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**NO MEETING THIS MONTH
NEXT MEETING IN JANUARY**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

-Mike Greenway, K4PI

Well it is almost to the time when we can start crossing out the 19 on our QSL's and making it a 20. I am sure it is mentioned elsewhere in the bulletin, there is no December meeting as it falls just a few days before Christmas and everyone is very busy at that time.

Conditions have been fairly good. During the CQ WW CW Test, 10 meters was excellent. They don't get to much better than this so take advantage. Signals went all the way to 28200 and beyond. It was packed.

I guess everyone has heard the P51 signals. From the information I get they are not from North Korea. He has been on quite often though.

We are hoping to have the Spratly trip for program in January although Tom said he may have to make a trip to V73 around that time. We won't know until around the first of January.

I have had no input for any types of programs. Let me wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you in the next century!!

73 Mike Greenway, K4PI, P49I

SEDXC MINUTES 11/16/99

-Dale Nordin, K4HGG, Sec.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Mike ñ K4PI with 10 members present. members present

There was no Old Business.

It was decided that there would be NO MEETING IN DECEMBER. The next meeting will be on Tuesday Jan 18th, 2000.

Mike noted that club T- shirts were available for sale. \$10 for S.M.&L., and \$13 for XL

DX: Spratly was still on the bands; also XX9TRR was on 30 meters. Some 9U5 QSL cards are from bogus stations, however 9U5D is a good QSL card.

The program consisted of presenting questions on DXing and other general questions on Ham Radio.

1) It was suggested that there be more QSL Card Checkers for the Atlanta area. Chris ñ N4XFA made a motion that Mike, K4PI, Harry, W4KJ, and Hal, NN4S be designated as additional checkers. Jay, K4OGG second the motion and was passed unanimously. An application will be sent to the ARRL for approval

2) Badges: It was noted that the logo on the SEDXC club logo isn't as visible as it should be when using badges by the Signman in Louisiana. Another badge maker in S. Carolina was suggested by Dick, K2UFT. See Dick for more information. The new ARRL DX 2000 award was explained as a separate award. (Ed. note: the Dec QST has full description of the award).

Packet radio was discussed. Mike, K4PI said that the best packet is on the internet - a multitude of information.

What is the best antenna for 160m? Vertical good for a transmitting antenna, shunt feed a tower for 160 and 80m. 2.1 yagi for 40m will make a iworld of difference!

QSL methods were discussed: direct QSLing, registered letters, "green stamps", s.a.s.e with foreign stamps.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46p.m

-Dale, K4HGG

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!**

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Nancy Draheim, NK4U, Tres.

November 30, 1999 balance \$3294.55

No changes to the treasury since last month. Happy Holidays to all.

73, Nancy NK4U

FROM THE OLD MAN...

-Phil Latta, W4GTS

No Contest!

80M CW during the night of the CQWW contest was no place for sissies!

Every time a DX station stood by, there were dozens (or more) guys on his frequency calling him, playing with keys or loading up their kilowatts. Reminded me of hogs shoving each other at a feed trough!

We do we do it? Because, as someone said about the guys who climb Mt. Everest, "Because it is there."

My heartfelt thanks to all those who spotted rare ones on packet, especially Dick Bentley, K2UFT, who put me on to some good ones.

73 and see you in the pileups.

Phil, W4GTS

K4JPD REPEATER NEWS

-Fritz Berendsen, KJ4T

The repeater has been picked up by Steve, K4JPD and Jack Ray, K4MZW. It has been taken out for repair. Expected date of return is unknown at this time. Details will be given when know.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

"CHOD" HARRIS, VP2ML, SK

-FROM ARRL

QST de W1AW Special Bulletin 11
Charles J. "Chod" Harris, WB2CHO, SK

Former ARRL HQ staffer and CQ magazine DX columnist Charles J. "Chod" Harris, WB2CHO/VP2ML, of Santa Rosa, California, died December 8 of complications from a severe heart attack he'd suffered in early November. He was 50.

An ARRL Life Member, Harris was first licensed in the late 1960s. He was an honor graduate of Princeton University and president of the school's Amateur Radio club. Before coming to ARRL Headquarters, he taught school in Watertown, Connecticut.

In the mid-1970s, Harris ran the ARRL Club and Training Department. ARRL Executive Vice President David Sumner, K1ZZ, said Harris' tenure coincided with the League's response to the Citizens Band craze. "He faced the challenge of absorbing into our ranks the refugees of the CB boom," Sumner recalled. "He poured enormous energy and creativity into the task." ARRL Field and Educational Services Manager Rosalie White, WA1STO, remembered Harris as "a vibrant force, with a lot of new ideas for recruitment and education."

Harris also helped to author the beginner's classic Tune in the World with Ham Radio, among other publications. He also wrote numerous articles for QST and other publications over the years and once published several DX bulletins.

An active contester and DXer, Harris had operated from several exotic locations. He obtained VP2ML while living on the island of Montserrat in the late 1970s and early 1980s before moving to California.

Harris also served as an International Amateur Radio Union Region 2 Conference delegate from Montserrat, most recently in 1995 at Niagara Falls, Canada, where he chaired the HF Committee.

Harris took over as CQ DX Editor in July 1989.

Survivors include his wife, Jean, whom he met while working at ARRL Headquarters.

The family has asked that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the American Heart Association or to the Northern California DX Foundation. Friends may write the Harris family at 3201 Franz Valley Rd, Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

DX TIDBITS

-Rick Glisson, N4XMX, editor

As mentioned last month, I was in the CQWW CW contest from the GA coast. I worked 80M only using the vertical 80M loop that Dave Fischer, W0MHS, pointed out at a hamfest earlier this year. He suggested lots of radials, I just stuck a coathanger in the moist salt marsh soil 10 feet from the edge of the marsh! Still loaded up well and pulled in the signals.

I also used the attenuation trick that Gary, K9AY, talked about during his receiver specs talk this year. Was much easier on the ears and I still heard fine. Worked six new ones on 80 and also a couple that I do not have confirmed yet. Good ones include UA2, UA0, ZB2, J3, and LA. Also worked some of the regulars such as CN8WW just to make sure everything was working OK.

This year has been a good one for DX. The next hamfest I will be able to take at least six all time new ones to be checked. My EP card came back in one month direct! I have sent a message to HQ to see if this is a good one... That puts me with fifteen unworked countries to go. That has taken ten years of work. Now for that VK0!

Speaking of ten years, my license came up for renewal. I used the ULS method of directly asking for the renewal myself online. While not as easy as it was before ULS, it was not bad. I have already received the new license already. The main difference is that you have to connect directly to the FCC using a toll-free number rather than through the internet as in the past. The greatest challenge is getting connected to the FCC. They are very busy and it will take many tries before you will get in to the system. You must preregister for the ULS now before any change or renewal can take place. That can be done on the internet directly. Instructions on connecting to the FCC are also given on their site. Start with www.fcc.gov.

Another DX tip or suggestion: Don't ever look other modes such as RTTY when chasing DX. My only YK is on RTTY. Whatever works!

The tip is for 80M SSB people like myself. Hang around 3.775 to 3.800, especially the 3.795 to 3.800 range. All sorts of casual DX try their luck here. I worked a SM one night around 04:00Z who popped up, to work a few and shut down. You can't work them if you're not at the radio!

CU in the pileups...

-Rick, N4XMX

MR. 160 SAYS...

-Mike Greenway, K4PI

This is something that may save you some wasted money when you submit your next DXCC submission. I decided to get my monies worth on my last submission by maxing it out to 120 QSO which you can do for the first \$10.

When I received the paper work back they showed me owing another \$11. I contacted the DXCC desk to see what was going on. Apparently they do not type in the QSO info from the sheets you send. They type it in from the QSL and they enter whatever QSO's are on the card. Some cards may have 5 or more QSO's on them.

They all get typed in whether you have them already confirmed or not and you get charged for each one. They said if you only wanted specific QSO's counted on a card to put a yellow post it specifying which ones to count. This seems very backwards to me but that is what they told me. I would hope they would change this practice soon. If you only send in a few cards you won't run into this problem.

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3B8 - Giovanni, I5JHW will be on Mauritius Island (AF-049) between 31 December and 14 January and will operate (including the RTTY Roundup on 8-9 January) as 3B8/I5JHW. QSL via home call. [TNX I5JHW] 3W- Mal, VK6LC will be working in the South China Sea area for the next four months. He reports he might operate from Con Son and Cu Lao Thu islands in his leisure days off, "but will not be considering DXpedition style operating, social 3W6 contacts only". [TNX VE6VK and I1HYW] =

9G - Derek, F5VCR and others will be active from Abokwa Island (NO-REF), Ghana for six days including the first weekend of April. Further information is expected in due course. [TNX F5VCR]

HS - Champ, E21EIC reports the following Thai stations are expected to be active during the ARRL 10 Meter Contest: E20GMY, E21EIC, HS0GBI, HS0/G3NOM, HS4BPQ, HS9EQY (YL), HS72A (QSL via HS1CKC).

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W8ZF (2400) 145.63
K4KG (2400) 144.91
W4UCK(24&96) & ARCDX (2400) 145.65
NI4X (9600) 144.93, 145.71, 440.75
K4UJ (2400) 145.67 (SE Megacluster)
(telnet 216.1.128.11)
K4UGA (Athens)(2400) 145.67 (SE Megaclst)
(telnet 128.192.52.40 599, must put in port 599)

DX COMMUNICATION FREQ.

Simplex 147.54

K4JPD Repeater (tone 85.4 Hz)
147.195+ (Not up right now)

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