



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

*THE
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PREMIER
DX CLUB*

October 1995

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION

Tuesday, October 17th, 7:30 PM, Old Hickory House
in the Days Inn, Roswell Rd., just inside I-285.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

-Steve Schmidt, KR4DL, President

It doesn't happen often. But every now and then I'm perversely pleased that I have only an old, low crank-up tower at forty or so feet. It definitely puts me in the little pistol category, but saves me long-term anguish during severe lightning storms and hurricanes. I cranked it down for Opal, woke up many times during the night and sweated it out until morning, when I discovered a large fallen pine tree in my neighbor's yard had dropped the other way and spared my house and antennas. Only my 160/80 wire was damaged when I let it sag too much and allowed a thrashing tree to tangle it about fifty feet up. I was one of the lucky ones.

So far, Steve, K4JPD, sounds like the hardest hit, with reports of two towers downed, including that prized 80 meter beam. My heart goes out to you, Steve. I can only imagine the anguish you must have felt on hearing (and ultimately, seeing) all that steel and effort hit the ground. As I heard it said on the DX repeater which bears his call, Steve "lost more antennas than most amateurs have; he has more antennas still standing than most amateurs have." Small consolation. I know Steve's not alone with antenna losses, though he's probably lost the most.

I'll look forward to hearing from some of the others of you who've lost part of the "farm". Perhaps I can even help when you get ready to put one back up. Strictly unskilled labor; remember, I have no experience with a "real" antenna. Maybe someday I'll have one of my own. Then again, maybe not.

See you Tuesday night.

73, Steve, KR4DL

FROM THE VP

by Sonny Marsh, KE4LDJ, VP

Those of you who didn't attend the last meeting missed out on seeing the official video of the Howland Island DXpedition. Many people said it was the finest dxpo video they had ever seen.

I hope everyone got to work Juan Fernandez and Easter Island groups. I did, and it was a lot of fun. I saw a video and several slides from both dxpeditions, and they were nothing short of spectacular. A great program will be presented by some of the participants at the November meeting. Don't miss this one!

At the October meeting we will have Mr. Manuel Romero, KR4VM, as our guest speaker. Mr. Romero is the President of the company handling all of the communications for 1996 Olympics to be held here in Atlanta. In addition to the TV and other media coverage, he has thoughts of providing an "Olympic Amateur Radio Station" where visiting hams could drop in and make a few QSO'S. This should be a very exciting and informative program, so please try to attend the next meeting.

Come early and have dinner! Hope to see you there!

-73 Sonny, KE4LDJ

MR. LOW BAND SEZ...

-Mike Greenway, K4PI

Each year Club members are requested to send their scores in for CQWWDX and CQ 160M contest. Each year, I hear members say after the test, "It was only a small score, so I didn't send it in." Please, please send it! I would like to see all the Club members posted in the results. Small scores DO add up. We were #8 in the USA last year, #15 in world. That is a good effort. Congratulations to all that helped achieve this spot. Let's do it again. If a friend says a score is too small to send in, ask him to reconsider.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

-Nancy Draheim, NK4U

Balance 8/31/95 (Checkbook)	<u>\$2099.08</u>
Income:	<u>\$718.00</u>
Expenses:	
Dinner for speaker	7.34
Newsletter (September)	106.48
Bank Charges	10.36
Balance Checking 8/31/95	<u>\$2692.90*</u>

* Of this balance, \$1,294 is designated for the cluster fund.

This is the first mailing after purging those members who did not renew - so if you hear anyone asking about the newsletter, remind them that dues are due. The SEDXC will again have a table at the Stone Mountain Hamfest. Stop by and chat, rest your feet, store those goodies, and if you're lucky, you can even work the booth!

73, Nancy NK4U

P49I TO BE ACTIVE 160M CQWW SSB!!

-Mike Greenway, K4PI

I have just found out that it will be possible for me to go down to P49I for the CQWW SSB contest. I plan to operate 160M only during the test for a single band effort. Everyone in the club please work me if possible. In any 160M operation, every QSO is worth its weight in gold. Outside the contest I will do low bands/WARC, cw mostly. During the contest, I would appreciate being kept on the packet screen at least once. QSL to K4PI.

See you in the test. -Mike, K4PI

GET THOSE LOW BAND ANTENNAS READY!

MINUTES, SEDXC MEETING 9/19/95

-Steve Schmidt, KR4DL

Minutes From September Meeting Held 9/19/95

Meeting was called to order by Steve, KR4DL, who welcomed the 24 attendees, had them sign an attendance sheet and introduce themselves.

A motion was introduced to accept the minutes as printed in this excellent newsletter because Dick Bentley, K2UFT, did a terrific job of recording all the pertinent matters that transpired during the last meeting (thank you Dick; we missed you).

There was no old business. Under new business, it was announced that the SEDXC web page was up and running on the internet. Rick, N4XMX was provided the information to put the exact address in this bulletin (<http://www.peachmall.com/sedx/dxhome.html>).

Some information was disseminated and discussed regarding the XRØY DXpedition and the confirmation of contacts, accessibility of log information on the internet, and QSL card receipt. Rick, N4XMX, announced that Easter Island rocks would not be on sale due to the efforts of politically correct critics. It was suggested that the politically correct critics might be stacked on Pratas or Scarborough Reef to bring those islands to politically correct DXCC status. Timing for the end of the XRØY and CEØZ (Juan Fernandez island, featuring SEDXC member Bob, K4UEE, along with KØEU and KØIYG) was discussed and it was noted that TY8G (Benin) was now on the air on all bands.

We took a short break and heard a report by Kioshi, AE4EZ (JAØBSL) about his trip to Japan representing the SEDXC at the Japanese Ham Convention. Kioshi did a great job, has some very nice photos and presented a check to the club for over four hundred dollars.

Then we ran another 50-50 prize drawing. Apparently, the president (the lowly scoundrel) neglected to pick up the door prizes, as instructed. (He has promised to make a serious run at the local radio shop for the next meeting; perhaps he won't blow it this time!) The evenings program was a video of the AH1A, Howland Island DXpedition with (who else?) our own Bob Allphin, K4UEE. The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM.

(Steve filled in since Buddy couldn't be there, thanks Steve! -ed.)

BEEPS DE K2UFT

-Dick Bentley, K2UFT, Activities Director

Short article this time around, just got out power back on on Sunday and with debris cleanup, etc., ham radio was not at the forefront of our activities. Hope that those who suffered damages are making a comeback. The band(s) for October are 10 and 12 meters and the summary sheet will be due at the November meeting. November's band will be 160 meters, with your activity summary due December meeting. Summary sheets will be available at the next meeting for those who missed last meeting. 73 for now - see you on 10 & 12 meters.

-73 Dick, K2UFT

DX TIDBITS (HURRICANE OPAL ARRIVES BIG TIME!)

-Rick, N4XXM

Ah, the advantages of practicing the drill BEFORE the emergency arrives! The power went out here around 2:30 AM Thursday morning. My burglar alarm has a very unmistakable way of telling me the power is off. With the rising wind, we all moved into the downstairs living room for the rest of the night.

Next morning, we looked around. Fortunately, no trees crashed here. I knew there had to be an advantage to having a house in a hole (even if it's a distinct disadvantage, ham-wise!). We brought out the generator, fired it up, unhooked the mains, and plugged in the house.

Everything in the house on 120V worked fine. Obviously we did not use any high amp demand items. The generator is rated for 2800W. As it turned out, we were the ONLY people on the street to have any power for two days. We even had the TV hooked up to watch the Braves, using a dipole made out of alligator clips.

Some of the neighbors wondered if we worked for the power company because we had the front light on for the Chinese food delivery! Silly question from neighbor (staring right at downed lines): "Is the power on on YOUR side of the street?" Moral of story: Have your generator BEFORE the storm. Test the hook up and know how your generator works.

BTW, my antennas are fine... sri JPD!

-CU in the pileups...

Rick, N4XXM

CLUB SCORES

-Steve, KR4DL

Big Contest Scores The following Southeastern DX Club members were listed prominently in the scoring for the contests listed:

1995 ARRL DX CW Contest: N4RJ (Bill, KM9P op.) 4th in North America Single Op., High Power (1st in SE Region), K4BAI (John) 5th in SE Region Single Op., low power (1st in Georgia), AA4S (Ron) 4th in North America Single Band (40 meters)

1995 ARRL DX Phone Contest:

AA4S (Ron) 5th in Southeast Region Single Op., High Power

1994 CQWW DX CW Contest:

N4RJ (Bill, KM9P op.) 5th in U.S.A. Single Op., High Power (1st in 4th Call Area), K4PI (Mike) 1st in 4th Call Area, Single Band (80 meters), K4TEA (Ken) 1st in 4th Call Area, Single Band (160 meters)

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

CLUB QSL CARDS

-Dick Bentley, K2UFT, Activities Director

We need to remind you from time to time that Wayne, W4MPY does a QSL card for SEDX Club. In a conversation with him recently, he stated that he would print 500 for \$48.95 or 1000 for \$65.95. If Rick has room this month, he'll print a sample of the card. To see it in person, come to the next club meeting and we'll have a sample available. Contact Wayne at 803-685-7117 voice or FAX for details. As with the opinions expressed in this bulletin, the above is an unpaid announcement intended to inform and not entice.

Dick, K2UFT, Activities Manager

CQWW IS COMING UP GET READY!!!