



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

THE
SOUTH'S
PREMIER
DX CLUB

November 1992

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION

Tuesday, Nov. 17th, 7:30 PM, Old Hickory House
in the Day's Inn, Roswell Rd., just inside I-285

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.

LARRY'S LOG

-Larry Flegle, N4TMW, President

I hope everyone had a great time during CQWW. Several good catches were on as well as several good prefixes and special events (i.e. 4U47UN). Carl and Martha Henson seemed very busy in ET land. Mike, K4PI, working at P4ØJ, was going strong. Did everyone work the aeronautical mobile? Dick, N2UQ, had a great time operating from the blimp. His longest DX contact (hi hi) was Huntsville, AL.

John is working hard on programs. He hopes to have something on VP8SSI, ET3, and 160M antennas soon. Please share your ideas with John (N4TOL). Just for something different, I hope to be operating from a submarine tender in Norfolk, VA. over Thanksgiving with special QSL cards. My brother-in-law is the chief in-charge of the radio room. See everyone for the BBQ and club meeting, bring a guest.

-Larry

**DON'T FORGET
CQWW CW
NOV. 28-29**

FROM THE VP

de John Tramontanis, N4TOL

Greetings fellow DXers. It was nice to see such a fine turnout for the dinner and our October meeting. The program of videos from ET2A and Penguin Island portrayed two unique DXpeditions and some unusual operating conditions and circumstances.

The program for the November meeting will feature an update/presentation related to developments and current status of the DX packet cluster by Jim Altman, N4UCK. Also, for your amusement a short film feature produced by Dick Bentley, K2UFT, of a trip up the FOX tower to do repeater maintenance.

Again thanks to all who attended in October, and I hope more of you will check in for the November dinner/meeting. I appreciate the suggestions received so far for program topics for future meetings. We are still looking for additional ideas, and also any volunteers interested 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.

73 de - N4TOL

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Sam Silverman, KB4NJ

The figures for the club are as follows:

Checkbook (total)	\$3228.13
Tower Fund	\$5.00
Cluster backbone	Near \$0.00
4U1UN 160M Ant.	\$160.00

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OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

-Buddy Herrell, W4OUN, Sec.

The meeting was held on October 20, 1992 at the Days' Inn, with Larry, N4TMW bringing the club to order and resulted in the following Business items:

Neil Foster will be checking QSL cards at the Lawrenceville Hamfest and will man the SEDXC booth with help from others.

Carl Henson and Martha have been operating from ET3 and Eritrea(9E) which may be a new country. There was discussion on providing cards for their operation. A motion was approved to provide the 9E cards for the operation.

Contest Operations from 4U1UN - An Alpha amplifier belonging to SK N4IN has been donated to the 4U1UN station. There is a need for a permanent antenna for 160 meters. A motion was made and passed to provide up to \$300 to pay for a GAP antenna. Commitments for contributions of \$220 were received. The remainder will be contributed from the club treasury.

Volunteers were sought to work a hospitality suite in Dayton. Bill Barr (N4NX) agreed and will be assisted by W8BLA who will also be beverage buyer (as in drinks, not antennas).

Jim Altman (N4UCK) reported the cluster:

(1). New backbone scheduled to come online the weekend of the SSB CQWW contest. "It will not disrupt contest".

(2). Baud rate on the backbone will initially be 9.6K and should eventually go to 19.2K when bugs are worked out.

(3). It was proposed that the call of W4NT-1 be used for the FOX tower digipeater. This proposal was passed. Jim is to contact Val N4RJ (custodian) about use of the call.

Neil Foster read a Fax concerning DXpedition criteria and the use of non-licensed operators (specifically mentioned was Southern Sudan, STØ). A copy is to be provided for inclusion in the newsletter.

Other TidBits: Tanzania operation targeted for Nov 21-Dec 9. Phil, W4GTS indicated DXCC processing late March endorsements. Shamu the Blimp operation on 145.510 from 6-9 A.M. Friday. It was rumored this may receive ARRL approval for WAB (Worked All Balloons).

Program - Two very interesting and informative tapes on operations from Ethiopia and the Penguin Islands were enjoyed by all those who did not rush off to view the Braves on their way to eventual demise.

73's de Buddy, W4OUN

DX MAGAZINE ANNOUNCES TOP 100

The DX Magazine has announced the new top most wanted DX countries. Not surprisingly, several have moved around quite a bit. Most notably, ZA moved from 1st to 100th! Showed what hard work can accomplish, thanks ZA1A. XZ moved from 2nd to 24th due to XYØRR. I will list the new top 10.

#	PFX	Country	Last Yr #
1	3Y	Peter 1	7
2	A5	Bhutan	6
3	5A	Libya	13
4	VU4	Andaman	11
5	VU7	Laccadive	12
6	VKØ	Heard Is.	14
7	3V	Tunisia	18
8	5X	Uganda	21
9	1S	Spratly	19
10	5R	Madagascar	23

It is interesting to see how many of last year's top countries really dropped down. VP8SSI dropped S. Sandwich down to #31. 3B6 fell to 37th due to Jackie, 3B8CF/3B6. Aves dropped from 32nd to 63rd even though all the cards haven't come out. YA dropped from 5th to 57th and S2 fell from 4th to 14th.

Looking at the first fifty countries, I don't feel too bad, I have worked twenty of them. Of the second fifty, I have missed only four. The survey also mentioned the percent of people needing these countries. Only the first six are needed by more than 50%. ZA was only needed by 7%. What a change in positions. It will be fun to compare the club's list with the DX Magazine's list. The east coast traditionally locks up Africa while the W6's have the Pacific and SE Asia to dominate. We live in interesting times! -N4XMX

5H TANZANIA

One of our members, Dale, K4HGG, keeps a sked with 5H3IB on 14.330 @ 0230Z Wednesday nights (Thursday Zulu time) and on 21.387 @ 1700Z on Sundays. Don't be discouraged if you hear Swedish, just break in if you need Tanzania. Dale is the QSL manager for 5H3IB. Dale will also be in 5H from November 21 through December 9th, operating from 5H3IB. Catch him and say hi if you can!

ACTIVITIES CORNER

-Chuck Ogburn, AB4OH

The Southeastern DX Club First Annual "Most Wanted" Survey has been completed by many club members and the results are in. The SEDX "Most Wanted" Countries are Libya (1st), Peter I Island (2nd), Glorioso Island (3rd), Andaman Island (also 3rd), and Tunisia (5th). More details will be given at the November Club meeting including the grouping of members according to need. Thanks to all those who participated.

Results from the CQWW SSB CONTEST are starting to come in and the scores are BIG!!! Unfortunately, due to other obligations, I was unable to spend the amount of time I wanted so I operated 20 meters, single-op assisted and finished with 67K points. Regarding the CQWW DX PHONE 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 color. 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.

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

The CQWW SSB contest initiated the all new *** MEG AWARD *** and I know of at least two people who have already qualified for this award! Remember to submit an extra copy of your summary sheet to me for the MEG AWARD file even if send your log to me for forwarding to the sponsor. This are a number of major contests upcoming. I will collect the logs for each of these contests as described for the CQWW DX logs above.

DATE	CONTEST	LOGS DUE BY
10/24	CQWW SSB	Nov. Meeting
11/7	ARRL SS CW	Nov. Meeting or mailed Dec. 10
11/21	ARRL SS SSB	Mailed Dec. 10
11/28	CQWW CW	Dec. Meeting
11/4	ARRL 160 M	Dec. Meeting
11/12	ARRL 10 M	Dec. Meeting or mailed Jan 5

I realize that some of these dates do not allow you much time for log checking, but do to timing of deadlines and meetings the schedule is tight. If you need more time, simply mail your log directly to the sponsor by the published deadline and send me a copy of your summary sheet.

If you are not inclined to enter a CW contest, I might suggest trying the assisted category so that you can use packet for spotting new band countries to work. This is just what I'll be doing for the CQWW CW contest (mainly on 40 and 80 meters.) In addition to working new band countries, you make a small contribution to the club's total score; every little bit helps.

73 es GUD DX es GUD CONTESTING
Chuck

CONTEST CORNER

Mike Greenway, K4PI

P4ØJ to be active by WX4G in CQWW CW contest November 28-29th flying SEDX colors. Please work. Not sure if single band or all bands at present. QSL via WX4G. -73 Mike

MEMBERS WIN AWARDS!

The ARRL has announced winners of the International Contest Award. Robert Brockman, WX4G, 1st Place, Single OP, CW and Bennett Adams, K4EZ, 1st Place, Single OP, SSB. Our congratulations for such an outstanding effort! Way to go, guys!

“IT’S ONLY HEARTBURN, ..RIGHT?”

(reprinted from INDEXA, Fall 1992)

Romeo along with Roman, 4K2ØT and Victor, UH8EA visited Iran in August 1992. There they overcame the legal paper work and gave 20 to 30,000 contacts to the needy. Many good comments have been received concerning this operation as compared to his past trips. The operating methods were *much improved* and plenty of information was given out to keep the troops informed as to where were all the other stations working and on what mode.

Heartburn? Maybe some still have a bit of burning left but due to much hard work from INDEXA, NCDXF, W8BLA and NT2X, this operation will be QSL'd from stateside and the cards were printed here by INDEXA. You may continue to see improvements in QSL turn around and operating practices.

A QSL route for Romeo has been published to cover all his ventures which is totally in error. The correct QSL routes are:

ISØXV & IS1RR via W4FRU only
ISØRR & both YAØRR operations via W8BLA
9DØRR & AHØM via NT2X at POB 766,
Brooklyn NY 11230
3W3RR & XYØRR via POB 1000, Sofia, Bulgaria

Note: This box is now visited only about once every 7 months, so it will be slower. All AHØM (other than USA) via the bureau will come to the W1 bureau and be answered. DO NOT send cards to AHØM to the Saipan address, If you have sent for a card to any other route than listed, do it again because it will not be answered in most cases. No logs or no cards if it shows up at the wrong address.

We are pleased Romeo agreed to a USA manager and USA printed cards. Things appear to be improving. Romeo did try to copy the 9DØ logs in Moscow to send to NT2X, but the copy was very poor. He then took the chance and sent the original logs via air express to NT2X. This allowed for an August operation and then cards being mailed in Sept. What else could we ask for ?

**TURN IN YOUR CONTESTS SCORES
MARK SEDX ON THE LOG FORMS**

LETTERS:

The following letter was provided by Neil Foster, KC4MJ:

September 10, 1992

James A. Maxwell, W6CF
DXAC-ARRL HQ
Subject: DXpedition Criteria

I would like to express my impression regarding the DXpedition criteria on which non-licensed so called amateurs have been accredited for DXCC from a rare country. This letter is also a motion to upgrade the existing DXCC rules, for Amateur Radio in third World countries is at stake.

There has been numerous of non-licensed radio enthusiasts who operated from rare locations for the shake of amateur radio.

My latest evidence was the recent operation from Southern Sudan as STØDX by Dennis Goedraad, who was a relief worker at World Vision. The controlling authorities have adopted amateur radio and it was because of this I brought back STØ on the air. Additional amateur radio activities cannot be continued like Albania due to the ongoing civil war devastating the country.

This type of activities confuses the authorities and certainly does not benefit Amateur radio for the future. I experienced the same in Uganda, Ghana, Ethiopia and Togo where the licensing authority denied all future operation because of the strain of application for a valid license and NO copy of a license from land of origin.

The case of STØDX, accepted for DXCC is one which I strongly protest against, There Dennis, holder of a Dutch Passport, had no and has up to now NO valid Dutch license and this also includes his activity from Mali as TZ6MG in the past.

The general Amateur Law says either you pass a test or produce a license from the country of origin depending on the reciprocal agreement between the visiting country and land of origin in order to apply for a temporary license.

Since this issue became a topic lately, see the late Baldur operation from Mount Athos, I suggest to accredit a DXpedition only if the operator can produce a copy of his license from country of origin besides the necessary permission, visa etc..

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By accepting illegal activities such as STØDX, 5X5WR/A, 5V7DP and others we will create World Wide illegal activity by anyone who considers himself as a ham even with a CB status as recently by 3XØHG who has NO Belgium license.

Let's keep our hobby clean from such activities and not for the purpose of the last country to be on Honor Roll.

My latest meetings with President Museveni of Uganda, Mr. Rawlings from Ghana and Mr. Habyaramana of Rwanda all expresses great concerns on which foreigners claims to have legal amateur status with no proof of a copy of their own license. They all stated that if this problem cannot be solved by the Amateur Society they will NOT approve to any activity whatsoever for the near future. This has more to do with the Internal security and the use of communication equipment that can receive military and intelligence frequencies.

I myself have produced all necessary documents to the above mentioned Presidents and they all agreed and granted me permission to operate in the near future. I had to promise them to raise this issue to the DXAC and will freeze my activities until I have mailed them a copy of a letter from DXAC stating that the Committee will meet this demands and condemn all illegal activity for now and in the future.

The response is ours and I hope that your next meeting will vote on this issue.

Many thanks for your effort, 73

John H Fung-Loy, PA3CXC/KN4NL

copy: Neil Foster, KC4MJ

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DX TIDBITS

-Rick Glisson, N4XMX

I always love contests and CQWW SSB is my favorite. I spent a lot of time on 40 and 80M. My score may not show it but it took a lot of work to make the few low band QSO's I did make. I am using a GAP DX VI antenna and the boys with the 40M beams were blowing me away. The split operation of most DX stations worked pretty well. Let THEM listen through all the broadcast stations for US calls!

80M was a different story. 80M is a tough band anyway. Power and real antennas are needed. My two QSO's on 160M were probably the most hard fought. Having this contest during the World Series made it extra hard!

Missed the 5R and KC6, both being on during the game. Turned in 47K points, 111 QSO's, mostly 10 and 15M during Sunday morning to give Europe some QSO's. Picked up about 18 band countries but no new ones. Did get the 5R two days later on CW; when there's a will, there's a way! I will still ask that contesters, especially DXpeditions, repeat call signs. Several times all I heard was "QSL, QRZ?" after responding to a partial call. When you don't have many QSO's, it doesn't take many to hit the disqualification percent.

Carl and Martha have been in Ethiopia, both as ET3BC and ET3YL as well as in Eritrea with 9ER1TA and 9ER1TB. Maybe a new one will come out of this. Hope so, managed a 20M contact from both places. Had to keep Carl up on the playoffs!

The VP8SSI cards have come out, I received one for my 04:30 AM local time 20M contact. I had made another "contact" on 10M but after checking with the managers, it turned out to be a pirate. I will always try to make another QSO on another band or mode. I will not dupe a clean QSO on the same band or mode.

Time to get ready for CQWW CW. I will try this contest for the first time this year. If nothing else, it will help me keep the dust off the Bencher!

See you in the pileups...

Rick