



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

*THE
SOUTH'S
PREMIER
DX CLUB*

April 2007

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

**IMPORTANT! READ NEW BY-LAWS AT-
TACHED TO THE EMAIL BEFORE MEETING.
FROM THE PRESIDENT**

--Al Ludwick, NN4ZZ

This month it's my pleasure to begin by thanking **Rick Glisson/N4XMX** for the wonderful job he does compiling and publishing our club newsletter. I'm a fairly new member (compared to most) and was surprised to learn he has been our editor for over 15 years! I learned about his length of service when he recently told me he was ready for a break. I think we can all understand that. Please take a minute and thank him for his 15 years of service publishing the newsletter for us. The editor serves as an appointed position. We agreed that it would be appropriate to transition the job around the start of the next club year (July). If you would like to volunteer for this job, please let me know. Here is the basic job description: The editor collects the columns from the officers and other members about 2 weeks before the monthly meeting. He compiles and edits them into the finished product you receive. The editor sends the final version to Chaz for distribution and archival on the web page. Rick can answer any questions you have about the tools he uses, etc. Please think about this, it's a great way to serve the club (and you get to see the news before anyone else).

Hamfest Kit

If you went to the Kennehochee hamfest or attended the last club meeting you saw our new flat panel LCD/DVD player. **Chaz/W4GKF** procured the player and a pelican case for us and wrote up a detailed set of instructions. It's a top notch setup and has already proven to be a great asset for the club. **Bill/KC4AA** will have our new table cloth and matching

banner at the meeting in April. Thanks to Chaz and Bill for all of the work on both of these enhancements to our hamfest kit.

Nominating Committee

The elections for 2007/2008 are only a few months away. Please let the Nominating committee know if you would like to serve.

- **Jim Strebile/K4DLI**
- **Bill Barr/N4NX**
- **Jim Kauten/W4TE**

- 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

Bylaws Update ***** IMPORTANT, please read *****

As many of you know, our club charter and bylaws (C&BL) are outdated and badly in need of updating. Last year we asked **Jim/W4TE** and **Harry/W4KJ** to review the document and suggest changes. The draft was presented to the board (i.e. club officers) in March for our input. All of the officers provided input and the revised charter has our support. Attached is a marked up copy we will be presenting to the membership in April. The text, table of contents, and index will be updated once the charter is approved.

- Please review the charter **prior to the meeting** in order to maximize our time. We won't have time to debate the changes at the meeting but will try to field as many questions as possible.
- We don't expect everyone to agree on every point. What we will ask you to vote on is this: **Can you support the overall package?**

The officers want to again thank Jim and Harry for the

hard work that went into this. And finally a reminder — if you want to vote you must be present at the meeting.

73 es gd dx, Al

FROM THE VP

--John Tramontanis, N4TOL

Club member John Hardin, W4NU, will present the April program for the Southeastern DX Club. John's presentation will cover 1) the 274th Forward Surgical team (Airborne) and it's activities in Afghanistan immediately after the 911 tragedy and 2) the war in SW Asia during the summer of 2002 including the W4NU/9K2 operation during this period.

March's program was a presentation of the adventures of club members and noted contesters John Laney, K4BAI, and Jeff Clarke, KU8E. They discussed their trip to Brazil and their participation in the WRTC last July, providing interesting anecdotes of an insider's experience of all that can go right and wrong during such an event and what occurs in the background to make it all possible. Additionally, they provided an interesting presentation from their recent trip to Bonaire for the ARRL DX CW contest. Our great appreciation to John and Jeff for providing a quality program to the club and whetting the contest appetites for those in attendance.

Please see the club website for more information regarding upcoming meetings: www.sedxc.org.

The next meeting will be at 7:30 PM on April 18th.

73 – John N4TOL

SECRETARY'S REPORT MARCH 2007

-George Nicholson, N4GRN, Sec.

The March meeting was called to order by Al at 7:30PM.

Individual introductions were made immediately after the meeting was called to order. There were 42 members present at the meeting. Following is that list of members in attendance:

The Secretary's minutes as published were

accepted.

The VP's report was given by John N4TOL and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was given by Hal N4GG. Florence Montgomery donated \$250.00 to the club in honor of her late husband Bruce. The club purchased the Hamfest Kit items during the past month.

Gary WB4SQ reports that we signed 7 new members at the Kennehoochee hamfest. Wes was giving away ground rods or push up poles with membership. The new LCD monitor worked very well. We should have the tablecloth and banner by the next hamfest. The next hamfest will be Birmingham and volunteers are needed. Gary will be accepting payment for the Dayton annual SEDXC dinner for Thursday night.

Bill Barr, N4NX, was not at the meeting this month. It was reported that DXCC checking goes from .07 to .08 now. Also the honor roll deadline was March 31, 2007.

There was no cluster report.

There was no report from Chaz, Jim, and Bill on the Golden Anniversary Committee.

The Nominating Committee will start making reports in April.

Announcements and How's DX:

- 1) John announced that the AJC did a nice coverage about Kennehoochee.
- 2) Hal said that grey line propagation had been good to RA and other areas.
- 3) It was reported that Bob Fuss was in Antigua now.
- 4) Chaz announced that SEDXC logo-wear was now available At Lands' End for purchase at anytime.

Old Business:

- 1) Chaz spoke about some updates to the website.
- 2) The hamfest kit was described
- 3) PowerPoint presentations are being converted to DVD by Chaz and available for showing on the new hamfest kit.
- 4) Jim and Harry announced that the updated By laws will be presented at the April meeting.
- 5) Harry spoke about the annual SEDXC dinner at the Stockyard Inn in Dayton. Be sure to see Gary about your tickets. The dinner will be at 7PM Thursday night. The cutoff will be 50 people so some guest can possibly be invited.

New Business:

- 1) John/K4BAI spoke about the annual GA QSO party. There was a motion to continue sponsoring the

mixed DX low power plaque at a maximum of \$50.00. There was a second and a vote to accept motion to continue.

There were several items donated for the raffle but the donors and recipients were not recorded. The raffle was a big money maker due to the 15" LCD Monitor:

<u>ITEM DONATED</u>	<u>DONATED BY</u>
<u>RAFFLE WINNER</u>	
O2NB book	WF4W
W2WG	
DXpedition DVD	K4UEE
ND4V	
CDXC MAGAZINE	KC4AA
K4TE	
Ground rod	N4GG
Harry	
NASA CD	Sorry ?????
John	
WRTC Notepad	KU8E
Don	

At approximately 8:00 PM there was a break and raffle tickets were sold by Hal and George.

At 8:15PM, the presentation about WRTC Brazil was given by John/K4BAI and Jeff/KU8E. This was a very interesting presentation and the members seemed to enjoy the presentation and has many questions. Thanks to John and Jeff for this great job.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30PM

George Nicholson, N4GRN, Sec.

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Hal Kennedy, N4GG, Tres.

Report for the month-end of March

SEDXC Treasury	\$4,059.13
Packet Fund	\$ 280.15
Total Balance	\$4,339.28

Expenditures during March included \$40 for sponsorship of a plaque for the upcoming Georgia QSO Party, \$736.87 for an LCD projector and Pelican carrying case for the SEDXC hamfest both display, and \$5 for a table at the Kennehoochee hamfest. During the next 30 days it is anticipated the club will be paying approximately \$300 for a hand embroidered

table banner to complete the hamfest display project. This project was approved by the membership at the February meeting and will provide a first-rate appearance at future events.

First use of the new projector was at the Kennehoochee hamfest, and it must work well as seven new members signed up. Welcome aboard:

Phillip Williams, KF4UYK
 Jerry Thomas, W1IBQ
 Jesse Knight, WB4PPW
 Terry Sanders, WA9WNE
 Ron Todd, K4WZ
 Tony Miles, KD4CJO, and
 Len Frantz, KA0RQJ

Also welcome to Jeff Clarke, KU8E, who joined at the March meeting.

The March raffle was another big success and netted \$107 for the club. Thanks to all the contributors and let's keep this ball rolling. The raffle is a major source of revenue for the club and enables our generosity for deserving DX'peditions. At the upcoming April meeting there will be a fully functional (but old!) Dell notebook computer on the raffle table, among other items.

Based on (and in advance of) the new bylaws about to be distributed and voted on, I am preparing a draft budget based on the club fiscal year, i.e., July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. This is a change from the calendar year budgeting used in the past. I encourage every member to read the proposed new bylaws and I am prepared to answer any questions concerning future budgets and the budgeting process. Questions can be handled during the meeting, but I am also happy to receive email or phone calls on the subject prior to the meeting at which we vote.

My excitement always builds this time of year, as Dayton is now within the planning horizon at N4GG. I hope to see a great turnout at the informal SEDXC Thursday night dinner at The Stockyards, and other events as the weekend unfolds. The Stockyards dinner has been a great way for me to "get in the Dayton mood" the past two years, and to enjoy the fellowship of club members in a relaxed and festive atmosphere.

73, Hal, N4GG

ACTIVITIES

-Gary McConville, WB4SQ

Looks like our table at the Kennehoochee Hamfest was a BIG success, as we recruited six new members into our ranks. Hope to do the same or better at the Birminghamfest on Saturday, May 5th. There's already one response for new membership from N4JF (Jerry) on the hamfest committee. I'm looking for a few more volunteers to help man the table and help pack things up on closing. Bill, are you up for card checking?

This year at the Friday night Dayton DX banquet, the SEDXC will hold 16 seats at tables 34 & 35. Next year, everyone should plan to attend. Our 50th anniversary events more than likely will include much of our presence at the Dayton Hamvention 08. Your ideas are more than welcomed. See everyone at the meeting...

Gary – WB4SQ@yahoo.com

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425 NEWS by I1JQJ & IK1ADH

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5Z - Don, W4ZYT will operate in his spare time as 5Z4ZK from Kenya on 9-19 April. Expected QRV times are 14-19 UTC (18077, 18137, 14007, 14207 and 10107 kHz) and 2-4 UTC (7007, 7077 and 10107). QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

7P - ZS1ROY and ZS1ZL were unable to participate in the 5-12 April 7P8DX operation from Lesotho [425DXN 829]. The operators currently are Shaun/ZS1RA, Barry/ZS1FJ and Tony/ZS1APB. This has put an unexpected financial pressure on the 7P8DX team, and they are short of some 500 Euros (about

USD 700). All donations would be appreciated. QSL direct only to 7P8DX, c/o The Cape Town Amateur Radio Centre, P.O. Box 2541, Clareinch, 7740, South Africa. Further information, online log included, can be found at <http://www.qsl.org.za/7p8dx/index.html> [TNX ZS1RA]

9H - Rosel, DL3KWR and Hardy, DL3KWF will be active as 9H3RZ and 9H3EZ from Malta on 4-18 May. They plan to operate mostly CW and on the WARC bands, Hardy will also work RTTY. QSL via home calls. E-mail requests for bureau cards can be sent to dl3kwr@dar.de and dl3kwf@dar.de respectively. [TNX DL3KWF]

CU - CT1CHT, CT1GRU, CT1GZI and CT2JFR will be active as CU9RBL from Corvo Island (EU-089), Azores on 11-16 April. They plan to operate on 160-10 metres SSB, PSK31 and RTTY and on 80-10 metres CW. QSL via CS5RBL.

FM - Alex, VE3KF reports he will operate SSB and CW as TO3T from Martinique on 23-31 May, CQ WPX CW Contest included. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

IS0 - Max, IK2YSE will be active as IM0/IK2YSE from Caprera Island (EU-041, IIA OT-012) on 3-5 May. He will operate CW QRS only on 10-40 metres; he will also try 6 metres (50200 kHz). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX IK2YSE]

J5 - Tibi, HA7TM will be active again as J5UTM from Guinea-Bissau on 14-21 April. He plans to operate with 500 watts, DunaX GPs for 10-40 metres and dipoles for the lower bands. The on-line log will be available at <http://ha7tm.uw.hu/> [TNX HA0HW]

JD1_oga - Hide/JM1LJS (JD1BLK), Koya/JI5RPT (JD1BLY) and Harry/JG7PSJ (JD1BMH) will be active from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara from 29 April (6 UTC) until 4 May (22 UTC). They will operate on 160-6 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31, plus satellite. QSL JD1BLK via JM1LJS, QSL JD1BLY via JI5RPT, QSL JD1BMH via JG7PSJ. [TNX JG7PSJ]

KH8S - The N8S team arrived at Swains Island around 23.30 UTC on 3 April. and became active around 6 UTC on the 4th. The expedition pilots monitor the guestbook (www.yt1ad.info/n8s/index.html), where you can leave your comments and suggestions. On-line logs are expected to be available on the website above, and to be updated once a day. QSL via YT1AD.

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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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