



# SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

*THE  
SOUTH'S  
PREMIER  
DX CLUB*

March 2006

**Next meeting: March 28th 7:30 PM at the Fuqua Heart Center Classroom at Piedmont Hospital.**

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

**--Wes Lamboley, W3WL**

As you all know by now, it is time for the annual "Show and Tell" at this month's meeting. If you have not been to one of these, you are missing a real treat. There always lots of great bits of unique hardware, as well as some very interesting stories. As usual, I have promised to leave my Tesla coil at home again this year. I do, however, have a new antenna loading device worthy of close inspection. It was the basis for working 3Y0 on the first call on 40 meters, and on the second call on 30 meters. Not that I am bragging or anything, but I am rather proud of my invention.

Also, do not forget the QSL card portion of the Show and Tell session. Be sure to bring your card and tell about it as well. There will be the usual camaraderie and a special prize for the most interesting QSL card. I hope to see you there, and be sure to bring your waders for some of the stories.

Best,

Wes – Whiskey 3 Whiskey Lemur

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## VU4 COMING UP IN APRIL, BE READY!!

## FROM THE VP

-Al Ludwick, N4ZZK, VP

Despite some technical difficulties, (and thanks to John/N4TOL for retrieving his laptop from the car), we had a good program last month from Wes/W3WL on the Kerguelen dxpedition. Thanks for sharing this excellent video Wes.

I missed VU4 (Andaman) last time so I'm looking forward to some better luck with the upcoming "hamfest in Port Blair." Last I heard they are expecting to be QRV April 18-25.

### March program / Member show & tell

For the March program, we'll have our perennial favorite, show and tell. In addition to the chance to share an experience or something from the shack, this year we have a new addition.

### The QSL Awards

Bring in one of your personal QSL cards. We'll have two awards with club patches as the prize. First, we'll pass them around and award a club patch for the "best in show." We'll have to figure out the voting process but I think Wes has some ideas. Next there will be a QSL raffle with a card drawn from the hat for the second club patch.

### April Program Preview

3YØX - The 2006 Peter I Island DXpedition

There is a huge amount of interest in our club and the ham radio community regarding the 2006 Peter I DXpedition. This month, Bob and George will tell us all about the very successful DXpedition to one of the rarest (and most difficult to visit) DXCC entities on earth.

Business calls me out of town and I won't get to the March meeting so will CU in April.

73 es gd dx, Al, N4ZZK

# MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 28, 2006

## -George Nicholson, N4GRN, Sec.

The meeting was called to order by our president Wes -W3WL, at 7:33 p.m. There were 31 members present and 1 visitor, NA2U-Fred from New York. Also attending was a long-standing member Randy – K4ODL. The minutes were approved as published. An attendance sheet was passed around to the membership to record each person's attendance.

### Announcements

It was announced that the Kennehootchie Hamfest will occur on March 18th. at Jim Miller Park in Marietta. John-N4TOL mentioned that the club would have a club and swap table. A sign-up roster was available for volunteers to man the tables.

Harry-W4KJ mentioned that there would be a DX club dinner on the Thursday evening at a popular restaurant prior to the Dayton Hamvention. Harry mentioned that number of members going to the hamfest indicated that they would attend.

KC4AA-Bill Mills mentioned that IRCs purchased this year will expire on 31 December 2006.

Some of the prizes donated by the membership for the raffle were: ICOM calendars, yaesu hats, some "T" shirts, a small tool kit from a deceased ham and some Vibroplex no-slip keypads

### **Old Business:**

Bill-N4NX mentioned that the club QSL service, via the ARRL, is available for the membership to use.

### **New Business:**

Harry requested funds to re-stock our supply of club patches. A motion was made and passed for an expenditure of approximately \$200.

Bill Barr-N4NX asked if there was any interest in getting some of the "old time" member badges with the number of DXCC countries listed. Bill requested that those interested a new badge to circle their name on the attendance sheet. Another member suggested that we should order some golf/polo shirts.

The Georgia QSO party was discussed. The date in April will be announced.

### **Program:**

The program was a DVD presentation on Kerguelen Island DXpedition presented by Wes-W3WL.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Dale-K4HGG/SM1WRI for George-N4GRN

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

### -Harry Saunders, W4KJ, Tres.

Report for the month of February

SEDXC Treasury	\$ 3506.66
Packet Fund	\$ 360.15
Total Balance	\$ 3866.81

Since the last meeting, we have ordered 200 patches to replenish the Club's supply of the now famous SEDXC Logo Patches. These are very popular with QSL managers, DX friends and others who have come to recognize this well known patch as it is associated with the South's premier DX Club. I hope to have the order for this next meeting. Our Club's pins serve the same purpose as the patch and we have a good supply of them which I will have at the meeting.

Checks for the newly designed badges are rolling in and many of you will be sporting your new badges at the meeting. These are already popular and will be even more so as they are beginning to be worn by Club members. Make sure to get your order into Chaz and your check to me so we can get yours ordered.

Raffle items are needed to help us grow our Club treasury and to provide some fun at our meetings. Look around and see what you might have to bring in for this month's raffle. See you at the meeting.

Harry Saunders, W4KJ Treasurer

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# BRING A FRIEND TO A MEETING!!

## **“I Remember”**

**-Tad, WF4W**

I saw an email from Val, N4RJ the other day and it reminded me of something that happened a good while back. That got me to thinking about other good things that happened to me in my DX/contesting ventures because of the SEDXC and it's members. Here's a few of them and thanks to the members who helped me out along the early part of my journey into DXing and Contesting.

—I remember calling (and calling....) KH6AT on 160M CW with my 100 watts and “not-very-good” antenna, hearing Val, work him and then ask him to listen for WA4CUG. KH6AT held the pile-up at bay and sent “WA4CUG only” and I worked him. Thanks, Val!

—I remember Sandi, KL7JAR telephoning me and asking me if I wanted to go on a DXpedition with her and some other members of the SEDXC. I said yes before I even knew where. That was my trip to J6LAH with, Sandi, Carl Henson, WB4ZNH, Phil Latta, W4GTS and Jack, KC4I. We ran CQWW SSB from St. Lucia and I had Carl, Phil and Sandi all as coaches on my first DXpedition. I learned a lot and had a blast. Thanks, Carl, Phil and Sandi.

—I remember getting a phone call from Chuck, KM4KB in the wee hours of the morning about a rare DX station that was on. I got up in the dark, with arms outstretched to feel my way...arms went on either side of the slightly closed bedroom door and I walked head-on into the door and busted my nose. After I quit seeing stars, I worked the DX, then doctored my nose, then went back to bed. Thanks, Chuck and everyone else who telephoned me to let me know “new rare one” was on.

—I remember running the CQ 160 meter SSB contest for several years with Neil, KC4MJ (now N4FN) at his station. We always had a great time. Thanks, Neil.

—I remember all the encouragement and kudos I received everytime I worked a new one or reached a new level on my DXCC. I remember getting unsolicited tips, hints and techniques that helped me work new ones. Thanks to all the members who have

contributed to my DX and Contesting skills, numbers and just overall Ham radio experience. It really is a great club. I hope I can pass along some of the knowledge I've gained to other “newbies” to return the favor.

73 ES GUD DX DE WF4W

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## **DX TIDBITS**

**-Rick, N4XMX, editor**

It was good to see everyone at the KARC Hamfest a few weeks ago. A good time to catch up and swap lies with people you don't see very often. Not to mention picking up a few goodies. Personally, I purchased a few connectors from Allen Bond, WB4GNT. I also ordered one of the new SEDXC name badges. Certainly easier to read from a distance. Not sure of the attachment method but I'll find out. Magnetic might be nice to prevent all those pin holes. Didn't see that as an ordering option.

The 3Y0X Dxpediton has come and gone. Very loud on 20 and 17M. I need them on 30 and worked them late one night. Just as I was starting to try and work them RTTY, my Alpha when BANG when I turned it on. Dick Byrd, N4UQ, picked it up and had it back in a couple of days, but was not able to find the cause. Maybe an ant in the capacitor he said. However, working the RTTY pileups with 100W did not cut it. Oh well, maybe in another 10 years! I did not hear them at all on 10 or 12M which was the other bands I needed them.

I have picked up a 6M antenna from Ed, K4SB. Now I need to get an all mode 6M radio to improve my DX Challenge numbers. Just made over 1500 so added another medallion to the plaque. Going to be a long time to hit 2000...

It's spring now so band conditions are still good for time period in the sunspot cycle. Bad thing is, we have not hit bottom yet! Time to spend a little time looking for weak ones at odd times. Also, enter or at least be active during contests. Lots of stations on that are not normally on often. Never know what you may find. Good luck!

CU in the pileups...

- Rick, N4XMX

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

N4XXM (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+

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