



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

THE SOUTH'S
PREMIER
DX CLUB

November 1997

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION

Tuesday, Nov. 18th, 7:30PM, Old Hickory House in the Days Inn, Roswell Rd., just inside I-285.

PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS

-Paul Hansen, W6XA, President

After a valiant and heroic campaign into Maine to decimate the lobster population, I have returned defeated. Those overgrown mud bugs were just too numerous for even my crack troops. Success, however, was achieved on the left Cervesa front. The opposition's fatal flaw is that they think they are Canadians and have Moosehead and Molson for assault leaders. Easy pickin's.

Before I left to go to Maine, Rick Musicer told me that I should take along a 2 meter radio. He told me the hams in New England and Down East were courteous and helpful. Let me set the record straight. I called CQ on every repeater and tried to call several individuals heard. I contacted zero members of the northeastern amateur radio fraternity. I hope when travelers come through Atlanta they get a much warmer welcome.

I am very disappointed in missing the meeting. I was looking forward to the presentation from Gary on his modeling of small terminated loops. Guess I'll have to wait until Greenway builds one to see if it'll be something I'd like to try. I am running out of time to get on top band with anything other than my low dipole dummy load.

Tom, K8XP has been gracious enough to present his ZK1XXP program at the next meeting. I have to confess that I had a great time chasing his group around the band. Even my 160 meter dummy load was tall enough to get N6MZ on the first night. But, if any of you were on then, you will know they were so strong I thought it was a local. They put on a great show for North Cook.

On a side note, I was wondering how most of you feel about using the special call sign K7K for Kure Island? If this is going to be a trend for United States call areas I'm going to have to revamp my filing system.

Finally, I am still trying to get the swap going. Perhaps it will come together for the December meet-

ing. That might be the ideal time to trade off some stuff and try to generate some income for the coffers. As you all know, the club is essentially destitute. We can't keep past members nor can we attract new members. The Southeastern DX Club is fast approaching critical mass and we don't have anybody in the control room to scam the reactor.

CU there, Paul, W6XA

BRING ZK1XXP CARDS TO THE MEETING!!

VP THOUGHTS

-Ernie Zingler, KS4Q, VP

Many thanks to all members who attended the October meeting. We enjoyed Gary K9AY's interesting presentation of his new antenna design for low band listening. As we enter into the low band season, many of us are looking for that extra edge on 160 Meters. Gary has shown us that a lot of real estate is not necessarily required to take part in top band activities.

For the upcoming November meeting Tom, K8XP, will give a program on a Wake Island DXpedition in which he participated. Quite the traveler, Tom recently returned from the ZK1XXP effort on North Cook Island. If you recently worked either of these DXCC countries, you have Tom to thank in part!

An effort will be made to keep the business portion of the meeting short to allow time for a prize raffle and for Tom's Wake Island program.

CU There!

73, Ernie KS4Q

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-Dick Bentley, K2UFT, Activities Director**-Rick Glisson, N4XXM, Sec.**

During a conversation I had with Kioshi, W3XJ, he reported that there was an interesting announcement made at the Japan DX forum at the August 1997 Tokyo Hamfest. Two of the attendees were the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the North Korean Sportsmanship Association, under which falls amateur radio, as in many communist countries. They contend that there was no official sanction of the JA1BK/OH2BH amateur radio demonstration which led to the establishment of P5 as a DXCC country. These officials went on to say that any sanctioned operation in the future would be coordinated by their organization through Yasuo Miyazawa, JH1AJT, better known in ham circles as Zorro. Zorro has been instrumental in arranging for humanitarian aid in North Korea and the amateur radio connection is coincidental. I no longer subscribe to the DX Reflector so don't know if this has been beaten to death by the regular bashers or not. Have any of you seen or heard any chatter on this subject?

To switch from innuendo to ideas, how's this one? 1998 is the anniversary of the Southeastern DX Club. I propose that each of us that can take a turn keeping a special event call sign on the air for all of 1998. As of this writing (10/29), W4S is not spoken for any time period in 1998. I need someone to initiate the activity by reserving W4S for the first 15 days in January. I'll take the second shift for the next 15 days, and so on throughout the year. If you will volunteer for a time period (2/1 to 2/15, 2/16 to 3/2, etc. etc) 26 of us serving two shifts can keep W4S alive for the entire year.

If you are real crafty, you can have custody of W4S for one of the upcoming contests. All you need to do is sign up with me giving me your preferences for 15 day periods, your current curriculum vitae, including email address if you have one, and I'll take care of the paperwork. Once the call sign assignment has been confirmed, you just commence to operate during the time period, once an hour signing your own call sign to keep it all legal, and send me the logs. We'll probably have to form a QSL committee to take care of the paper work.

What do you think?

73 Dick, K2UFT

Ernie, KS4Q, called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM. Paul, W6XA, was on vacation. 14 members were present and everyone introduced themselves.

The minutes were accepted with a correction made by Nancy, NK4U, that Paul, K4UJ had the computer problem concerning the survey, not her. Nancy also said she had mailed the labels to Paul, K4UJ. Paul also has the survey sheet now.

Old business: There was some discussion from Phil, W4GTS, about the 160M plaques. Nancy mentioned that Dave, K4JRB, was handling the plaques.

Announcements: Sonny, KE4LDJ, mentioned that he knew of a 70' aluminum crankup tower with winch, Pro 67B, Ham IV rotator, and a Ringo Ranger 2M for sale. Anyone interested was to contact him. Asking price was \$2000. Someone at the club was already interested.

Nancy asked about the club's effort in CQWW last year. It was mentioned that the club placed 9th.

New business: Mike, K4PI made a motion to match donations for the ZK1XXP North Cook up to an agreed upon ceiling. Nancy said that with all the outstanding obligations, the club didn't have any extra money. She detailed the expenses including the costs of the survey, etc.

Ernie also mentioned the auction as a money raiser. The motion was tabled for now. Dick, K2UFT, seconded the tabling until the club has more money, possibly in May. In the meantime, if anyone has made any direct contributions, tell Nancy.

Fritz, KJ4T, announced that the K4JPD DX repeater is now in his basement working. This should improve reception on the east side of town.

No door prizes were available so a break was announced.

The program was given by Gary Breed, K9AY. Gary holds some patents in the design of antennas and showed us his improvements for low band wire antennas. He basically improved the EWE antenna shown in QST last year. His improvements were featured in QST this fall. It was a very interesting and rewarding program. Gary showed how the gain and selectivity could be improved by phasing several together. Just in time for the 160M season!

(continued from p2) wrapup of the ZK1XXP operation. Antennas went up in one day (Saturday) so they would not offend the locals by working on Sunday. They made over 15,000 QSO's in five and a half days. They used two radios mostly. They also had some amp problems and 80/160M were a problem. Most contacts on 20M (4219) followed by 17M (1935) and then 40M (1904). The mode split was 6708 SSB and 8101 CW. There were about 500 RTTY as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

-Rick, N4XXM, Sec.

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Nancy Draheim, NK4U

Balance 9/30/97 (Checkbook)	\$2976.68
Income	\$145.00
Expenses:	
Outgoing QSL's	\$8.00
Postage	\$10.40
September Newsletter	\$48.13
Balance Checking 10/31/97	\$3055.15*

* Of this balance, \$905.15 is from the packet fund and \$920 is reserved for the CQWW 160 plaques. That leaves \$1209.24 for actually club expenditures.

Hope everyone got a 'new one' in CQWW... or at least enjoyed the contest. The antenna is finally up with coax attached and works great. On my second contact I finally got that elusive last country for WAZ. Now to do the paperwork. New email address: nk4u@bellsouth.net

See ya at the November meeting.

73, Nancy NK4U, Treasurer

FOR SALE

Kenwood TS-50, excellent condition, original box and packing, \$650.00 Contact at work or at home before 9 PM. See phone numbers on back cover. Ernie, KS4Q

DX TIDBITS

-Rick Glisson, N4XXM, editor

Things been a little slow so there is a little space in the newsletter for the tidbits column. This month a few thoughts about what happens in my shack between contests.

Picked up all the ham gear my dad had at home and now I am integrating some of that into the N4XXM "Terror of 20M" station. A Kenwood TS-450 has now replaced the TS-440. Of course all the controls are different! Now I have a separate power and carrier/mike controls. One thing I really wanted to do is to try RTTY. The TS-440 has some kind of feedback problem if you wire the RTTY controller through the ACC plug on the back. The TS-450 fixes that but you have to find a DIN 13 pin connector to make it work! Of course the only place that had even heard of the connector was HRO. 13 pins on one connector takes a steady hand and small soldering device. I favor the butane model found at Radio Shack with the 1 mm tip.

After plugging in the connector, the next trick was to get a program that would allow me to communicate to the KAM and not get hung up with WIN95 serial port timeouts. Finally had to use my 486 laptop running a terminal program with a few macros.

Found a station running RTTY loud enough to tune in on 20 meters, an XE! Not major pileup material but an excellent test station. Running a whopping 100W, I hit the F1 key after he CQ'ed. Since he came back to me, I must have wired it correctly! Told him he was my first RTTY contact and he promised QSL 100%! Now I can go after those rare DX stations who always run RTTY during prime openings!

I favor the revival of the DX need list. Steve, K4WA, always reports on the DX stations I need two days after they've been on! Since he's near a radio when he's not out of town, I think we should introduce a handicap system. The number of countries you have worked should be divided by the number of hours you could have been in front of the radio. Something for the DXCC 2000 bunch to consider.

Just before CQWW SSB, I tried to hook up the TS-450 to CT. Found that the 450 was not listed. Then tried all the Kenwood settings. Nothing worked! Got on the internet, subscribed and posted a note to the CT reflector and in several hours I had the answer. There was a TSR I had to run to get it to work! What a world!

-Rick, N4XXM