



# SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

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PREMIER  
DX CLUB*

November 1996

## **NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION**

**Tuesday, Nov. 19th, 7:30PM, Old Hickory House in the Days Inn, Roswell Rd., just inside I-285.**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**-Steve Schmidt, KR4DL, President**

The following inside update on the vanity call program was reprinted verbatim with the permission of the author, Joe Feustle. We strive to keep you informed of the latest-breaking developments in news for amateurs. You heard it here first! News flash follows:

"Well, I didn't get my information from anyone in Georgia, but rather from a source who will only be identified as the Inside Person at the Skunk Works. This source says that the FCC computers at Gettysburg are simply not up to the task, so, as an election-time example of interagency cooperation, the whole thing got ported to the more powerful machines at the FBI. So far, so good.

However, when attempting to generate a random number using samples of white noise taken from the upper atmosphere, the Vanity database got intertwined with the one the FBI uses for its Witness Protection Program. My Inside Person tells me that this leads to some good news and some other news for all amateur applicants later this week.

The good news is that each amateur applicant will get TO KEEP HIS ORIGINAL CALL. The other news is that he will be issued a new identity. In my case, for example, I'll continue to be N8AAT, only I've been renamed Varko Cranston. I'm no longer a Professor of Latin American Literature at the University of Toledo but have been transferred to Memphis where I am now a researcher in a program sponsored by a prominent pharmaceutical company in the ever growing field of cryogenic proctology.

Be certain to check the appropriate WEB sites every opportunity you get and find out who you'll be and where you will be relocated."

Thanks, Joe. Always nice to keep abreast of the latest developments, isn't it? You affected (afflicted?) parties be sure to let Nancy know of your new identities so we can keep the membership list updated. It's unfortunate that several of us will be moved outside the acceptable range for maintaining SEDXC membership. On the other hand, we may receive an influx of FRC blood from transplanted Pennsylvanians (paints a Halloween-like picture, doesn't it?).

On the local front, I just dabbled in the CQWW SSB contest. Worked it long enough to find my shunted tower wasn't working. So, at one o'clock Saturday morning, I decided to pull a wire up into an adjacent pine tree to see if a wire vertical would work better. I took my tools out through the garage door, which has a habit of swinging closed behind me. In my haste to complete the antenna work, I forgot to insure the garage door was unlocked. After completing work on the vertical, I returned to find all the doors and windows to the house tightly secured.

There are certain drawbacks to being single, not the least of which is the surprising amount of dew which can collect on one's person when sleeping outside. I hope you'll forgive me for only amassing 108,000 points. My doctor says the antibiotics should tame the pneumonia enough to allow me to make the next meeting; I look forward to seeing you there.

73, Omar (used to be Steve) KR4DL

## **FROM THE VP**

**-Paul Pescitelli, K4UJ, VP**

Hope you have the Honey-Do list all caught up... It's contesting time. There's a popular contest almost every weekend for the next 2 months.

This month's program subject will be Contesting. Our presenter is also one of our newest club members, Bill Fisher KM9P. If you know Bill, you know that he loves to contest, so this (*continued p 2*)

(continued from p 1) should be a real treat. Please join us at the meeting and learn how you can help raise the Club score in the next contest. I would like to see some team effort in the CQWW CW, any volunteers?

NOTE: Since the vanity call sign gate 2 was opened there has been some interest in getting new badges made. If we submit an order for the badges as a group we may be able to get better turnaround time than we would on an individual basis. If you are interested in getting a SEDXC badge with your new call, let me know. You can contact me one of the following ways:

Home Phone: 770-736-9567 Internet email: k4uj@mindspring.com or on the local packet cluster. Please respond by the end of the month, and I will place the order on Dec. 2nd (or thereabouts)

See you on the bands, and hopefully in the contests...

73 - Paul K4UJ

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## MINUTES

**-Randy Tudor, K4ODL, Sec.**

SEDXC Meeting Minutes October, 1996

The meeting was called to order by KR4DL Steve. Introductions were made and the guest list was passed for everyone to sign. Minutes approved from the last meeting.

Old business - no discussion.

New business -

Mike - K4PI will be going to P4 land for the CQ WW SSB test at the end of this month. Mike will try to break the 80 meter single op record. Hopefully everyone will give Mike some points.

Steve reminded us of the donations for the Heard Island DXpedition that will be in January 1997. The club would like to try for a \$1000.00 donation. Please make your contributions through the club. A record will be kept for each individual contribution. The club will follow the guide of matching contributions and send the names of all individuals the contribute to the HI group.

The October issue of CQ had a picture of one of our own SEDXC club members - AD4WF Kazu - who operated from VK9XH during the 95 CQ WW CW test. Check out the picture.

Announcements -

The Alford Memorial Radio Club hamfest will

be November 2 -3, 1996 at the Gwinnett County Fair grounds, Saturday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Sunday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

Ron (AA4S) ask if anyone would like to put a Team effort together for the CQWW SSB at the end of October. Some interest in a Team effort and those people should get with Ron. We all need to turn in our score for SEDXC. Some discussion about getting ready for the 160 test that will be later this year and early 97. Please try to take part, we would like to have any score.

Drawing - A drawing was held for one of the Easter Island videos.

Program -Paul (KR4UJ) introduced the program guest Roger (DL5RBW) who was visiting with Rick (N6CR). Roger is going to operate as 3E1DX in the CQWW SSB test. Roger gave an excellent program on the erection of his rotating tower with several beams. Roger gave a short program on his work in nuclear fusion.

-73 Randy, K4ODL

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## MR. LOWBAND SEZ...

**-Mike Greenway, K4PI**

Please pass my thanks in the bulletin to all that worked me in the CQWW. Please ask, if someone else doesn't, for everyone to please, please send their scores in. IF they don't know how to figure it out let me know. I am trying to find out if there is a place to download logforms from CQ for those that don't have CT.

Hope everyone will give the CQWW CW a try. Look for one of our club members P4ØJ, Bob Brockman. Did anyone else see the pix in October CQ Magazine with one of our members wearing his SEDXC shirt??

Please consider giving to the Heard Island DXpedition through the club. The club as a whole can really help.

-73, Mike

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NOTES: Dale Gaudier (ex N4REE) is now K4DG/MØAOP and lives in England. Says hi to everyone! Email: gaudier@gatwick.geco-prakla.slb.com.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

**-Nancy Draheim, NK4U**

Balance 9/30/96 (Checkbook)	<u>\$2684.84</u>
Income:	<u>\$357.00</u>
Expenses:	
Oct. Newsletter	56.98
Labels for Newsletter	17.52
Return of KM4MG dues	20.00
Total Expenses	94.50
Balance Checking 10/31/96	<u>\$2947.34</u>

See you at the new meeting..

73, Nancy, NK4U, Treasurer

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## BEEPS DE K2UFT

**-Dick Bentley, K2UFT, Activities Director**

Seems like N4XMX's deadlines get earlier and earlier each month! Couldn't make it at all last month.

We had a great program last meeting courtesy of N6CR's friend Roger, DL5RBW, who put up one heck of a tower in Bavaria - if the best Rohn makes is #65 then these tower sections had to be #100. By the time you read this, you should have worked Roger as 3E1DX from Contadora Is. off the Panama coast.

Ron, AA4S, is looking for partners in DX Tests that promote partnership type participation. While his bid was too late for the CQWW Phone test, its certainly not too late to think about partnerships for the CW test November 23 - 24. 5 members comprise a team. You need to put in a single op, all band, 48 hour effort to get on Ron's team - there must be another 4 club members who can rise to the challenge. Give Ron a call at 704-487-0337 to join up.

In reading the rules (Sept. CQ, Page 89) I don't see anything precluding specialty teams of 5 members in any of the single op categories (single band, multi-band, high/low power, QRP, Single Assisted, so perhaps we can form some additional teams for those that

feel a 48 hour all band marathon is beyond their reach. In any event, the list of team members has to be in CQ's office prior to the start of the contest - address and FAX number are in the Sept. announcement. This is a great way to increase our combined club scores and get the Southeastern DX Club further up in the standings.

Speaking of increasing our standings, Frankford's out there thumbing their noses at us, we need to at least put up a valiant fight in the CQWW 160 tests. Get those 160 antennas finished (call KR4DL if you need help) or get your antenna farm tweaked up.

The ARRL 160 Test on December 6 to December 8 is great opportunity to iron out your antenna farm and hone your operating skills. In order to make room for technical articles many of us don't understand/care about and other equally uninteresting statistics, QST no longer publishes the full rules - you either need to buy their \$5.95 book of rules or download them from the ARRL BBS (860-594-0306), File Area 2 or from their Web page <http://www.arrl.org>. See page 107 of November QST for further details.

Let's do something this year that hasn't been done in a while - commit yourself to producing "x" number of points in the CQ WW 160 tests, either CW or Phone, or preferably both. I'm putting myself down for 100,000 points in CW test and (hold on to your hats) 50,000 points in the phone test. See me at the meeting, write me at [dickb@akorn.net](mailto:dickb@akorn.net) on the Internet or send me a cluster message - whatever way, commit to increasing our club standing. Hey, it wouldn't hurt if you came in tops in your class, either. So far it looks like KP4/KR4DL and P49I will be our off-shore point getters so we need your stateside points badly.

Don't forget to send me your claimed scores for whatever contest you are in - we can at least publicize the results your efforts right here in our bulletin.

Coming up: Nov. 2-4 ARRL Sweepstakes (look for K4OGG mobile!) Nov. 8-10 JARL SSB Test Nov. 9-10 WAERTTY Nov. 16-18 ARRL Sweepstakes Nov. 23-24 CQWW CW Dec. 6 - 8 ARRL 160 Test

-73 Dick, K2UFT Activities Chairman

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# GET READY FOR CQWW CW!!