



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

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DX CLUB*

March 2002

Next meeting: March 19th, 7:30 PM at the Fuqua Heart Center Classroom at Piedmont Hospital. NEW LOCATION!!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

-Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE, Pres.

Just sent the Club's Donation of \$125.00 for the XROX Dxpediton. They are appreciative of any donation so if you wish to send more do so. Their web page is located at: <http://www.cordell.org/SFX/index.html>.

Hope everyone made the contacts they wanted with PW0T and TI9M. Early on I had difficulty working the PW0T Dxpediton but it got easier further on into the Dxpediton. Both QTH's had good signals and generally good operators. I liked one of the TI9M CW operators. He copied most callers first time with no subsequent corrections. This made the pile up much more manageable with less difficulty making the QSO.

Unfortunately I will not have time to operate in the ARRL DX SSB contest. We are leaving early Saturday to make a college trip for my eldest son and to go to Disney World in Orlando during Spring Break. When I get back on Thursday, I am on my way to the Charlotte Hamfest with W4KJ. We both attended last year (also attended the wood working show) and had a great time. Met some of the members of the DX Club there and expect to meet more this year. If I cannot work DX it is always nice to meet and talk with hams with the same interest. Bob Allphin, K4UEE is speaking at the Charlotte Hamfest on the most recent Dxpediton. I look forward to getting a preview of his talk. We look forward to hearing from Bob and Wes in the upcoming meetings about the VP8 experience. The preview we were given at the last meeting was captivating.

I am pleased in the Club's interest in maintaining a table at the Kennehoochee Hamfest. We still need to hear from everyone wishing to put in an hour

or two in the booth. Should not be hard work. Contact me at w4te@arrl.net or Wes at blambole@com with your requests. We will have brochures, pins, patches, etc. if anyone is interested. We will also have application forms for new members wishing to sign on the spot! Sure would be nice to get some young hams interested in the SEDXC. As with any organization, the members (especially the younger ones) are the "Life Blood" of the organization.

I believe the new QTH at the Fuqua Heart Center Classroom (Piedmont Hospital) worked very well. I hope to get a key to the audiovisual cabinet. I believe we should be able to watch videos on the big screen once I have access to their VCR. There is access to computers and projector for Power Point Presentations, and access to the Internet if a program depends on accessing the Internet. I believe that we can have some great programs with these facilities.

I plan on bringing a guest to the meeting; a ham who has not been active for many years but who just needs a "nudge" to get back into the hobby. Perhaps you know a friend who would be interested or someone who is or was a member of the Club and would attend if asked or better yet driven to the meeting! The meetings are always more exciting when the attendance is good.

Keep thinking about how you can make the club better, I sure am. Hope to see you in the pileups and at the Club meeting in March. Will also plan on seeing you at the Kennehoochee Hamfest.

Send me email if you have any ideas or thoughts: w4te@arrl.net.

GUD DX and...

73, Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE

FROM THE VP

-Wes Lambole, W3WL

Still fishing....

Best, Wes

MINUTES FOR JANUARY

-Dale Nordin, K4HGG, Sec.

Our president Jim-W4TE called the meeting Feb. 19, 2002 The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with 13 members present.

After introductions, the minutes published in the last newsletter were approved. The new meeting room (classroom at the hospital) would be available for meetings except before the Dayton Hamvention. This was a very nice place to meet although somewhat challenging to find, however the new location met with favorable comments.

The treasurer's report noted that there was \$560.15 in the Packet Cluster Fund and \$2,351.66 in the SEDXC bank account, with total assets of \$2,911.81.

Announcements:

Bill - N4NX encouraged the members to bring in their outgoing QSL cards. They will be sent in bulk to the ARRL with the SEDXC paying the postage.

Cluster report: More fine tuning completed by N4XMX & KS4Q.

The 160-meter contest was a success with new countries worked. The cluster was deemed helpful. The scores are to be sent to CQ magazine and to Wes-W3WL so the scores can be credited to the SEDXC.

Mike K4PI was presented with a plaque for his service as club president from 1998 to 2001. Ed. note: Thanks to a loyal SEDXC member.

Jim-W4TE had SEDXC Club patches for sale for \$2.50 ea.

Old Business:

Two previous requests for support were reviewed at the meeting.

1) A motion was made and passed to donate \$125 to the XR0X (CE0X) San Felix Island. The amount was pre-determined by our budget also a member of the SEDXC will participate on the DXpedition. (#22 on the most wanted list)

2) TI9-Cocos Isl. was rejected, as it was #24 on the most wanted list.

New Business:

The SEDXC will participate in the Kennehoochee Hamfest. Gary-WB4SQ will co-ordinate the manning of the tables and participation. The SECC will have a meeting at the hamfest.

Program Notes:

February's program consisted of a video provided by Bob Alphis-K4UEE on Peter I Island DXpedition (3Y0PI). Afterwards Bob and Wes-W3WL held a discussion about their DXpedition to Georgia and South Sandwich islands.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Dale - K4HGG / SM1WRI

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE, Tres.

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

SEDXC	\$ 2406.66
Packet Cluster Account	\$ 580.15
TOTAL	\$ 2986.81

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

Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE

NEW CLUSTER COMMANDS

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 ks4q.dns2go.com

TURN IN YOUR CONTEST SCORES!!

NO P5!!

From: "Nenad Stevanovic" P5 Wrap up
Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2002 7:07 AM
Last night I received the following info from Hrane for release to DX community.

73 Nenad VE3EXY ...

P.S. They are now back to Yugoslavia, with NO QSO made.

In one word it was a thrill !!!

We arrived to Pyongyang on March 5-th, where we were welcomed by representatives of Ministry of Telecommunications and Foreign Affairs.

We were stationed in YANGAKDO Hotel, on the bank of the river with the same name. The hotel has 47 floors, and we were on the 40-th floor, with almost ideal conditions for work. All our equipment was put together, and we were about to start our operation with previously assigned callsign P5A.

Unexpectedly the uniformed military official appeared, and imposed ban on our operation, until the permission of military authorities is obtained.

It was supposed to be available on March 8-th, but nobody showed up, possibly because of holiday. We did not want to risk starting unauthorized operation. Meanwhile we had fun listening all pirates pretending to be us, when we did not make a single contact.

Finally, the military official showed up on Sunday and simply said: "No transmission until further notice."

Than we did not have any choice but to leave. After landing in Beijing, our only comment was: Never Again !!!

73 Hrane YT1AD

DX TIDBITS

-Rick Glisson, N4XXM

The packet cluster has been a continuous tweaking process. During the ARRL DX phone contests, rates were topping 650 spots/hour. Those of you going through ARCDX were getting further and further behind. At one point I think it was over two hours! At that point it really isn't that useful. However, stations directly connected were only a few minutes behind.

Obviously, if you can at all connect direct, do so. Anybody with an internet connection can telnet into Ernie. Even if you use dialup, if you connect for awhile, you will be getting fast spots. During the contest, Ernie reprogrammed ARCDX to pass through more info each time to cut down on the resends and waits for acks. During a contest, this really adds up. After the reprogramming, I noticed Sunday afternoon though the rate was over 500/hour, the ARCDX users were less than 20 minutes behind.

The ARCDX machine at the moment is on hold until we are told where on the new antenna grid we are assigned. At that point, the feedline will be replaced. The only other long term improvement would be a second link from me to ARCDX to cut down on half the traffic. I don't think at this time the \$\$\$ would be justified. It would require another radio, TNC and some antenna work. Most of the time, the current setup is quite adequate.

Make sure whatever connection you use, that it's a solid one. Five watts to a low vertical will only insure frustration with timeouts occurring during busy contests. A 2M yagi can be made or purchased for very little. An old 50W mobil unit works even better. I have two Azdens I am using that have one foot in the grave but they still work OK for packet.

If all that fails, log onto www.dxsummit.com and view the 50 HF spots window. It is refreshed very often. The other option is to live dangerously and simply tune around the bands! Doing a 160M contest this way is a low risk adventure.

Speaking of 160M contests, it was interesting to see what happened during the phone contest. Because of possible pink slips flying due to voluntary bandplan "violations", I kept above 1843. Not that that affected my score any!

Even though there is no P5 for now, Dulcie Island should be on by Friday. With the 15M stations going around the clock, everybody should get a good chance. The recent TI9M, PW0T and H7DX have given everyone LOTS of practice! Good luck!

CU in the pileups...

-73 Rick, N4XXM

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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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