in about 1951 at the tender age of 15 years. Jim's dad, W4IUD, was an employee of the FCC and has worked in the monitoring stations for more than thirty years. Jim's first rig (he is reluctant to call it a radio!) was a home-made CW transmitter with an 807 final and an NC-200 Receiver. True to his personality of living dangerously, Jim keyed the B+! Any normal person would have keyed the grid but not

Jim. He describes his old transmitter as being all open, just built on a chassis. Jim would occasionally get some pretty bad shocks when he inadvertently got his hand across the key contacts! In more recent times Jim bought a home-brew 8877 linear from a local DXer and to describe the amplifier would be quite a chore. Jim used a "pole-pig" transformer and the first time I came to know this monster was one night on 20M chasing DX with Jim. He was very tenderly increasing the B+ for fear the amp might arc over. I later found out that Jim had turned it on earlier and the arc chased him around the room! Jim later found it much more advisable to use a broom handle to keep his distance when turning it on. I never saw the 8877, but I understand that at sometime in the past, the interlock had arced with such force that the interlock switch was severely damaged. The previous owner simply repaired the switch with adhesive tape. I don't think Jim ever seriously considered improving on the design.

After a stint in the Army, Jim went to work for IBM and married Cilla. Jim and Cilla have three children, twin boys, Eric and Derik, age 23 and a girl, Joy, age 21. Jim just became a grandfather. Congratulations, Jim. In 1972 Jim was transferred to Tulsa, Oklahoma, and acquired the callsign W5TWI. I first worked Jim in 1973 when he was W5TWI. After moving back to Atlanta, Jim received his present call of W4MWT.

Of Jim's major accomplishments, operating from New Jersey seems to have been a high-light maybe it was just leaving New Jersey! Jim won the fourth district of the CQWW Phone, 10M Single Band, Single Operator. Jim is not a serious contester but usually operates some in all the major contests. Jim's needs 11 more countries, just 2 shy of the Honor Roll.

When asked for some words of wisdom or suggestions for budding DXers, Jim refused to give any advise. I think Jim is keeping his secrets to himself! Personally, I have never met anyone more astute at finding DX than Jim Wilson. If it is there, he will find it. We discussed his particular enjoyment of the first DXpedition to Kingman Reef and the enjoyment of the anticipation and the massive pile-ups. We both observed that the level of intentional interference was much lower back then. Jim attributes much of the present problem to the sudden popularity of CB as well as the general decline in respect for authority we have noticed in recent times.

I always enjoy chatting with Jim whether on 20M or on the phone and I wish it were possible for each of you to get to know W4MWT, the impish little boy and the big-gun DXer.

FOR SALE - 2 Large Horse-shoe magnets. Should work good as floppy disk or magnetic tape eraser. \$10 each. Call Mike Greenway, K4PI, at (404) 942-4576.

FOR SALE - Yaesu FT-102 with AM/FM board, SSB and CW filters, FV102DM (remote digital display VFO), and SP102 (speaker). All like new. Call John Shinall, K4BYK, at home (404) 889-1982 or work (404) 887-0400.

FOR SALE - IRCs \$.35 each call John Shinall, K4BYK (see number above).

WANTED - Kenwood PS-30 or equivalent and Drake MN-2000, call Charlie, NQ4X at 964-5800.

FREE - QSTs back through 1976. Call Herman, WB4FQP 634-5648

DX ALERTing - is an important aspect of the SEDXC. It can only work if you make it work. We received a very nice note from out-of-town member WA4QMQ recently. Here is John's letter in part.

"As has happened many times in the past, I received a long distance call from Atlanta when XU1SS turned up. It was not even a collect call!! When fellows several hundred miles away are willing to help out in this way, I cannot say enough nice things about SEDXC and its members. My annual dues will continue to be paid. THANKS TO EVERYONE----IT IS APPRECIATED! 73 es DX," Signed John W. Reasoner, WA4QMQ.

There is not much we can do to make it worthwhile for out-of-town members to belong to the Southeastern DX Club. Therefore it is important that we make every effort to do as some

folks have been doing for John. No one is asking you to pay for the call, but do call the out-of-town folks even before you call the locals. Above all, use 147.5, it works well!

The following are some excerpts from a letter received by the Club Secretary, Grover Meinert, KC4BX, from Bob Forrest, NF4A (ex-K4HRG). Bob's letter was prompted by receiving the plaque and life-membership given to each of the original members of SEDXC who are still active in the club. I took editorial license with his letter, I hope Bob won't mind.

"What a nice surprise. Through you, I wish to express...my gratitude.... (The Certificates) are beautifully done and give my 'shack' a prestige which does it honor. I have received more than I've given. Members of the Southeastern DX Club have been giving me assistance throughout my 'Ham Radio Life'."

"I took another look, today, at my Charter Membership Certificate, signed by N.W. Fincher (W4FIJ) and J.E. (Buck) Joyner (...W4TO). Buck had the 'Super Station' with an antenna way up there, perhaps even more than 60 feet. It was at his house that I heard my first VU...until that night I hadn't really thought VU was a valid call.... I remember Jimmy Fields (W4EJN) teaching me how to send and receive.... I used Jimmy for CW practice and he would crank up so fast that he had to wait two days for his thoughts to catch up with the code...."

"I don't know what the Old Timer on the Hill would say to this QRP'er but I learned plenty from the O'Timers by being lucky enough to have been invited to join the original group. This is what Hugh Cassidy means when his Old Timer says 'you can tell a DXer because he walks tall...' The members in this Club stand tall in my estimation, the credentials are many and powerful...I only wish I could have contributed more than the minimum requirement of...longevity. My thanks to you all." Signed Robert Forrest (NF4A)

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 W400Z for copying this month's bulletin. Please help if you can! If you can "host" the bulletin copying one month, please call KC4BX (255-4677) with the information.

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