



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB

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PREMIER
DX CLUB*

April 2004

NOTE CHANGE (4th Tuesday)!!
Next meeting: April 27th 7:30 PM at
the Fuqua Heart Center Classroom at
Piedmont Hospital.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

-Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE, Pres.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY APRIL 27, 2004.

W4AN, SK

The Club has lost a friend and strong supporter. Bill Fisher, W4AN became an SK on April 4, 2004. A memorial service was held this past Saturday in Cumming, GA. Even though Bill did not make many of our meetings, he was a strong supporter of the SEDXC. He provided the Club with web hosting facilities for the www.sedxc.org web site. This he provided complementary.

I am thankful that the Club chose to send him a sizeable donation this past year to help defray some of his cost for the web hosting. Bill was also an ambassador of ham radio and a World-Class operator. He was highly revered in the contesting and Dx'ing community. He will be missed.

As stated on www.eham.net, in lieu of flowers, donations can be sent in Bill's name to:

Victor C. Clark
Youth Incentive Program
C/O ARRL
225 Main St.
Newington, CT 06111-1494

Donations can also be sent to a Trust Fund arranged for his children. I have no further information regarding this. Details should be available on www.eham.net.

SEDXC LOGO JACKETS

I recently placed an order with Lands End for 18 squall jackets. These jackets are heavy duty, hardwearing jackets with Polartec™ fleece lining. The jackets have the SEDXC logo on the right with the owner's call letters beneath the logo. I am sure everyone who ordered one will be quite happy for many years to come.

The jackets are here and I will bring them to the Club meeting for delivery. These jackets look really sharp and will help identify our Club at hamfests and meetings.

(Of note: the popular color this year was Dark Navy.)

OTHER NEWS:

The Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society (www.gars.org) asked if the Club would give a presentation on DX'ing 101, an Introduction to DX'ing on Tuesday April 13, 2004. As there were no volunteers, I dug into my computer archives and revised the talk I gave last year at the Gainesville Hamfest on the basics of DX'ing. This was a talk modified from a talk given at HamCOM several years ago by Skip Cameron, W5GAI.

Wes Lamboley, W3WL had given several programs to this club in the past and was quite impressed with their club. Naturally, I asked Wes if he would help. He added the "professional" element to the program, being a seasoned dxpeditionier himself. The presentation was well accepted and there were many questions asked upon completion. We heard many nice comments and we encouraged getting their DXCC applications ready. Perhaps we will attract a few new members in the process. There are some pictures of Wes and me having fun at GARS on page 4.

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. A Nominating Committee has been selected. "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.

The Nomination Committee for 2004 is:

- Harry Saunders, W4KJ:
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- Dave Johnson, K4SSU:
jdavid1@mindspring.com
- Wes Lamboley, W3WL: blamboley@aol.com

Please call or email any member of the committee with suggestions for SEDXC Officers for 2004. PLEASE, if YOU wish to serve as an officer let them know!

Make the Committee look good, and make their job easy!

NEXT MEETING DETAILS:

The next 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. Send any ideas to sedxc@kauten.com.

Send email to 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.

BILL FISHER, W4AN, SK

Our prayers and condolences go out to his family. Amateur radio has lost a true friend.

FROM THE VEEP

-Wes Lamboley, W3WL, VP

I'd recon that about the time y'all read this I'll be at the Visalia DX Convention with some of the other guys in our club. Six of us are going (Bob Allphin, Dave Johnson, Jim Kauten, Bill Barr, Harry Saunders and me), thanks to Dave's glowing report on last year's doings. I have always wanted to go ever since I heard about it. Stand by for a full report.

The program for April is "DX/Contesting From A Suitcase - TI8M", and will be presented by two of the stalwarts in the club, Eddie Wilson - K4UN, and Bob Wilson - W4BD. They gave us an overview a few meetings ago, and it is sure to be a very interesting program! Twenty minutes of the presentation will be a well-groomed video, and then there will be some personal comments along with a Q&A session.

I personally wish to apologize for not being better prepared at the last meeting. There have been many requests for a copy of the Raser Antenna article published in QST in 1972, and I did not have any to give out. I have made 20 copies, and they will be available at the April meeting.

Best

Wes - Whisky Three Whisky Lemur

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Harry Saunders, W4KJ, Tres.

Nothing has changed on the financial front. However, 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
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MINUTES FOR MARCH 23, 2004

-Dale Nordin, K4HGG, Sec.

The meeting was called to order by Jim – W4TE, at 7:35 p.m. with 18 members present. Jim proceeded directly into the introductions after which he called for new business.

New Business:

The treasurer's report: Harry-W4KJ noted that the treasury was solvent and there would possibly be an item to be auctioned – see below.

John-N4TOL thanked the club for its support at the Kennehootchie Hamfest on March 20th

Bill-N4NX noted that the QSL card service is now virtually self-amortizing.

Announcements:

One of our club members, Jim-W4UCK is running for the position of Fulton County Superior Court judge.

The 2003 Georgia QSO party plaque was won by DL7MC

Bob Perser has been assigned to Iraq and will operate under the callsign YI/WN1USA.

On April 13th. the Gwinett County Amateur Radio Society (GARS) requested the SEDXC to supply someone to present a program on DXing. Their website is: <www.gars.org> in Lawrenceville.

Jim-W4TE took and order for club jackets from Land's End with club logoware & personalized with your call letters. There were a sufficient number of members that ordered jackets in order to reach the minimum order (& even a discount).

A reminder that the election will be held at the May meeting. Be prepared to nominate your 2004-2005 slate of officers.

The April meeting will be on DXing in Costa Rica presented by Bob Wilson-W4BD and Ed Wilson- K4UN

A raffle was held for a box of items donated by A1-N4ZZK

Old Business: None.

Program:

The program for the evening was a "Show-and-Tell" from various members of the club.

Propagation forecast mentioned by KC4AA at the website www.dxqsl.net/propagation, W4KJ showed his ham radio stamp first issue, a portable antenna by KC4AA, Collins by N4HH, Navassa Island DXpedition by Chaz-W4GKF, K4SSU discussed Navassa and described a very strong cord used for guy wires obtainable at the Wireman. K4HGG with 3 items of his home-built equipment. N4NX with is Italian award, and his 9M6AAC description. And W3WL with his "ouida" coil high voltage demonstration.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Dale-K4HGG/SM1WRI Secretary

ACTIVITIES

-John Tramontanis, N4TOL

The ARC - Atlanta Radio Club - hamfest is scheduled for June 5th at Jim Miller Park in Cobb county. We will discuss the club's participation at the April meeting.

On another note, I would like to recognize Bill Barr, N4NX, for providing his QSL card checking services for the club and also for managing the ARRL Outgoing Bureau submissions on behalf of the SEDXC. I took advantage of both services at the last meeting and it is quite a convenience when compared to sending everything up to Connecticut and back. Thank you Bill for helping with the cards and as well as your other service to the club.

BTW - I already received confirmation back from ARRL on the submission with endorsements for 250 mixed and 100 CW and less than three weeks turnaround!!! Thank again Bill.

- John, N4TOL,Activities

ELECTIONS IN MAY!!!



Wes, W3WL and Jim, W4TE at the GARS meeting

Jim, W4TE, introducing DX 101



Wes, W3WL, explaining QSL cards.

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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+

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