

# SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

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PREMIER  
DX CLUB

November 1994

## NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION

Tuesday, November 15th, 7:30 PM, Old Hickory House in the Days Inn, Roswell Rd., just inside I-285.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**-Delaine McCarthy, KM4FV, President**

Well, it's hard to believe that another month has gone by. I know we are in November now, but where did the Summer go? Seems like there's so much to do and so little time. I know the conditions were not the best this weekend, but I had a lot of fun working the contest. It was good to hear a lot of fellow DX'ers in the pileups. We will all be interested to hear the final scores.

Thanks, Bob, K4UEE, for that "Turkey" program last month. It was great to watch you operating in another country, but watch out for those roofs!

Hope to see you at the Hamfest this weekend — it's time again to buy, sell, or trade.

Join us on November 15 for another good meeting. I know it's a really busy time for most of you, but join us if you can. We will have an update at the meeting on Ham Radio '95 and the DXPO. Remember to get your address and phone number changes to John, N4TOL.

CUL, 73 Delaine - KM4FV

## ROSTER UPDATES

Please remember that an updated roster will be printed in the December newsletter. If you have any changes needed as shown in the preliminary roster published in October, please see that they reach me by November 23rd. The new listing will be delivered for print right after the Thanksgiving holiday. Thanks!

-John, N4TOL

## VEEP BEEPS

by Dick Bentley, K2UFT, VP

November's show: You heard them, you probably worked them, so now see them in action. The video of the 3YØPI operation will be the subject of our November program.

Look for ZF2SY November 19 thru 24th, WARC bands, 40 & 80 musical mode.

Late breaking news, Steve KR4DL and I tied for first place in the left foot sending contest at the Stone Mountain Hamfest. Steve got points for endurance and I got mine for style.

73 Dick, K2UFT

## DX TIDBITS

**-Rick, N4XMX**

Ah, the holidays! I am visiting my folks in Richmond this Thanksgiving, right in the middle of CQWW CW! Oh well, guess the OM will get an introduction to contesting. Some interesting countries will be on, most important, Syria (YK). Need them real bad. My father's station will get a workout, that's for sure.

Packet, can't live with it (according to some), can't live without it (the rest of us). Been chasing problems for a week now. Tried connecting on different frequencies and nodes, but at least now able to hang in there. (Tad, don't you dare turn off CUGNOD!) Still don't know why ARCDX doesn't like me... maybe my coax.

Finally got my tribander up on a 20' push-up pole. Now I have to figure why 20m SWR dips at 13.700 instead of 14.200! Hate to start moving the elements around, they are perfect on 10 and 15 meters. Maybe I'll just shorten the ends a little... Wished *(continued on p2)*  
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(continued from p1) one of these Ham CD's I have had some of those antenna programs on them. Plotting SWR verses height would be a real depressing exercise for us limited in antenna elevation!

Tried to put up a 100' wire and tune it like I did at the old house. Tuned fine at the antenna matching box but then changed drastically as you walked around and really messed up as you hooked up the coax. I'm sure Mike will have a few helpful words at the next meeting. It would be even better if I knew what I was doing! Just need something quick for the 160 meter contests coming up. Back to the antenna books... CU in the pileups!

-Rick, N4XMX

**-Buddy Harrell, W4OUN, Sec.**

**MINUTES OF SEDXC MEETING HELD 10/18/94**

The meeting was called to order by Delaine at approximately 7:30 PM. There was introductions by all including welcome to any newcomers.

John, N4TOL discussed that upon comparing the new Club roster with who had actually been attending meetings, it was apparent that dues were past due from quite a few people. We need your financial support as well as your fellowship and moral support!

It was announced that we are still short of our goal for the South Georgia DXpedition. Additional donations were sought.....

Dan Nixon, N4DVW, Chairman of DXPO associated with Ham Radio 95 will be getting in touch with anyone who volunteered to help with this activity. If you are interested in helping, please give Dan a call. It was moved, seconded, and passed that 200 DXPO pins in yellow and blue be ordered at \$2.00 each and sold as profit.

At the last meeting, there was discussion of moving the location of the meeting. It appears we won't have to pay for the meeting room as originally thought, based on conversations with management. Therefore, members voted in favor of continuing to meet at the current site.

Everyone was reminded of the upcoming contest season and especially the 160M Contest. Get those antennas ready!!!!

Following the business session, Bob Allphin, K4UEE presented an excellent program on his recent operation from Turkey as TA1/K4UEE. Thanks Bob for another good program.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05.

73's and DX, Buddy/W4OUN

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**-de John Tramontanis, N4TOL**

Balance 9/30/94 (Checkbook)	\$2,351.00
Deposits:	
Raffle & Shirts	119.00
Memberships	60.00
160 plaques	440.00
South Georgia	54.00
Total Receipts	<u>673.00</u>
Subtotal	<u>3,024.00</u>
Expenses:	
Newsletter (Oct)	138.73
QSL bureau	9.50
Hamfest booth	105.00
VCR rental & supplies	26.17
Bank Charges	10.38
Total Expenses	<u>289.78</u>
Balance Checking 8/30/94	<u>\$2,734.22</u>

Of this ending balance, \$770.00 is earmarked for the cluster fund, resulting from voluntary contributions from the club membership at renewal time. Also, \$119.00 has been donated by club members for the South Georgia DXpedition, the amount of which the club will match. Please help contribute to this cause by mail or at the next meeting as a donation of \$500.00 or more will allow for club recognition on the QSL card. As you all know it was very nice to see our logo on the 3YØ card. The club is also holding \$440.00 for 160 meter award plaques.

- 73 de N4TOL John

**MR. LOWBAND SEZ....**

**-Mike, K4PI**

For the bulletin, we had a member, Steve, KR4DL, get an article published in QST. Way to go Steve! Also a snippet, the old battle cry for contests was "If you snooze, you loose.." New for '95, "We'll have plenty of time to sleep after we're dead." Good luck in

COWW CW!

-Mike

(Ed. note: The following was supplied by Dick, K2UFT. Continued from last month.)

## From the diary of KT5X/USØQ, June, '94

by Fred Maas, KT5X

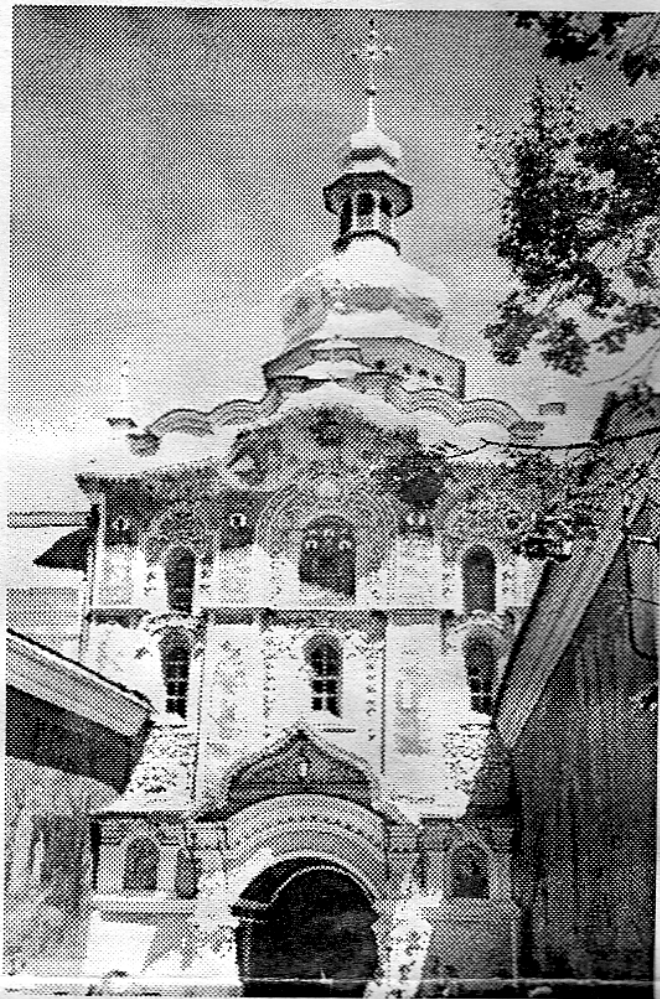
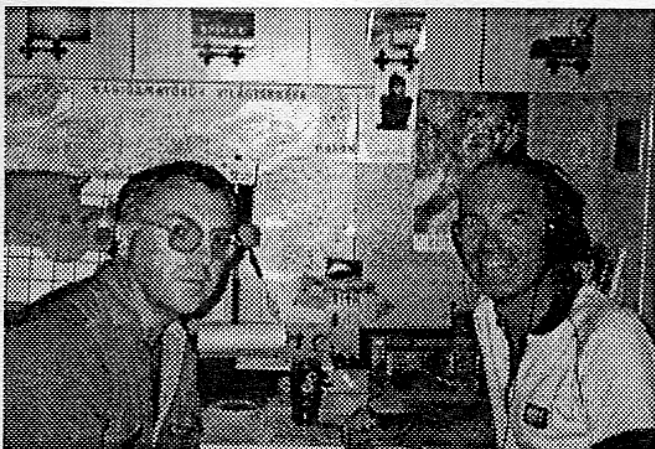
The station was in a corner of the 8 foot by 10 foot kitchen. I had hardly begun to send when the desk top was shared by a glass of compote, a Ukrainian drink of boiled fruit.

CQ was generated by the CMOS Super Keyer II I brought as a present for his station, and it was quickly answered. There were several stations calling, so QSO's were brief unless the caller happened to be one of my friends who were on the lookout for me at the low end of 20 meters. The stack of stations deepened, and the log filled. Behind me, Vlad encouraged me onward.

The first page filled and I signaled for a second. Vlad obliged, and slapped a glass of vodka on top. "Choot-choot," he said, just a little, to celebrate the first fifty QSO's from Ukraine. There were 150 QSO's from most continents in the log by the time Vlad's charming wife Natalia entered the kitchen.

Clearly DX'ing was over for now. Natalia, with little English, had many questions, and all the while she was making a multi-course breakfast. Tea, called "chai," sliced cucumbers and tomatoes, pancakes with honey, and sausage were the fare. They had to be off for work, so Vlad drove me back to my flat. Then he sped off with my New Mexico callsign license plate prominently displayed in the front windshield.

I walked into my flat to find my wife up and in the kitchen. Our host was making her breakfast. Of course I had to eat again. This time the chai and sliced vegetables were accompanied by spaghetti and hot dogs. Well, they have different customs! My second ham radio experience of the day would come in the evening, but first there was a full schedule of other activities.



We had seen the magnificent cathedrals of St. Petersburg and Kiev, but none here. All cathedrals in this city had either been destroyed in World War II or taken over by the government and used for some other purpose. We were taken to one which had been recently returned to the people and was under reconstruction.

We had asked to witness a Russian Orthodox church service. We were ushered into the church where we were immediately the center of attention. They were celebrating one year of renewed services, and they considered it providential that we were here on this day.

The service was nearly three hours long, during which time everyone stood. There were no chairs. While the structure of this church was simple, magnificent ancient icons which had been hidden in peoples' homes for seventy years were proudly displayed. The service was well attended, notably by soldiers in uniform who took part in all aspects of the ceremony.

Afterward, we were led out, across the courtyard and to our surprise, into the quarters of the priests. There we discovered that a many course meal had been prepared for us by the wives of the priests.

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W8ZF 145.63  
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 N4UCK 145.65, 144.97 (ARCDX)  
 KK4JF 145.71 (also 1200)

**DX COMMUNICATION FREQ.**

Simplex 147.54  
 Melvin 147.51  
 K4JPD Repeater (tone 7)  
 147.795/T-195/R  
 W8BLA/R 442.075+

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