



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

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PREMIER
DX CLUB*

January 2008

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 16th, 7:30 PM at the Fuqua Heart Center Classroom at Piedmont Hospital.

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

--Bob Allphin, K4UEE

As we look ahead to 2008 and the SEDXC's Golden Anniversary, I see a great year ahead. It begins with the SEDXC participation in the CQWW 160m contest, the last weekend of the month. Our club was a regular entry in that competition in the 1990s and usually finished near the top of the list. In 1993, we won and took the title from the Franklin Radio Club, the perennial winner. That was the year I participated from AH1A (Howland Island) and I believe Ken, K4TEA was at KP2A and Mike, K4PI was on Aruba as P40PI. Needless to say, those big scores helped the Club score that year.

In preparation for the upcoming contest, if anyone needs help with a 160m antenna project before the contest, please contact our VP, W2WG about some assistance from the DXPros.

In March, twelve members of the Club will travel to Costa Rica and operate in the ARRL SSB Contest as TI50DX. We may not win, but we will have lots of fun!

In June, there is talk of activating the SEDXC Club call sign (W4NT) in the annual ARRL Field Day event. It has been many years since we have done a Field day, and our 50th year is good time to do it again! Other operating activities are being planned for our yearlong celebration and will be announced as plans are firmed up. So stay tuned!

In the meantime, there is an urgent need for a new SEDXC Newsletter editor. This issue is Rick's last one. We owe him a huge debt of gratitude as he has edited the newsletter without fanfare or complaint for seventeen years. Won't someone step forward, even if for a 12 month trial run. Rick tells me it doesn't

really take any unusual skills and requires only an hour or two a month. We are also looking for a Club Historian and someone to honcho Field Day. There are many chances for someone to get involved in this wonderful Club.....truthfully, right now, precious few members are sharing most of the duties.

We have a terrific program planned for our next meeting on Jan. 16th (see the VP report for details) and we will be voting on funding for three upcoming DXpeditions. Hope to see you there. If you can, come early to the Panera Bread and share some soup and a sandwich with the gang!

73, Bob Allphin, K4UEE

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

--Bob Carroll, W2WG

The holidays are over, but not forgotten. The SEDXC party was a highlight for me, and the "100 watts on a wire" plaques designed by Chaz were real works of art.

We are now close to professors Lamboley and Streible presenting DX101 (the basics) and DX102 (basic antennas) at GARS on January 12, 2008. I was able to make use of the December "upgraders" list to send last minute announcements, and we got several more responses. I am planning to watch the list—again provided by Chaz—and from time to time mail each upgrader an invitation to attend an SEDXC meeting and to take advantage of our DXPro mentoring and problem solving programs.

Don't forget—K4MOG will be our guest speaker at our January meeting (Wednesday, January 19). He will be covering long delayed echoes, propagation, and all manner of exotic radar-related ham issues—see SEDXC.org for details. I am especially looking forward to some of his "radar through walls" material. Upcoming programs will include N4NX giving us all the info on LOTW and other QSL secrets. We will also be treated to club member Joe Owen

giving us his detailed account of operating from 1A (can they put up a longer 160m antenna?) and super DXpeditioner G3NUG. More details at the January meeting. Meanwhile, I would GREATLY APPRECIATE any suggestions on program topics and guest speakers—as well as programs you would be willing to present. We have budget to bring in special guests, so if you know of a prominent DXer who may be in the US, perhaps in connection with Dayton, perhaps invite him or her to visit us.

As I write this, the solar index is trying to break 80, and the field is quiet. Sounds like things are looking up for the 160m contest. K4UEE has announced we will enter as a club activity. Get those antennas ready!

73 Bob W2WG

TREASURER'S REPORT OCT. 2007

-Mike Weathers, ND4V, Tres.

Financial position as of month-end Dec. 31, 2007

SEDXC Treasury: \$4436.06

Packet Fund: \$ 20.15

Total Balance: \$4456.21

What a great Christmas Party! Connie and I really enjoyed socializing with everyone. Thanks again to Jim and Deanna for hosting the club.

A reminder to everyone, it's a great time to recruit new members! Anyone who joins (who has never been a member) enjoys dues through June 30, 2009. Dang near 18 months for \$12.00. That has been one of the best bargains in ham radio.

Looks like a great program coming up in January. See you there or at Techfest.

73 es DX,
Mike, ND4V

Our sincerest thanks and gratitude to

Rick Glisson, N4XXM

**for Fifteen years of service to
the SEDXC as our Newsletter Editor**

SEDXC MINUTES DECEMBER 2007

-Mike, ND4V

I hope everyone had a great holiday. This should be an exciting year as its out 50th anniversary. I am looking forward to the finalizing of the plans.

Our December meeting was the annual Christmas party hosted by Jim and Deanna Kauten. I confused the day and missed the party but I hear it was fantastic. Lots of food, comradery, and a little libation seemed to be the tone of the evening. I really regret that I was not there to partake.

Since we had no formal meeting and more that I was not there I have no meeting minutes, I know that there were awards handed out...so congratulations to those receiving them — Bob K4UEE, Val N4RJ, Don N4HH, Barry K4WX, Jim K4DLI, Paul KG4UVU, and Bob W2WG.

Thanks Rick for the great service for so long on the newsletter, we will miss you greatly.

See everyone January 16, 2008 at the next meeting.

George Nicholson Secretary

ACTIVITIES

-Gary McConville, WB4SQ

A great way to start off the new year is by attending the GARS TechFest on January 12th. We will once again have the SEDXC table there and need additional volunteers to show a LARGE presence. Not only will the free chili be tasty, but there should be plenty of 'morsels of information' to absorb from professors Lambole and Streible as they present the infamous DX-101 AND DX-102 seminars. W5LE (Gene) will be coordinating who's on which shift for our table, so please give him a hand. W5LE@wildblue.net.

Then there's the upcoming Georgia QSO Party – April 12-13th organized by the SECC. Let's talk it up and vote to sponsor one of the DX plaques again this year. Details will be available at our table for the previously mentioned TechFest.

As a group, we still haven't nailed down our 50th anniversary events for the year. Many things have been kicked around (*continued last page*)

such as an improved "100 watts on a wire" contest, passing out club goodies at Dayton08, and even an Octoberfest QSO party in Helen where one of the multipliers involves beers consumed by the current operators. While I'm leaning towards that one, I'd like to have a 160M antenna design contest with the winner being an effective antenna that fits on a + acre plot, fed with coax and without a tuner, balloons, or aircraft landing lights. Maybe it would be more practical for us all to meet in Helen...

Gary – WB4SQ@yahoo.com



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off line(2400) 145.65 (direct or ATLDX)

Note: ATLDX is down right now, direct OK.

KS4Q (2400) 144.97 MHz; 'c saw3'
(2400) 145.63 MHz; 'c saw4'
(1200) 145.69 MHz; 'c saw5'

Once you get a connect on any of the three above frequencies, enter 'c saw1'. Once you get a connect to saw1, enter 'c ks4q' or simply 'dx'.

or telnet dx.ks4q.net

NI4X (9600) 144.93, 145.71, 440.75
K4UGA (Athens)(2400) 145.67 (SE Megaclst)
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Simplex 147.54

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