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### All about Ten Ten International



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### What's it all about?

Ten Ten International exists to promote activity on the 10 Meter band.

That's it...



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**1962** – An organization was formed in California by Irv, K5PWO to amplify interest in 10 Meters. He and a few others founded what they called the "Ten Ten Net" in March.



## <u>Origin</u>

The founders chose the name "Ten Ten Net" because they met daily at 10AM Pacific time on 10 Meters (28.800Mhz). "See you at 10 on 10.."

Membership certificates were created for "Ten Ten Net of Southern California". Over time, as the movement spread outside California, it became "Ten Ten International"



### **Growth**

As membership grew, local chapters and nets were formed in cities and towns everywhere.

Propagation doesn't always permit skip-based contacts so the local chapters kept things going with check-ins by local hams.

The Ten Ten nets were social nets, not traffic nets.



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Frustrated wanna-be hams, with no interest in learning CW to get a ham ticket, decided to ignore all the rules and acquired high-power transmitters, rotary beam antennas and enjoyed DX (albeit illegally).



#### <u> 1970s – CB influence</u>

As CB became more popular, ham interest grew in expanding the Ten-Ten Nets with conventions, contests, newsletters and other benefits to create interest.

To keep interest high, most chapters created their own chapter certificates that could be earned by making contacts with chapter members.

Collecting chapter certificates (called "paper-chasing") became a bigger and bigger part of the hobby.



#### 1975 — The North Georgia Chapter

Not to be left behind, a group of us in the Atlanta area created the North Georgia Chapter of Ten Ten International on August 1, 1975.

Our net met Sundays at 1930Z (and still does). We named our certificate the New South Award and bragged that it was the most beautiful. It was. Still is...

We presently have 2,242 members (past and present) who have New South Numbers from the North Georgia Chapter.



# OK; you have my interest.

How can I play?

### **How it works**

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- 2) When you have collected ten 10-10 numbers you go to ten-ten.org and submit your list of 10-10 contacts, include a small fee, and you'll be assigned a 10-10 number of your own.
- 3) Get on Ten Meters and work others!

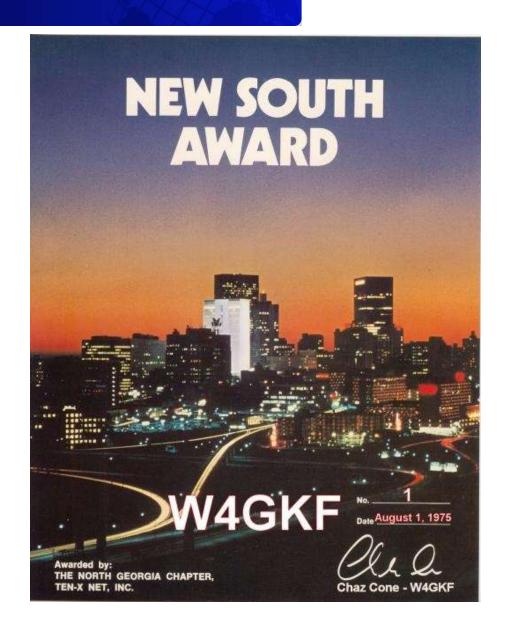


# ten-ten.org



## NewSouthAward.com







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#### The North Georgia Chapter 10-X International, Inc.

#### **W4GKF**

New South #1

has earned the attached endorsements to the New South Award.
This is operating excellence of which the station may be justly proud.
Congratulations! - W4GKF, Chapter Head, North Georgia Chapter



Peachtree - 10 New South numbers



Stone Mountain - 20 New South numbers



Cyclorama - 30 New South numbers



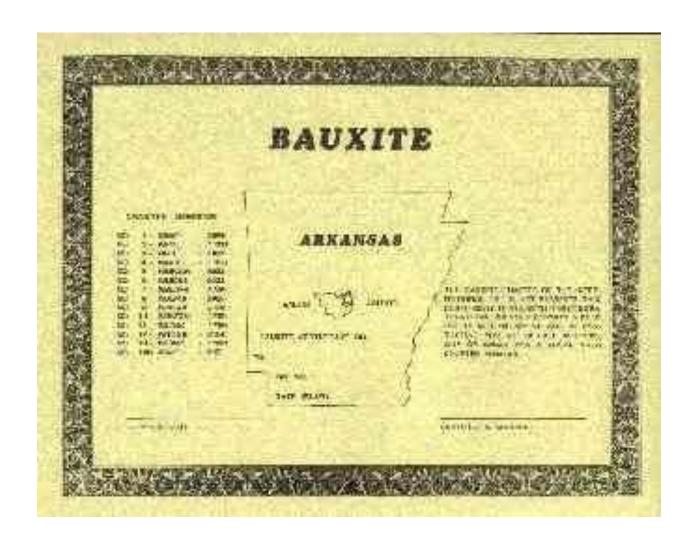
Dogwood - 40 New South numbers



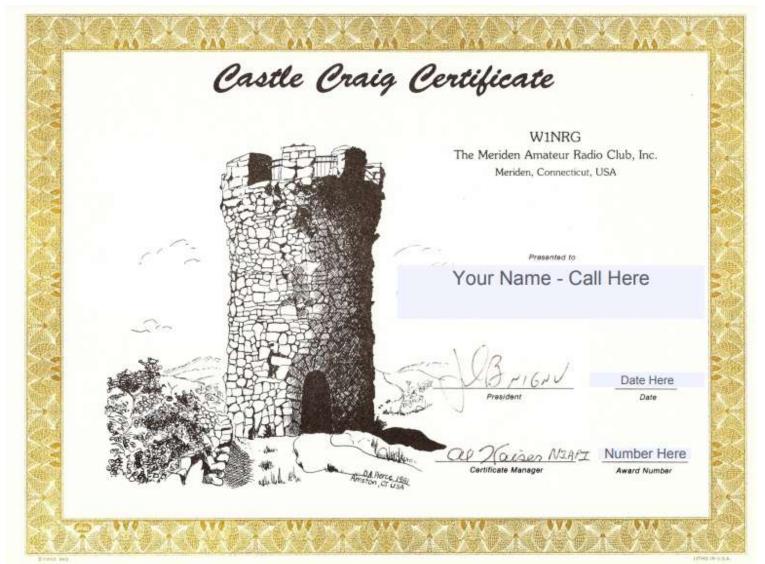
Tara - 50 New South numbers

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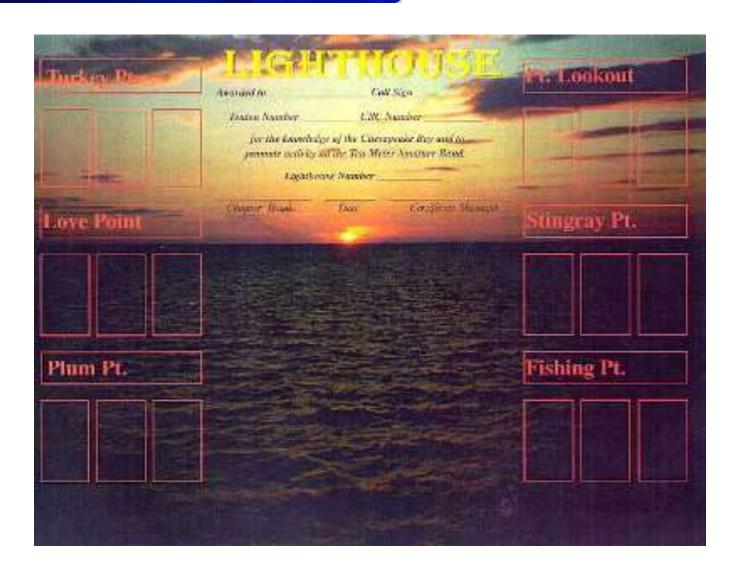








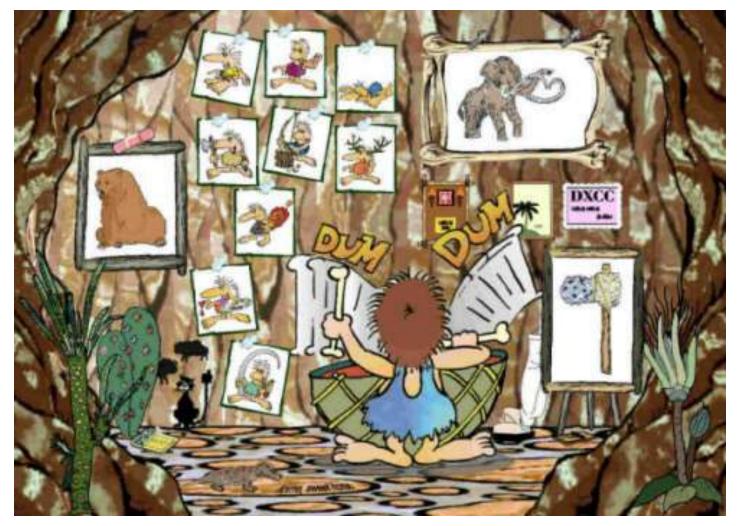












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# The Red River Valley Chapter of 10 x 10 Net Presents the Steamboat Award

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Signed this day

By Certificate Manager Mel Sojka. KD5DE

Net Meets every Saturday at 15:30 Winter, 14:30 Summer

Certificate Number



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