



Bulletin



December 2021

Founded In 1958

Merry Christmas – See You In 2022!

Date & Time: December, 2021

Location: Out There

Theme: *Wait and See!*



Happy Holidays, y'all! While we are recessed until January (there is no December meeting), there is plenty to do on the bands this Holiday Season. Take a moment to look into the many contests, special events and (especially!) DXpeditions that are out there and check them out! Please share what you find on the SEDXC reflector.

From the Prez *(de Chuck Catledge, AE4CW)*



Holiday greeting to all! As Hanukkah has recently drawn to a close and Christmas is just around the corner, I hope and trust we are enjoying the season with family and friends. This a time of remembering the blessings we have received and the joy of sharing those blessing with everyone around us.

Of course, we count as one of our blessing the privilege of enjoying Ham Radio! And, even in this time of low solar flux and minimal sun spots, surprising things happen. For me it was my truly accidental discovery that Monk Iakovos, SV2RSG/A was on 40M on Dec. 1st at 00:21UTC running FT8. I thought I had worked him on CW back in July, but I didn't make it into his log. So, here was my chance for a do-over and an ATNO. I, thankfully, remembered how to get FT8 up and running in fox/hound mode, found what appeared to be an opening in the spectrum and keyed the transmit button. Presuming this would be a long-shot I looked away to check on another project. When I turned back, I was startled to see a red-bar

“AE4CW SV2RSG” response to my second call followed almost immediately by a red-bar “AE4CW RR73; K5SM <SV2RSG/5> -00”. I must have landed on a very quiet spot in the spectrum to have been picked out among the -00 to +15 signals! He gave me a -05 report (from my 40 watts!) while he was -14. Congratulations to everyone who needed this for an ATNO and secured a contact!!

I watched for a while longer and noticed that lots of folks were calling SV2RSG (no /A), and a similar large number were not using Fox/Hound mode. Both requirements had been published but apparently overlooked. A confusing factor may have been that Monk Iakovos was omitting the /A in his initial responses but including the /A in his final confirmations. I believe he has been on the air three times since July, so perhaps we will see him again soon on 160M. I need that one for sure!

Our colleagues from the SECC have been really active lately. The 160M contest drew quite a crowd and Andy AA5JF reported that 160 and particularly 80 into Europe is as good as its been this season. On other DX fronts, the Rebel DX Group is evaluating their plans to head for Bouvet this month as the Omicron variant has constrained access to South Africa. Stand by for an update soon. And be sure to check out the DX opportunities highlighted in *DX World's Featured DXpeditions Timeline* which is updated multiple times each month and a great place to find band fills and maybe an ATNO.

As we close out 2021, keep looking for those unexpected surprises that make Ham Radio so much fun! Enjoy the season; see everyone next year!!

73 es Gud DX,

Chuck, AE4CW

VP's Corner (de Clark Macaulay, WU4B)

Happy Holidays!



Here we are in December. Shorter hours of sunlight can lead to ATNO DX contacts as Chuck AE4CW found out (see his column). As I'm writing this in Atlanta, cooler and rainy days can also justify more time inside for workbench projects long since overdue. There may even be time to tackle that pile of reading material that's been building for months.

I recently ordered the 2nd edition of *Grounding and Bonding* by Ward Silver N0AX and plan to read it this month to evaluate what changes I need to make to my

modest station. While I don't have aluminum arrays high above the trees, there is potential for lightning damage that, while impossible to eliminate, can be at least minimized. A few years ago, I had a strike through the cable TV equipment that took out the modem, RS232 card on the shack interface, and the digital interface on my K2 that led to changing to a WIFI connection between the cable modem and the shack computer. It's not easy to unplug everything here, so I pay double attention to bonding and grounding (those terms are not interchangeable—see Ward's book). I don't think I have noise problems caused by poor bonding, but I do notice something strange on the shack computer when transmitting 100w on 12m. So, it's time to read this 2nd Edition *Bonding and Grounding* and make any changes for the better.

What's on your To Do List for the new year? New antenna? Operating accessory that you've always wanted to try? Upgrade the main transceiver to one of the new ones released this year? Perhaps update some of the shack software you've been putting off? The winter months provide for inside activities when the bands are dead.

While we won't have a SEDXC meeting this month, we do have some very interesting speakers lined up for our January – March meetings. I'll have more to say about that in January.

December is also a time to gather with family and friends that we may not have seen for some time. Ham radio is a blast to be sure, and we can get very involved with the technology and operating skills. Notwithstanding the debate about FT8, at the other end of the QSO is a person who built the station and is operating it. Ham Radio is often referred to a fraternity because of the people component. So, consider reaching out to a ham you (and I include myself) haven't talked with or shared a cup of coffee with this year. Make it personal if you can.

Whatever your holiday traditions, Tricia and I wish a safe and memorable holiday to you and yours.

73,

Carl, WU4B

Treasurer's Journal *(de Jeff Cantor, K1ZN)*



Greetings, Fellow DXers! It is not often that you spend less during the Holidays, but that is just what happened this month! Here is what we paid out:

| Purpose | Amount |
|---|----------------|
| Final plaques purchased for the <i>100 Watts and a Wire</i> Contest | \$29.00 |
| TOTAL: | \$29.00 |

Our Account Balance is \$16,267.84!

Attached to the *Bulletin* is a Funding Request that we are excited about – It's the Crozet Islands DXpedition being planned for mid-December, 2022 through March, 2023. Crozet is 3rd on the "Most Wanted" list, and the 90-day run make it much more likely that you can capture this single-operator event. We will take up the funding discussion at our first SEDXC meeting in January. Stay tuned!

GUD DXing & 73,

Jeff, K1ZN

Around the Shack *(de Hal Kennedy, N4GG)*

Happy Holidays, Hal!



We are truly blessed and honored to have Hal Kennedy, N4GG, as a monthly writer for *The DX Bulletin*. Hal is truly prolific; month after month, he turns in a timely article, full of personal insights and good "ham radio tech". He "tells it like it is"; I'm sure we have all smiled more than once as he's shared both his successes and his "first attempts" at the things we have all experienced as hams.

Hal is enjoying the holidays with his family – Please join us in wishing him the very best of the Season!

See you in January, Hal!

“Gettin’ Real” In 2022 (de Bob Sarnecki, NF7D)



I have to admit; I had a lot of fun DXing this year! Each year, I get involved in my share of contests, DXing, antenna experiments and other “modest ham adventures”, but in 2021, I was able to cross a few things off my list, including 5-Band Worked All States, all but one band for 5-Band DXCC (pesky 80m!) and my first 1,000 contacts for the DX Challenge.

I have never worked seriously at the DX Challenge before, but in 2022, I’m planning on “gettin’ real”. For the past few weeks, I’ve been working on a way to keep track of DXpeditions using an MS-Excel workbook with information that is pulled together from W3UR’s *WeeklyDX Bulletin*, DX World.net, the ARRL DX Bulletin, and a few other sources. I call this my *DXCC Challenge Tracker*; it’s been evolving over the past few months. I have a spreadsheet for each month, and each DXpedition gets an entry that looks like this:

| | A52CC | | | |
|------|----------|-----|----------|-----|
| | 11/17/21 | | 12/21/21 | |
| | CW | FT8 | RTTY | SSB |
| 160m | | | | |
| 80m | | | | |
| 60m | | | | |
| 40m | | | | |
| 30m | | | | |
| 20m | | | | |
| 17m | | | | |
| 15m | | | | |
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I change the modes (depending on the preferences sometimes shared by the DXpedition), but this simple method helps me know what bands I have worked for a given DXpedition, and the total number of DXCC Challenge points I’ve “earned”. The dates on the left and right are the start and end of the DXpedition; the top “call bar” changes colors based on the dates (gray for not-yet-active, green for active now, and red for no longer active). DXCC Challenge is not so much about modes as it is “bands worked”, but since I am also tracking on modes, I track that as well.

To help keep track of what I need, I set up DX Alerts in using VE3SUN’s *DX Monitor*. I’m always on the look out for alternatives, but VE3SUN has served me well (though

the program is a little dated. If you have suggestions, let me know, and we’ll share!

Right now, my December *DXCC Challenge Tracker* looks like this:

| | SZ4/HB9DSP | | | | HI7/DL2SBY | | | | Z21A | | | | Z22O | | | | SZ4/HB9DSP | | | | HS0ZNR | | | | S21DX | | | | HZ19SAT | | | | SOS | | | |
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| 1 | 12/02/21 12/16/21 | | | | 12/02/21 12/14/21 | | | | 12/02/21 12/15/21 | | | | 12/02/21 12/15/21 | | | | 12/02/21 12/16/21 | | | | 12/12/21 01/21/22 | | | | 12/16/21 12/22/21 | | | | 12/09/21 12/28/21 | | | | 12/09/21 12/31/21 | | | |
| 2 | CW FT8 RTTY SSB | | | | CW FT8 RTTY SSB | | | | CW FT8 RTTY SSB | | | | CW FT8 RTTY SSB | | | | CW FT8 RTTY SSB | | | | CW FT8 RTTY SSB | | | | CW FT8 RTTY SSB | | | | CW FT8 RTTY SSB | | | | | | | |
| 3 | 160m | | | | 160m | | | | 160m | | | | 160m | | | | 160m | | | | 160m | | | | 160m | | | | 160m | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 80m | | | | 80m | | | | 80m | | | | 80m | | | | 80m | | | | 80m | | | | 80m | | | | 80m | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 40m | | | | 40m | | | | 40m | | | | 40m | | | | 40m | | | | 40m | | | | 40m | | | | 40m | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 30m | | | | 30m | | | | 30m | | | | 30m | | | | 30m | | | | 30m | | | | 30m | | | | 30m | | | | | | | |
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| 8 | 17m | | | | 17m | | | | 17m | | | | 17m | | | | 17m | | | | 17m | | | | 17m | | | | 17m | | | | | | | |
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| 21 | 160m | | | | 160m | | | | 160m | | | | 160m | | | | 160m | | | | 160m | | | | 160m | | | | 160m | | | | | | | |
| 22 | 80m | | | | 80m | | | | 80m | | | | 80m | | | | 80m | | | | 80m | | | | 80m | | | | 80m | | | | | | | |
| 23 | 40m | | | | 40m | | | | 40m | | | | 40m | | | | 40m | | | | 40m | | | | 40m | | | | 40m | | | | | | | |
| 24 | 30m | | | | 30m | | | | 30m | | | | 30m | | | | 30m | | | | 30m | | | | 30m | | | | 30m | | | | | | | |
| 25 | 20m | | | | 20m | | | | 20m | | | | 20m | | | | 20m | | | | 20m | | | | 20m | | | | 20m | | | | | | | |
| 26 | 17m | | | | 17m | | | | 17m | | | | 17m | | | | 17m | | | | 17m | | | | 17m | | | | 17m | | | | | | | |
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| 28 | 12m | | | | 12m | | | | 12m | | | | 12m | | | | 12m | | | | 12m | | | | 12m | | | | 12m | | | | | | | |
| 29 | 10m | | | | 10m | | | | 10m | | | | 10m | | | | 10m | | | | 10m | | | | 10m | | | | 10m | | | | | | | |
| 30 | 6m | | | | 6m | | | | 6m | | | | 6m | | | | 6m | | | | 6m | | | | 6m | | | | 6m | | | | | | | |
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I have a growing spreadsheet for January, 2022; I just add a new tab as I add an entity that will be available each month. It doesn't look like much, but once I work and log a station through my "normal set-up", I just add 1 to the appropriate band/mode cell, and it keeps my count for me. Having everything on this "dashboard" helps me avoid spending time chasing an entity on a band I already have – I used to do that by looking back in my log.

I'm glad to share more details about the process and the spreadsheet itself; just drop me a note! It may not be the best answer for everyone and so your mileage may vary, but for me, this process seems to be paying off; it took me 12 years to "gradually" get to my first 1,000 in DXCC Challenge; since I started using this "system" in late October, I've added 68 new entries (LoTW confirmed).

Have a Very Merry Christmas, 73 es CU on HF!

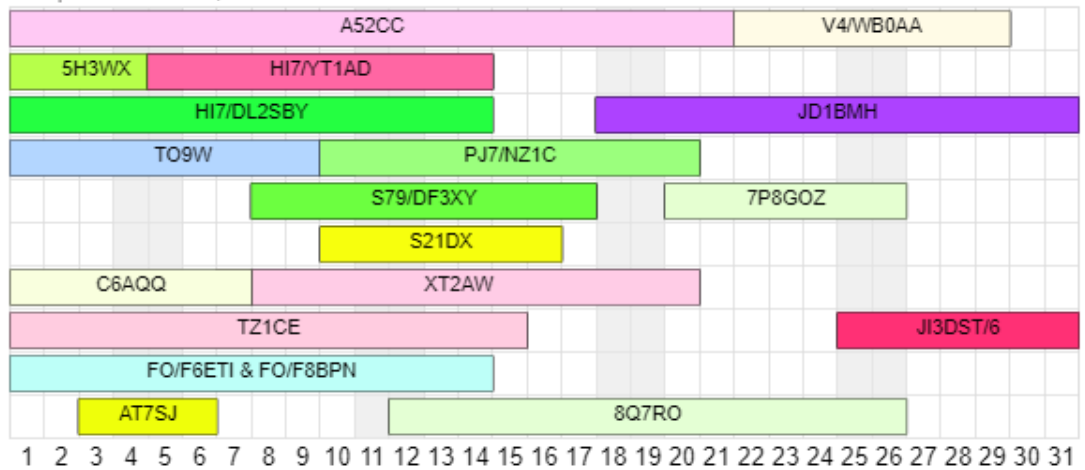
Bob, NF7D

DX-World Featured DXpeditions (Courtesy www.dx-world.net)



DX WORLD.net FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

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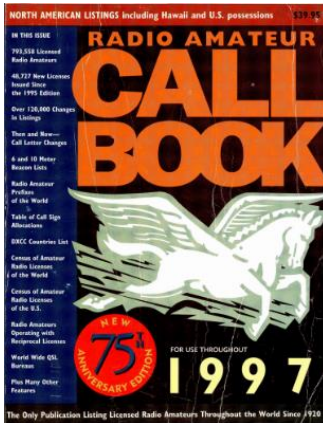
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25 Years Ago... (de Bob Sarnecki, NF7D)



Well, December, 1996 may be a little early for this edition of *CallBook*, but I couldn't resist sharing how you used to find a call "back in the day"! No QRZ, FCC Universal Licensing System Search, ClubLog, Logbook of the World, etc. The printed CallBook was still the "preferred" way for most of us.

The *Radio Amateur CallBook* (or simply "The CallBook") has gone through quite a few changes; it's available now on from the ARRL on a USB Stick, CD-ROM, etc. It's published twice a year and integrates with some of the automated logging software that is out there today. Sadly, the last paper CallBook was printed in 1997... Things certainly have changed!

By the way, if you're ever looking for specifics on an old call and do not have an old version of The CallBook, trying getting in touch with Pete Varounis (aka "Pete the Greek"), NL7XM. On his QRZ page, Pete (the self-defined "Radio Amateur Callsign Historian") has 24.5 *feet* of CallBooks from "back in the day" and will gladly look up an old callsign for you in any CallBooks older than 1997. When I got in touch with Pete in January of this year, he was able to find my old WN3BAL call back in the 1975 CallBook in his collection, confirming my original license date of December, 1975.

You can reach Pete at NL7XM@arrl.net or at TwelveVDC@aol.com.

In the following pages, enjoy "all the news, fit to print" from the *SEDXC Bulletin*, 25 years ago!



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

*THE
SOUTH'S
PREMIER
DX CLUB*

December 1996

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION

Tuesday, Dec. 17th, 7:30 PM, Old Hickory House in the Days Inn, Roswell Rd., just inside I-285.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

-Steve Schmidt, K4WA, President

I've always felt the term "DXer" was an acquired title. On several occasions I have been asked, "Are you a DXer?" My usual answer: "I chase DX.." Perhaps with over 280 countries worked, I qualify for the title, but I'm not sure. It's certain that Bruce Montgomery is a DXer; it's equally certain that, with less than 50 countries, I was not. So where's the break point between these two extremes?

Perhaps the title is conferred in casual conversation. "Oh, yeah, K4PI, he's a DXer." Yes, of course. But don't the qualifications of the conferring person come into question in the decision-making process? Perhaps there's a finite hurdle of which I am unaware. Say, at 300 worked, you're officially a DXer. Or is it 300 confirmed? Does the size of one's tower enter the equation? One's operating habits, perhaps? Calling incessantly in a pileup, not listening when the DX is transmitting, should probably disqualify you. Perhaps you have to maintain courteous operating habits to keep the title.

I've just wondered about this on occasion. Maybe when we stop wondering if we are DXers, and decide we are, we've passed the hurdle. Perhaps others wouldn't agree with us, but I suppose it's a personal thing. Sort of like choosing to work the DXCC program with help from nets. You get the same certificate, but some people wouldn't really be proud of it. I imagine the certificate used to be the hurdle, aside from differences over the methodology used to acquire it.

Before packetcluster, internet, DSP, Frequent Flyer programs and the like, the certificate was a more significant hurdle (at least, I imagine it was). It's just too bad we don't have a ceremony.. you know, like the

one they have for newbies the first time they cross the equator on a sailing vessel. Now THAT would be a memorable hurdle.

The results of the 1996 CQWW 160 Contests are out. I've looked them over; the club squeaked and lurched into a second-place finish in the club competition. In the CW results, only 12 stations from Georgia are listed in the Single and Multi Operator entries combined. Pennsylvania had 25 listed in Single Operator alone. I won the state in the High Power category using a dipole at 60', though KM9P waxed me with low power. Any number of you could have taken my certificate.

The SSB results don't look much better, though K4JRB got on for awhile and made a rather impressive showing for a SSB effort. KR4UJ (who now has dropped the R) won the state in the Low Power category. AB4RU (now W4WA.. and hey, what a nice call!) led Georgia in both modes with Multi Operator efforts. We have K4PI to thank for a significant effort from Aruba; without it, we would have dropped considerably in the Club Standings. In both contests, some prominent club members, and 160 operators, are conspicuously absent. Please make a commitment to get on in both contests and rack up some points for the club. Dick Bentley is keeping a list of commitments from the membership. I hereby commit, with K4UJ, to meet or exceed 300,000 points in a Multi Op effort from KP4 in the CW contest, and for an additional 70,000 points from my shack in the SSB contest.

I am pushing for an update to the membership roster, not just to update the vanity changes, but also to correct some serious oversights in the listings for some of our XYLS. My apologies to Evelyn Greenway, Sherry Burdette, Delaine McCarthy, Florence Montgomery and Martha Henson. If I've missed anyone, please let me know.

The December meeting should be a lot of fun. We'll have several nice prizes for the drawing, and a white elephant gift exchange. Everyone should bring a wrapped gift from the shack (or for the shack). Nothing extravagant (unless you (*continued on p2*))

(continued from p1) just want to known as a wonderful person); used and useless items are acceptable, the funnier the better.. just keep it in good taste. Paul has a very informative and interesting program planned. We'll dispense very quickly with any business items. I'm looking for a great turnout and an opportunity to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all my friends. Please don't disappoint me.

-Vy 73, Steve K4WA

FROM THE VP

-Paul Pescitelli, K4UJ, VP

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73 - Paul K4UJ

ROMEO, ROMEO, WHEREFORE ART THOU?

Response from ARRL from a question asked by Dick, K2UFT.

Hi Dick,

We can't say for sure where the operation took place. We have strong doubt it was from within the borders of Myanmar. Certainly if he said he was on an island, that's different from what point he indicated to us on a map. The location he indicated on a map was with a few miles of Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, and China. I have no problem with you using the explanation in the club newsletter.

The problem is not computer programing, but in manpower and budgetary dollars. All Burma contacts not identified by callsign would have to be searched manually in the old record files to verify if they were XYØRR or something else. Then the computer records would have to be searched line by line for those individuals, then an additional computer program would have to be used to take it out. We simply don't have the budget to do so, and I doubt if DXers would be willing to fund it either.

73 Bill K5FUV

(Next month if room, I will print the entire official response from Bill -ed.)

MINUTES

-Randy Tudor, K4ODL, Sec.

SEDXC Meeting Minutes Nov 96

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 - Membership renewal - please make sure to send your renewal.

New business -Reminder about the CQWW CW test. Work Bob Brockman (WX4G) at P4ØJ. Also, John (K4BAI) will be at 8P9Z. We have some club members working with AA4S on the "Handkey 2 Team" (along with Bill, KM9P). Try to work as much of the TEST as you can and submit your score for the club.

Steve reminded us of the donations for the Heard Island Dxpediton, the club has collected \$140 at this time. Wes (W8FMG) talked about the status of the trip and offered to donate the shirt off his back for a door prize. After Wes gave his shirt, the club donations went to \$521.00. We are over our goal of \$1000.00 with the matching contributions.

Paul, K4UJ, is taking a list of names for new SEDX callsign badges. Let Paul know if you would like to order a new badge to go with that new callsign.

Announcements -

| Call | Date | Qsl/Op |
|-------|------------|--------|
| XZ1N | Nov. 16-25 | W1XT |
| VKØWG | Nov. 15-? | VK5WG |
| VKØIR | Jan. 13-27 | |

TBA Drawing - All funds for the drawing went to the Heard Island Dxpediton - all donations recorded and will be sent with the matching funds.

Program -Paul, K4UJ, introduced the program guest Bill (KM9P). Bill gave a very good program on contesting tips. Bill has been very successful in contesting and he shared his knowledge with the club. We want to encourage all club members to take part in all contest and submit your score for the club.

The 160 test will be coming soon and we would like to WIN this again. We will need help from all club members. Please make plans to work the 160 TEST this season. Thanks to Bill for an excellent program.

-73 Randy, K4ODL

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Nancy Draheim, NK4U

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|------------------------------|-----------|
| Balance 10/31/96 (Checkbook) | \$2947.34 |
| Income: | \$616.00 |
| Expenses: | |
| 160 plaques | 350.25 |
| Heard Island DXpedition | 1000.00 |
| Total Expenses | 94.50 |
| Balance Checking 11/30/96 | \$2213.09 |

Hope everyone had a good Turkey Day. It's getting cold up in Virginia and I was glad to be home again. Besides that, the grandchildren were costing me too much \$\$\$. You know how (or will someday) grandchildren always know Grandma (Grandpa) are good for whatever they want.

See you at the next meeting.

-73, Nancy NK4U (I kept my call), Treasurer

BEEPS DE K2UFT

-Dick Bentley, K2UFT, Activities Director

Here 'tis. At this rate, if I get enuff scores, I won't have to say anything at all! 73

Beeps de Dick, K2UFT

Thanks to those who heeded the request and submitted scores:

CQWW CW:

Call: K4WA 366 1022 2.79 2899 => 1 2 9 , 7 9 4
SOAB

K4AAA 2758 77052.79 159542 => 5,401,205 SOAB

W4WA 2789 8093 139 4134,467,336 MSAB

K4PI 450 1228 2.73 25 92143,676 SO80

AK4I 105 282 2.69 35 7330,456 SOLP

K2UFT 105273 2.60 21 6423,205 SO80

CQWW SSB

P49I 1606 4695 2.92 22 81483,585 SO80

P40DX 1162 33642.90 55 121592,064 SOAB

KR4UJ 405 1102 2.72 80 210319,580 SOAB

K4OGG 74 202 54 3217,372 SOAB

K2UFT 21 48 2.29 10 191.392 SO80

SS - CW

K4BAI 730 1460 78113,880 SOAB

K4OGG/M 59 118 273,186 SOAB

SS - SSB

K4BA I 421 842 7462,308 SOAB

K4OGG 402 804 7257,888 SOAB

If you want to see your call here, send me a copy of your score sheet, preferably on the Internet to dickb@akorn.net.

Looking forward to competing in the 160 Test at the end of January. Finally got my ladder line inverted L in the air - so far, its a killer receive antenna (heard 5 or 6 JAs on a recent morning) but not much to talk about in the transmit department, but that may be a function of the competition outweighing me (figuratively speaking, of course!) in power and antenna. Don't forget that I'll be looking for your point commitment for the contest at the next meeting - if you can't make the meeting, Email me or give me a jingle at 770-913-3624.

Its not too early to be thinking about this year's DX Dinner during the Atlanta Ham Festival. The event has been sanctioned by the ARRL Executive Committee as the 1997 ARRL Georgia State Convention on June 21 and 22. The location is expected to be City Hall East, the Atlanta Radio Club is awaiting Atlanta City Council approval of the lease agreement. Let's make it a big deal this year with a banquet, guest speaker(s), and even a SEDX booth for the ARRL & Club QSL checkers to sit at!

See you at the meeting!

73 de Dick, K2UFT Activities Chairman

DX TIDBITS

-Rick, N4XMX

I dug into the ARRL 160 CW contest last weekend and it was 3:00 AM before I got a GA multiplier! W4WA (ex AA4RU of course!) was plugging away. Sri about the dupe, I was carried away! Do all the GA stations S&P?

As editor (four years of plaques) the deadline is the biggest problem. Two weeks before the meeting, I need articles. If anybody has a better way, I'm open to suggestions.

CU in the pileups...

-Rick, N4XMX