



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

*THE
SOUTH'S
PREMIER
DX CLUB*

January 2001

**Next meeting: January 16th, 7:30 PM
at Radioshack.com just outside I-285
on the Buford Highway.**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

-Mike Greenway, K4PI

Welcome to the new millennium !!!! Who knows what changes are in store for the DX community. It should prove interesting. The high bands continue to hold up even under the 27 day dip. They are projecting that we are near the top of the cycle if not already going down the other side. This cycle was a little bit of a disappointment for me as it never got really high as in some of the more recent cycles.

We are in for a treat on the program this month. The recent Kingman Reef Expedition ran by some of our club members will be the program. There should be 3 of the expedition members at the meeting.

We plan on eating at the Chinese restaurant that we have used before on Buford Highway, the Yin Jing. Directions will be provided in the bulletin and on the web page. Pass the word along to any DXers that might not get the bulletin.

K4VT is our ARRL QSL bureau handler. Any cards you have for him please provide him with the address label off one of your QST's and sort your cards in alphabetical order. These should be QSL's for QSO's from your home station as voted on a couple of meetings ago. We have several good programs lined up to start the year. If anyone has any input let me hear from you.

73 Mike Greenway, K4PI, P49I

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Nancy Draheim, NK4U, Tres.

There was no report this month.

73, Nancy NK4U

SENT TO MIKE, K4PI

Hello Mike:

Bob Allphin gave me your name as the SEDXA contact person for sponsoring DXpeditions. I've been on two trips with Bob (AH1A and CE0Z), and really wish he was going on this one. I always have a great time with Bob, and have learned quite a bit from him about low band operating. Actually, Bob was scheduled to go on this one but opted to go to Kingman Reef instead. He recommended me as a suitable replacement. As you may know, I did a solo trip as 9G1XA in 1993, and also was the main CW/lowband op at Kure K7K and Midway K4M in 1997.

I am getting in touch with you at the request of the DXpedition leader, Marco, CE6TBN, to see if SEDXA can help with our expenses. As things currently stand, each of the nine members is paying \$2500 for the boat plus airplane flight from Valparaiso to Juan Fernandez. On top of that, we each must pay for the flight from home to Santiago. For me personally, that means a total of about \$3700 base costs. I will also have to fork out about 300 to 400 dollars in shipping. Actually, as DXpeditions go, this is probably not terribly expensive, but I'm sure you know that things can really add up in a hurry.

Here is the lineup of antennas and equipment that we have procured for the trip:

Rigs: 3 x FT-1000MPs 1 x TS-450S 1 x IC-706 (six meter rig) 1 x TS-60 (six meter backup)

Amps: 1 x Ameritron 4x811A 1 x Alpha 76PA 2 x SB-220s

Antennas: Battle Creek Special 160/80/40 Force-12 80M vertical Force-12 2-el 40M vertical array Force-12 2-el VDA (vertical dipole array) 1 each for

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(continued from p1) 20,17,15,12,10 1 x TH3 tribander
20/15/10 1 x A3WS WARC duobander 12/17 1 x 1/4
wave vertical for 30M 1 x Pennant RX antenna for
160/80 5 element wide spaced M-2 yagi for 6 meters

The list of operators include OH2BH and DJ9ZB.
You can check out the web site at: WWW.QSL.NET/
CE0XT

The entire team would be extremely grateful for any
financial assistance that you could provide. Dona-
tions go directly to Marco, CE6TBN, at Box 1234,
Temuco, Chile.

We are looking forward to putting on an excellent
show from down there, and I plan on doing a bang-up
job on the lowbands from down there.

73, Randy Martin K0EU

Note from Mike, K4PI: We will discuss this at the
meeting.

CLAY GRIFFIN, W4DXI, SK

-John Laney, K4BAI

The Winter issue of the QCWA Journal ar-
rived today. It lists Clay Griffin, W4DXI, as a silent
key. I don't remember knowing anything about it. It
seems about a year since you asked for his address and
I got it from his son, Robert Griffin, who is a CPA here
in Columbus. The report of Chapter 49 of QCWA,
The Peach State Chapter, states that he was a "recent"
silent key at the time of their Sept. 16 meeting. I don't
know if we should have something about it in the next
club bulletin or maybe a note on the SEDXC reflector
or both. He was certainly one of the early members of
the club if not among the founders and he supported
the club with scores in contests over many years.
Seasons Greetings. 73, John, K4BAI.

JANUARY AND DECEMBER NEWSLETTERS

Due to a problem at the printer, the hard copies
of both newsletters are being sent together. The email
December issues were out on time. We apologize for
the problem. -Rick, N4XMX, ed.

SUPPER NOTE:

We are planning on eating at the Yin Jing
Chinese restaurant, 5302 Buford Hwy, this month
prior to the club meeting. Many of you probably
remember eating there before.

Getting there..... it is on Buford Highway just
inside I-285 about 6/10 of a mile on the right after
leaving I-285. It is in the Koreatown strip mall. It is
at the peak of a hill. Normally some of us get there
around 6 to 6 :15 depending on traffic.

See you there. -Mike, K4PI

DX TIDBITS

-Rick Glisson, N4XMX

Please read the update on page 3 about 3Y0C.
This is a good lesson in never assuming "I can work
him next week..." I have been trying ever since Chuck
got there to nail one but with the holidays and vacation,
it hasn't happened yet. Sometimes he is on but I can't
hear anything. A few other times I can barely hear him
but the simplex operation drowns him out. Reading
the update will explain some of the operating you have
heard from him. Most of the times he is reported, I am
at work. So be it. That's part of the hobby. Another part
of the hobby is to keep trying and keep listening! Don't
give up!

80 meters continues to hand out a few new ones
for me. The upgrade to Extra realling helps since most
of the new ones have been between 3503 and 3510.
CW is really the way to go since you stand a much
better change of actually hearing someone come back
to you..! You DXers who love this band have some
real patience! Not quite as bad as 160 though.

The FR/T cards should be out this month.
Hopefully VK0MM will announce his route this month
also. Need the VK9X card to complete the outstanding
new ones unless I get lucky with the 3Y. You will hear
the shout for joy from here if and when that happens...

The only advantage of the postage rate going
from \$0.60 for 1/2 ounce to \$0.80 for one ounce is that
now we can use those good heavy opaque security
envelopes without worrying about going over the 1/2
ounce for all those international letters. Oh well...

Good luck and I'll CU in the pileups...

-73 Rick N4XMX

3Y0C Update

The following is an update of 3Y0C given by Chuck to Charley, K4VUD. I heard the exchange myself and can attest to the content. -Rick, N4XXM

QST: Chuck, 3Y0C, called me on 14.260 at 0010Z January 7, 2001 and vy much wants me to pass along to the DX community the following message:

Chuck says that he definitely knows how to perform correctly as a DX station (how to do split, call-by-numbers, etc.), but that from time to time, he has only a few minutes for ham operation by taking advantage of the little breaks in his regular work. That means that he will be on the air for only a few contacts and then must QRT for indefinite time periods. (Suggesting that there is no need to go the trouble of doing split because of the vy small number of contacts possible at these short break times.)

At other times, he will have about one hour per day for more continuous and more traditional DX-style operations. When he has more time, he will utilize the usual DX operating practices; when he has the smaller units of time, he may make only 3 to 6 contacts prior to having to go back to work. (I think his astronaut training would allow him to cram in lots of different tasks within any time period. Please do not berate him for quick Q! RTs, but rather be glad he takes

Also, he said that his operating condx these days is very limited by reduced electricity availability...the one currently operational generator is defective (leaking oil) and thus can be operated only about 45 min. per day, limiting battery re-charging time. Thus, he never has full battery capability even at the best. This bad generator condx will remain the situation for the next 2 months. He described the electrical availability situation as a kind of "survival mode," although all other condx there are ok.

He announced that his operating intention includes 0400Z on Jan. 7 on 7.062 and other bands and other days/times as his time and condx permit. He also will utilize 14.260 to allow General USA contacts.

Chuck is obviously a gentleman. Let all of those of us who are calling him, help him continue that demeanor by everyone being on our best behavior.

73, K4VUD Charly

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Edited by I1JQJ & IK1ADH #505

3D2 - After their activity from Conway Reef (see below) the operators will operate from Fiji as 3D2AD, 3D2AU and other individual calls from 1 to 6 March. [TNX YS1RR]

3D2_con - YT1AD, YU1RL, YU1NR, YU1FW, YU7AV, YU6AO (YZ7AA), YS1RR, Z32AU and Z32ZM expect to operate from Conway Reef [425DXN 501] from 19 February until 18 local time on the 27th. The call will be announced on 18 February. They will be active on all bands and modes. QSL via YT1AD (Hrane Milosevic, 36206 Vitanovac, Yugoslavia). Donations can be sent to YS1RR (Raymundo Rodriguez, P.O. Box 32, San Salvador, El Salvador) or to VIPSAL 682, P.O. Box 02-5364, Miami, FL 33102-5364, USA. The web pages for the DXpedition are under construction at <http://www.kragujevac.co.yu/3d2> [TNX YS1RR]

8Q - 8Q7GB is the call issued to Gil, IZ1DLV for his 3-9 January activity from the Maldives [425DXN 504]. QSL direct only to IZ1DLV (P.O.Box 7039, 16148 Genova - GE, Italy).

A2 - Barry, ZS1FJ and Gerald, ZS1GRM will operate from Botswana between 14 and 20 January. They plan to be active on 10-80 metres (and if there is demand on WARC bands as well) mostly SSB as either A24DX or A24/home call. QSL via ZS1FJ. [TNX ZS5BBO]

CE_ssh - Oleg, UA1PBA is currently signing CE9/R1ANF from Chilean Antarctic station "Ripamonti" on Ardley Island, South Shetlands. QSL via RK1PWA. [TNX DL5EBE] CE0_jf - Look for Pat, CE1VLY to be active (on 10 metres only) as 3G0Z from Juan Fernandez (SA-005) during the last week of January. QSL via home call. [TNX CE6TBN]

J2 - David, J28EX/F5THR (ex 6W1AE, T94CD, TL8CD) is active from Djibouti until January 2002. He operates on 160-10 metres and is going to have a 4-element beam for 6 metres. QSL via FB1BON. [TNX IK2IQD]

PY0_spp - QRZ-DX reports that a group of DXers from Recife, Brazil (including team leader Jim Faria/PY7XC, PY7ZZ and PY7ZY) have obtained government permission to operate from St. Peter and St. Paul Rocks. The operators are providing their own transportation and there will be no limitations on their operating times. They plan to leave Recife on 2 February, arrive on the Rocks on the 7th and be active until around the 15th on 10-160 metres CW, SSB and maybe RTTY and 6 metres as well. Further information is expected in due course. Contributions from clubs and individuals can be sent to Bill, W9VA (w9va@aol.com), who is coordinating this operation on behalf of the Recife DX Group: Bill Smith W9VA, 1345 Linden Ave., Deerfield, IL 60015, USA.

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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
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+

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Program: K5K!! Be there!

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