



# SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

October 1992

## CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION

Old Hickory House in the Day's Inn, Roswell Rd.,  
just inside I-285, Oct 20th, 7:30 PM

Everyone seemed to like our new location so we will continue to meet at the Old Hickory House. The food is good so please join us! The club needs 20 people to eat there to avoid the \$80 meeting room fee.

## WORDS FROM LARRY

**-Larry Flegle N4TMW, President**

What a great program in September. Richard Taylor, renown explorer and adventurer, held us spellbound with the Greenland Expedition Society story. My only regret was that some of our members missed it.

The meeting location got a thumbs up so we will be there next month also. I can handle BBQ once a month.

It's good to hear that Jim Altman, N4UCK, is on the mend. Jim, get well soon! We miss you at the meeting.

If you have any program ideas, please share them. We need to know what you want to see. -73

-Larry

**DON'T FORGET  
CQWW SSB  
OCT 24, 25**

## FROM THE VP

**de John Tramontanis, N4TOL**

Greetings fellow DXers. It was nice to see you all at the September meeting at our new location. The meal seemed to pass muster among the discerning palettes of our club members and guests. The highlight of the evening of course was a most enjoyable presentation by Richard Taylor of the aircraft recovery expedition to Greenland. The great enthusiasm exuded by Richard explains how he was able to withstand such persistent harsh conditions with a smile and a desire to return so many times. I would like to extend thanks again to club member John Hill, W5CBN, for securing Mr. Taylor's time for this presentation.

The program for the October meeting will feature DX video presentations from ET2A and Penguin Island. Again thanks to all who attended the September meeting, and I hope more of you will stop by in October to meet for dinner and check out the new location. I welcome any suggestions of program topics for future meetings, and also any volunteers in assisting or presenting any programs at these meetings. Please contact me at 843-5253 days or 587-4623 evenings. I look forward to hearing from you.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

**-Sam Silverman, KB4NJ**

The figures for the club are as follows:

Checkbook	\$2450.60
Tower Fund	\$5.00
Cluster backbone	
Collected	\$1120.00
Spent	\$816.20
Balance	\$303.80

## ACTIVITIES CORNER

-Chuck Ogburn, AB4OH

The Southeastern DX Club First Annual "Most Wanted" Survey is included in this issue of the newsletter and must be returned by the October club meeting! If you cannot attend, give it to someone who can attend or mail it to me (prior to the meeting) at my address listed elsewhere in this column. The survey will be used as explained in last month's newsletter. Participation by everyone is encouraged. Don't be left out when the one you need is on-the-air! If for some reason you don't want to participate, such as you worked 'em all, please return your survey anyway and state why you do not want to take part in this great event.

I still need help as to what software to use to correlate the data from the surveys and how to publish the need lists once the groups are formed. HELP! C'mon guys and gals, I need ideas!

The CQWW SSB CONTEST is the weekend of October 24-25. See page 128 of the September 1992 issue of CQ magazine for complete details and rules. Let's make a giant club effort on this fine contest. Be prepared to make score pledges at the October meeting. Don't forget about the new countries: Croatia YU2 & 9A, Slovenia YU3, and Bosnia-Herzegovina YU4.

Regarding the logs: If you send your log directly to the contest sponsor, please be sure to put Southeastern DX Club on the summary sheet and highlight it with a neon colored highlighter. I would appreciate a copy of your summary sheet so that I can get an estimate as to how the club performed as a whole. If you choose to send your log directly to the sponsor, it must be postmarked by December 1, 1992. I will be collecting logs at the November club meeting or you may mail your log to me prior to this meeting. Please note that your log must be in a final form acceptable by the sponsor as I will not be checking logs; just repackaging them and forwarding them to the sponsor. My address is 5409 Sandell Court, Dunwoody, GA 30338-4524.

Awards will be given for: 1. MOST POINTS SCORED and 2. MOST BAND COUNTRIES WORKED. To be eligible for these awards, you must submit a log to me by the November meeting or you must submit a log to the sponsor prior to the deadline and send me a summary sheet by the November

meeting. The purpose of these awards is to generate participation for a higher club score, so only submitted logs are eligible.

The CQWW DX SSB contest initiates the all new \*\*\* MEG AWARD \*\*\* ! The rules for the MEG AWARD follow:

1. Awards given at the 1 million, 5 million, 10 million points levels, etc.
2. Points are based on summary sheet totals from the eligible contests.
3. Multi-operator point totals are divided equally among all operators.
4. 160 meter and 10 meter contest point totals are doubled.
5. Single band entry point totals are doubled.
6. Summary sheets should be submitted in a timely manner; preferably at the time you send your logs in to the sponsor.
7. The eligible contests (both CW and SSB) are the CQWW DX, CQWW WPX, ARRL DX, ARRL SS, CQWW 160 meter, ARRL 160 meter, and ARRL 10 meter contests.

What little feedback I received to my ideas in the last newsletter was positive, so I have put them in motion as you can see. Everyone must have liked them because it is human nature to complain when one does not like something. My philosophy is that I'd rather do a few activities well, than do many and do them poorly. I'm still open to any ideas you might have, so give me a call. -73

-Chuck

## FROM THE EDITOR

-Rick Glisson, N4XMX

The nice thing about being the editor is that I can always make sure my articles get in! Of course, if I'm late, I can blame myself. This job does have its rewards though. Larry very kindly faxed me a \$20 bill, I'll try not to spend it all in one place... If you have something you would like to share, please get it to me anyway that you can. I take disks (preferred) of any type (IBM, Mac, Apple //), paper, or even phone calls. If you have requests, need QSL help, let me know and I'll stick it in.. Deadline for November issue: Nov. 3rd.

# Ham Ethics and Duplicate Contacts

By Ed Kritsky, NT2X

“He who is without a sin – let him cast the first stone.” As a DXer, I occasionally go after a new one and want to secure my place in the log. I would make a QSO on another band if possible, or another mode. And, yes, sometimes I would dupe a DX. Oh, I’m only human. I bet many guys think the same. It’s no big deal. Or is it?

When a DXpedition comes on the air, the airwaves explode with masses of amateurs worldwide trying to get contact with what’s considered a rarity. The rarer the country, the more demand it generates. Most DXpeditions are trying to do the best job possible. A single “sure” contact is enough for most amateurs, some are going for band/mode QSO’s.

Yet there is a third group. This “crew” shares dubious distinction of appearing in the logs multiple times, for the same mode and band. What causes this rather unpleasant phenomena?

If only there was no jamming, QRM, noise, fear of pirates. Then insurance contacts would not be needed. At least it’s understandable. What we often fail to grasp is how some individuals continue to work the rare DXpedition day after day. Where do you draw the line? Is one and only one contact enough? Or should we all settle for one “good” and one “insurance” contact? Or perhaps two insurance QSOs?

In my opinion, there should be NO insurance contacts. They are both counterproductive to the DXpedition and inconsiderate toward our fellow amateurs. A big chunk of the DXpedition’s work is wasted. Having been involved with some of the big operations in the past, I kept hearing complaints from the ops about how many dupes were made. As it turns out, a “little dupe” can be a big problem! it became very obvious that a detailed analysis of a large DXpedition’s logsheet would be very advantageous in illuminating this problem. Unfortunately, without computerized logs analysis is difficult. However, with XYØRR logs computerized, “duplicate” listings were produced.

Before the log study, an informal vote was conducted on the Tri-State Packet Cluster system which encompasses most of New England (with YCCC), New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. The question which packet radio users were asked to comment upon was: “Should or shouldn’t hams making repeated QSOs with any DXpedition have their calls exposed?” Several dozen responses to what is a very hot topic were received. Sentiments ran 2:1 for an expose. Here are some of the PRO’s and CON’s of that discussion, by those for and against disclosure:

## For the disclosure

- Time to give “little pistols” a chance!
- Dupe-makers take time away from others.
- Let’s see who the lids really are!
- Maybe we can improve some of the bad behavior on the bands.
- Dupes are rude. The DX community should straighten some people out, getting them upset will make them rethink what they do.
- Those who work DX as many times as they want to only prove they are selfish.
- DX Hogs must be named and their QSOs removed from logs!
- Anyone who makes 3 or more QSOs (same band & mode) is guilty!
- The truth hurts, but the Hogs must be stopped.
- Ours is self-policing hobby, and borderline lids must shape up.
- Refuse to QSL anyone who does it.

## Against disclosure

- You can’t change human nature.
- QRM, fear of pirates, jammers, poor signals, infrequent ID is responsible for dupes.
- You must give others the benefit of the doubt.

- Not making an insurance QSO will penalize one later (if he worked a pirate).
- Incompetent DX ops contribute to the problem.
- Lack of information about DXpedition activity breeds dupes.
- Up to three contacts on the same band & mode is OK.
- Let the people do what they want.
- If one doesn't hear a QSO confirmation from DX, one tries again.
- Don't bother with negatives, try to emphasize the positive in our hobby.
- Don't try public disclosure, but rather privately express your displeasure on a QSL label to an offender.
- CW speed sometimes is too fast.
- If you need a country – anything goes to assure a clean contact!

XYØRR made 50,007 contacts. I counted a total of 4907 duplicate QSOs. That accounts for 9.8% of all contacts. Just imagine – up to ten percent of the time is lost to insurance contacts. A 17-day expedition was shorted by almost two days. And blame can't be laid on any single individual – we all contributed, but by bit. The list of dupes reads like a list from a "Who's Who in Amateur Radio." Americans made 1251 duplicate contacts, Japanese were responsible for 1395 dupes, Italians made 493. A total of 420 individuals made three contacts on a given band & mode. While it is possible that some of these people aren't even aware that they appear in the log multiple times, because of QRM and weak signals, it is conceivable that others have done it on purpose, selfishly depriving fellow hams of contacts.

After some debate it was decided not to publicize calls of anyone who made up to 3 QSOs. You the reader must decide: should they be given the benefit of the doubt? Or should they be treated with less generosity next time? Care was taken to remove anyone whose contacts occurred in proximity of one another, as such could be considered an "iffy" case. The rest are listed below, together with the number of QSOs, band and mode. One would want to think that individuals listed below might pay attention, as well as others. It is difficult to separate the innocent and the guilty, and no one wishes to "pronounce sentences." No one wants to make enemies, either. The intention is simply to bring attention to this problem and to try to find a solution, somehow.

G3JAG	4/14CW	I2YBA	4/14CW	18SAT	4/14CW	IK5EPU	5/14CW
JAØEQO	4/14SSB	JA2FGL	4/14CW	JA8BLD	4/14SSB	JH6UIJ	6/14CW
JR6KRI	4/14CW	KD6GC	4/14CW	KI6AN	4/14CW	N5JR	4/14CW
N6DJM	4/14CW	N6DJM	4/21CW	W8UVZ	4/14CW	YS1RRD	4/14SSB
DL2AW	4/21SSB	EA8BDW	4/21SSB	HA8IE	4/21SSB	HL2KAT	5/21SSB
IT9HLR	4/21SSB	JA6BZA	4/21SSB	JFIMGI	4/21SSB	JH1KKT	4/21SSB
JM1GAW	4/21SSB	JR8AJR	4/21SSB	KA7AUH	4/21SSB	LU3MCJ	4/21SSB
PY5ATL	4/21SSB	SMØDTK	4/21SSB	SMØHTO	4/21SSB	SP2AJO	4/21SSB
SP9CTW	4/21CW	W6TC	4/21CW	W6ZKM	4/21SSB	WB6KJE	4/21SSB
YBØHZL	4/21SSB	HL1SX	4/7CW	IØODX	4/28SSB	14YTE	4/28CW
JAØAWF	5/10CW	JA3NJX	4/3.5CW				

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## CONTEST NEWS

-Mike Greenway, K4PI

CQWW SSB- October 24,25. Lots of DX!! Be sure to submit scores to CQ Magazine even if they are small. (Last year I submitted a 4 point CW score, no score is too small! -ed) Please show "Southeastern DX Club" on the entry form for club affiliation. SEDX took 7th place last year, help us to do better!

P4ØJ will fly the SEDX flag in CQWW SSB from Aruba. At the present, only WX4G and K4PI are committed. We plan to be there October 17-27. Operation will be all bands/WARC prior to contest. QSL P4ØJ via WX4G, P4/K4PI via K4PI. -73 Mike

## DX TIDBITS

- Rick Glisson, N4XMX

I enjoyed the Greenland Expedition Society's presentation at the September meeting. Finding and retrieving the "Lost Squadron" is quite a feat. Putting XP1AX on the air was their way of staying in touch and letting many people become a part of the operation. It is one of my more interesting cards.

The bands have finally straightened themselves out a little. I finally worked BV on 15m for a new one. I don't remember the bands being that good to Asia since last August '91. During a four week period in Aug-Sept of '91 I had worked XY, XV, XW, and HS. All of these contacts were on 15m in the evening. Good to get a chance to work zone 26 again. Maybe I'll get that XU I still need!

Shhh! Don't tell anyone but I finally worked a country on CW before I worked it on phone. PY0TUP is a novice operator on Trindade and Martin. His phone privileges are only on 40 and 80m. He does a fair amount of CW on 15m but is always around 21.022. Needless to say, I can't go down there (yet). When he first came on, he was doing about 5 wpm. It was very funny to listen to all the extra class hams trying to call a guy at 5 wpm! Well, finally he went up on 10m. around 28.023. Since I can operate all the way down on 10m, I worked him with one call. When you are hungry for new countries, mode can be no obstacle! Now if I can get FR5ZU/G to get off RTTY...

Well, it finally happened. My rig went into a terminal case of unlocked PPL syndrom. As I mentioned last time, I had purchased the tape from Ham Radio Repair on how to do it myself. I resigned myself to go through with it. I figured if worse came to worse, I could always take Milton a box of parts and say "Please fix in time for CQWW." The tape starts from scratch and tells you how to take everything apart to get to the offending section. Well, five hours later I put it back together and it actually worked! I will say that I understand

why people charge real money to fix radios with this problem. I wouldn't do that job for anyone else. Tedious is an understatement. However, it beat sending it to the shop for several weeks with the accompanying bill. The tape also covers several other things about the Kenwood TS-440 such as calibrating the frequency readout. Milton has several different rigs covered on other tapes so you might give him a call. It saved me!

See you in the pileups...

-Rick

## DX NEWS

(taken from the ARRL DX bulletin #50)

OJØ Market Reef OH1AF/OJØ will be active Oct 7-12. Look for them on the usual DX frequencies.

S2 Bangladesh S21A is active on 14.256 around 1745Z. QSL to W4FRU.

FR Reunion Island FR5DX continues to be active between 3790-3800 around 0230Z.

9G Ghana Not official yet but rumours are that the ban on amateur radio will be lifted January 15, 1993 when the government reverts back to civilian rule.

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