



# SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

*THE  
SOUTH'S  
PREMIER  
DX CLUB*

January 2002

**Next meeting: January 15th, 7:30 PM  
at Radioshack.com just outside  
I-285 on the Buford Highway.**

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**-Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE, Pres.**

It is early Christmas morning as I write this. I seem to be on Dx'er hours today. So much going on. I see a fair amount of DX listed on the Cluster. (Many thanks to Rick, N4XMX and Ernie, KS4Q for breathing new life into the Cluster...just like the old days.) In reference to the "old days"...

I look back over the Southeastern DX Club's year. So much to reflect upon this time of year. (Reflection must be a sign of old age). So much to do! So much that can be done. I have spent a good deal of time looking over the Constitution and Bylaws of the SEDXC and now have them in a MS Word document on the computer. I can't help but think that it is not all here. Times have changed. The Constitution and Bylaws need to change to better fit the SEDXC in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. We all have changed. There will be a small contingency of members to look at this and "wrestle" with the "legalese" before presenting this to the Club in the proper fashion.

I have spent many hours this Christmas season rearranging my QSL card filing system and getting cards arranged to send to the DXCC Desk (via N4NX first) for more Awards. This is long overdue. Like working on the Constitution and Bylaws, this part of DX'ing is not much fun for me, but at long last, it is done. I appreciate everyone's interest and attendance in the meetings. A large group of Dx'ers makes the meetings much more fun.

Wes, W3WL has some good meetings planned for 2002. Let's help him with some ideas for interesting meetings. We can expect to hear from Tom, N4XP in early 2002, regarding his adventures. Wes, W3WL and Bob, K4UEE expect to have an adventure to report on with their Dxpedition to VP8 land, South Georgia

and South Sandwich. We wish them well as they are well into this as this message is being published.

The exact content of the January meeting has not been decided, as Wes did not have time to arrange a program because of planning for the VP8 Dxpedition. I am thinking of a didactic session on "Grounding Principles" as many of the club members have a lot of experience to offer on this subject. There is not a lot written in the ARRL Handbook on this! I promise to TRY to make it interesting.

I look forward to serving the Club as President. Any suggestions or ideas are welcome. Hope to see you at the club meeting in January. I wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year. It appears that it will be prosperous again this year as far as the offerings of the Dxpeditions available.

GUD DX and...

73,

Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE

## **FROM THE VP**

**-Wes Lamboley, W3WL**

Gone fishing.... (to SSI and SG!)

Best, Wes

## **KS4Q Cluster Access Update**

Here is an update of access methods for the KS4Q DX cluster. Some frequencies have changed due to intermodulation problems on Sawnee Mnt. All radios on Sawnee Mtn. now have a cavity on them as well. The radio on the 1200 bps port has been swapped out as it seemed slightly deaf.

145.01 ; 2400 bps; 'c sawnee'then 'c ax1 ks4q'  
145.63 ; 1200 bps; 'c sawnee'then 'c ax1 ks4q'  
144.97 ; 2400 bps; 'c cdx' then 'c ks4q'  
Telnet access is at: ks4q.dns2go.com

- 73, Ernie KS4Q

# MINUTES FOR DECEMBER

**-Dale Nordin, K4HGG, Sec.**

There was no meeting in December.

Dale - K4HGG / SM1WRI

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

**-Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE, Tres.**

SEDXC Club Bank balances as of 1-2-2002 are as follows:

SEDXC	\$2351.66
Packet Cluster Account	\$560.15
TOTAL	\$2911.81

We have a new money making venture. The Club now has embroidered SEDXC logo patches which will be sold for \$2.50 each. These look very nice and can go on any article of clothing or even cloth type luggage.

There have been no new members this month. Financially the club is sound.

Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE

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## DX TIDBITS

**-Rick Glisson, N4XMX**

Just a word to remind everybody that the N4XMX packet cluster is up and running and can be accessed on two frequencies. You can connect o 144.91 direct or go through GNTNOD. You can also hook up through 145.65 direct or through ARCDX. 145.65 has an eight element quad pointed downtown to insure a good signal from Vinings to ARCDX. You you are in that direct line, go for it!. To connect through ARCDX, first issue a C ARCDX comand. After you get a "Connected to ARCDX", then type C N4XMX and you're in. It is that easy. All connections are 2400.

Last week, Jim, W4UCK, Ernie, KS4Q, and myself took a trip downtown to get ARCDX back on the air. Our trip served two purposes, one, to get ARCDX hooked back up and two, the building author-

ity requested everyone to tag their antennas so that they can contact us to move the antenna soon to a new antenna grid. When we have to move the antenna, we will replace the coax.

To get ARCDX back pn the air, Ernie installed a new NetRom chip in the MFJ TNC. Several mods had to be checked or done. The cavity was shown to only passing 15W instead of 50W so it was removed for tuning. Ernie has done this now and it will be reinstalled soon. We also installed one of Kiyoshi's coax surge protectors in-line. The grounding wire will be properly clamped down the next trip.

With the help of Jim, W4TE, we were able to check proper operation before we left. It was very noisy in the communication room and Ernie's cell phone had to be held just right to get a signal out. Jim, W4UCK, since has tested direct and going through ARCDX and so far so good. I hope everybody who can benefit from ARCDX will try to use it. That is what it is there for. I have notified the Atlanta Radio Club and SECC as well so ARCDX will get used.

By now everyone knows that RadioShack.com is closing their store. The first problem is obviously we need to find another meeting place. Radioshack.com will be available for January and February only. Be thinking of a suitable place. The second problem is, there goes another parts place. The Radio Shack stores as found in the malls leave a lot to be desired.

When I heard that the store was closing and that a big sale was planned starting Friday morning, I rushed over there hoping for some bargains. Unfortunately, a large amount of the "good" stuff was missing. Most of the rest wasn't priced low enough for me to load up during the short time I was there during lunch. Maybe that will change. Sure sorry to lose another source for goodies.

ARRL did send the Honor Roll plaque. Not as nice or big as the 5BDXCC but looks good in the shack. I will have a bunch of cards for Bill, N4NX, soon. That should push me over the top for the DX Challenge. Been working on 30M a little, not as crowded. Few people have great antennas and most folks are actually adhering to the 200W limit. Makes it interesting!

Hope to see everyone in January. Use the cluster, it's for everybody.

CU in the pileups...

-73 Rick, N4XMX

## 425 DX NEWS

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Edited by I1JQJ & IK1ADH

**3W** - "La Gazette du DX" reports that Jacques, F6BUM plans to be active on CW and SSB from the islands of Tam (AS-157) on 14-16 March, Cham (AS-???) on 21-23 March and Cat Ba (AS-132) on 3-5 April. QSL via F6BUM. BV - David, BA4DW reports he will be on business trip to Taiwan on 11-20 January and has been issued a licence which allows him to guest operate and he plans to be QRV during his free time from some local BV stations. QSL via home call (David Y. J. Zhou, P.O. Box 040-088, Shanghai, 200040, China). CE9\_ssh - Oleg, UA1PBA [425DXN 549] was active as CE9/R1ANF from a Chilean base on King George Island in the South Shetlands (AN-010). He is expected to operate again from CE9 on 8 January. QSL via RK1PWA. [TNX DL5EBE]

**KG4** - Florida DXpedition Group members Bill, W4WX (KG4DX) and Larry, W1LR (KG4LR) will be active from Guantanamo Bay on 11-19 January. Look for them on all bands, including 6 metres, on CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK-31. QSL to home calls either direct or through the bureau. [TNX W4WX]  
**KH0** - Toshi, JP1IOF and Yoshi, JE2EHP will operate as KH0WW and K1HP/KH0 respectively from Saipan (OC-086), Northern Marianas on 25-28 January. They plan to be active 160-6 metres SSB, CW, FM and RTTY. QSL via home calls. [TNX JE2EHP]

**KH0** - Oita DX Club members JA6BTO (KH0/JA6BTO), JA6HJP (KF4LX/AH0), JA6LZN (KH0/JA6LZN), JA6PBO (KK7UB/KH0), JA6VQA (WH0B) and JH6ALF (AB2GA/KH0) will be active from Saipan, Northern Marianas (OC-086) on 7-10 February. They plan to operate CW, SSB, SSTV and RTTY with an emphasis on the low and WARC bands and 6 metres. QSLs via home calls either direct or through the JARL bureau. [TNX JA6VQA]

**KH1** - Hrane, YT1AD and others plan to be active from Baker Island (OC-089) for ten days in early May. Further information is expected in due course. [TNX The Daily DX]

**R1\_ant** - Alex, RA1PC is currently stationed at the Russian Antarctic Base "Vostok" (IOTA AN-016, WABA UA-010) [425DXN 548] but his busy work schedule has prevented him from being active so far. Alan, UA1PAC will be leaving Russia on 6 January

and will be joined by Mike, RW1AI. They will operate from Vostok Base as R1ANC (QSL via DL5EBE) and RW1AI/ANT (QSL via home call) respectively. [TNX DL5EBE]

**R1\_ant** - Nikolai Makarov, UA3YH/AB0KG will be active as R1ANM from the "Amundsen-Scott" South Pole station (AN-016, WABA K-08) between 9 and 20 January. He plans to operate both CW and SSB mainly on 20 metres, with some sporadic activity on 15 and 10 metres. Look for him on or around 14020/14160 kHz at 16-19 UTC (Europe) and 14020/14243 kHz at 0-2 UTC (North America, South America and Asia). QSL via UA3YH through the bureau or direct to AB0KG (P.O. Box 18118, Boulder, CO 80308-1118, USA). [TNX RW3XA]

**T8 & V6** - Tony, K2NV will be on vacation in the Pacific on 12-22 January. He will operate (mostly CW, with some SSB and RTTY) from T8ZZZ on Palau (OC-009) on 12-15 January and from V63RF on Pohnpei (OC-010) on 18-22 January. QSL via K2NV. [TNX The Daily DX]

**VP8** - Mike, VP8CMH/mm reports that the attempt at getting to Halley Base (75S-035W) has been cancelled due to the heavy pack that is currently in the southern Weddell Sea. Mike is now heading for the Falklands and "as yet I don't know if we are going to be calling in at Signy [VP8SIG] and/or South Georgia [VP8SGK]" [425DXN 537], he says. From the Falklands they will again head for Halley, hopefully arriving towards the end of January. [TNX DL5EBE]

**VP8** - The Daily DX reports that operational dates for the activities from South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands [425DXN 553] "are entirely dependent on the weather, sea and ice conditions in the South Atlantic. If the team can manage to operate from South Sandwich it should be expected towards the 3rd week of January and for only a few days (perhaps 3-4). The group hopes to be at South Georgia for a longer period, perhaps 10 days, during the later part of January to early February". Calls and QSL managers will not be made public until the operations start. XV\_spr - Yuki, JI6KVR reports that VARC (Vietnam Amateur Radio Club) is planning to be active as XV9TH from the Spratly Islands (AS-051) in April. Further information is expected in due course.

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## DX PACKET FREQ.

N4XXM (2400) 144.91 (direct or GNTNOD),  
(2400) 145.65 (direct or ARCDX)

KS4Q (2400) 145.01 (c sawnee, c ax1 ks4q)  
(1200) 145.63 (c sawnee, c ax1 ks4q)  
(2400) 144.97 (c cdx, c ks4q)  
or telnet ks4q.dns2go.com

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+

## SEDXC WEBPAGE

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