



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

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PREMIER
DX CLUB*

March 2007

**Next meeting: Wednesday, March 21st,
7:30 PM at the Fuqua Heart Center
Classroom at Piedmont Hospital.**

FROM THE PRESIDENT

--Al Ludwick, NN4ZZ

I missed the meeting in February, so thanks to John/N4TOL for filling in. It sounds like it was a very productive meeting with an interesting program by Don/N4HH. I was glad to hear the good news regarding the motions to support BS7 and upgrade the hamfest kit.

Although I haven't had a lot of time for Dxing lately, I did manage to work two new ones last month (D60VB & 9U0X) and hope I can get Spratly this weekend. Don't forget the upcoming Kennehochee hamfest on March 17th. I'm looking forward to working the booth and catching up with everyone. I hope you can make it as well and get a chance to check out our new LCD/DVD player.

Hamfest Kit

We're making good progress on the upgrades to our hamfest kit. Chaz/W4GKF received the flat panel LCD/DVD player and reports its working fine. I've ordered a DVD burner and some software to convert powerpoint presentations to DVD format for my home PC. I've been planning to get the burner anyway so this works out well. I'll be able to create DVDs for club player once everything is in place. Bill/KC4AA has placed the order for our table cloth and matching banner with our logo, web address, etc. He hopes to have it in time for the March meeting. Chaz is going to purchase our wheeled pelican case (to hold all of our hamfest supplies) once we get everything together so he can properly size it.

Bylaws Update

Jim/W4TE and Harry/W4KJ provided a draft

of the updated club charter and bylaws to the board (the officers) for our review. They put a lot of thought and effort into it and did a great job. Once the board completes our review we'll publish the charter and ask the members to vote on the changes. As specified in the bylaws, we'll get this to the membership at least 7 days before the meeting. Be watching for this to come to you in early April.

Dayton is right around the corner

In keeping with our recent Dayton tradition, many of the club members are getting together again this year on THURSDAY night for an informal dinner. Harry/W4KJ is making the arrangements again this year so please contact him for details if you haven't already.

Last year John/K4BAI coordinated a SEDXC table for the FRIDAY night DX Dinner at the Crown Plaza. John won't be able to do it this year and we've asked Gary/WB4SQ to make the arrangements this year. More to come on this.

Nominating Committee

I'm pleased to announce that the Nominating committee for 2007/2008 has been selected.

- Jim Strebile/K4DLI has agreed to serve again this year
- Bill Barr/N4NX will serve this year
- Jim Kauten/W4TE will serve this year.

Here is the general timetable of events.

- April – The Committee chair reminds the membership of upcoming elections, explains process for running, voting, etc
- May – The Committee chair announces the recommended slate, gives a reminder on process and elections in June
- June – Elections

Golden Anniversary

Reminder, next year is the 50th anniversary of the SEDXC. Let our committee know if you have any

ideas or want to help. There will be plenty to do.

- Wes/W3WL
- Gregg/W6IZT
- Gary/WB4SQ
- Chaz/W4GKF

Membership

I'd like to end on a reminder to help us spread the word about DXing and our club. Keith/K4KAL recently sent me a note about club representation at some of the smaller local hamfests. Keith said he was in favor of the club attending as many as we can. I think he has a good point about reaching a wider audience this way. Even if there are only 100 folks in attendance, that's 100 opportunities to introduce DXing and our club. We'll soon have our hamfest kit in top shape and ready to travel. I'd like to encourage everyone to volunteer when you can. We can't do it without your help. It's not hard work, you get to meet new people, talk about DXing, and sometimes there are free donuts and coffee. Where else can you have so much fun for free?

73 es gd dx, Al

FROM THE VP

--John Tramontanis, N4TOL

The program for the March meeting of the Southeastern DX Club will be presented by club members John Laney, K4BAI, and Jeff Clarke, KU8E, covering their trip to Brazil and their participation in the WRTC last July. They also may include some coverage from their recent trip to Bonaire for ARRL DX CW.

February's presentation was quite unique. Don Nesbitt, N4HH, presented a forum titled "Merry-Go-Round Radio". Don's presentation on the features and specification of a variety of HF radios created quite a lot of interest and questions from the group. He also enlisted other club members to share their rig experiences with the group. It was very interesting to see the results of the rig survey from the club members. The program certainly whetted my appetite for pursuing some new rig possibilities. Our thanks to Don for providing such an innovative presentation. Also, our appreciation to Don's team in the presentation; Tad,

WF4W, Mike, ND4V, Jim, K4DLI, and Al, NN4ZZ via computer imaging.

Please see the club website for more information regarding upcoming meetings \o "http://www.sedxc.org/january07.htm" www.sedxc.org/.

I look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday, March 21.

73 – John N4TOL

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2/21/07

-Jim Kauten, W4TE (filling in)

OFFICERS ABSENT: AL LUDWIG, NN4ZZ, GEORGE NICHOLSON, N4GRN

The meeting was called to order by John Tramontanis, N4TOL. This was the first meeting at the new meeting time, the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Treasurer: Hal Kennedy N4GG stated that there was \$5398 total with \$280 in the packet fund.

Activities: Gary McConville, WB4SQ reported that the Dalton Hamfest is this weekend and Kennehoochee is March 17 at Jim Miller Park.

QSL Service: Bill Barr, N4NX updated us on outgoing QSL issues. He reminded us of the goal set by the officers to increase membership by 10% over last year's roster. There were 128 members on the roster in 2006.

Announcements:

N4XMX, Rick has ground rods and push up poles. Call him if interested.

K4SSU, Dave: Marty Lane may be able to attend a SEDXC meeting in the near future.

Golden Anniversary Committee: No report

Old Business:

Lands End: Individual orders can be made with no minimum order

S21 logo is on web and QSL.

Constitution & Bylaws: W4TE, Jim & Harry, W4KJ: Revision is in progress. Changes will be presented to the officers. They will review and then present to the

membership for vote.

New Business:

Scarborough Reef Dxpediton: Start date will probably be sometime in April or May. Club members Tom, N4XP and Paul, K4UJ will be participating. It is expected to last 10 days and will run 3 stations. N4XP is requesting that the club will make a donation.

A motion was made to donate \$1000.00. This passed unanimously.

Hamfest Kit:

New Banner with logo estimated cost: \$100.00

Table Cloth with logo estimated cost: \$350.00

DVD Player estimated cost: \$400.00

Pelican Case estimated cost: \$100.00

QSL Card Holders estimated cost: \$50.00.

A motion was made to budget \$1000.00 for the above at the officer's discretion was made and passed unanimously.

Raffle: 10 items were donated and raffled.

Presentation:

Don Nesbitt, N4HH gave a presentation called "Merry-Go-Round Radios". Don presented his experience with trying many different radios in his career. He utilized the experience of other club members, Mike Weathers, ND4V, Tad Williamson, WF4W, and Jim Streible, K4DLI to summarize their favorite radios. It was a thorough and interesting presentation enjoyed by all.

The meeting adjourned around 2200.

Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE for George Nicholson, N4GRN, Secretary SEDXC

TIME TO RENEW

SEND YOUR DUES IN

OR PAY AT THE MEETING

THANKS!!!

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Hal Kennedy, N4GG, Tres.

Report for the month-end of February

SEDXC Treasury	\$4514.80
Packet Fund	\$ 280.15
Total Balance	\$4794.95

The sole expenditure during February was our \$1000 contribution to the upcoming BS7H DX-pedition. The SEDXC logo will be on the expedition's website and also on their QSL cards. I hope to get one! This is one of the four still needed here at N4GG for #1 honor roll.

The club also voted to expend up to \$1000 for updated hamfest display equipment – this expenditure will likely occur within the next 30 days.

The club received a very generous contribution of \$250 from Florence Montgomery, N4TNZ, in consideration of help she received from a club member in selling Bruce's gear when he became SK. Here is the body of her letter:

"Someone in the Club referred a potential buyer for some of W4BFR's TenTec gear to me. The sale was made, and in appreciation of the help, I am enclosing a "finders fee."

"Perhaps this will enable Bruce, in effect, to help finance one final DX-pedition, or make a down payment on a LCD/DVD/CD player."

73, Florence, N4TNZ

Florence's letter along with our written reply will be circulated at the next club meeting.

The February raffle was a big success and netted \$107 for the club. Among the many contributions were a really FB world map made of inlaid wood, donated by K4SSU, and a militarized VOM contributed by W4KJ. Your treasurer contributed the YASME book I won at last year's Christmas raffle - maybe after the lucky winner reads it, it will reappear on the raffle table once again – a perpetual source of revenue for the club?

It is nearly annual dues time again – dues are due by June 30th. Sometime in May we will be starting the formal appealing, cajoling, begging, elbow twisting, pleading, harassment and, of course, paperwork that goes along with this much anticipated

(at least by the treasurer) annual club event. Members should feel free to short circuit the process by paying early – KC4AA was the first to do so at the last meeting – thanks Bill for getting the ball rolling! Checks or cash at the meetings, or via the US mail, or via Pay Pal all work fine.

I returned from Contadora Island in the Pearl Islands of Panama (NA-072 for IOTA hunters) the night before the last meeting. Equipment problems at the host station kept HP1/N4GG mostly off the air until the start of the ARRL CW contest on February 17 and 18. The contest call was HP1XX. There are lots of SEDXC QSOs in the log – thanks! 7,700 Qs were made in 48 hours for a raw score of 7.8M. I wish there was an easy way to have a US manager for the operation but there isn't. QSL via DJ0LZ – bureau or direct are both okay.

73, Hal, N4GG

ACTIVITIES

-Gary McConville, WB4SQ

As this was written beforehand, I hope we did well at the Kennehoochee hamfest. I'd like to thank K4KAL (Kieth), N4ZZ (Al), K4UJ (Paul), W2WG (Bob), W3WL (Wes), and everyone else who chipped in and helped represent the SEDXC at the hamfest. Hopefully we helped Bill Barr out by recruited a few new members.

Would anyone be interested in manning a booth at the Birminghamfest on Sat May 5th? This may be fertile ground with many prospects. I'm planning to attend, but will again need help. I'll bring up the topic at the next meeting. Hope everyone finds all the goodies they're looking for.

Gary – WB4SQ@yahoo.com

ELECTIONS COMING UP

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE,

PLEASE CONTACT THE COMMITTEE

DX TIDBITS

-Rick, N4XXM, editor

In my last article, I lamented that the VU7 (and the previous VU4) could not be heard at my place. Fortunately the VU7RGDXpedition was a little easier. Since we are at the bottom of the sunspot cycle, I knew the high bands would be iffy. The first place I worked them was on 80 CW. I used my 80M horizontal loop, slightly better than my GAP vertical. They had been there a few days and the pileups were slightly smaller. Also, they were around 3.502 MHz working 1-2 up. That alone filters out many people. If you don't have your Extra ticket, you are missing a lot of good DX.

Originally, I thought that 40M would be the best shot since 20M or 30M were not audible here. It was later that there was a good night on 40M CW and I managed to work them. Amp wide open, big GAP vertical used.

I also mentioned last time my experiment to see if the Cushcraft CD-40 at 12 feet was better than my GAP vertical. The answer is NO. The Cushcraft needs to be up where it belongs. My wife was very relieved when I removed it from the middle of the backyard. The elements are 30' long and hang down. You could hurt yourself!

Now have all the new cards except the VU7 to turn in to Bill, N4NX, DXCC card checker. When the VU7 comes in, that will be three new ones this year. Now MAYBE I'll get lucky with the BS9! Other than that, just a VU4, P5, 7O and the FR/G if they ever get there, is all I need. Then I can get the pretty plaque!

Worked a little in the 160M contest. Bands were noisy and got worse, worked just a few club members. Did not get as far north or west as I usually do. CW is better than yelling all night.

Also played in the CQ WPX RTTY contest. Hoping enough people will use LOTW so I don't have to send for all the cards. I did notice that several people in both tests immediately uploaded their logs so I had confirmed QSO's by the next day! A couple were new band/mode QSO's. With the IRC situation, LOTW looks better and better...

CU in the pileups...

- Rick, N4XXM

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

N4XXM (2400) 144.91 (direct, Vinings),
(2400) 145.65 (direct or ATLDX)
Note: ATLDX is down right now, direct OK.

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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