



# SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

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DX Alert Frequencies

147.50 Simplex

147.795/T - 147.195/R(tone7) KN4B

DX Packet

W8ZF 145.63

W1UA 145.61

K4KG 144.91

Rag Chew Frequencies

147.47 147.52 147.54 147.795T/147.195R(Tone7) KN4B

**Next Meeting - Tuesday, November 20, 1990 - 7:30 PM**

Phipps Common Meeting Room - Lower Level - Phipps Plaza Shopping Center - Buckhead (near Lenox Mall)

**Program:** Dr. Bob Roper, VK5PU - Astrophysicist, Georgia Tech.

### PROPAGATION

QRZ FROM KC4MJ

At long last the 3Y5 cards arrived and were sent on to the long waiting recipients. The contributions from the club and members were acknowledged with a hand-written note on the outside of the envelope "Thanks for the contribution."

On the QSL subject, John, PA3CXC was in Atlanta for a weekend visit (2) and he indicated there was a delay in getting out the ST0 cards due to being in ST0 again (a lot longer than he anticipated - it seems the UN plane he was in was shot down and he spent 6 days in a shelter without food or water - not a lot of fun.) Anyway, cards should be out by the end of the year. If you received one of the "temporary" cards you can send it to me with an S.A.S.E. and I'll send you the color bi-fold card - John left a supply with me. Oh! John took his Extra written exam and is now signing KN4NL/AE - nice work, John.

Malpelo here and gone - a nice operation, no real problems that surfaced and ample opportunities to work them (Editor disagrees!).

4W and old 70 are to be deleted and a new 70 starting with the 701AA operation. Also Y2 to be deleted as of the unification of Germany.

The CQ WW Phone is over - don't forget to send a photocopy of your score sheet to KM9P and the original to CQ Magazine. The CW portion is at end of month.

Big changes at the ARRL. It shows that the

QRZ FROM KC4MJ (Cont'd) ...

members input can be powerful- "the squeaky wheel gets the grease." Hopefully the changes will be positive.

See you at the Nov. 20th Meeting!

73 - Neil, KC4MJ

### KUDOS

Go this month for Field Day results:

KM9P, First in Class 1D, 1039 Qs, 3500 points and

WA4CUG, 13th out of 59 in Class 1E.

W4DOC, Atlanta Radio Club managed to nose out MATPARC (W4QO) by a percentage measured in the hundredths to retain possession of the coveted Golden Mike Award.

### CLAIMED SCORES - CQ WW SSB

WA4CUG: MULTI-SINGLE ALL BANDS - 736 Qs, 108 Z, 310 C - 875,292

W8BLA: Single Op, 10 m - 112,882

### Silent Keys

Those of you who remember when SSB was an experimental mode that emanated from a converted ARC5 will remember Uncle Dave, W2PF, of Orange Radio. He was reported as a Silent Key in the last issue of QST.

### MAILBAG

Last month you'll recall a letter from this Editor to W4RA expressing some confusion about a membership survey concerning field checking of QSL cards for DXCC. Larry replied to me that: "The surveys to which I referred were conducted by some individual members of the ARRL Board. Some surveying was done by asking the question at ARRL convention (I have done this myself). I did not mean to suggest it was a statistically valid study." As to field checking, Larry writes: "It does not appear that there would be significant short run benefit from field checking at least not the kind originally envisioned when proposed." His letter will be available at our next meeting for your perusal.

I also received a reply from W4RH, who stated he would make our concerns known at the next Board meeting. He also related one proposal he has seen which calls for field checking on original applications only with the claimed countries coming from a published list of 150 "easy" countries. The applications would be reviewed by two checkers who were members of an ARRL-affiliated DX Club (minimum 25 members with DXCC.) The checkers themselves would have attained the 300 country endorsement. Frank also sent me a copy of an E-Mail release from ARRL HQ which went to all DX bulletin editors indicating that ARRL recognizes the seriousness of the problem. (See Next Page)

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10/22/90

SPECIAL EFFORT TO ELIMINATE DXCC BACKLOG

Faced with a large backlog of applications for new DXCC awards and endorsements, the ARRL Headquarters Staff has organized a special effort to speed up processing.

Interest in DXCC, already the world's most popular Amateur Radio awards program, has skyrocketed because of good propagation and the addition of single-band awards. New countries added to the DXCC list have increased the flow of endorsement applications to Headquarters. As a result, special measures must be taken to eliminate the backlog, increase efficiency, and improve standards of service to members.

Applying knowledge from the banking industry, where large volumes of transactions must be processed quickly and accurately, ARRL Business Manager Barry Shelley temporarily has taken charge of the DXCC application-processing effort. Tom Hogerty, KC1J, is assisting him in organizing a special task force of Headquarters staff, including but not limited to Don Search, W3AZD and the rest of the present DXCC staff. John Lindholm, W1XX, is handling member inquiries on DXCC matters, freeing Don Search to share his special knowledge of DXCC with the other processors. ARRL Executive Vice President David Sumner, K1ZZ, temporarily has assumed John Lindholm's other managerial responsibilities.

Thanks to Frank, W4ZH for sharing the above release with us.

OK - perhaps we have some real progress in the processing department. Where do you want to go from here? When I chatted with Frank Butler at the Lawrenceville Hamfest, he asked that I let our members know that he wants our input. What do you think of the field checking proposal? What alternatives do you suggest? Lets hear from you and we'll get

MORE MAILBAG (WINDBAG???)

your thoughts passed on to ARRL. Do you want to keep beating the fee drum? On that matter, Frank says: "Before making any more changes in the fee system for DXCC, however, I think we need to leave the present (new) system in effect for a while, to see its effects." - Editor

MEETING MINUTES???

Didn't arrive in time for the editing process - they may get added as a stuffer if they arrive my mailing deadline, otherwise, you'll just have to come to the meeting to find out what happened at the last one!

DX TIDBITS

Gleaned mostly from ARRL DX Bulletins:

BANABA: T33T, T33R - QSL OH3GZ

Christmas Is. - VK9X - DJ9ZB, VK2RQ and VK3DHT due to start now, go 2-3 weeks.

Comoros D68 - DL7FT during November

Malagasy 5R8 - Both DL7FT and Colvins have this on their "to do" list for 1990.

Nauru C21 - C21NI by SM7PKK by end of November.

Qatar A7 - A71CD, 28480, 1200 to 1300

South Cook ZK1 - ZK1S by TF3CW in CQWW CW Test.

South Georgia - VP8CDJ, 14256 Mondays at 2230. QSL GM4KLO - List was taken recently by VP8BXK, South Orkneys! QSL him via W9ARV.

Tuvalu T2 - by SM7PKK just before or just after his C21NI stint.

Vanuatu, YJ - OH1RY signs YJ0R CQWW

MORE TIDBITS:

Spratley - Possible by 3W3RR in Dec. if he can raise \$5000. NT2X is Treasurer.

Bangladesh S2 - S2VT by K5VT in Feb, also operation by VK9NS in December.

East Malaysia 9M6 - N200 as 9M600 Nov. 16 - 30, including CQ WW CW. Also 9M6NA by JE1JKL.

Glorioso FR/G - FR5ZU/G - December

Juan Fernandez - CE0ZZZ now to 11/18.

San Felix - XQ0X - 11/15-20 QSL CE3ESS

Marianas - KH0AM - single op by JE1CKA in CQ WW CW - listen + 33 khz from low end of band.

Mozambique - C9QL until 11/18 - YASME

Rotuma - 3D2XV by VK2BCH - try 14222 at 0400.

Vatican - HV3SJ by N6AR, 11/13-18, QSL to I0DUD.

West Malaysia - 9M2HB - try 14226 On Cw, Try 9M2AX 40, 20, 10 CW at 1200.

Vanuatu - YJ0ARW by Ron, ZL1AMO - try 1200 on 20 CW, 2200 on 10 CW.

This space was not intentionally left blank but like the blurb below says, I'm not much of a guesser and I'm all out of material at the moment. If you want to send me material, address it to:

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Deadline - Next Issue - Friday, December 7, 1990

Send me your CQWW Scores so we can get 'em in print!

Didn't see the article you wanted to read? I'm not too good at guessing... my phone number's on the masthead along with my BBS address if you want to send me a file electronically. I don't mind typing up short articles, want ads, etc. but simply don't have the time to type long articles. Send them in hard copy suitable for Xeroxing and they'll make the next issue.

Meeting Minutes - October, 1990

The meeting was called to order on 16 October 1990 by President Neil Foster, KC4MJ at 19:30 HOURS. The introduction of the members and guests followed.

Neil announced that the November program would be presented by R. G. Roper, VK5PU, on propagation.

A discussion of different meeting locations followed, with several sites being considered. More information will be presented at future meetings.

Neil discussed the results of a meeting, held by most of the Metro Atlanta Clubs, for their input on forming an organization for working with the 1996 Olympic Committee. The present name "Amateur Radio Olympic Committee," was chosen until the organization is duly formed. Some ideas presented: Special Event Station, communication assistance, relay stations and communications to foreign countries for the athletes, asking FCC for special call sign, and any other assistance that can be performed by the amateur community. This is to be a joint effort by all amateurs in the metro, state and regional area.

The membership present was asked if the club wanted to be represented with the committee. A resounding "yes" was recorded.

Reply letters were read concerning the DXCC awards.

QSL cards from the 3Y DXpedition are slowly coming in.

Other business presented: A suggestion that more use of or change the usage of the packet repeater. Use it or lose it.

Tad Williamson WA4CUG presented his resignation as Treasurer, due to job related uncertainties. Sam Silverman, KB4NJ has accepted the job.

The introduction of Bob Allphin, K4UEE, who presented an excellent program on "Ten Years of Contest DXpeditions."

Submitted by Charles F. Earhart, KM4KB, CU at the November meeting. "73"

[Thanks for filling in for me, Chuck -- K2UFT, Editor]

# FLASH

Chuck's minutes reflect the membership's enthusiasm for the Club's participation as volunteers in the 1996 Olympics - a number of ways in which we could serve were put forth, fully in support of what we thought was originally painted by the AOC as a volunteer oriented event. In what appears at the moment to be an incomprehensible decision, the AOC has summarily **rejected** amateur radio's bid to help with communications during the 1996 Olympics. I understand the text of their written response will indicate that it's all been covered by Bell South at no charge and that we should check back with them in 5 years.

Those who were interested in amateur radio at the time will recall that the Torch Run for the Lake Placid Games and the Cross Country Torch Run for the Olympic Games were both coordinated largely via Amateur Radio - in the case of LA, AT&T employees who were also hams provided most of the communications.

It was an interesting experience trying to get a volunteer organization started with enough lead time to be effective. We had the presidents of some 20 clubs plus ARRL officials, etc. all at the same table starting to plan a cooperative event! I wonder what would happen if we just changed our name and continued to plan? Your comments, please.

73 de Dick, K2UFT