



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

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DX CLUB*

March 2001

Next meeting: March 20th, 7:30 PM at Radioshack.com just outside I-285 on the Buford Highway.

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-Dale Nordin, K4HGG, Sec.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

-Mike Greenway, K4PI

February was a fairly busy month with YK9A, 3Y0C, D68C and others roaming the bands. At the writing of this letter it looks like things will be slowing down as we move into spring. Already the QRN levels are getting worse on the low bands.

The D68C was a big disappointment to most of the Top Bands guys in Atlanta. We were expecting big things from them but it never materialized. When they could be heard here they could never hear very well. We'll have to wait for a low band trip to that one. It appears we are on the down side of the cycle and you have seen the best it had to offer. I'm looking forward to some better low band conditions myself in a few years.

I wanted to get a copy of the standing rules that are in place for DXpedition Donations but I am not sure if I will have it in time for the bulletin. These are from the 1980 era that lost their way. I want to see them changed but at present they stand.

We have ARRL DX type appointees in the club now if you have not already heard. N4NX, Bill Barr, a DXCC checker. See the club web site for details on what he can check and other info.

K4UEE, Bob Allphin is on the ARRL DX Advisory committee. I am hoping to get Bob to come and talk to us about what his responsibilities are in regard to that appointment. Let me hear from you on what you like/dislike about what we are doing.

73 Mike Greenway, K4PI, P49I

Mike-K4PI, called the meeting to order at 7:30 with approx. 15 members and 2 guests (KT4MM, & K4YJ) present.

Bill-N4NX checked a number of DX cards both at Baldinos before the meeting and at the club meeting. (Bill is one of 2 ARRL DXCC card checkers in Georgia).

After introductions, Mike considered the D68 and CE0XT donation question. Bill - N4NX mentioned that under some "standing rules" the donation procedure would be as binding as the club by-laws. This question again was tabled until the next meeting so Mike can review the rules before they are placed before the club, with some possible rule changes, and voted to be incorporated into the by-laws.

Some DX news: The 3Y0 was active on 14160 and 14195; The D68 operation was still very active on all bands. After this discussion we went into the Clipperton program.

Some brief observations about the program: This month's program was a video presentation on Clipperton Island - 2000 (FO0AAA), a commercial quality videotape produced by 9V1YC. Bob-K4UEE, one of our club members, was one of members of the DXpedition and has a couple of copies of tape for \$20 each and a copy of the ZL9CI for the same price. More copies can be made available. Clipperton became a French territory in 1935 and the 2000 dxpedition was one of a succession of operations since 1958. It is barely a "spot" in the Pacific being only a few kms long and 20 meters wide with 300 meters at the widest point. This island is almost invisible in the rainy season and the surf presented a challenge both on landing and departure from the island. Food was cooked on the boat waiting off-shore and brought in every day. Humans introduced the coconut palms found there in the last century. The island also has a large bird population.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Dale-K4HGG/SM1WRI

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Nancy Draheim, NK4U, Tres.

There was no report this month. -Nancy NK4U

DX TIDBITS

-Rick Glisson, N4XMX

It finally happened... I know there is a first time for everyone, but it had never happened to me before. After 11 years DX'ing, someone actually sent me a card first! E4/G3WQU sent me a card for a 40M CW contact and included not only a self addressed envelope but also included a green stamp! Needless to say, his card went out the next day. As they say, I'll always remember the first time... :)

Cards have been coming in such as YK9A and a few more 80M cards such as V51AS have put me at 96 confirmed on 80M. Several active stations have been on 80M such as D68C, VP2MDY and C56/DL2OE. I have 20 outstanding but I am sure that a few of those are "Hail Mary" contest QSO's made in the heat of battle. The race is on for the ARC Hamfest assuming they will have an ARRL checker there. I have a few cards that are near the 10 year mark so Bill might not be able to check them.

Gave a radio talk to some Scouts and basically covered propagation, EM theory, and callsigns, etc. Took a radio and set up a Cushcraft R-5 and let them listen to WWV and some 40M broadcast and hamband chatter. Get your radio out of the shack and let someone see it. Get kids interested and get the next generation on the way.

Other DXpeditions that have been cooking are Conway Reef, Pratas, Kingman, and Spratly Island. Except for the high bands, signals have been pretty weak. The one exception has been the D68C crowd. Before they started, I had one D6 confirmed and one just worked. These people cranked up with 25 operators, six high power stations and hit over 168K contacts with 45K unique calls. They basically drained the bands dry except for 160M. I ended up working them 16 times with no dupes including RTTY on 2 bands.

Now to wait for my VK0MM and 3Y0C cards! Good luck and I'll CU in the pileups...

-73 Rick N4XMX

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Edited by I1JQJ & IK1ADH

9M - Mirek, 9V1XE (VK3DXI) will be active (mainly on CW on the usual IOTA frequencies) as 9M8DX/2 from Penang Island (AS-015) between 13 and 15 March. QSL via 9V1XE (Mirek Rozbicki, 7 Seletar Terrace, Singapore 806908).

A5 - Dimitri, RA9CO plans to operate (on all bands CW and SSB) as A52CO (hopefully) from Bhutan on 15-21 March. His main activity will take place during the Russian DX Contest (from 12 UTC on 17 March to 12 UTC on the 18th). QSL via UA9DD (P.O. Box 69, Ekaterinburg, 620073, Russia). [TNX The Daily DX]

T8 - Kai, JM1LJS will be active (on 80-6 metres CW and SSB) as T88LJS from Palau on 17-20 March. QSL via JH8DEH (Akira Miyata, 4-28-5 Minami, Nishi 23, Obihiro, 080-2473, Japan). [TNX The Daily DX]

PW0S —> The final QSO count for the recent PW0S DXpedition to St. Peter and St. Paul Rocks was around 7,800. "The team (PY7XC, PY7ZY, PT7BZ, PY0FF) arrived at the Rocks on the morning of February 9, finding the sea much too rough to even consider landing", PW0S Coordinator Bill Smith, W9VA reports. "The seas subsided enough on the morning of February 12 to attempt a landing, and they were able to get some equipment ashore and operating by 2100Z. The bad weather continued with high winds, lightning and rain, frequently interrupting operations. Because of the three day delay in landing, by February 16 the group was already way overdue getting home to their families and jobs. Supplies were running out. The weather was such that they could safely get themselves and equipment off the Rocks, and the sensible decision was made to leave." The QSO count "is well below expectations", but they were "7,800 contacts that would have not been made at all without incredible courage and devotion to our hobby. An effort was made to spend at least a little time on all bands and modes, including RTTY". QSL via KU9C. The web pages for PW0S are at <http://www.soutomaior.eti.br/mario/paginas/dx.htm> (logs should be available soon).

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SEDXC STANDING RULES

DXPEDITION DONATIONS... The club will match member contributions toward DXpedition donations of up to 25% of the budgeted amount or the remaining portion of the budgeted amount, whichever is less, for any DXpedition to a country in the top 25 countries needed by the club membership. A matching contribution of up to 10 % of the budgeted amount or the remaining portion of the budgeted amount, whichever is less, will be donated to any DXpedition to a country in the next 25 most needed countries of the club membership. The budgeted amount will be updated along with other financial requirements of the club by the officers and presented to the membership for approval from time to time in the discretion of the officers, but not less than every six months in accordance with the By-laws. The 50 most needed countries will be determined from the annual computer-run, as adjusted in the discretion of the Executive Committee for subsequent DXpeditions or activity.

QSL'S FOR DX STATIONS.... For any SEDXC Regular Member who is the QSL manager for a station which counts for a country in the top 25 countries needed by SEDXC members, an amount equal to 50% of the then current cost of regular SEDXC QSL's up to a maximum of \$50 or the remainder of the budgeted amount, whichever is less, will be donated, providing that the QSL bears the club logo and indicates "QSL Cost Assisted by SEDXC". An amount equal to 25% of the then current cost of regular SEDXC QSL's up to a maximum of \$25 or the remainder of the budgeted amount, whichever is less, will be donated to SEDXC Regular Members who are QSL managers for DX stations which count for countries in the next 25 most needed countries. The top 50 needed countries will be determined by the annual computer-run, as adjusted in the discretion of the Executive Committee for subsequent DXpeditions or activity.

Note from Mike, K4PI: Personally I would like to see these changed as they appear to tight to ever make any contributions of worth. After paying dues you have to make another donation just to get a percentage of them out seems unfair. We do not have a computer run anymore so we will need to make adjustments. There are some listings that show most needed on the East Coast which would be an indicator. Place your thoughts on the reflector and lets see if we could hammer out something to submit to the club for approval.

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QSL D68C —> Please note that the QSL manager is G3SWH (Phil Whitchurch, 21 Dickensons Grove, Congresbury, Bristol BS49 5HQ, England), not G3SXW.

QSL ZF2LM —> Jay, AF2C is the QSL manager for ZF2LM. Bureau cards are welcome, direct requests should include an SASE or \$1.00, no IRCs please. [TNX AF2C]

QSL VIA IN3ZNR —> Fabrizio reports he will start processing QSL requests for **XW3ZNR** and **XW3QBR** (27 December 2000- 11 January 2001) after 15 March, when he expects to receive the cards from the printer. The address for IN3ZNR is Fabrizio Vedovelli, Via Gramsci 27, 38100 Trento - TN, Italy.

STOP —> DXCC Manager Bill Moore, NC1L reports that STOP (a "lack of documentation" case) has been approved and cards can be submitted for DXCC credit.

TM1Z —> Luc, F6OYU reports this is the first special TM call legally issued by the licencing authority in France since "more than one year". QSL via F6OYU (Luc Hedoin, 1020 route de Frans, 69400 Villeranche, France)

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DX PACKET FREQ.

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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