



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

THE
SOUTH'S
PREMIER
DX CLUB

October 1993

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

-John Smith, KI4XO, President

I want to thank everyone who came to the last meeting. The program was very interesting. It shows what type of challenges you may face when going on a DXpedition.

I have been under the weather this last week so have not been on the air as much as I would have liked. The cluster has been very active lately, especially RTTY. Don't over look this mode if you have the capacity. Many times relatively rare countries will get on RTTY simply because of the ease of operating. No CW, no SSB jamming, the machine does the work!

CQWW SSB is coming up. Get those antennas ready for the BIG one. Lots of good DX appears during these contests so don't get upset and turn off your radio if you don't like contests. Hunt between the big guns. One brand new one for people with a lot of countries can make it all worthwhile. Please support the club by operating and help our members that are going on DXpeditions. I would love to join them but I can't work them on those bands I don't have. (Don't forget 160m!) Turn in your scores to CQ and to Neal, AE6E so he can keep track.

In her column, Delaine has mentioned the program so I won't repeat it here. Come grab a bit, swap some lies, and enjoy the fellowship. C U There...

de John, KI4XO

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FROM THE VP

-Delaine McCarthy, KM4FV, VP

Well - in the last two months we have been to Kuwait, Thailand and Navassa Island. Our folks gave wonderful presentations and we certainly appreciate the chance to re-visit such exciting places. Wouldn't it be nice if everyone who wanted to could go on a "thrill of a lifetime" DXpedition. What an exciting thought!!!!

This month on October 19, Bill Barr, N4NX, and several of our other members of the SEDXC will give a presentation of the 1979 CQ Worldwide DXpedition to St. Kitt's where new world records were set. Don't miss this chance to see more of our guys in action. They were a bit younger then, like the guys in Chaz's slides last month. Didn't Chaz make us all want to go to Navassa? Well, I don't know about that rope ladder... St.Kitt's is going to be good, don't miss it.

Join the crowd for dinner and swap good DX stories. Bring a friend and enjoy the good food and good company. See you there.

73 Delaine, KM4FV

TREASURER'S REPORT

-de John Tramontanis, N4TOL

BALANCE (CKBK)	\$1,657.90
CASH	\$13.00
CLUSTER*	\$67.00
ET/9E	\$10.00

Note: On September 22nd, the club voted \$140.00 to the 9N, Nepal, DXpedition. Club members donated \$70 and the club matched that amount. Please read your label!! If the date next to your callsign is 6/30/93, your membership renewal is overdue. Please stay active, support the club and mail in your dues. The mailing list will be purged soon.

73 de N4TOL, John

MINUTES SEDXC MEETING 09/21/93

-Buddy Harrell, W4OUN, Sec.

The meeting was called to order by President John Smith at approximately 7:30 PM. There were reports on several upcoming DXpeditions: VK9X (Xmas Is.) has an opening for an operator if anyone is interested; a group including AA7FM, our own W8BLA and other SEDXC members are planning XF4 operation; UT4UZ wants to host a team of US ops to compete in WPX next year (cost \$1300). A 9N1 operation is also planned by UT4UZ for Sept. 27. The group needs \$500 to help with transportation costs. It was moved, seconded, and approved to provide up to \$250 in matching funds by the club if club members wish to donate. John, N4TOL will do the bookkeeping chores.

We had a problem last month with mail service. Many members did not receive their bulletins even though they were mailed out a week before the meeting. NOTE: Finally got mine on Friday after the meeting. We will try to recover postage costs for those not receiving newsletter before meeting.

Chuck Ogburn, AB4OH was presented plaque of appreciation for his work this past year as Activities Manager.

Everyone was reminded that Delaine, KM4FV will be teaching a class for Techs starting October 2nd.

Jim Stafford reported on efforts concerning the Scitrek station. October 23 will be Science Weekend and Founder's Day. Plans are to have a station on air during that weekend. Contact Jim, W4QO if you are interested in helping.

Delaine reported that we are out of T-shirts and solicited input on what we should do about more. She will research options and report back at next meeting.

A very interesting and entertaining program was presented by Chaz Cone, W4GKF on his Navassa Island DXpedition in the mid-70's. Thanks, Chaz.

73's and DX, Buddy/W4OUN

PS: Our printer has received a check from the post office that will be credited to our account according to Rick.

WHY GO TO KFC WHEN YOU CAN HAVE CHICKEN KIEV?

-Dick, K2UFT

Looking for an expression of interest at this time for a proposed 8 person trip to the Ukraine in 1994. The idea is to form two teams of 4 operators each to compete against each other, one team in Kiev as the guest of UT4UZ (4J1FS op, among his other credits) and the other team from Zaporjev as the guest of RB5QW. The cost will be approximately \$1300 each, that's the cost of airfare and 1/4 share in a current model transceiver which will be left behind. Food and lodging for one week will be provided by the host operators UT4UZ and RB5QW. If interested, contact myself after October 18 on 404-393-2848 or if you need details immediately, call Fred, KT5X at 505-988-4681.

DSW

-Dick, K2UFT

CQWW SSB

-Mike Greenway, K4PI

P49T Flying SEDX banner Ops: WX4G, W3BTX, AA4GA, AND K4PI

Please work us on every band you hear us. Bob, WX4G, will arrive there Oct 19th. Others arriving later. Keep us in mind for packet. If you hear us and we are not on screen, please announce. There may be a last minute change to P45T. P49T/P45T contest QSO's QSL K4PI, outside contest via W3BTX. See you in the contest and be sure to submit your logs. GL

-73 Mike, K4PI

NEW SCI-TREK REP NEEDED

Because of time constraints, Rick Waites, KO4WE, has resigned as the SEDXC representative to Sci-Trek. Anyone else who is interested please contact John, KI4XO, or Delaine, KM4FV. Help demonstrate the excitement of DX'ing to the world!

DX TIDBITS

-Rick, N4XXM

This month the object is to get ready for CQWW. For the beginning DX'er, there is no better way than to wade in and grab some. The first time I entered one of these contests, I had fewer than ten countries and managed to work over thirty more in about two hours. This was within two months of my getting on the air. Now that I supposedly know what I am doing, the yield would be much higher of course. But, the point is that everybody has to start somewhere. If you want to pile in the stations and spend the least amount of effort and time doing it, follow this plan.

The night the contest starts, take the spouse out and have a good dinner (good community relations). Then, about 10:00 PM local time, slip down to the shack and pile in a boatload of Europeans on 20 meters. You won't need anything like the packet cluster, just start at one end and work across. Sure, these won't be the rare ones, but you need them all, so rake them in! G's, LZ's, EA's, IK's, DL's, all begging for a QSO. If you can muster the effort, think about rotating the beam west to maybe catch a JA, VK, or KH6 on 10 or 15m. Remember though, don't overdo it! All of these stations are usually good about QSL'ing through the buro so as to save money. Spend about two hours and hit the sack.

Next morning, wake up, have a nice breakfast. About 10:00 AM, inform your spouse that you are going down to the shack "to see if any body's on", before you volunteer to cut the grass. Hit EU again, this time on 10 and 15m. Logging programs such as CT help. One hour (or two if you can stretch it) should fill out the log nicely. The downside is that you have to cut the grass...

After cleaning up and showing your spouse how nice the yard looks, slip down for thirty minutes of 15m. The band will be loaded, all you have to do is reel them in. Don't worry if you have worked them on another band, they need you on EVERY band. Try not to dupe though, the contest software will help you check out a station before you call.

After dinner, you can repeat the previous steps until the contest is over. Obviously, you can't cut the grass twice, but I'm sure your spouse will think of some equivalent (mine always does...). You will find many full log pages, plenty of new countries,

and hopefully had some fun. You may also find that you can't wait until the next contest to "really put in a big effort." At my house, that will probably occur when the kids move out (now ages 3 and 5)! The important thing is not to be put off by contests but to hop in the middle and have fun. I know I do!

CU in the pileups!

-Rick

ACTIVITIES

-Neal, AE6E, Activities Director

Even with low MUF and lots of noise on 80 meters, the CQWW RTTY contest was a lot of fun. Among the SEDXC members I worked were K4SB, N4ONI, and KI4XO. From K4JPD I managed about 665K. Not the scores from last year, when 10 meters provided many QSO and multipliers. The CQWW Phone contest (OCT 30-31) should be a bit improved in the MUF, but I still don't expect the activity on 10 and 15 to be close to that of last year. The flip side is more action on the lower bands. Don't forget to put SEDXC on your entry form for Club Competition. It's the only way CQ knows to add your score for our club.

I heard from several of my friends in W6 land about an especially interesting rivalry going on in the San Diego area. It seems after several years of fierce competition between the two CW Multi-Multi groups, K6UA and N6ND, and trading for top honors, the two groups are headed east. The gang from K6UA will be at KØRF (ex K6SEN) and the guys from N6ND will be at AA6TT. Good luck to both teams!

I'm sure many of you will remember the big signal from KH6XX. Although the property was sold a number of years ago, it was acquired last year by N6VI, Marty. Several LA area hams will be there for the phone contest, even though Marty will be away on company business. I'm looking forward to hearing that station again, as it brings back good contest memories from the Multi-Multi efforts in the late 70's and early 80's.

I have heard from only a few members as to their plans for the phone contest. I won't embarrass all you who did not respond to my inquiries on the cluster, but I'll tell you that Steve, K4JPD, and I will be Multi-Single for both modes. Any challenges?

73's and see you in the pile-ups.

Neal, AE6E