



# SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

*THE  
SOUTH'S  
PREMIER  
DX CLUB*

March 2003

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

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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

Hamfest season is here! The Dalton Hamfest has come and gone. Unfortunately the weather was not as cooperative as one would have liked. The Kennehooche Hamfest is looming on the horizon. The Club will have a table again this year. John Tramontanis, N4TOL has notified us that slots are still available to "man the table". Please notify him if you can help. There are several afternoon spots still open, but you are welcome to help in the slots that are full. Last year we signed on a few new members at the Kennehoochee Hamfest and we hope to continue the tradition.

Hopefully you can attend the March meeting. Come early to dinner at Panera and enjoy the fellowship of other DX'ers and Club members.

## **PROGRAM FOR MARCH:**

Wes Lamboley, W3WL announced at the last meeting that the program for March would be different than our usual programs. Last month Wes showed us a presentation given at a National DX meeting. This Power Point presentation on DX'ing can be modified to be more representative of the Southeastern DX Club. This presentation would serve as an excellent starting point for a DX'ing program that could be given to local Ham Radio Clubs or as a forum at a Hamfest. Susan Swidersky, AF4FO, publishes a monthly newsletter with news, meeting details, and events of local clubs. The Southeastern DX Club will be mentioned in her next newsletter. She is also aware that the Club is available to give programs on DX if

any local ham clubs are interested in hearing about DX'ing

The program for March will be a "show and tell". Each member is to bring an item or story apropos to ham radio, particularly DX'ing. DX'ers have many stories and after hearing a preview of several of the items to be presented, it looks as if we should have a very interesting meeting! At the very least you have an unusual QSL card or an unusual piece of equipment to show us? Tell us of a unique QSO or experience you had on the air. Bring several items and stories and we will continue as time permits.

## **CLUB BUSINESS:**

The Club's nomination of James Brooks, 9V1YC to the **CQ DX Hall of Fame** has been submitted. He is best known for his video skills resulting in excellent video productions of many of the past Dxpeditions. Additionally he has been a participant of many Dxpeditions. We hope the CQ DX Committee feels as strongly as we do regarding his nomination.

The Club has renewed its **Special Service Club** distinction and is waiting for approval. SSC is a distinction that must be renewed every two years and is held by only a small percentage of Amateur Radio Clubs.

The annual report has also been filed with the ARRL and is waiting approval. Several interesting statistics were brought to light during this renewal process:

### **The SEDXC has:**

79 members,

57 voting members (voting members are those with a DXCC certificate),

44 voting members (77%) are members of the ARRL,

86% of our voting members are Extra Class,

47% of voting members (27) are on the Honor Roll.

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## **NEXT MEETING DETAILS:**

The March 18, 2003 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](http://www.sedxc.org) for directions and instructions. Details for the free parking are outlined there also. This QTH is not 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 and visitors then go to the meeting QTH around 1915.

This is it for now.

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 and hope to see you at the meetings in 2003.

73,

Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE, Pres.

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## **ACTIVITIES**

### **-John Tramontanis, N4TOL**

The club has secured a table for the Kennehoochee Hamfest on Saturday March 15th. Thanks in advance to all those who volunteered to man the table. We should have Hamfest report at the meeting Tuesday night.

Also, the awards for the Southeastern DX Club challenge for the 2002 CQ WW DX contest will be presented at the meeting Tuesday night. Look forward to seeing everyone there.

TNX es 73 – John N4TOL

SEDXC - Activities Chairman

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## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

No report this month.

Harry Saunders, W4KJ Treasurer

## **FROM THE VP**

**-Wes Lamboley, W3WL, VP**

### **A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE MEETING**

Bill, Dave and I were enjoying the Panara Bread fare before the last meeting, and having a good time swapping a good story or two or three. Dave had a really good one about a QSO he made in Africa. Bill was going on with a story that would top Dave's when the thought occurred to me that ALL of us have got some favorite stories that would be well worth sharing with the gang.

So – **SHOW AND TELL** is the theme for the **March meeting!** It would really be great if everyone could bring something to share – just like back in grade school! I plan to bring a genuine Wouff Hong – one that has actually been used in anger – and a short story about its origins as well. If time permits, I also have something to pass around that will bring tears to even the most hardened DXer who was around back when Men were Men!

**SHOW AND TELL** is the Program for March – I for one am really looking forward to seeing and hearing your STUFF!

Best

Wes – W3WL

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### **BRING A FRIEND TO A MEETING**

### **VP6D WILL BE BACK UP SOON**

**USE RTTY ON 30M IF YOU  
NEED THE COUNTRY!**

## MINUTES FOR February 18th

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

Jim, our president, opened the meeting at 7:25 p.m. with 20 members present and 1 visitor. Joe-WB4TAA submitted his membership application and was accepted as a member. After member introductions, Jim went right into the announcements.

### Announcements:

For the next meeting Wes-W3WL suggested that we have a "show & tell" program solicited from the various club members. This could include some project or interesting device made by a club member.

John-N4TOL reported that the contest plaques would be presented soon-possibly at the next meeting.

Jim suggested that we should have a table at the Kennehootchie Hamfest. The membership decided that we would secure a table and a sign-up sheet to man the table was past around.

There was no cluster report by Ernie-KS4Q, however the latest information is available on the cluster.

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.

An announcement was made about the NW (amateur radio) Convention located in Vancouver B.C. Canada to be held on July 18-20 2003.

Wes-W3WL suggested that James Brooks-9V1YC be nominated to the CQ DX Hall of Fame. 9V1YC has produced many first class videos of various DXpeditions. Wes indicated that we should support this nomination as a club. The nomination was voted on and passed unanimously. The written nomination description is available from Wes. It describes James' many qualifications for this prestigious award.

Again we discussed as an outreach, presenting a DX program to other radio clubs in the Atlanta area. It was mentioned that there was already a slide show available, but no one at the meeting knew who had it. Could it be Mike K4PI, Nancy NK4U? However,

John-N4TOL, Wes-W3WL and Jim-W4TE will make a CD to be used for a DX presentation. It was also mentioned that the Gainesville Hamfest in July would also be a likely place for a good DX presentation.

An inquiry was made concerning support for the ST0 DXpedition, however no interest was shown in supporting this effort.

A low pass filter donated by Dave-K4SSU was raffled off at the meeting and was won by Dick-K2UTF. Also Jim-KT4MM donated "stuff" that was raffled off and won by some club members.

### Program:

A POWER POINT presentation, Getting Started in DXing and produced by W5GAI was presented by Wes-W3WL. This was another excellent presentation describing the benefits and enjoyment of contacting long distance stations.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Dale - K4HGG / SM1WRI  
Secretary SEDXC

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## DX TIDBITS

**-Rick Glisson, N4XMX**

I'll give everybody a cluster update. I have bought two antennas for ARCDX. The first is a 10 element 440 MHz beam for my house. The second (which hasn't arrived yet) is a dual band vertical for downtown. I will send the spots to ARCDX on 440 MHz and ARCDX will communicate with everyone else on 145.65. This will cut the traffic in half. You will notice this the most during a contest. With any luck, we hope to have it up in the next couple of weeks.

My cards came back from ARRL, sent around second week in October. Would have given them to Bill, N4NX, but I had some old ones in there. Next go around will be easier. Mostly 30M cards. Up to 116 worked and 79 in so far. The rest are out there. Andy, G3AB, had to sell me some IRC's just to feed the habit!

The VP6D is up. Pretty good signals on 20M and higher, low bands only fair so far at my place. Get them while you can!

CU in the pileups...

-73 Rick, N4XMX

# LETTER SENT ON BEHALF OF THE SEDXC



**W4NT**  
**The Southeastern DX Club**  
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March 11, 2003

CQ Hall of Fame  
Attn: Bob Cox, K3EST  
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Davis, CA 95616-1521

Re: Nomination for James Brooks, 9V1YC to CQ DX Hall of Fame

Dear Bob:

On behalf of, and as President of, the Southeastern DX Club, I wish to submit the following nomination for James Brooks, 9V1YC to the CQ DX Hall of Fame. Please direct any questions or inquiries to Wes Lamboley, W3WL ([blamboley@aol.com](mailto:blamboley@aol.com)) or myself ([sedxc@kauten.com](mailto:sedxc@kauten.com)).

## **This is the nomination to the CQ DX Hall of Fame for James Brooks, 9V1YC:**

James has contributed in a unique way to the sport of DX'ing. He has captured and preserved the thrills and excitement that the DX'ers experience first hand, and shared it with those who are on the other end of the radio circuits. Through his skill and artistry in video, scripting, and editing, he has been able to display and preserve the reality and emotions that expeditioners experience and relay it to the DX enthusiasts who were not on the actual expedition.

His videos are always enlightening, not only from a ham radio aspect, but also from a historical, geographical, political, cultural, environmental, and sometimes scientific viewpoint. He has forever changed the ways that the veterans and those who are new to the sport perceive DX. His videos create the desire within those who see them to appreciate the sport at a higher level and nurture the desire to participate in the sport at a more involved level as well.

The videos filmed and produced on the VK0IR, ZL9CI, FO0AAA, A52A, and VP8THU/VP8GEO DXpeditions are collected worldwide and have been viewed and appreciated by thousands of individuals. It is noteworthy to mention that James does not produce the videos for the money involved, as it is truly a money-losing venture. He does it for the enjoyment gained from documenting and sharing the adventure opportunities he has been involved in within this fantastic sport we call DX'ing.

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To further endorse James's nomination, we offer some of his other accomplishments and participations. Not only was he a member of the above "video" expeditions, he also was a key organizer for the ZL9CI, VP8THU, and VP8GEO DXpeditions. He set Asian records as VS6WO two years in a row and the low-power Asian record for WPX CW. He also holds the call sign XU0AA in Cambodia for his expedition during 1990. Other expeditions include KB1CM/KH6, KB1CM/VS6, KB1CM/4X, 5W1FR, ZK1XM, VU2ZAB, VR2/KB1CM, and H40AA (an all time new one!).

It is also noteworthy to mention that James is a member of FOC (First Class Operators Club). He was chosen as one of the representatives in the recent WRTC in Helsinki, a further endorsement of his skills as a world-class operator. He produced a video on WRTC, so; again, we can see what it was like to be there!

James stands alone and unique in the world of DX. As an operator, expeditioner, and ambassador to the sport he has no equals. Please consider him for induction into the DX Hall of Fame at this year's Dayton Hamvention.

Respectfully,

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James R. Kauten, MD, W4TE  
President, Southeastern DX Club (SEDXC)  
Wes Lamboley, W3WL  
Vice President, Southeastern DX Club (SEDXC)

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## AMATEUR TAGS

-Dick Bentley, K2UFT

See Text of message below regarding 2004 Amateur Radio Tags. I may have missed it, but have not seen it posted elsewhere. Thanks to W9HG of GARS and AD4S for disseminating the info on the NOGA Qrp Yahoo group.

73, Dick K2UFT

Something of interest to all that have a present Amateur Radio tag on their vehicle or for those who are contemplating getting one. Tag fee is no charge its free.

Since 2004 is going to be a new plate manufactur-

ing year it is important for you to know how politics play an important part of your tag renewal next year.

I have researched this out and provided you a simple way to get your new plate for 2004 made and ready for you at the tag office on your next year renewal, but it is up to you to follow through and do it.

First, there is no automatic new plate going to you next year, you must ask for a new plate and you must provide all this information on a state form MV9X before July 31st this year in order to have your new plate ready for pick up next year.

How do I get that form you ask? simple just go to this web site ( it is also the firefighters page) <http://www.dmv.ga.gov/plates/special/cf.html> and click on MV9X and either down load it as a file by clicking on MV9X and then left click on save target as in which case you will have an option of where on your system you would like to save the file to open later or you can print it out online.

Remember it is in Acrobat Reader form and you need that program to open the saved file and also to be able to read it online. Where is that you ask? here I say here <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep.html>.

Now that you have the form maybe you will print some out for your buddies. There is no instruction sheet for the form to print out so you have to follow these instructions. ( The MV9X with instructions is available at your local tag office)

There is no fee, just check the free amateur radio box, fill in you call sign, social security number, drivers license number and sign and date it. Copy your present amateur radio FCC license and attach it to your completed MV9X form.

Bring it to your local tag office and tell them what its all about and ask for a receipt and your done. You can also mail it in but I prefer doing it hands on and there are no mistakes.

What happens if I don't request a tag before July 31st will I get a new tag? No, when you are mailed your next years tag renewal you won't get a new plate, you will have to bring in your vehicle registration for 2004 top pay your vehicle tax to the tag office and request a new tag, you will need all of the information I gave above including a copy of your ham license, they will have the form MV9X there. They will then issue you a 90 day temporary tag to use while your plate is made. I suggest making it easy on yourself and do it before July 31st this year

73, Howie W9HG

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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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