



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

*THE
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PREMIER
DX CLUB*

February 2003

**Next meeting: February 18th, 7:30 PM
at the Fuqua Heart Center Classroom
at Piedmont Hospital.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

-Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE, Pres.

We hope you can attend the February meeting. Come early to dinner and enjoy the fellowship of other DX'ers.

NEW IDEAS FOR SEDXC MEETINGS

There have been suggestions by Club members as to ways to "spice up" our meetings. These ideas were obtained by exposure to other "hobby clubs" that members have attended. Any other thoughts or ideas you may have are welcome.

1. **RAFFLE:** We have on occasion had items to raffle at our Club meetings. Many of us have items at home that we do not need and may be of value to our fellow members. Remember, "One man's junk is another man's treasure". I propose we try making it an every meeting event to hold a raffle. We can go through our shacks and library shelves and identify items we do not need and feel would be sufficient for a raffle at a monthly meeting. These do not need to be big items. They can be a book that we mistakenly bought an extra copy or a piece of equipment we are not using. This is done at an Atlanta area woodworking club with great success. This program will allow us to clean our crowded shacks and allow the Club to make a few extra dollars for our summer picnic, Christmas party, or for support of our favorite Dxpedition.
2. **DX MOMENTS:** We typically have a short break after our business meeting (which tends

to be short) and preceding our main program. Instead of having empty time perhaps we could have a group discussion about what is on the air or what is soon to be on the air. We are, after all, a DX Club and not all the members have this information. We could also discuss operating techniques apropos to a Dxpedition or even contesting. It would be nice to have everyone walk away from each meeting with at least one new "tidbit" of knowledge. During this time we can still sell tickets for our raffle or purchase Club items such as patches, and pins.

These items would make our meetings more valuable and productive. You may be aware of other activities by other Clubs that would be appropriate and beneficial to our Club.

PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY:

Wes Lamboley, W3WL and Dave Johnson, K4SSU gave a great program last month discussing their experience with DX meetings including: Visalia, Dayton, W9DXCC, and HamCom. This was a very exciting presentation and very informative. I am now psyched to go to one of these meetings. Hopefully this year since I am unable to attend Dayton, a DX meeting can provide a new experience.

Wes will outline the presentation for February. We will put the details on our website prior to our meeting as this information becomes available.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP:

There was a discussion at the last meeting about ways to increase membership. We discussed the possibility of giving talks about DX at local ham radio clubs. Wes told us of a Power Point presentation already made about DX'ing. A number of us have ties to radio clubs in the area and could facilitate a program if those clubs are interested. (*continued p2*)

(continued from p1) I understand this has been done in the past with varied responses from these clubs.

Those of you who have been responsible for arranging programs for organizations know how difficult it can be coming up with something new each month. Look into this and let us know if there is a possibility of giving a program about DX. This is one responsibility the SEDXC shares having the distinction of an ARRL Special Service Club.

NEXT MEETING DETAILS:

The January 21, 2002 meeting will be held at the usual QTH, the Heart Center Classroom of the Fuqua Heart Center (Piedmont Hospital) at 1930. There is free parking. Check the SEDXC website for directions and instructions. Details for the free parking are outlined there also. This QTH is really not that hard to find and get to.

We will meet at Panera Bread just North of the hospital around 1800 for a good dinner with Club members then go to the meeting QTH around 1915.

This is all I have for now.

Check out the web site. You can find it at: www.sedxc.org. Send any ideas to sedxc@kauten.com.

Send email to w4te@arrl.net if you have any new business to present for the January meeting.

GUD DX and HAPPY NEW YEAR! Hope to see you at the meetings in 2003.

73,

Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE, Pres.

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Harry Saunders, W4KJ, Tres.

Here is the Treasurer's Report for the month of February.

SEDXC Treasury	\$2439.75
Packet Fund	\$590.15
Total Balance	\$3029.90

Harry Saunders, W4KJ Treasurer

FROM THE VP

-Wes Lamboley, W3WL, VP

A Pretty Good Story

I have been working in Huntsville (part time?) for several months now, and when I heard that Johnson Island, AH3D, was going to be on and maybe for the last time ever (shades of KP1/5?), I lamented the fact that I would not be at home to work them. I hoped that maybe I could catch them on the weekend when I was home, but knew it would be harder than during the week.

On Thursday I found myself in a real jam for an IC, so I went to a Huntsville Radio Shack to see if maybe they had what I needed. They did have lots of racecars and telephones, but the counter guy did not know what an IC was. I explained it to him. He then told me about a place nearby called "GigaParts" that may have the IC, so I thanked him and headed off to a place that sounded right.

GigaParts turned out to be a computer store. They sell EVERYTHING for computers, but did not have ICs. The counter guy there did know what an IC was, however, and also knew of another place in Rocket City where he was sure they would have them. The guy was really helpful, and even printed me out a map on how to get to W&W Electronics. While he was doing the map, I noticed that over in the corner was some stuff that looked like ham radio. There were antennas hanging on the wall, and some rigs and lots of books.

I ambled over and saw a couple of guys turning the knobs on an ICOM 756ProII. They were listening to something on 10 and trying to figure out one of the features on the PRO. Since I have a PRO, I jumped right in and tried to be helpful. I gave them a demo on how to use the "Dual Watch" function (receive two frequencies at the same time in the same band), when I realized they were listening to Martti on Johnson Island! My heart skipped 4 beats. I figured out that Martti was listening down 6, and also found that we were hearing him on a 9 band vertical on the GigaParts roof. What the heck – I thought I might as well give him a call. The one guy had to find a mike for the PRO, and my armpits were really getting sweaty by the time he did. We plugged in the mike and I squeezed off "W3WL" and Martti said (continued on p 3)

(continued from p2) “W3WL 5/9” and I said, “Hi Martti – this is Wes and you are 5 and 9! You are doing a great job!” And Martti said “Hi Wes – Thanks and 73 – QRZed.” And it was over. I was feeling pretty good. One of the other guys worked him with one call also. I left and went to W&W Electronics.

W&W turned out to be a Godsend. They had the IC I needed. They have EVERYTHING! Even tubes! You can wander around in the store and fondle the merchandise – just like in the Good Ol’ Days! It is almost worth a trip to Huntsville.

Best
Wes – W3WL

MINUTES FOR January 21st

-Dale Nordin, K4HGG, Sec.

Jim opened the meeting at 7:31 p.m. with 14 members present and 1 guest Welcome to Joe-WB4TAA. After member introductions, Jim called for announcements.

Announcements:

Harry-W4KJ circulated a roster among the members in order to check the correctness of the listing (Contact Harry or check the website to see if your listing is correct). All members present had received a newsletter. In the future, members who have not paid their dues will no longer receive a newsletter.

Although not present at the meeting, John-N4TOL reported (via W4TE) that K4BAI had the most points with high power, while N4NX had the most points with low power, K4BAI had the most unique countries.

Ernie-KS4Q reported that he had to switch ISP and the Saunee Mountain packet station is functioning.

Bill Barr-N4NX announced that he is still available for card checking and that he would also be willing to meet the person at another location (such as the Panera restaurant). . A reminder: the club charges 4 cents per card handling charge for outgoing cards. Also when writing out DX cards that have a QSL manager, be sure that the manager’s call is on the card.

Jim mentioned that if you are interested in club

garments, please contact Jim-W4TE as soon as possible. See the Website at “www.peachtreecardio.net/sedxc.htm” to view the clothing.

There was a discussion about 147.52-54, the simplex frequencies that we use. Packet users are now occupying them. We will investigate some other unused frequencies. Contact Mike-K4PI for latest information.

A lightning arrester was donated by Kiyoshi Endoe-K4ST, was auctioned off at the meeting (Your secretary won it).

A discussion was raised about reviving the DX Hall of Fame award. The nominating committee consists of past recipients.

Also we discussed presenting a DX program to other radio clubs in the Atlanta area. Sandy-W4RU would be a good resource for information regarding radio clubs.

Program: Visiting a collage of hamfests and conventions around the country

The program was presented by Wes-W3WL and Dave-K4SSU and showed slides of the conventions/hamfests

The first was the Visalia DX convention, presented by the Northern California DX Club.

The others were:

Dayton Ohio – the largest hamfest in the world
Hamcom 2002 in Arlington Texas.
W9DXCC Convention in Chicago.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Dale - K4HGG / SM1WRI
Secretary SEDXC

NEW TELNET SETTINGS FOR KS4Q

Ernie has added a port to the telnet address. Here are the proper addresses to use:

telnet:
66.23.195.102:7300

or

ks4q.no-ip.com:7300

ACTIVITIES

-John Tramontanis, N4TOL

Well, the suspense is over and the results of the SEDXC challenge in the CQWW are in. John Laney (K4BAI) and Bill Barr (N4NX) took the honors as this years big guns:

CQ WW SSB results

Most points high power: K4BAI - 1,960,574

Most points low power: N4NX - 627,671

Most unique countries: K4BAI - 137

CQ WW CW results

Most points high power: K4BAI - 4,761,250

Most points low power: N4NX - 646,360

Most unique countries: K4BAI - 145

Honorable mentions :

SSB - W4KJ, NN4K, WB6BWZ (QRP), K4YJ,
N4TOL

CW - WB6BWZ (QRP), K4YJ, N4TOL

Awards to be presented at a future meeting.
Thanks to all who participated.

TNX es 73 - John N4TOL
SEDXC - Activities Chairman

NOTE:

(For those who have worked everything...)

YU to break up into Serbia and Montenegro.
People will vote in three years. Looks like two
more new ones coming up!

DX TIDBITS

-Rick Glisson, N4XMX

This month is another example of so much material, I was able to add another page! Thanks to everyone who got their article in on time!

It has been a good month for cards. Lots of 30M ones as well as a few other low bands. Sent off the AH3D and had to check the weight. Stuck in a little extra since I worked them a bunch of bands including 30, 40 and 80. I have had to send back three cards so far because of wrong callsign (N4HMX) and 10M instead of 10 MHz. Part of the challenge I guess.

ESP contacts do pay off! I was trying to work the ST2X on 12M cw under very weak conditions. Thought I might have made it but wasn't sure at all. Didn't even log it in DXBase, just noted it in the notebook I keep. Well, they have a log search and guess what? There it was. All time new one for me! Eight to go...

30M still has a lot of life in it. I have worked at least another ten countries since last month including V5, 5H, D88S, and AH3D. I use a 80M horizontal loop and 200W when needed.

160M has also been very good lately, worked three new ones in one night including EU. Just have to have a storm free night to really see what 160 can do.

Ernie and I have been talking about some ways to improve ARCDX. The first way is to insert another cavity that Ernie has into the line. We are also looking at a 440 link to me. This would require a dual band antenna downtown but it's doable. No work yet on when we have to move the antenna to the new location on the antenna grid. Note the addition of a port number to Ernie's telnet site on the back cover. This is necessary to be able to use the cluster that way. It improves the security on Ernie's end.

We also hope that Allen Bond, WB4GNT, is recovering well from his recent surgery. Allen will be fixing his hardline soon and GNTnod will help those people north of me. We will give you the details when we have them.

Be sure to try some strange paths in case of unusual openings. It nice to be the first one to work somebody, place the spot and listen to the crowd arrive. If you're first, you don't need a lot of power!

CU in the pileups...

-73 Rick, N4XMX

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DX PACKET FREQ.

N4XMX (2400) 144.91 (direct or GNTNOD),
(2400) 145.65 (direct or ARCDX)

KS4Q (2400) 145.01 MHz; 'c saw3'
(2400) 144.97 MHz; 'c saw4'
(1200) 145.63 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 66.23.195.102:7300

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+

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