



# SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

*THE  
SOUTH'S  
PREMIER  
DX CLUB*

February 2004

## NOTE CHANGE!!

**Next meeting: February 24th 7:30 PM  
at the Fuqua Heart Center Classroom  
at Piedmont Hospital.**

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

### NEW MEETING DAYS

I was very pleased to hear that we had the biggest attendance for the January meeting since my Presidency in the SEDXC. Harry Saunders, W4KJ reported that there were 29 attendees. This is the largest attendance at a SEDXC meeting in many years! Let's keep it up. It is more fun when more members are present.

Sorry to say I was unavoidably detained and could not attend the meeting. I fully planned on attending, but had an unexpected emergency at work. I have been in Gainesville, GA the last two weeks and it is certainly not as convenient as working in the same building where our meetings are held.

It would appear that the change in meeting dates has been favorable for overall attendance. I do hope that the change has not made it difficult for the faithful attendees to attend.

### SEDXC LOGOWARE—Take advantage of this NOW!

It has been several years since the Club has placed an order for SEDXC Logo Ware. Our logo is on file with Lands End and we are able to order clothing with the SEDXC logo. There is renewed interest in ordering the Squall Jackets with the Club logo. These jackets are excellent for the cold weather we are experiencing. Here is a description of these jackets:

- Polartec Aircore lining
- Supplex nylon shell
- MPX coating for water resistance

- Rib-knit trim on cuffs and hem
- Sized to fit over a shirt or sweater

These come in regular or long sizes. The long sizes are priced eight dollars more. If I remember correctly, the logo is an extra \$8.00 and if you want call letters it is several more dollars. I estimate that a jacket with shipping should be less than one hundred dollars.

Colors available are: black, red, dark navy, and sapphire. I have seen the red and sapphire and both are very nice colors. I suspect the black and navy are nice also. These jackets are virtually indestructible and should last a long time. Lands End is known for their high quality clothing products. We will be placing an order in several weeks after the meeting.

You can obtain more information by going to the Lands End website. Their website is at: [www.landsend.com](http://www.landsend.com). Just put squall jacket in the search window on their home page. It will take you to:

[http://www.landsend.com/cd/fp/prod/Q1\\_2\\_1981\\_4863\\_6897\\_4784\\_5new-590.htm?cid=47808316032151050](http://www.landsend.com/cd/fp/prod/Q1_2_1981_4863_6897_4784_5new-590.htm?cid=47808316032151050)

which will give you the information you need.

We already have the minimal number of orders needed, (6), so order now, as it may be a while before we have another 6 people interested. We will probably place the order after the February meeting. In the meantime let me know what size, color, and any optional lettering, if desired, you would like to have placed on the jacket. It is a very functional jacket and a great way to let everyone know you are a member of the Southeastern DX Club.

### PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY:

Wes will be providing the details of the program for the February program in his column. We had a lot of interesting programs in 2003 and I hope to see many more this year. It was reported to me that the program given by Joe Owen, KO4RR, on CY9 was quite a success. I very am very sorry that I missed it.

Those of you who were unable to attend this program, sure missed a very interesting presentation. We look forward to the programs for the rest of 2004. If you think you can contribute, either by giving a program or have some ideas about a specific program, let Wes know. Any idea is welcome! We would also like to have more group events such as parties and barbecues in the coming year.

#### NEXT MEETING DETAILS:

The February 24, 2004 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.

Check out the web site. You can find it at: [www.sedxc.org](http://www.sedxc.org). Send any ideas to [sedxc@kauten.com](mailto:sedxc@kauten.com).

Send email to [w4te@arrl.net](mailto:w4te@arrl.net) if you have any new business to present for the January meeting.

GOOD DX! Hope to see you at the meetings in 2004.

73, Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE, Pres.

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## FROM THE VEEP

**-Wes Lamboley, W3WL, VP**

The last meeting was terrific, in spite of who was presiding. Sandy Donahue, W4RU, explained how the ARRL's proposal on license restructuring is the best thing that has ever happened to ham radio. Sandy has threatened to make another appearance at the Club if we need more convincing.

The main speaker for the evening was Joe Owen, KO4RR. Joe gave a very interesting presentation on his CY0 expedition and got several of the worthy very interested in the SteppIR beam, including members of the Peter One expedition!

Another highlight was the overwhelming response to support the 3B9C expedition coming up next month. We passed the hat and collected \$227.00, and we will now have our logo on their card. Our club is now listed as a sponsor on their website, with a link to our website. In case you have not visited the 3B9C website (<http://fsdxa.com/3b9c/>) I highly recommend you do.

They have a comprehensive review of all their plans, equipment, antennas, sponsors, frequencies, and how to work them, to name a few items. Their major goal is to get as many people as possible involved with enjoying the thrill of DXing, from the Big Guns to the newbies and QRPers. One of the items we, SEDXC, might wish to have a go at is winning the Nevada Rodriguez trophy for clubs in the States. Take a look at the trophy; I think it would be jolly good sport to try to win, and I know it will be a lot of fun working the chaps – they promise to be LOUD. Participation in the trophy race will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

And – Bill Mills, KC4AA, will be presenting a history of operations at HZ1AB at the February meeting. If you have worked them, Bill asks that you bring your card(s) with you. Sounds like another interesting program!

CU there!

Best- Wes – Whisky 3 Whisky Lemur

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## ACTIVITIES

**-John Tramontanis, N4TOL**

No report this month.

John N4TOL,Activities

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## TI8M Announcement

I wanted to let you all know of an upcoming, locally spawned DXpedition that's coming up...and hey...I get to go too! Myself and a group of guys from the Greater Atlanta area are again headed for Costa Rica for the 2004 ARRL DX 'phone 'test. Look for us signing as either TI8/W4BD, TI8/K4UN or most likely with our contest call, TI8M. We'll be up on 160-10m running M2HP with a couple of small amps, a couple of yagis hanging in the trees and tree elevated wires for the low bands.

We will be active before the 'test so look for us evenings on 20m around 14250 +/- and on 75m in or near the window.

This is strictly an "out of a suitcase" operation but we do have fun. The location is classified but suffice it to say that we have to assemble everything, operate, then disassemble and store everything "for next time". Several other SEDXC members are active participants but they are strictly sworn to secrecy so don't even ask!

In short...Look for us...Work us on all bands...Spread the word (spots are good for everyone!)...and remember...we're there for you!

Bob Wilson - W4BD

# MINUTES FOR JANUARY 27, 2004

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

The meeting was called to order by Wes - W3WL (substituting for Jim), at 7:37 p.m. with 29 members present and 1 visitor, Mark K0EJ from Nashville TN. Wes proceeded into the introductions after which he entertained the announcements.

The Christmas Party was held on Saturday, December 6th at the home of Gary McConville – WB4SQ. The members present noted that they had a great time.

Our treasurer noted that the club has badges and pins for sale also Bill – N4NX announced that he had some items that he would give away. Also Bill reminded the club that we charge 4¢ per card + a mailing label from your QST (or copy thereof). The last date for card submission is March 31, 2004 (for 2003).

Announcements:

Tonight's meeting will be on Sable Island - CY9A, given by Joe Owen - KO4RR

The February meeting will be on HZ1AB presented by Bill - KC4AA. He asked that if you have any HZ1AB QSL cards, please bring them to the meeting.

The March meeting will be a "Show and Tell". Please bring in your favorite item(s) that you want to talk about.

The April meeting will be on DXing in Costa Rica presented by Bob Wilson - W4BD and Ed Wilson - K4UN

Wes – W3WL announced that he was raising funds for the 3B9C DXpedition. Since 3B9 is not high on the "wanted list", the club could not provide any matching funds. This was then presented as an individual, voluntary opportunity to donate to the DXpedition. \$206.50 was collected and given to Wes.

It was noted that the Kennehootchie Hamfest will be at Life College on March 20th, 2004

Don – N4HH brought his Elecraft Model K2 Transceiver (+ accessories) for the club to see.

Bill - KC4AA mentioned that there was a panel for an Alpha amplifier available for sale. Please contact K4UQ in Douglasville for further information. It was also suggested that advertisements be added to the newsletter. The club was reminded that Rick - N4XMX is the editor and that advertisement

submissions should be sent to him.

Wes asked if our meeting time of the month and our dining establishment was suitable to everyone? Please send your replies and comments to Wes or Jim.

Sandy - W4RU gave a presentation on the restructuring of the amateur radio license called "Restructuring II". There will be only three classes of radio licenses: Extra, General and Novice. The power point presentation that he had with him would not function on the computer or the computer wouldn't function so that he had to summarize the proposal by memory.

Program:

This was a slide presentation on Sable Island - CY9A. The difficulties on getting on and off the island, the constant wind and other difficulties. A great program on operating from an island under difficult conditions.

A raffle was held after which the meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

**-Harry Saunders, W4KJ, Tres.**

Here is the SEDXC Treasurer's report for February.

SEDXC Treasury	\$ 3147.35
Packet Fund	\$330.15
Total Balance	\$3477.50

The balance in the Club Treasury and the Packet Fund reflects the recent \$250 contribution to e-Ham.net for web site support and \$300 contribution to Ernie Zingleman for packet network support.

At the last Club meeting in January we discussed the idea of having Club members bring some ham related item to auction or raffle off to help the Club's treasury and to help the members' clean out their shacks, closet or garage. We would like to start this month. These don't have to be big items, just something that you can part with and that you think other Club members might like. I have seen this work in other hobby clubs and it is fun, creates interest and helps the Club. Let's give it a try!

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## DX PACKET FREQ. (Corrections, 1/2/04)

N4XMX (2400) 144.91 (direct, Vinings),  
(2400) 145.65 (direct or ATLDX)  
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)  
(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** [www.sedxc.org](http://www.sedxc.org)  
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