



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB

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*THE
SOUTH'S
PREMIER
DX CLUB*

November 1995

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION

Tuesday, November 21st, 7:30 PM, Old Hickory House in the Days Inn, Roswell Rd., just inside I-285.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

-Steve Schmidt, KR4DL, President

Thank goodness we haven't had any more hurricanes this month. I hope everyone has repaired and recovered from Opal. I repaired my wire antenna; now I have a dipole and EWE which seem to work very nicely on 160 meters. I'm still compromised on 80 and 40 meters, but I suppose we can't have it all. More business in this month's column.

Some of you may have noticed announcements about WRTC-96 (the second World Radiosport Team Championship) to be held in San Francisco the weekend of July 13 and 14, 1996 in conjunction with the IARU HF World Championship. Our club has been selected (based on rankings and point totals in past major contests) to select a Team Leader for one of the two-person teams to compete. The Team Leader would then be responsible for selecting a Partner from the same country. To emphasize that these are national teams and not a club competition, the Team Leader may not choose a partner from the same club. The Committee is looking for team members who have won major contests at the world, continent, country or zone level. They will be competing against some of the best contesters in the world. Entrants are responsible for their own transportation to San Francisco where the WRTC-96 Committee will provide them housing, meals, local transportation, and access to station locations.

I have already heard from one member of the club who is interested in being selected as a Team Leader. If any others are interested, we need to hear from you soon. The club membership also needs to determine the method for selection of the Team Leader allocated to our club. Please bring your ideas to the next meeting; I will have copies of the latest articles

and information related to WRTC-96. There are opportunities for more than one of you to participate, either by being selected as a partner by another Team Leader, or by applying as a wild card team leader or partner.

On a related note, some of you have noticed that I have been attempting to recognize some top contest efforts by club members. They say no good deed goes unpunished; I will say that it has been very difficult and time-consuming to pore over pages of contest results to find and verify club members, especially those operating from foreign countries and in multi-op efforts. That is not a sufficient excuse for some rather significant oversights. To those that were omitted from recognition, I humbly apologize. Now that you know my limitations, please help me by sending me, in advance, those efforts which you think bear recognition. You can leave me notes on the packetcluster, on the internet (KR4DL@AOL.COM), or on my telephone answering machine.

See you Tuesday night. -73, Steve, KR4DL

FROM THE VP

by Sonny Marsh, KE4LDJ, VP

Hello everyone. Hope all of you had good luck in the contest. I missed the whole thing because of a hunting trip.

The next meeting should be one of the most entertaining of the year. Two members of the XRØY (Easter Island DXpedition) will tell us their story. They promise a multi-media extravaganza. Bob, K4UEE, and Wes, W8FMG, will present the material in a "Bob & Ray" type format with humor abounding. This should be lots of fun so don't miss it. Hope to see you there.

-73, Sonny, KE4LDJ

Paul Wolfe, AD4AQ SK

October 5, 1995

Paul Wolfe, AD4NQ Silent Key

Paul had been an amateur for some time. With a Zepp antenna and a homebrewed antenna tuner, he made many contacts, and many friends, on CW. He was filled with real ham spirit. He stood in the rain and mixed concrete with Dan, N4DVW, pouring the base for Dan's tower. Even after twenty years of wire antennas with 100 watts, he was still so excited about our hobby that he pressed some of us into it.

An ardent fan of CW, he prodded (like any good elmer) and pushed a few of us to higher code speeds. Then he good-naturedly competed with us for DX. He enjoyed the fellowship of the hams, the DXer's, the contesters that he met through the Southeastern DX Club. He wanted to be able to compete with them. To be more competitive, he felt he needed to upgrade. The license was the easy part. Well, perhaps the 20 wpm code test took some work, but little money. He studied and practiced and had his extra class license in November of '93. It was going to help him work DX. So many of the good ones lurked down in that extra portion of the CW band.

He still liked the Zepp and would hang on for hours during the 10 meter contest, even in the low ebb of the sunspot cycle. But a wire antenna wasn't much good for working the tough ones. What he needed was a beam! Something that would help him crack the pileups, work some new ones, improve his level of competition. He needed a tower. He had to scrimp and save to buy it. With four children, including a new baby, money was tight. His wife was working part-time, spending the rest of her time with the kids. A family man, he loved this hobby, but would never put it in front of his family. Being a quiet, unassuming sort of guy, he just started saving what he could.

It took much perseverance, but he finally got his tower, and he was proud of it. He homebrewed his own 20 meter monobander from an older antenna. He had to cut several trees to install the tower and antenna, woke up several times during the night and checked on it during hurricane Opal. He was relieved and happy when it survived the storm unscathed.

Always striving for perfection, he felt the antenna needed some slight adjustments. Nothing major, just a little job he could do by himself. He borrowed a friend's climbing belt and started up the tower after church while the wife and kids were busy with other errands. He tinkered with the antenna.

Perhaps he needed to reach out another inch. Maybe it was to get a bit more leverage with the wrench on a nut. No one knows why his belt was disconnected; there was no one else around. Paul Wolfe, AD4NQ, ex-N4AIM, died Sunday, November 5th, 1995 from injuries sustained in a fall from his tower, and we will miss him.

73, dear friend. SK

K2UFT, KR4DA, KR4DL, KR4UJ, N4DVW

A fund is being arranged for Paul's children. Any contribution would be gratefully accepted. Please send donations to the following address: Paul David Wolfe Children Educational Fund, C/O Mark Layng, 4814 Highway 78, Suite 9A, Lilburn, Georgia 30247.

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Nancy Draheim, NK4U

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| Balance 9/30/95 (Checkbook) | <u>\$2692.90</u> |
| Income: | <u>\$233.00</u> |
| Expenses: | |
| Stone Mountain Hamfest table | 105.00 |
| Door prizes | 49.05 |
| Bank Charges | 10.45 |
| CEØZ | 35.00* |
| Packet cluster | 110.25** |
| Balance Checking 10/31/95 | <u>\$2616.15</u> |

* This donation was from funds collected for the CEØZ DXpedition and was not from the SEDXC account. Even though I had written \$35 in the checkbook, the actual amount collected was \$80 and I am awaiting Bob's return to verify whether the mistake was my entry into the checkbook or whether I owe him more \$\$

** This leaves the Packet cluster account with a balance of \$1188.75.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting.

73, Nancy NK4U

BEEPS DE K2UFT

-Dick Bentley, K2UFT, Activities Director

AD4NQ - SK I'm mostly gonna miss shooting the breeze with Paul after the DX meetings, our conversations covering everything from technical stuff at which he was a wizard to stories about the family he was so proud of. Grip, KR4DA will be announcing a memorial fund on behalf of Paul's family - hope you will be able to make a contribution when the time comes.

Turn in your October BAND OF THE MONTH score sheet at the next meeting or send me the summary on the DX Packet system. The band for November is 160 meters, time to tweak up your station for the winter's activities.

Thanksgiving time brings my favorite test, CQWW CW, although the choice of a different weekend would lead to easier time negotiations on the home front. Put in an effort, large or small, and be sure to contribute your score to the SEDX Club and help us move higher in the standings. Frankford can't possibly best us forever, we proved that in 1993 in the CQWW 160 Test.

-73 Dick, K2UFT

MINUTES, SEDXC MEETING 10/17/95

-Buddy Harrell, W4OUN, Sec.

Minutes From October Meeting Held 10/17/95

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30PM. As part of the introductions, everyone was given the opportunity to relate any problems or unusual experiences related to Hurricane Opal. Experience ranged all the way from no damage/no power loss to extensive damage/6 days power outage. Apparently the hardest hit antenna-wise was the aluminum curtain of K4JPD. President Clinton visited the site and immediately declared it a federal disaster. \$10 million dollars in government funds has been pledged to rebuild the facility.

It was motioned, seconded, and approved that the minutes from the last meeting be accepted.

OLDBUSINESS The club applied for and received the seal designating SEDXC as a special services club. A question before the group is, "does anyone have the original certificate?"

The club contest was discussed by Dick Bentley. Look in the bulletin for further details and score sheet.

W4MPY is offering to print SEDXC QSL cards. Samples and prices were made available.

NEWBUSINESS: The Alford Radio Club Hamfest is coming up soon. Volunteers are needed for manning the SEDXC booth. See Nancy for details.

The CEØZ Dxpediton needs additional funds. SEDXC members were on the expedition. Nancy will take your donation if you want it credited to the SEDXC.

Membership drive - there was discussion relative to having a drive to recruit additional members. This would be especially welcome during the upcoming contest season. Any ideas. Be prepared to discuss next time. New meeting place? There continues to be interest in moving the meetings to another place. Get any ideas to Steve.

December meeting - The December meeting will fall on December 18, one week before Christmas. What do we want to do? Be prepared to discuss next time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The booth at the Japanese Ham Fair received quite a writeup in the Japanese ham press. Thanks to Kyoshi for providing this opportunity for some good publicity. Carl Henson is in Yemen trying to get permission to operate. It appears he will be unable to operate this trip but perhaps at some time in the future. Look for him and Martha to operate from Eritrea. Heard Island - it appears will qualify for funds based on its status in the most wanted countries list. Shirley and Dale are moving to Texas. Good luck. We will miss you.

PROGRAM: A very informative and interesting program was presented on the Atlanta Olympic Broadcasting plans.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

-73 & DX, Buddy W4OUN

CLUB SCORES

-Steve, KR4DL

The following Southeastern DX Club members were listed prominently in the scoring for these contests:

1995 ARRL DX CW Contest: P4ØR (Bob, K4UEE op.) was, basically, 1st in the world with 4,976,016 points from Aruba using high power.

1995 ARRL DX Phone Contest: 9A1A (Charles, WA4IMC op. in multi-multi) 1st in the world with 2,112,462 points. Charles made all the contacts on 20 and 160 meters for this operation. (I missed these last month and yes, I'm embarrassed.) CONGRATULATIONS!!!