



# SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB

W4NT

*THE  
SOUTH'S  
PREMIER  
DX CLUB*

December 1998

## MEETING TIME & LOCATION

Tues., Dec. 15th, 7:30 PM, TECH AMERICA, just north on Buford Hwy north of I-285.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

**-Mike Greenway, K4PI**

It has been a busy month for DXing here. A few new band countries have been added due to all the activity. Conditions were excellent during the CQWW CW test. 10 meter was the best I have seen it in a long time and even 160 was good.

With this excellent weather we are having you are getting a good chance to repair and install antenna systems. See my tip on radial laying in this bulletin. This past weekend I installed 600 square feet of aluminum screen wire under my 160 antenna to see if that would help me any. It is a winter installation mostly. I cover most of it up with leaves which I have an abundance of right now and remove it in the spring. Since the tower is next to the house I installed some of it on the floor joist of the house in the basement. That will stay permanently.

Don't forget about 6 meters since it is now also included in the DXCC 2000. I picked up a SB220 yesterday and I'm going to try and convert it to 6 meters. Anyone have any experience with that? Let everyone know what you are up to by putting some notes on the reflector. I hope Santa will bring you that rig you have been wanting... Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.....

73 MIKE GREENWAY K4PI P49I  
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**7:30 PM  
MEETING TIME**

## VP CORNER

**-Jim Worthington, AD4J**

Thanks to Jeff Stuparits, W4DD, for his excellent slide show on DX stations. The taped narration and Jeff's added comments made this especially interesting. At this month's meeting, 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.

It's been a good fall for DX. I missed the CQWW CW contest while on vacation in San Diego, but look forward to operating the ARRL 160 and 10 meter contests this month. 10 promises to be especially good.

Club member, Tom Rauch (W8JI), has put together a premier 160 meter station with a 200+ foot vertical, a phased wave vertical 4 square array and phased dipoles at about 250'. For receiving, he has several Beverages which he can use individually or steer using a phasing box. With his low-noise, farm location, Tom can hear the stop light change 9 miles away in Barnesville! I'm hoping to spend a few hours at W8JI this weekend during the 160 contest.

-73, Jim AD4J

**HAVE A HAPPY AND  
SAFE HOLIDAYS!  
MAY ALL YOUR DX  
ANSWER ON THE  
FIRST CALL AND  
ALWAYS BE IN THE  
LOG!!**

## TREASURERS REPORT

**-Nancy Draheim, NK4U**

Treasurer's Report for December 1998

Balance October 31, 1998	\$3061.71
Income	\$379.00
Balance November 30, 1998	\$3440.71

Hope everyone has a great holiday season. I've gone back to school so it will be necessary for me to miss a couple of meetings (at least December and January), but hope to get a better schedule after that.

If anyone wants to take over sending out the QSL cards, it wouldn't hurt me any to give up that task. All you have to know is to put the cards in the correct country order, collect labels from the QSTs of those sending, and mailing them off. I'll reimburse all costs from the treasurer.

73, Nancy NK4U Treasurer

Mike also has books and shirts for the Heard Island DXpedition.

See Jim, AD4J about sponsoring ARRL SS and DX SSB/CW plaques.

Gary, W9AY, said to please listen for is QRP signal from W4WA in the upcoming ARRL 160M contest.

The program was presented by Jeff, W4DD. Jeff had slides and a running commentary on three big contest stations. This included W4PRO, AC4HB and W3LPL. After seeing the program, I can understand why these fellows do as well as they do!

Mike, N3FDU, said that he would make green vinyl signs with your callsign in them if you send him email. You can pick them up at the next meeting. An announcement of this was posted on the SEDXC reflector to give members a chance to get their order in. Mike's email address is: LASER-MD@ix.netcom.com

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

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## DX TIDBITS

**-Rick Glisson, N4XXM**

What a month! With XU, XZ, BQ9, and FT5Z all on around the same time, it was hard to figure where to point the antenna! Three new ones for me, the XU, FT5Z and BQ9 only one contact apiece. At times the DX were on top of each other at the same time!

One advantage is that some other normally rare DX was left hanging and easy to work such as EL, V6, TL, and even 5A. Good time to pick up band countries also.

The ARRL 160M contest was interesting. The guys down at J6A had a bang-up signal, way above anybody else in Caribbean. Signals to the west at my house were not as good as sometimes. An XE was so faint I didn't even try and normally, XE is a given. A few good people out west giving out AZ, WY, OR, and WWA. Worked only one station in CA and that may be a miss. Did hear some flutters that were KH7R.

Finally got the 100th 40M card in, now on to 80M. Worked 71, have 49 cards. Guess it's time to camp out down there for a few contests. A few days before and after a contest are excellent times to work these people on 80 and 160. I worked the J6 people SSB on 160M with no pileup before the contest. During, it was a different matter!

CU in the pileups.. Rick, N4XXM

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## SEDXC MINUTES 11/17/98

**-Rick Glisson, N4XXM, Sec.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Mike, K4PI, president. There were 23 members present.

A vote was taken whether to have a December meeting or not. The ayes carried and there will be a meeting on December 15th. Since this is early in the month, it was felt that this would not interfere with the holidays.

Mike reminded everyone about CQWW CW coming up on Thanksgiving weekend and to send in your scores.

The Pratas DXpedition was discussed and a fair number had worked them with a few more going to try some more. Propagation has been difficult.

Old business: Phil, W4GTS, got up to tell a story about a kind club member who called him to tell him that Pratas was on and with a decent signal. He was able to work them and the signal was never any better and fading fast. He was very happy.

New business: Fritz, KJ4T, brought four bundles of European airmail envelopes. The idea was that the club would buy them and sell them to club members. However, they were purchased by club members before it came up for a motion.

## TIPS FROM MR. 160

-Mike Greenway, K4PI

### TIP #2 in a series

I'm sure I have related these ideas on laying ground radials but I occasionally find someone I have not told. Usually people relate radials with burying wire. They are more effective and much easier laying them on the ground.

The first thought is no way is the XYL going to permit all this wire on the ground... Fear not they will disappear below the grass in a short growing time. Winter is a good time to put them out while the grass is low. You won't trip over them either. The best type wire to use is small gauge insulated. #20 or #22 is a good choice. Smaller size will work but it has a better chance of getting broken.

Tie it to the tower or item you are laying it under with some extra length for hookup. Pull the wire the length you want it to be. Exact lengths are not important on radials laying on the ground. Pull it taught and temporarily tie it to something heavy to hold it in place i.e.. cinder block.

You will need some stiff wire. I use #16 or #14 aluminum fence wire. Cut a piece about 4 inches long. Place a pair of needle nose pliers in the center of it and bend the 2 sides down. This makes a very long narrow "U". Place that over the wire and plug it into the ground. Damp ground helps. You might be able to get by with shorted "U"'s depending on the ground condition. This is a temporary device as in the summer the grass will cover it.

How many do you need?? See the book "Low Band DXing". It has all the answers.

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**3W** - Takeshi, JA6EV will be active as 3W6EV from Vietnam for one week from 5 December. Look for him on 14.157 and 21.157 MHz. QSL via JA6EV either direct (Takeshi Katsuki, 3-10-9 Nabeshima, Saga, 849-0937 Japan) or through the bureau. [TNX JA1ELY]

**9M2** - Hans, DF5UG was able to go and operate as 9M2QQ from Pulau Ketam (AS-074), West Malaysia on 28-29 November. QSL via DF5UG. Hans expected to leave for Germany on 30 November, but he will be back to Malaysia in March 1999 (plans are to operate as 9M8QQ from Satang Island, OC-165). [TNX VK6LC]

**9M6** - Philip Weaver, HS0/G4JMB plans to be active again as 9M6CT from East Malaysia between 7 December and 16 January 1999. QSL to P.O.Box 7, Patpong Post Office, Bangkok 10506, Thailand. [TNX K1XN and The Golist] **C6** - N8ZJN (C6AKL), KB8YKR, WA8NJR, W8GEX (C6AJR) and WZ8D (C6AIE) will be active on 160-6 metres as C6DX from Abaco Island (NA-080), Bahamas between 8 and 16 December. The main focus of their trip will be the ARRL 10 Meter Contest and 6 meter F2, TEP and E-skip. QSL via WZ8D (John Walker, 1930 Meredith Ln., Loveland, OH 45140-7216, USA). [TNX WZ8D] **F\_ant** - F6ICA and F5GLS are expected to be active from Adelie Land, Antarctica for one year starting on December. [TNX F6AJA]

**JD1\_mt** - Ryo, JL1KFR will be active (RTTY and CW) as JL1KFR/JD1 from Minami Torishima (OC-073) starting on 8 December, length of stay unknown. [TNX JA7DHJ/1]

**EL** - Mark, ON4WW (ex-9X4WW, S07WW, 5T5WW) is now active as EL2WW from Monrovia, Liberia and will not return to Western Sahara. QSL via ON5NT. [QSL ON5NT]

**FT5W** - Gilles, F5AGL is reported to be a member of the 1998-99 mission to Crozet (AF-008). He is most likely to be active as FT5WH starting on December or January. QSL via F6KDF. [TNX The Daily DX] **VE** - Special event station VA1S will be activated (10-160 metres CW and SSB) by the Marconi Wireless Society until 31 December to celebrate 96th anniversary of the first successful radio transmission by Marconi. QSL via VE1AL. [TNX DX News Sheet]

**ZL9** - Ron Wills, ZL2TT and Mike Mraz, N6MZ have been forced to leave the ZL9CI team and have been replaced by Trey Garlough, N5KO and Wilbert Knol, ZL2BSJ. The other team members are ZL2HU, ZL2AL, ZL1CN, ZL2URN, VE3XA, EI6FR, GI0NWG, K3VN, 9V1YC and JH4RHF. ZL1CN will be active from Campbell Island (OC-037) on all bands and modes between 6 and 25 January [425DXN 393]. The web site for the DXpedition is at <http://www.qsl.net/zl9ci/> [TNX ZL2AL]

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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)

C ARCDX  
C W4UCK

## DX COMMUNICATION FREQ.

Simplex 147.54  
Melvin 147.51

K4JPD Repeater (tone 7)  
147.195+

## INTERNET REFLECTOR

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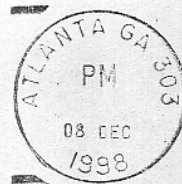
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TIME!!! 7:30 PM**

**MEETING: December 15th  
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