



The SFDXA January 7th, 2015 meeting Report.

Dave, W4DN, treated us to a pre-meeting video at 7:20 PM about the Northern California DX Foundation. NCDXF needs funds to support upcoming DXpeditions (Heard Island, South Sandwich, Bouvet, and others), log into www.ncdxf.org and contribute.

President-elect Don Drennon, N4TZH, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

We pledged Allegiance to the Flag. We introduced ourselves, and **44** of us were in attendance, including DX visitor Sam, LY5W.

The Agenda:

Announcements

- Treasurers report, Treasurer Ray, N4RU, ask that members pay their 2015 dues.
- Elliot, KB2TZ donated a Motorola Repeater and 2 m Antenna to SFDXA.
- Miami Hamboree < <http://hamboree.org> > will be Friday January 30th (Noon – 6 PM) and Saturday Jan 31st (9 AM – 6 PM) at the Miami Dade County Fair. Admission: \$10 cash at the door. Saturday evening we will have the SFDXA DX dinner.
- Pete, N8PR, reports progress on new HF tower.

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Vice-president – Bill Marx, W2CQ

Secretary – Kai Siwiak, KE4PT

Treasurer – Ray Smolenski, N4RU

Director – Ed Callaway, N4II

Director – Lou Hodges, W9IL

Director – Pete Rimmel, N8PR

Al Black, N2DUI, Director-elect, moves to North Florida, his term will be served by Pete, N8PR.

Presentations:

Kai, KE4PT, "A New Zealand QRP Adventure".

Pete, N9PR, "RTTY Operating Techniques, Lessons from the W1AW/4 Experiences".

We adjourned at 8:40 PM.

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Future meetings:

March 4, 2015

May 6, 2015

July 8, 2015

September 2, 2015

November 4, 2016

January 6, 2016

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The SFDXA March 4th, 2015 meeting Report.

President Don Drennon, N4TZH, called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

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The Agenda:

Announcements

- Treasurer Ray, N4RU, ask that members pay their 2015 dues. Checking balance \$4859.11.
- Ed, N4II, LOTW update, club earned 10m DXCC for club, now has 302 DXCC. Webinar On Cocos DX on tomorrow night, see **SFDXA.com**.
- Pete, N8PR, reports tower sections ready for placing on FMC roof. Carlos will help get the loop antennas up.
- 2014 SFDXA DX Hog of the Year was awarded to Lou Hodges, W9IL. Wear the Hog-Hat proudly!
- New Members: Associate Member: Ray, KB4HAY; voted Full Member: Steve, KA2KON, voted Full Member: Steve, KS3K. Welcome!

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Presentations:

Norm Alexander, W4QN, presented a report on *DX Lab Software Suite*, and on the *CQ DX Marathon*.

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The SFDXA May 6^h, 2015 meeting Report.

President Don Drennon, N4TZH, called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

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The Agenda:

Announcements

- Treasurer Ray, N4RU, report, \$4859.11 (including \$323.00 DX fund).
- Assistant SEC Jeff Beals, WA4AW. presented the QST March cover award plaque to Kai, KE4PT.
- Pete, N8PR, reported that 20 or so members dismantled the old HF tower and replaced it with a newer tower. They then erected a Waller Flag / 6 m beam combo antenna designed by Carlos, N4IS, above the TH11 HF Yagi. Carlos is building a duplexer for the system and will invoice SFDXA for the cost of the Waller Flag when all the components are installed.
- We voted in new Full members Tom Hayes, N4MEO; Ron Maples, W3PV; Rich Quick, W4RQ.

Presentations:

Julio Ripoll, WD4R, WX4NHC, Coordinator for Amateur Radio at the National Hurricane Center shared new information on his activities and the activities of ham radio at the Hurricane Center. His interesting narrative covered ham radio participation in hurricane emergencies from the 1980s to the present. His presentation is available on our *Presentations* web page.

Bill, W2CQ, explained that we acquired trusteeship of club station WA8CTC to preserve the integrity of the SFDXA Club presence on QRZ.com.

Kai, KE4PT, pictured on the May QST cover, brought his DX Go-Bag gear seen on the cover, and showed how it all works – including the Ham sandwich and hat. He completed a JT9 contact with a station in TN from the FMC auditorium using 5 W and the 1 m HF loop antenna.

We adjourned at 8:50 PM.

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The SFDXA July 8th, 2015 meeting Report.

President Don Drennon, N4TZH, called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.
We pledged Allegiance to the Flag. We introduced ourselves; **34** of us were in attendance.

The Agenda:

Announcements

- Treasurer Ray, N4RU, reported \$4460.08 in the SFDXA treasury.
- Howard Rensin, KC3D, voted Full Member; Eric Mayer, KP4KD, joined as Associate Member
- Pete, N8PR, reported ... SFDXA participated in DCARC/BARC Field Day, W4AB 2A-SFL; GOTA station K4FK, at Markham Park, see N8PR FaceBook page; 60 ft **Gold Coast Crane** donated use of a 60 ft crane to use as center support for a wire antenna. Al, KJ3Q added 42 sign-ins, perhaps 50 total, about 3000 points.
- Pete, N8PR worked his 100th DXCC on 2m – now has 11 band DXCC.
- DX visitor Tom Anderson, OZ1AA / K9DXX upgraded to General Class during his visit here. Tom is bicycling around the world, now for 5 years. Yesterday, started USA segment at Key West, mile marker 0, aiming for Canada by the end of 2015.

Presentations:

Robert Feeney, KG4UGG, of The Morse Telegraph Club, www.floridamorse.com, is our featured speaker. Robert is very knowledgeable on the History of Telegraphy and the beginnings Amateur Radio. He took us through landline and radio telegraphy development.

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September 2, 2015
November 4, 2016
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The SFDXA September 2nd, 2015 meeting Report.

President Don Drennon, N4TZH, called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.
We pledged allegiance to the Flag. We introduced ourselves; **28** of us were in attendance.

The Agenda:

Announcements

- Gil, W1RG, earned DXCC Honor Roll – Congratulations!
- John Stucka, N3JM, applied for SFDXA membership.
- Treasurer Ray, N4RU, reported \$4,539 in the SFDXA treasury.
- Kai, KE4PT noted that **QRZ.com** pages and **ClubLog.org** serve as member-driven personal pages linked to the SFDXA membership list at **www.qsl.net/k4fk/Members.htm**. Managing your personal page and your DX stats is your responsibility.

Presentation:

Pete, N8PR, shared pictures and a narrative of the ZF2EM DXpedition results. He and Bill, NZ5N, operated mostly 2 meter EME from the Cayman Islands. Pete also photo-reported that Tom Anderson, OZ1AA / K9DXX, who visited with us in July, has reached Canada, his goal on the USA part of his around the world bicycle tour.

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The SFDXA October 3rd, 2015 Board of Directors meeting report.

Time: 12:00 Noon.

Venue: Ye Olde Falcon Pub, 2867 S University Dr., Davie, FL

President Don Drennon, N4TZH, called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM.

Attending:

Don Drennon, n4tzh

Bill Marx, w2cq

Ray Smolenski, n4ru

Kai Siwiak, ke4pt

Ed Callaway, n4ii

Pete Rimmel, n8pr

Lou Hodges, w9il

Agenda:

2016 BOD nominations:

- Don Drennon, n4tzh President
- Bill Marx, w2cq Vice-President
- Ray Smolenski, n4ru Treasurer
- Kai Siwiak, ke4pt Secretary
- Ed Callaway, n4ii Board Member
- Pete Rimmel, n8pr Board Member
- Lou Hodges, w9il Board Member

DX funds and other allocation: – Authorized QSL.net donation \$100; ARRL Spectrum Defense fund \$50. Spirited discussion on how to help fund DXpeditions.

Proposed by Don – (a) no more voluntary DX funds, but members encouraged to donate individually to DXpeditions, (b) on a case by case basis, for members who want QSL cards, to pool funds.

2016 planning – Miami Hamfest? No word from them yet. (Lou) need A/C/ fix, air is insufficient, Bill M will follow up. Also (Ray) ask for combination lock as on shack door, like on pharmacy door.

SFDXA Website – Don to follow up.

Other business – (Pete) Marty Falk wants to form an organization (council) of club presidents. Bill M to follow up.

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November 4, 2016; January 6, 2016; March 2, 2016; May 4, 2016; July 6, 2016

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The SFDXA November 4th, 2015 meeting report.

President Don Drennon, N4TZH, called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

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Following the October 3, 2016 BOD meeting, the Board candidates for 2016 Officers are:

- Don Drennon, n4tzh President
- Bill Marx, w2cq Vice-President
- Ray Smolenski, n4ru Treasurer
- Kai Siwiak, ke4pt Secretary
- Ed Callaway, n4ii Board Member
- Pete Rimmel, n8pr Board Member
- Lou Hodges, w9il Board Member

Candidates were-elect by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's report - SFDXA checking account balance as of 10/30/2015 is \$4,416.08.

Events - Free Flea Nov 14, Okeechobee Fest Nov 29, **Nov 22 bike race: Robin <N4HHP@arrl.net> is looking for volunteers.**

Winter Field Day - DCARC, SFDXA, Gold Coast, BARC are joining to celebrate 100th anniversary of Broward County. We will operate as K4B, December 20, 2015, 7:30 AM to 5 PM at Vista View Park, 4001 SW 142nd Ave, Davie, FL.

New Members – we voted Al Soto, kj3q, Jim Calcanes, WB4JC, full members. Congratulations! John Stucka Jr., N3JM, applied for membership.

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- Ed, N4II, will operate at 4U1ITU Monday November 16th
- “Chuck Baer, W4ROA, ARRL Brick” replica plaque given to his son Mark, KF4MXS.

Presentation - Pete, N8PR, showed the “Ham Radio NOW” video, “The DXpedition to Navassa” by Bob Allphin, k4uee, Glenn Johnson, w3gj, and team that was shown presented at Dayton 2015.

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