



# SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB

## W4NT

HEADQUARTERED IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OCTOBER 1986

DX ALERT FREQUENCIES:  
147.500 SIMPLEX  
147.195/R K4SMX REPEATER  
147.795/T

RAGCHEW FREQUENCIES:  
147.470; 147.520; 147.540

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 21, 1986 AT THE SQUIRE INN OFF ROSWELL RD. JUST INSIDE  
TIME: 1930 (7:30 PM) I-285 ON COPELAND RD.

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PRESIDENT:	BILL BARR, N4NX 993-3631	TREASURER:	CAROL SHRADER, W14K 973-1450
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SECRETARY:	GROVER MEINERT, KC4BX 255-4677	CONTEST DIRECTOR:	HUGH VALENTINE, N4RJ 979-3400

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The program for October will be the VK9ZR DXpedition to Mellish Reef in 1978 and the JD1YAH & JD1YAK DXpedition to Ogasawara in 1978. Both are Video Tape presentations. If any one has a TV larger than 13" that they can bring please contact Allen Bond , WB4GNT, and make arrangements to bring it to the meeting.

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It is a pleasure to announce this month that our guest last month, Hans Hannaple, DK9KX, passed his Advanced Class exam and will soon have a U.S. Amateur-License. Any guess as to what his call will be? At least it will be a K74???. We need to get the DXpeditioners allied with the 4's.

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Along with the good news comes some bad. As we have known for some time now Steve and Carol Shrader have been talking of having to move to Virginia Beach. Well, now it is official. They have sold their house here and bought one in Virginia. I know we will all miss them and hate to see them go but, at the same time wish them well in Steve's new venture. I can tell you for sure he is going to be rather busy for the next several months.

I will have more on their upcoming move next month. The only thing we will have to figure out is how many extra people it is going to take to replace Carol- to take care of all the work she has done for the club over the last few years. When anything needed to be taken care of Carol was right there to do it. For all that work we say, " Thanks Carol -- you will be missed by all."

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+A temporary Board of Directors consisted of the founding members: J.E. Joyner, W4TD; Ed H. Mau, W4BYU; Jesse R. Bean, W4FID; Norman W. Fincher, W4FIJ; and Thomas M. Moss, WW4HYW, who served until the first regular election.

+Meetings were held once a month.

Activities were to be as follows:

+Encourage participation in all DX contest of bona fide amateur organizations.

+Publish an official bulletin.

+Institute an appropriate Operating Achievement award.

+Render technical or clerical assistance to DX stations as approved by the club.

+Maintain a radio net consisting of members of the club.

+Apply for and strive to maintain club affiliation with the A.R.R.L.

+Maintain an outgoing QSL bureau for members of the Club.

Except for the outgoing QSL bureau, all of these activities are a part of today's activities of the club.

The radio net turned out to be on the 2-meter band. Why 147.50 mhz was selected is not known. However, we can speculate that it may have been the characteristics of the Motorola FMTRU-5V FM mobile transceivers that determined it. This was a vacuum tube unit used in police service on the VHF frequencies above 2 meters. It would tune down into this band, but not far. Well worn, but usable, units were available cheaply on the surplus equipment market. Initially, horizontally polarized antennas were used. It was later that everyone converted to vertical polarization.

The 2-meter net has served the club well over the years and should continue to do so indefinitely. Early meeting places were in members' homes. Buck Joyner, W4TD, Ed Mau, W4BYU, and Wallace Carpenter, K4TJL, all hosted the club meeting. There surely were others.

Later, as membership grew, facilities that would accommodate greater numbers were used. Among these were the WSB "White Columns" studios on Peachtree Street and the Trust Co. of Georgia public room on Stewart Avenue.

How many countries did Southeastern DX Club members have confirmed in the early days of the club? QST for December 1962 provides an answer from the DXCC listings in that issue:

W4BYU	290	W4BBR	233
W4CFD	280	W4MCM	232 (W4HR)
K4RPK	261	W4BFR	225
W4NT	245	W4HYW	223
K4HRG	244 (NF4A)	W4FID	210
W4SSU	242	W4WN	203
W4JII	240	W4DXI	200

Who were the amateur radio equipment manufacturers in the early sixties? QST for December 1962 tells us. Prominent among them were: Collins Radio, Hallicrafters, Hammarlund, National, Swan, Heathkit, and E.F. Johnson. The Japanese had not yet arrived on the scene.

The following chart was prepared to show graphically how club membership grew over the years. Unfortunately there are gaps in the 1960's and early 1970's. If any members of that period can provide fills for the blank years, the information will be much appreciated. Also sketched in on the chart are the sunspot cycles covering the time period from 1958. There is some correlation evident, but it would help if the blank years could be filled in.



Several years ago, in the long dim past of 1982, before she became N4JWT, Betty Meinert was just known as KC4BX's QSL manager and the one who kept Grover in line. At that time she wrote a few articles about being the XYL of a "HAM". This month we are pleased to start a reprint of those articles.

"RATTLING ON"

by  
Betty Meinert

March 1985: For the next few months, I will attempt to bring you a non amateur radio persons view on the wonderful world of amateur radio. First I must begin with the fact that most-- make that ALL -- radio operators don't have both oars in the water. As a devoted (?) wife of 'one', I know that to be a fact as do most other XYL's.

But love them I do. They are sometimes hopelessly tied up in the throes of trying to break a huge pile-up to a rare DX country. At that time, when I hear terrible language from my OM, I cheerfully remind him that this is a hobby and we must have fun....fun....fun....

73's ,88's and all those good things.  
Betty

Post Script: In case you don't know what "Rattlin On" means-- that's what I've just been doing. My OM says that's all I ever do, But then he's a big male chauvinist pig from way back. We poor XYL's have to tolerate lots of '...' from our OM's. But I really adore my OM and I wouldn't trade him for anybody -- except maybe Robert Redford. When they're on the radio you know where they are as probably everyone in the neighborhood does also. It's cheaper and safer then chasing women-- though I'm sure not as much fun. And The only way they can hurt themselves is by falling out of the chair. What better hobby could there be ??????

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LICENSE RENEWAL NOTICE:

The following will be coming up for renewal between now and the end of the year.

N4DX	10/86	N4EED	10/86	K4HGG	10/86
K4KG	10/86	NU4D	11/86	K4ICH	11/86

All the above should start renewal now.

We still need the expiration date on the following:

K4ROZ K3NN HB9DAY WU4E WA4BSN N4FN KC4I W0MHS W6QKX

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Jerry Fiore, N4JF, needs the QSL route for the following stations. Anyone who can help call Jerry collect at 205-823-3863. Any info will be appreciated.

A6XP 1976-77 -- CW; VP8MS/S. Ga. 1976 --CW; 4W16M 1975 --CW



## THE TRADER:

The following club members have these items for sale of trade. If you have something to list, send it to the editor to be included in the next issue.

**WANTED:** 72 ft. or higher self-supporting tower. Call KN4KWD, Malcolm Ringel at 231-0084 (work) or 255-1776 (home) with details.

**SWAP:** Antec 20-meter monobander ant. 3 "5" units better than a tribander. Needs boom strut, lots of room. Want to trade for smaller antenna, TA-33 or similar, in working condition. Contact Phil Latta, W4BTS, home phone 973-2185 or work phone 658-7834.

## FOR SALE:

Dentron DTR-2000 Amp. with 8877 tube. Call K4DLI, 955-1775 Days and 993-1767 Nights. Also, 2.1kc Fox-Tango I.F. Filter for Yaesu FT-901 of Ft-902.

Swan 700CX / 117XC Power Supply, Swan VOX-VX2, Astatic Mike, (D-104), and TRAC-CMOS Keyer. Includes Manual for 700CX. \$325.00. Contact Bob Tuttle, W4OMQ, 404-921-7473.

AVAILABLE: 75 ohm 1/2 in. Hardline with vinyl jacket, solid aluminum phone Pioneer ARC. Call Pete, K4LDR, 529-5135 Daytime.

HW-8 with all Geo. Weiss modifications (speaker, RIT, CW filters, new diodes, ect.) . Has WAC & WAS QRPP awards! Will trade for Drake MN-2000 or similar. Call Bud Roberts at 704-837-6844

Johnson-Viking KW Match Box. The "BIG ONE"! Old, but in good working order and in good shape. \$200.00. Call Harry Saunders, K4BFH, at 404-352-2946.

HQ-1 Mini Quad, 100 ft RG-8 coax. Good for Field-Day or portable. Call K4JRB at 404-448-0588.

120 cps Burroughs printer with manuals. Optional RTTY computer. Price negotiable. WA4HNL, 404-394-5466

FT-301D HF digital Transceiver with matching power supply, speaker & phone patch. Dentron MLA-2500 linear, Dentron MT-3000A tuner and Cushcraft ATB-34 tri-bander. This equipment is almost new with only a few hours use. Price \$1,700.00. Call Frank Huggins, KC4ME, at 404-469-0465.

If you have sold any of the equipment listed above please let me know so I can remove it from the list. Also, please send your information BY MAIL as I stand less chance of loosing it then when it is given in person or over the phone or radio.

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## CONTEST RESULTS

By

Hugh Valentine, N4RJ

I was extremely disappointed in the August Contest-- Only one entrant--He won with 40 QSO's in the WAE DX Test! Who was this lucky winner?? N4RJ.

We are trying to get together a multi-op for the CQWW SSB test out here but only if new antenna (rotary dipole) comes in from KLM.

The Oct. Contest is the CQWW. Let's all get in there & run up a **big** score. In Nov. it will be the CQWW CW contest and there will be no contest in Dec.

Marriage doing great-- antenna farm gathering rust-----

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Val, N4RJ

