



# SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

*THE  
SOUTH'S  
PREMIER  
DX CLUB*

March 2004

**NOTE CHANGE (4th Tuesday)!!  
Next meeting: March 23th 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 Charlotte Hamfest is this weekend. 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 and early morning spots still open, but you are welcome to help in the slots that are full. Last year we signed on a new members at the Kennehoochee Hamfest and we hope to continue the tradition. Come meet the guys and promote the SEDXC Club.

The International DX convention is rapidly approaching. It is in Visalia, California in April. I am going to attend for the first time this year. I plan on tagging along with Harry Saunders, W4KJ, Bob Allphin, K4UEE, and Wes Lamboley, W3WL. It will be a "first" for most of us. We will report on our experience at the April or May meetings.

Dayton will soon be upon us. I hope to see what is new out there again this year. Dayton is still always very exciting to me. By now I see many familiar faces and meet up with many acquaintances from years past. If you have never been to either of these events it is not too late. You can find both on the Internet. Search for International DX Convention and Dayton Hamvention to find their URL's.

One year ago...: Last year this time the SEDXC was preparing a submission to elect James Brooks, 9V1YC to the DX Hall of Fame. As you recall he was elected and is now an elite member of that "Club". Very much deserved. We express our heartfelt "thanks" to Wes, W3WL for suggesting the nomination.

Hopefully you can attend the March meeting. Remember the meetings are now the 4th Tuesdays of the month. This month the meeting is on the 23rd. Come early to enjoy a dinner at Panera and enjoy the fellowship of other DX'ers and Club members.

## OTHER NEWS:

The GARS has asked if we can give a presentation to their club for their April meeting. The date of their meeting is Tuesday, April 13. They have asked for a simple presentation on DX'ing or a program on a dxpedition. We already have a Power Point presentation "in the can" named DX'ing 101 so it would be a minimal amount of work for someone interested in making the trip into Gwinnett County. If you have an interest in making presentation just give me a call or drop me an email at sedxc@kauten.com.

## CLUB BUSINESS:

SEDXC ELECTIONS will be held in May. Be thinking about a slate of officers. Think seriously about serving as an officer yourself. It is not hard being an officer and it is an excellent way to GIVE to the Club. I will be appointing a Nominating Committee soon. "Step up to the plate" before someone does it for you. The present slate of officers have served for over 2 years, some more, and probably need a break.

We are also considering having a Club picnic this summer, perhaps in July. We are in the early phase of planning. If you have any ideas please let us know.

The SEDXC has:

83 members,  
53 voting members (voting members are those with a DXCC certificate),  
69% of all members are members of the ARRL,  
47% of voting members (25) are on the Honor Roll.

## NEXT MEETING DETAILS:

The March 23, 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 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.

GOODDX and 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 contest season is about over for the DX crowd; I hope you all had as much fun as I did! I really had a good time on 160. There is a "sort of" contest coming up – involving the 3B9C expedition. I would like to see the club get involved with working them on all the band-modes we can, and win one of the trophies they are offering. Just let me know what is in your log, and I will do the rest – it is a pretty nice looking trophy! (See the 3B9C website for more information on the Expedition and the trophy.)

The March program is "Show and Tell". It went over so well last year that we figured we ought to do it again. There were many truly interesting things for sharing, and all had a good story with them. Everything from QSL cards with amazing stories behind them, to a slick slider VFO used in fooling the eavesdropping Japs during WWII. So – bring your stuff and stories to the meeting on the 23rd, and Show and Tell! I personally guarantee it will be VERY INTERESTING.

Best

Wes – Whisky Three Whisky Lemur

## TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Here is the SEDXC Treasurer's report for March.

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

I would add a reminder for the members to bring in an item for our Club raffle. Something they can spare from their shack or computer room that we can raffle off and raise some money for the Club. It doesn't have to be a big item. We'll have fun doing it too.

Harry Saunders, W4KJ Treasurer  
[hpsaunders@mindspring.com](mailto:hpsaunders@mindspring.com)

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## ACTIVITIES

**-John Tramontanis, N4TOL**

The club will be sponsoring a table at the upcoming Kennehoochee hamfest on March 20th at Life College. Look forward to seeing you all there.

The winners of the 2003 SEDXC CQWW club challenge are as follows:

High Power:

SSB Dave Johnson K4SSU  
CW Harry Saunders W4KJ

Low Power:

SSB Jim Kauten W4TE  
CW Jim Kauten W4TE

QRP

SSB Matt Lee WB6BWZ  
CW Matt Lee WB6BWZ

- John, N4TOL, Activities

## MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 24, 2004

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

The meeting was called to order by John – N4TOL (substituting for Jim & Wes), at 7:35 p.m. with 13 members present and 1 visitor (now a member), Paul–N4LCD from Cartersville. John proceeded into the introductions after which he called for new business.

New Business:

John noted the upcoming club meetings and reminded the club to bring their favorite project for the March meeting.

John asked if the club would want a table at the Kennehootchie Hamfest on March 20th. We decided to have a table at the Hamfest, and possibly another table where we could sell any equipment with the club collecting 10% of the sale price.

Bill made a motion that we raise the cost/card rate in order to make the service more self-amortizing. The motion was seconded and was passed unanimously. Bill also reminded the club that the last date for DXCC card submission is March 31, 2004 (for inclusion in 2003 statistics). Bill–N4NX announced that he had some items that he would give away - alas....

There was no Treasurer's report.

Announcements:

Rick–N4XMX told the club that there is a more efficient and direct route in logging to Atlanta RC DX cluster.

Bill–N4NX noted that there were very few rooms left at Dayton for wishing to attend the hamfest. Also he stated that the Visalia (California) DX Convention will occur on April 23–25th 2004.

The club was again reminded that if there were any members wishing to order any "logoware" (that is monogrammed clothing from Landsend) to please contact Jim ASAP.

Gary McConville–WB4SQ passed out flyers discussing an alternative bandplan in opposition to the ARRL's submission. For a detailed examination of his submission, please contact Gary directly.

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

Program:

Tonight's program was on HZ1AB presented by Bill–KC4AA. He described his 3 years service as a Service Engineer with GTE and his operating time on the club station HZ1AB. There would probably be no new licenses issued in the kingdom and that only the royal family could obtain operating privileges.

A raffle was held after which the meeting with a heavy aluminum box donated by Harry–W4KJ.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Dale–K4HGG/SM1WRI Secretary

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## DX TIDBITS

**-Rick Glisson, N4XMX, ed.**

I need to attend more meetings! I won the door prize at the last one. The aluminum box is one of the more unusual things I have won.

Hope everyone has been able to work the XF4 on any bands you need. The RTTY style is a bit unusual but if you hang in there, you will succeed. There has been some other good DX on but nothing really rare. Still waiting on the TO4E cards to push up the total count. Looks like they will not be out in time for the annual end of March deadline for Honor Roll submission.

I have bought a new old radio, a Kenwood TS-950SD with monitor scope. This unit has a full set of filters including 250 Hz. The AIP really does make a difference. This is a BIG radio with lots of knobs and buttons. That is not a bad thing. No single button with five functions. I have been using a TS-440 and then a TS-450. Big change.

Ernie, KS4Q, and I hope to improve the link to ATLDX (W4UCK) using TCP/IP instead of a 2M link. When finished, should be as fast as getting the spots directly from Ernie or me. Have fun.

CU in the pileups...

Rick, N4XMX

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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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