



Minutes of the SFDXA meeting, January 8th, 2014.

President Bill Marx, W2CQ, called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

We pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

We introduced ourselves, and **28** of us signed the attendance sheet.

On the Agenda:

- Don Drennon, N4TZH, has qualified for Full Membership and his application was approved without dissent.
- The application of Art Lewis, WB8VSJ, for Full Membership was approved without dissent.
- Miguel Garate, KJ4YVN, President of the Miami-Dade ARC, promoted the Miami Hamboree [Jan 31 and Feb 1]. We are looking for help at the SFDXA Booth.
- Discussion on the Hamboree DX Forum and Saturday's SFDXA dinner plans. Bill announced that Dan Henderson, N1ND, and Dan Street, K1TO, will attend the DX Forum.
- Sebastian is working with Norm, W4QN, to update the SFDXA web site. Comments and suggestions are solicited.
- SFDXA will join with Pete, N8PR, in the ARRL W1AW Centennial operations as W1AW/4 [2014 Feb 19 – 25]. We are looking for operators, including at the club station, for the weekend of 22-23 February.

Our speakers presented: "The Sun and Propagation"

Rich Rosen, K2RR, presented a five minute video showing two months of solar activity.

Pete Rimmel, N8PR, presented a video and photos on the theory of solar magnetism and sunspots, and all about solar wind, sunspots and how solar radiation results in Auroras.

We adjourned at 8:55 PM.

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Future meetings:

March 5, 2014

May 7, 2014

July 9, 2014

September 3, 2014

November 5, 2014

January 7, 2015

Secretary Pro tem: Ed Callaway, N4II



Special Report: MIAMI HAMFEST SFDXA, January 31-February 1, 2014

by Bill Marx, W2CQ

The Miami Hamboree was a complete success for the South Florida DX Association.

While attendance seemed to be about the same last year, and Vendors were down it did not appear to me to be as solemn an event as 2013. Friday was not busy but Saturday was. An Icom booth and the ARRL's presence gave more credibility to this year's event. The addition of Maker Faire was terrific and provided a nice excitement with the activity the families brought, and seeing the Robotics and other presentations on Saturday. I thought it blended well with Ham Radio. Vendors were down but I still managed to spend a bunch of money on things I needed, or know I own but can't find.

We were right in the Center for those not attending...Across from the ARRL and we combined the booth with the QCWA making a large three booth presence. And we filled it..boy did we, the booth and chairs were busy and filled most of the time. Donuts and coffee were plentiful(Thanks QCWA) as well as the conversations.

Don N4TZH updated the SFDXA Member Presentation Norm W4QN made last year. He brought a large screen monitor that showed Members shacks and pictures of the Club That played large for two days.

Don W3AZD brought his vast collection of QSL Cards as he always does and manned(& womaned?) the 4th Area QSL Bureau with Hope WB3ANE. Don also checked cards for DXCC.

Mark K2AU brought all the clip board and paperwork with information on the SFDXA and sign up sheets for new members and Dinner sign up sheet.(last count I saw 8 names of those who want more information on Membership). Ill subscribe them to the Reflector and Mark K2AU will follow up. Mark signed some new Associate Members and collected some dues.

W4AS Sebastian volunteered and was to provide transportation for our ARRL guest but that turned out not needed. But it was Thanks to Sebastian who set up the Dinner at Las Vegas Restaurant.

Pete N8PR provided the Audio for all the Hamboree Forums and the SFDXA Provided the Projector and Screen for the Forums as well.

So a HUGE round of Applause and Thank you to those who stepped up to help make this a good time for our Club.

The DX Forum had 36 in attendance, I kept count as some left and others came in.

Dan Henderson N1ND from the ARRL was unable to get a timely connection because of the cold snap in Atlanta and the flight cancellations. Jeff said Mike Lee AA6ML, the ARRL Southeastern Division Vice Director was here. So Mike said he would fill in for N1ND and since his Forum on the ARRL Centennial was after The SFDXA Forum it was perfect.

I had also asked Rick Ruhl W4PC, if he could give us 5 to 10 minutes to fill in the time and he did. He did a fast moving description of Ham Radio Deluxe logging software and it's features.

Dan Street K1TO did a wonderful and interesting presentation of his experience in Qatar recently. He finished the hour with a complete History of the WRTC. So much to see and learn. Great Job Dan!

After Dan finished it was running over the hour allotted and we still had Door Prizes to give away, so we decided Mike Lee he would combine the ARRL update with his, and so we ran the Door Prize fun.

The following were Door Prize Winners for the SFDXA Forum 2014.

WINNER	PRIZE	DONOR
YV5AM	Ham Radio Deluxe + 1 yr service and Support	Rick Ruhl Ham W4PC Ham Radio Deluxe
N4MB	ARRL Handbook	Mike's Electronics Ft Lauderdale
Grandson of W1RG, Christian	CQ 15 Month Calendar	Anonymous Donor
KE4PT	ARRL HF Digital Handbook	ARRL through N4TZH
AD4Z/HI3A	AC Power Handbook	ARRL through N4TZH
W3AZD	RFI Handbook	ARRL through N4TZH

The Dinner Saturday night after the Hamboree was a big success, and we sure had fun. We went back to the Las Vegas Restaurant, where we held it last year, and the food and service was even better. 21 members and guests ate, drank Presidente's and Corona's, and had a good time.

I have been a ham for 55 plus years now But I still get a great deal of enjoyment going to a Ham Radio Event. Whether it is a Local Flea Market, a Regional Convention of Hams, or the Grand Daddy of them all Dayton. ...As you get closer and see the Antennas on cars, Ham Call Signs on license plates, and walking into an event seeing HT's in pockets or in hands of those looking for friends, and as you pass others that have already been inside and rushing home with bags and goodies they just found, to try them out...I Never get tired of that.

While it didn't grow as we would have liked it to, I think it showed there is a market for the larger event here in South Florida and I look forward to The Miami Hamboree 2015.

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Bill Marx W2CQ



Minutes SFDXA meeting, March 5th, 2014.

President Bill Marx, W2CQ, called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM.

We pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

We introduced ourselves, and **39** of us signed the attendance sheet.

The Agenda:

- We introduce the 2014 officers who take over with this meeting.
 - **Bill M, W2CQ – President**
 - **Sebastian, W4AS – Vice President**
 - **Ray, N4RU – Treasurer**
 - **Kai, KE4PT – Secretary**
 - **Lou, W9IL – Director**
 - **Ed, N4II – Director**
 - **Don, N4TZH – Director**
- Denise Sharp, K4MME, voted Full Member. New Associates: Jim Calcanes, WB4JC; Gene Stern, KC4FA; Larry Ryan, AA1EE; Dan Zuckerman, WQ3G.
- Don, N4YZH, presented a brief slide show of the Miami Hamboree, with pictures of the SFDXA booth, the DX Forum and the DX Dinner [Dave Novoa, W4DN, photos]. See the 'presentations' web page.
- Pete, N8PR, coordinated the W1AW/4 FL Centennial operation. He reported that SFDXA operators netted 2198 QSOs from club station K4FK, totals included over 50 operators and a total of 54,351 QSOs on all bands 160m – 70cm, including many EME contacts.
- 24th Presentation of the SFDXA DX HOG of the Year Award. Award started 1980. Winner for the year 2013 is Kai, KE4PT.
- We viewed the ARRL 100th Anniversary video.
- Ed, N4II, announced that MARC, W4MOT, has earned DX Honor Roll with latest QSL. They may be the first club to have earned Honor Roll.

We adjourned at 8:55 PM.

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May 7, 2014

July 9, 2014

September 3, 2014

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Kai, KE4PT, SFDXA Secretary



Minutes SFDXA meeting, May 7th, 2014.

President Bill Marx, W2CQ, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

We pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

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The Agenda:

President Bill, W2CQ reports:

- Donated to K1TO \$200 for WRTC 2014.
- Donated to ClubLog /Michael Wells 59.00 GBP [\$101.74 US].
- Robin N4HHP requested use of SFDXA repeater for RACES activation use. We expect 2 test drills max per year; and during actual emergencies.
- Treasurer's report: \$3946.19 in general fund, in \$115 in DX fund.
- New member vote into the club: Dan, WQ3G, and Larry, AA1EE; Ron KM4AIM new Associate member.

- Presentation: Carlos, N4IS, "High Performance Receiving Antenna for a Small Lot", stimulating discussion of low noise receiving antennas for top band.

We adjourned at 8:55 PM.

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Minutes SFDXA meeting, July 9th, 2014.

President Bill Marx, W2CQ, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

We pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

We introduced ourselves, and **29** of us were in attendance.

The Agenda:

President Bill, W2CQ reports:

- Keith Garner, K4ROX, joined as new Associate Member.
- Dan Ross, AI4CJ, voted Full Member.
- Al Black, N2DUI, voted Full Member, voted DXA.
- Shelly Weil, K2BS, voted Full Member, voted DXA.
- Presentations:
 - Shelly, K2BS, reported on Ham Radio and Scouting
 - Sebastian, W4AS, reported on the status of trans-Atlantic 2 m quest
 - Kai, KE4PT, presented "Out of this world antenna measurements"

We adjourned at 8:45 PM.

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September 3, 2014

November 5, 2014

January 7, 2015

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Kai, KE4PT, SFDXA Secretary



Minutes SFDXA meeting, Sept 3, 2014.

Vice-president Sebastian, W4AS, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

We pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

We introduced ourselves, and **29** of us were in attendance.

The Agenda:

- N4RU relaying Ed, N4II, announcement about an upcoming webinar. K4ZW has scheduled a Topband webinar for Thursday, September 11 at 9 PM EDT (Friday, September 12 at 01 UTC). The subject is: "A Long Overdue Review of Gray Line Propagation on the Low Bands." It is being presented by the World Wide Radio Operators Foundation and presenter K9LA.
- Carlos Vegas, N4THW, reported on his 2005-2006 operation from Iraq.
- Pete, N8PR, report from WRTC 2014 and ARRL Centennial in Connecticut.

We adjourned at 8:55 PM.

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November 5, 2014

January 7, 2015

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Kai, KE4PT,

SFDXA Secretary



Minutes SFDXA Board meeting, October 22th, 2014.

Venue:

Dunkin Donuts, 9170 W. State Road 84, Davie, FL 33324, Phone: 954-533-5698

President Bill Marx, W2CQ, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Attending:

- o Bill M, W2CQ – President
- o Ray, N4RU – Treasurer
- o Kai, KE4PT – Secretary
- o Lou, W9IL – Director

Discussions:

- Recommended funding Navassa project from DX-fund.
- Equipment and tower maintenance.
- Officer and Board candidates for 2015.
- Emergency repair and equipment fund.

We adjourned at 8:40 PM.

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We pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

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The Agenda:

- SFDXA fund donated \$50, and several generous members donated for a total of \$545 to the KP1-5 Navassa Project.
- 160 / 80 m receiving antenna project; we need to replace the tower.
- 2015 Miami Hamboree SFDXA Committee chair: Don Drennon, N4TZH. Miguel, KJ4YVN reported on Hamboree planning, it will be January 30th and 31st.
- Marty Falk, KI4IQZ, Assistant South Florida Section Manager for the ARRL, presented the South Florida DX Association with an Award from the ARRL celebrating 35 years of affiliation with the ARRL, accepted on behalf of SFDXA by Norm, W4QN.
- We voted in New Full Member Keith Garner, K4ROX
- Dan Thompson, W4UH, and Julio Henriquez AD4Z, who operated as W1T team representing the USA in the recent WRTC 2014 event related their experiences operating in a competition among 59 teams of some of the best operators from all over the world <www.wrtc2014.org/>
- The 2015 SFDXA officer candidates are:

President – Don Drennon, N4TZH
Vice-president – Bill Marx, W2CQ
Secretary – Kai Siwiak, KE4PT
Treasurer – Ray Smolenski, N4RU

Director – Ed Callaway, N4II
Director – Lou Hodges, W9IL
Director – Al Black, N2DUI

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