

SAN DIEGO DX CLUB **BULLETIN**



Feb 2005

BPL Coming to San Diego!!!



A representative from SDGE will be at the February meeting. He will be explaining what SDGE is planning for BPL and he will be taking questions. This will be our opportunity to get the official information and present our concerns.



Join us at

**The SIZZLER, Aero Drive & Murphy Canyon Rd
February 23, 2005 - Dinner, 6:00 P.M. - Meeting, 7:00 P.M**



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The Prez speaks!!!



Hi Gang - first, I will briefly burden you with a personal bummer.

After my wife, Joan, and I returned from a vacation on Feb. 5, the hard disk on our primary computer crashed. This was a 3-year old, 40 GB disk on a 5-year old Dell - presumably not high risk, but it happened. And it appears I will have to resort to data recovery (as opposed to data transfer) to save anything. So, most likely, 5 years of e-mails/address books, and virtually all of my document files are gone. I **was** diligent about backing up my digital photos. But alas, not much else.

So a lesson to all: for those who've heard 'back up everything at least once a week' - believe them, and do it!

We ended up buying a new computer, and it has what is apparently a current built-in backup. It has 2 identical hard drives, and everything is written to both drives all the time. But even so, I'm going to put really important stuff on CDs.

OK - to ham radio: We assume the Peter I gang is finally on their way, with our own Bob, N6OX, on board the ship. Seems the logistics have been a bit much, but we all tend to persevere in these situations. Good luck to Bob et al, and we WILL see you in the pileups!

I'll be interested at the next meeting on Feb. 23 to hear various folks' luck with working 6O0CW during the past couple of weeks. I've not heard them, but I'll also admit to being more 'consumed' with computer problems recently than with ham radio.

My recent "greatest hit:" working 3G0YP (Easter Is.) on 160 meters, in one call, with 100 watts using an 80 meter inverted vee! You just never know.

See you at the Feb. meeting, 73 - Jim, K6ZH

San Diego DX Club Policy on content of DX Bulletin and/or E-mail Reflector

The San Diego DX Club, a group of Amateur Radio operators, interested in the art of Dxing, publish a monthly newsletter, and maintains an e-mail reflector where members and officers can post information of interest to other members.

Our policy is to print and/or post only information that is related to Amateur Radio, and not items of a political or religious nature, unless it has an impact on Amateur Radio, such as antenna ordinances, etc.

If a member wishes to have printed/posted any topic that is not Amateur Radio related, they can submit a copy to the club newsletter editor, webmaster, e-mail reflector moderator or any club officer, and the matter will be discussed and decided upon by the Board of Directors.

TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 2004

Balance as of Dec. 31, 2004: \$2,995.46

Income:

Regular Dues: 110.00

TOTAL: 110.00

Expenses: None

Balance as of Jan. 31, 2005: \$3,105.46

Petty Cash on Hand: 20.00

Total Checking/Petty Cash: \$3,125.46



CLUB MEETING MINUTES

The San Diego DX Club held its regular monthly meeting at the Sizzler Restaurant on January 26, 2005. The meeting was called to order by President Jim, K6ZH at 7:00 pm. There were 24 members and guests present.

The DX Roundtable was interesting as always with discussion on a variety of subjects. N6OX talked about the upcoming Peter I DXpedition, the VU4 operation from Andaman Island left some members sad who had not heard them well enough to make that all important QSO. Mike Breaux, AC6FM briefly described his present physical condition and prognosis. The apparent randomness of T33C QSL distribution was mentioned. New member Ben, N6MUF announced that he had reached 173 DXCC entities, all by QRP.

John, K6AM announced the Top Ten positions for 40 and 10 meters with the leaders in those two categories being W6YA (339) and W6EUF (332) respectively.

Ben Pyfer, N6MUF was voted in as a Regular Member.

PROGRAM:

The program's start was a bit delayed due to an equipment malfunction but was finally presented. It consisted of a DVD (video) presentation of the Banaba Island, T33C, DXpedition of April 2004. which produced 75,000 QSOs. The team's travel and living accommodations certainly left something to be desired.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
HARRY A. HODGES, W6YOO
Secretary/Treasurer

Check out Tuck's 599 Website!!!

Information for Amateur Radio Operators from Arizona and Southern California.

www.qsl.net/599

THE SDDXC TOP 10

By John, K6AM

TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 10 METERS

2/05	2/04	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	W6EUF		316	323	332	-
2.	2.	W6YA	40	?	?	325	-
3.	4.	N6ND	40	203	208	319	+1
4.	3.	N6CW	40	?	286	319	-1
5.	5.	K6AM		312	317	317	-
6.	6.	KM6K		307	312	317	-
7.	7.	N6AW	40	302	306	310	-
8.	8.	W6KUT	40	264	264	302	-
9.	9.	W6SHY	40	284	288	295	-2
10.	-	W6YOO	39	283	287	287	NEW



TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 40 METERS

2/05	2/04	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	W6YA	40	331	339	339	-
2.	3.	N6ND	40	231	236	334	+1
3.	2.	W6KUT	40	325	326	334	-
4.	4.	W6EUF		310	315	327	-
5.	6.	K6AM		313	317	320	+1
6.	5.	N6AW	40	307	313	320	-
7.	7.	N6CW	40	?	270	314	+3
8.	8.	K6TQ	40	294	294	294	-
9.	10.	K6XT		?	?	283	-
10.	-	N7CW		205	205	282	NEW

Once again those reporting in continue to inch their way up the list. Ten, of course is sound asleep most of the time. I don't think we'll see much action for the next 3 - 4 years. But 40 has been as good as ever. There are some big expeditions coming up so we should see a bit of movement here by next time. We hope you get all the ones that are workable.

Each month, we will publish top ten lists for one of the lesser recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, 80, 20, 15 meters, and then the WARC bands. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. My email address is k6am at arrl.net or bring 'em to the meeting.

DUES ARE DUE

Please check you records. Many have still not paid their dues for 2005. Some, bless their souls, have re-upped for multiple years. Send your \$10 check to SDDXC, 2435 Our Country Road, Escondido, CA 92029-5715. Do it today while it's fresh in your mind.

Local VHF Frequencies For Dxers

Frequency	Call	Mode	Other Info
144.415	QRZ?	Simplex	Voice announcing and chat frequency.
144.950	KM6K	Packet	San Diego Central
145.690	K6KT	Packet	North County inland

The packet cluster nodes are privately operated.
The Sysops have kindly invited the SDDXC members to use their equipment.



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