



# SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

*THE  
SOUTH'S  
PREMIER  
DX CLUB*

November 1998

## MEETING TIME & LOCATION

Tues., Nov. 17th, 7:00 PM, TECH AMERICA, just north on Buford Hwy north of I-285.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

**-Mike Greenway, K4PI**

No DX'er should be complaining about the good conditions we are having. The CQ WW test can't be beat for building those band country totals. I heard some of our club members during the SSB CQ WW pileups. K4DN in there as 40m single band, N4XFA in his first ever CQ WW, N4XMX knocking them out on 10m, K4VT with his big signal. I know there were others out there I didn't hear, but I hope everyone had fun. Please send your scores in with Southeastern DX Club in the affiliation block.

We still use 147.54 simplex as a ragchew frequency. I know here on the westside we use it during the contest to have a short chat between each other to see how the contest is going. Even if you are single op it doesn't keep you from taking a break and see what the other guys are doing.

Not much longer till the CW portion of CQ WW so dust off that key. If you haven't tried out the CW pileup trainer PED, give it a try. It will train your ears to reject all those stations on the same frequency and pick out the one you want. It is freeware and you can go to [www.ac6v.com](http://www.ac6v.com) and get a copy. If you have any problem getting it or setting it up drop me an e mail.

-73 Mike Greenway, K4PI P49I

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## GET READY FOR CQWW CW!!!

## VP CORNER

**-Jim Worthington, AD4J**

The October meeting featured an interesting presentation on contesting by Jay Pryor, K4OGG, including shots of his recently erected, tree-supported beams. This was the perfect kickoff for the fall contest season marked by the CQWW Phone Contest.

I enjoyed sharing the 15 meter multi-multi duties with SEDXCer W4DD and one other operator at NQ4I. Jeff went down to NQ4I early and made several improvements to the station. We had some good European runs and managed a little over 1,000 QSOs with 127 countries on 15. 10 meters was quite good, as well.

JoAnne Glisson, KF4YOQ, operated her first CQWW and added several countries to her quickly growing 10 meter total. Way to go JoAnne!

This month's meeting will feature a slide show by Jeff Stuparits, W4DD, on DX stations. Included will be shots the W3LPL superstation and its eight towers.

In December, Ned Mountain, WC4X, will be talking about bicycle mobile DXing. Ned is planning to show us his 2 wheel shack and play a tape of one of his Asian DX QSOs from the bike.

-73, Jim AD4J

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## Vern Edgerton W4OTX SK

According to Nancy, NK4U, Vern died of pneumonia several weeks ago. He lived on Bells Ferry Road and his antennas could be seen from I-75. Our condolences go to his family.

## TREASURERS REPORT

**-Nancy Draheim, NK4U**

Nothing much new to report this month. The only bill we paid was for September's and October's Newsletter for a cost of \$73.06, leaving us a balance of \$3061.71.

Getting together before the meeting is a great way to calm down after fighting that blankity blank 285 traffic. Hope all we join us. Look for Mike's directions... just remember to turn the correct way when you come off 285.... I didn't and they had to send out a scouting party.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

73, Nancy NK4U Treasurer

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## SEDXC MINUTES 8/18/98

**-Rick Glisson, N4XMX, Sec.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM by Mike, K4PI, President. There were 20 members present.

Mike first of all read the amendment put forth by K2UFT that was to be voted on. This was published in the newsletter as required. Dick, K2UFT, made several comments as well as K4VT and others. A requirement was brought up from the rules that 50% of the members must be present for an amendment to be voted on unless an unanimous vote is taken to suspend that rule. A vote was taken to suspend the rule and was defeated because the vote was not unanimous. The point was then made that the constitution has different wording on how to vote and this will be straightened out during an executive meeting. The executive committee present then voted to suspend rule 7 and go ahead with the vote. The vote was then taken and held that DXCC must be held to be a full SEDXC member. The conflicting wording will be straightened out later by the executive committee.

There was no new or old business.

We have a new member, Woody Charlton, K5GOE, and we welcome him.

After the break, door prizes were given. Phil, W4GTS, won the antenna handbook, Dale K4HGG, won the transmission line book and Dick, K2UFT won the t-shirt.

Mike indicated that the t-shirt supply was getting smaller and the club needed to be thinking about what type of shirt they would like next. Contact Mike if you have any ideas.

The program was done by Jay, K4OGG. Jay showed and few of the big SECC contesting sites including W4AN and NQ4I. Jay also showed a neat trick of hauling up a 15 M monobander up a pine tree to use towards EU during the contest. The antenna could also be lowered if necessary quickly. He also painted the antenna black to help it disappear from the XYL and neighbors! (*I may need this trick for the 2 el 40M Telerex I have.. -ed*)

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

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## DX TIDBITS

**-Rick Glisson, N4XMX**

Both my daughter and I put in some time during CQWW last week. She quickly got the hang of it after some pointers in pileup etiquette. Her biggest problem as a beginner was getting the callsigns right of the people calling. She wanted to call CQ but I made her prove she could correctly copy callsigns first. Still plenty of room for improvement but she had a blast!

A few of the good ones she pulled in were the 3V, KH0, and FK8. 10M hasn't been this good in quite awhile. When I let her call CQ, a PY station actually came back! She can't wait to do it again. Unfortunately, we will be out of town during CQWW CW but there are several other contests including some CW ones coming up. I stayed in the shack to make sure she copied the calls correctly and entered them in CT the right way.

Since she operated 10M during the day, I operated 40 and 80 M at night. Worked four new ones on 40 and three new ones on 80 M. The hardest and most rewarding QSO was with C56T on 40M. Big pileup and I had to try every trick in the book. Second hardest was S50A on 80M. That one took quite a few repeats and the noise level was very high. Only station I could raise on 160 M was VE3EJ. Always has great ears unlike some of the stations south of here. Now for 80 M DXCC!

CU in the pileups.. Rick, N4XMX

## TIPS FROM MR. 160

-Mike Greenway, K4PI

### BURY THAT CABLE

Believe it or not, Home Depot sells a tool to bury cables. I have seen quite a number of novel ideas over the years but this one is fairly simple. I think the tool cost about \$17. It is a half moon shaped metal piece with a bent back portion for you to put your foot on like a shovel. It is sharp on the bottom half of the metal portion.

It makes a slit in the ground and you rock it back and forth to open up the slice. I will go down 3-4 inches. I have used it to bury electrical cable and control cables.

Some tips; use it after we have had rain so the ground is softened up and the soil sticks together better. When dry the dirt tends to fall back in the slice the tool makes. The tool's handle with break off fairly easy. I have modified mine several times. Occasionally you will hit a small stone. A large screwdriver is good to pry these out. Use a narrow piece of wood to push the cable down into the slice. I usually do about 25 foot and then go back and as I start to lay the cable I use the tool to reopen the slice somewhat. I usually lay a small amount of dirt over the slice and the grass will cover it over in a short time.

The Wireman sells 2 grades of direct buriable coax. Both are RG8 size, but one is low loss for VHF and the other is good for HF. Having your cables buried for some distance out to the antennas gives you better lightning protection and XYL pleasing.

73 Mike Greenway, K4PI P49I

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### Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin No. 382

The Ohio/Penn Dx PacketCluster DX Bulletin No. 382 BID: \$OPDX.382 November 9, 1998 Editor Tedd Mirgliotta, KB8NW

**8J, ANTARCTICA.** Several bulletins state that the Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition station 8J1RL at Showa Base, Ongul Island (AN-015) is now active. They report that the station has been heard on 21228 kHz at 0900-1000z.

**9K, KUWAIT.** You only have a few days left to work Bob, 9K2ZZ, because he is leaving Kuwait on No-

vember 14th. He has been very active these past few days on 40 and 10 meters. His QSL Manager Ray, W8CNL, states that as of November 5th, Bob has made 162,498 QSOs. Look for Bob to be active on 160-10 meters including all 3 WARC bands on SSB, CW, and RTTY.

**A5, BHUTAN** (HIDXA trip postponed). Your editor received a letter from Jim Smith, VK9NS, who was planning to go to Bhutan during the last week of October or the first week of November, but the following was reported by Jim: "... I have reluctantly decided to postpone my planned travel for the time being for several reasons. We have had major problems on Norfolk in the last two weeks involving air travel to and from the island. The mail situation has been terrible to put it mildly. This has been partly due to an extended period of very poor weather conditions. In one 36 hour period alone the island had between 12 and 14 inches of rain (depending on location) with high winds and great deal of disruptions to power and island facilities. All the antennas survived but one tower was almost lost but saved by its safety guying system. We are used to these storms from time to time and there is still much to be done here. There will be some disappointment at this decision however as you are aware this planned visit to MOC was not intended to be a DXpedition (see HIDXA Release) but rather a means of getting things organized for the near future. Many of the donations received were linked to a DXpedition type activity. There is a great deal to be done in Thimphu so that a viable station system is in place and ready to go. It is some years now since HIDXA donated a considerable amount of amateur radio equipment (some 10000 USD) to the Wireless Division (now M.O.C.) as a means of assisting Bhutan make a start. It has been a long and difficult road for MOC (and HIDXA) trying to get the necessary Telecommunications Legislation in place to permit the hobby of Amateur Radio and other Telecomm, related matters. Bhutan has been a long time project of HIDXA as you know..... We will return to Bhutan as soon as it is practical to do so and when I can travel to Bangkok more easily. Will be back in touch with you. Warm regards and Tashi Dalek! (may your journey be a safe one)....." 73, Your in Amateur Radio, Jim VK9NS, HIDXA

**BQ9P, PRATAS.** The operation will take place between November 12-19th. The callsign will be BQ9P and not BV9P as used in the past.

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K4KR (2400) 145.63  
K4KG (2400) 144.91  
W4UCK (24 & 96) 145.65, 144.97 (ARCDX)  
NI4X (9600) 144.93, 145.71, 440.75  
K4UJ (2400) 145.67 (SE Megacluster)  
(telnet 205.217.100.91)

## DX COMMUNICATION FREQ.

Simplex 147.54  
Melvin 147.51

K4JPD Repeater (tone 7)  
147.195+

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