



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB

W4NT

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Meeting Date: November 29, 1983
Time: 7:30 PM (Local) 13
Place: Lutheran Church at the corner of Peachtree and
Narmore. (2 blocks North of Phipps Plaza on the left.)

THE OCTOBER MEETING featured Ed Richmond, W4MGN, with a presentation of his 1982 African Safari. Ed showed slides of The Gambia (C53), the Seychelles (S79), Reunion Island (FR7), Senegal (6W8), the Comoro Islands (D68), Mayotte (FH8), Gabon (TR8), and others. It was reported by an attending club member that Ed did his usual professional presentation. You might have noticed the implication that your editor was not in attendance. The first club meeting I have missed since the banquet and I learned the next day that our President, K4GFH, had an emergency appendectomy that evening. The only real duty I have as Vice President and when I was needed I wasn't there. Harry had been planning to appoint the nominating committee at the club meeting, so the next day I phoned Harry and arranged to carry out his appointments. Harry is home now, and doing well.

THE NOVEMBER MEETING will feature our own Lee Sheridan, W6OKX/FP0HZC, with his slides of St. Pierre and Miquelon. If the FOG is really that bad, how did Lee get any slides? The business will center on the election of officers for 1984. The nominating committee, chaired by former President KC4M, will present the a slate of officers for your consideration. It is the desire of your present officers and the nominating committee that we should have two candidates for each office. Please come to the club meeting with a willingness to serve. (Come, anyway.) While it should be confidence-inspiring to accept the slate of officer nominees by acclamation, it has become just the opposite. Only you can change that perspective!

THERE WILL BE NO DECEMBER MEETING! Holiday schedule will prevail. IMPORTANT: THE DECEMBER BULLETIN WILL BE MAILED THIRD CLASS BULK RATE. PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE DATE WHICH YOU RECEIVE THE BULLETIN. It is presently costing us 20 cents to mail a maximum of four sheets (1 oz.). With bulk rate we can mail 3.91 oz. for 9.3 cents. Not counting the nearly 4-fold increase in amount, we could save about \$200 per year. With the seasonal greeting cards in the post office, we felt like December would be a "worst" case situation for delivery. If the test is successful, then the intention is to mail all but those budget and election notifications (which must go first class by club by-law) bulk rate.

THE BANQUET will take place on January 14 at the Waldo M. Slaton American Leagion post 140 on Powers Ferry Rd. adjacent to Chastain Golf Course. Map to follow. Come and see China!

CONTEST CORNER - The October Monthly Contest was 20 Meter Open. The CQ WW Phone contest was one of the major competitions. This was not represented fully in the October bulletin. Bring your scores to the November meeting for awarding of the plaque at the banquet. This concludes the Southeastern DX Club competitions for 1983. Come to the banquet for the presentation of awards. There are five to be awarded, I think.

STRAYS

CHINA, BY1PK, by our own Bob Duggan, N4IA! Bob did get on from Beijing! Bob and Kathleen have graciously consented to be our banquet speakers at the Banquet Saturday, January 14!

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. If you want more information, just listen on 14.218 any night. WA2MOE and AD1S are there making their plans for the entire world to hear. At least it seems like it is more for the world than themselves.

MALPELO - HK0TU was an excellent operation by the Columbians. Good operators and they stuck doggedly to the job at hand. Bring your card to the club meeting for group mailing.

HELP! K4DLI - 9M2, T2, and TN. WB4ZNH - FB8W and XU.

ANDAMAN ISLAND RUMOR - VU2WCY by VK3KNW, November 7 through the 15th. Overheard on 2M FM!

MEET THE DXERS

I have not been able to track down the year in which Lloyd Seay was first licensed, but W4NF appears to have been an original issue. The only pinpoint we have at this writing is that Lloyd was licensed in or before 1931, but after spark.

Lloyd was the first amateur in Cobb County and was born around 1905 or 1906. He was a batchelor until he was 36 years old. On October 3, 1942, Lloyd wed Miss Evelyn Mell. In tracking down information about Lloyd, I have talked to a number of people that knew him. Lloyd Seay was well liked and fondly remembered. A good amateur, Lloyd "Elmered" at least three Atlanta area hams. I suspect there were several more. W4BBR, Pete Jones, knocked on Lloyd's door in 1931 at the tender age of 15 and asked for help becoming a Ham. (Pete was the source of much of this article.)

Lloyd's rig when Pete met him consisted of: 1) A regenerated detector receiver, using 2 tubes with 1 audio stage (no RF stage at all!). It was powered by 3 batteries: a storage battery for the filament voltage and two 45V B batteries in series (90 Volts) for B+. 2) a single 210, tuned-plate, tuned-grid self-exciting "7 and one-half watter." Actually it would run about 20 to 25 watts. The transmitter was constructed on a wooden plank with all the components mounted out in the open with no shielding. Lethal voltages existed not only across the key contacts (as B- was keyed) but the B+ was right out in the open also. From set-ups like these came the safty precaution of always keeping one hand in your pocket, thus preventing a path to earth via the heart or other vital organs. Lloyd's antenna would be called a Window. Back then they called it a single wire-fed hertz. The 66-foot flat-top was fed 14% of the total length off center (supposedly 500 OHM impedance point) and B+ was isolated from the antenna with a capacitor. On the transmitter side of the cap, there was a pig-tail with a clip. Transmitter loading was accomplished by changing the tap point on the exposed plate-tank coil. Of course, being TPIG, loading changes also changed the frequency. The plate-tank coil itself was usually made of 1/4" copper tubing wound on a rolling pin. It was attached by wing nuts to 2 large insulators. To change bands, one had to turn it all off, of course, unscrew the wing nuts and change to a different coil. Key clicks were severe but there weren't many stations on the air back then. One memorable night in 1932, Lloyd worked Japan, J1DO, on 20 Meter CW. This was a very rare catch and you can understand considering the station I just described. Japan had few operators at the time also.

Lloyd Seay was a jeweler by trade, owning and operating Seay's Jewelry in Marietta for a number of years. Lloyd was also a sportsman and ardent bass fisherman as well as a devoted and outstanding DXer. Already in his mid-thirties when WWII came along, Lloyd served his country in government service rather than military. Lloyd worked for the FCC

as a radio operator first in Raleigh, N.C. and later at the Powder Springs monitoring station. Lloyd was apparently an astute trader. He once traded a model 47 vacuum tube (at the time an excellent tube for DXing on CW with a crystal oscillator) to Pete in exchange for Pete digging a flower pit for Lloyd's mother!

Lloyd died 7 years ago this past March. Phil Latta, W4GTS, was instrumental in getting Lloyd's callsign assigned to the Southeastern DX Club as a memorial to Lloyd. Hugh Valentine, then K4LRO, now N4RJ, is the custodian of W4NT. I dare say that W4NT must be very close to the Honor Roll. I don't know if anything has been counted from Lloyd's operating or only those contacts since Val has been the custodian.

As Southeastern DX Club members, you can be proud of our callsign, W4NT. It came from a member that you can be proud of also! My thanks to Mrs. Evelyn Seay, Pete Jones (W4BBR), Henry Dunphy (W4GAW), Bruce Montgomery (W4BFR), and all those other folks who listened patiently to my questions and remembered what they could.

(The SEDX Club bulletin is in receipt of a suggestion for DXCC Rules changes designed to improve the hobby. The letter speaks for itself quite nicely! -ed.)

Sir:

Though my years in our great hobby are comparatively few, I have become increasingly disturbed over the lack of organization in the band policing activities during the more eagerly awaited DXpeditions. This causes endless consternation to those operators who so valiantly shoulder the burden of policing our bands. For that reason, I propose the following additional DXCC Rule:

APPOINTMENT OF BAND POLICEMEN

1) No contact made with a station operating from other than its home QTH (hereinafter called DXpedition Station) may be counted for any award unless the chief operator of such DXpedition Station shall have appointed, at least six weeks prior to first operation, an OFFICIAL BAND POLICEMAN (OBP). The OBP for each DXpedition may appoint such DEPUTY BAND POLICEMEN (DBP) as may from time to time be required. No contact may be counted which is made at any time during which the OBP or a designated DBP is not on the air. All disputes must be immediately resolved on the DXpedition Station's transmit frequency, with all interested parties being given an equal opportunity to be heard. The DXpedition Station may not change frequency prior to the resolution of any dispute without written permission from the OBP. In the resolution of any dispute, the decision of the OBP shall be final.

2) The only requirement for appointment as an OBP or DBP shall be the ability to purchase a radio station and appropriate antenna capable of operating at twice the maximum legal power of the OBP's home country, key down for at least ten continuous minutes. A demonstrated ability to remember clever insults from the applicant's high school days will be considered in the event of duplicate applications.

I sincerely believe that the implementation of this rule will do more to bring order to the dog-eat-dog world of DX, and restore dignity to our hobby than any single factor. I urge each of you to write the ARRL DXCC Advisory Committee today.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Coley, KD4RR

(Bob has the right idea. His proposal reminds me a great deal of the proposed Communications Department appointment suggested by Hugh Cassidy several years ago in "The West Coast DX Bulletin." Hugh suggested the League create an appointment kind of like OO (Official Observer) called OLE (Official List Expediter). This was a person who had demonstrated a flair for helping others and whenever a rare DX station would come on the

scene everyone would holler, "OLE!" -ed.)

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, K4MQG, K4RIG, K4ROZ, K4RPK, K4SE, K4YXJ, KA4S, KB4TS, KC4I, KC4M, KC4MJ, KC4OH, KC4UC, KD4UH, KS4Q, N4DXX, N4HU, N4OL, N4OM, N4PN, N4RJ, N4VZ, N4WQ, ND4Y, NE4R, NT4W, NZ4Z, W1UA, W4GIW, W4GKF, W4MGN, W4MWT, W4NET, W4NL, W4OOZ, W4RNZ, W4UYC, W8QFR, WA4BCY, WA4OMI, WA4OPV, WA4OQL, WA4PBW, WA4REF, WA4SSU, WA4UNZ, WB4LJP, WB4NDX, WB4RUA, WD4LRB.

There are approximately 250 Ham radio operators at Delta Airlines where I am employed. As would be expected, there are many times when I receive good natured ribbing by members of the fraternity who are not addicted to DXing. My stock answer is, "There are basically 2 kinds of Radio Amateurs: DXers and those that would like to be DXers." A particularly close friend, who I was responsible for renewing his interest in Ham radio, was chiding me one day about his perception of DXers' rudeness. Eventually the conversation got around to traffic handling and MARS affiliation. My response was generally an appreciation for the fact that this activity at least kept a lot of under-achievers off the DXing frequencies. Not that I particularly believed that, but it made a nice retaliation. When I received this teletype message in company mail without any explanation, I knew exactly where it had come from and phoned WA4CLC to chat briefly about it. The message is as I received it, the explanations are in parenthesis. I think you will like it; Carlton claims to get great satisfaction from this type activity and I guess we know why.

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YOUR BULLETIN still needs contributing authors. I really enjoy writing the bulletin, but I anticipate things getting very hectic around here, and then I will have to have some relief. Would someone be interested in giving it a try? Just an occasional month would help a great deal.

BULLETIN COPYING - The Club had to pay 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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