



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

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PREMIER
DX CLUB*

May 2003

**Next meeting: May 20th, 7:30 PM at
the Fuqua Heart Center Classroom at
Piedmont Hospital.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

-Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE, Pres.

Last month we had an excellent presentation by Bill Barr, N4NX about CT. CT is an old and faithful contesting program that is now freeware. We also discussed other contesting programs. A large number of the members use WriteLog (www.writelog.com) for contesting. There were a lot of interesting questions and comments. It was good to hear a presentation by a club member regarding an aspect of his operating expertise and experience. Many of you have an area of expertise in ham radio and we would like to hear it. Let Wes know if you would like to participate in a program one month.

The Atlanta Ham Fest is coming up soon in June 7, 2003. For information go to: <http://www.atlantahamfest.com/>. The Club will have a table. John Tramontanis, N4TOL will provide more information regarding the Club activities.

The Club has been asked to give two one-hour talks on DX'ing at the Gainesville Hamfest. One talk will be on the basics of DX'ing and the other a more advanced DX'ing topic. The Hamfest is July 12-13, 2003. Go to: <http://www.lanierlandarc.org/hamfest.htm> for more information.

PROGRAM FOR MAY:

The May program will be announced by Wes Lamboley, W3WL. I have had a preview of the June and later programs that are planned. These will be very interesting presentations. There will be more about this next month.

CLUB BUSINESS:

Club officer elections will be held in June. The officers to be elected are:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Activities Manager

According to the Bylaws of the SEDXC, members who are Regular Members (i.e. Have DXCC) are eligible to hold office. Think seriously about running for office. The more you put into the Club, the more fun you will have. I have selected a Nominating Committee of "seasoned" SEDX Club members. Contact them if you have an interest in holding office. Better to let them know what you are interested in before they pick you for something else. The Nominating Committee is:

- Dave Johnson, K4SSU
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- Harry Saunders, W4KJ
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- Jim Streible, K4DLI k4dli@earthlink.net

The Committee will work hard and nominate a slate of officers. If you are not on their list you may still run for office. There should be plenty of opportunity for anyone who is interested to hold office at some point in time if not now.

The Dayton Hamfest is quickly approaching. There should be some interesting tales about dxpeditions, contests, etc. Usually there is a fair amount of new equipment that is introduced to the large crowds at Dayton. For those of us unable to go this year, we will miss the usual faces, friends, and activities

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MISCELLANEOUS:

We have not had any firm volunteers yet for the Summer Barbecue. Last year it was held in May. We can hold it in July, when we usually do not have a meeting or hold it in August at the start of our meeting series. More details on this as information becomes available. The Barbecue was great fun and I would sure hate to miss it this year.

NEXT MEETING DETAILS:

The May 20, 2003 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 free parking are outlined there also. This QTH is easy 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.

GOOD DX and hope to see you at the meetings in 2003.

73,

Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE, Pres.

FROM THE VP

-Wes Lamboley, W3WL, VP

The program for the May meeting will be one or the other of the below SUPER programs. The first potential will be presented by Joe, KO4RR, on his most recent adventure to SO5X. The second will be presented by a famous DXer, on a subject dear to us all, "How To Organize and Carry Off a DXpedition". The second will have a detailed 15-page handout containing checklists and other information. So many great programs; so little time!

As most of you know, James Brooks, 9V1YC, was honored with having his name entered on the rolls of the DX Hall Of Fame. His nomination was sponsored by SEDXC. From what I have heard from other sources, his nomination was welcomed by many hams all over the world.

Dayton is upon us. I will be there along with a lot of other SEDXC members. I hope the rain and tornados will have let up a bit so we can enjoy the weekend! I will be hanging out at the Vibroplex booth a good part of the time, selling James' videos and KK6EK's books. Bob Schmieder has a new one available now, describing the expedition last year to San Felix. This will be the forth in a series that Bob has written, the first three being on Peter One, Easter Island, and Heard Island. Thank goodness for these two guys and their documentation of their adventures!!

All for now –

Whisky Lemur

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Harry Saunders, W4KJ, Tres.

Here is the Treasurer's report for the month of May:

SEDXC Treasury	\$2649.13
Packet Fund	\$ 610.15
Total Balance	\$3259.28

There was no change We also continue to sell SEDXC patches, pins and some T- Shirts. We have a supply of these at each meeting.

Harry Saunders, W4KJ Treasurer

ACTIVITIES

-John Tramontanis, N4TOL

The club will be sponsoring a table at the upcoming Atlanta hamfest on June 7th. There will be a sign up sheet to pass around at the next meeting for those to volunteer to man the table.

Also, we will discuss the clubs plans for the upcoming Lanierland hamfest in Gainesville, July 12th. The club will have two tables - one table for club promotion and one table for club members to sell items. We will also discuss the two presentations the club will be giving at the hamfest related to DXing.

Look forward to seeing you there.

73 – John N4TOL,Activities

MINUTES FOR April 15th

-Dale Nordin, K4HGG, Sec.

Meeting was called to order by Jim, W4TE, at 7:31 p.m. with 19 members and 1 visitor present-welcome to Robin Cutshaw-AA4RC. All present introduced themselves. The minutes of last months meeting were accepted as published with one error. Gary-WB4SQ was listed as Paul

Harry-W4KJ reported that we are solvent. He will give a complete report at the next meeting. Harry-W4KJ also reported that the Club still has patches and pins for sale. He suggested that members purchase the patches (\$2.50 each) and pins (\$4.00 each) and send them to DX QSL managers for goodwill or give them out to deserving individuals at the Dayton Hamvention.

John-N4TOL reported that the SEDXC will present 2 programs at their July 12th and 13th hamfest in Gainesville. The first program will be on the order of "DX for beginners". The second program has yet to be determined. Some suggestions were "QSLing" or the South Sandwich Island or South Georgia Videos. Other suggestions were also made.

Bill-N4NX, announced that he will have another mailing before his trip to Italy. The last mailing included 1536 (7 + lbs. of) cards.

Announcements:

The Atlanta Hamfest will be held at JR Miller Park in Cobb County on June 7th.

Ham-Com will be held in Dallas Texas. Date: ~20 June, which will also include the ARRL National Convention.

Will there be a Bar-Be-Que in May?? Will someone host this event for the club?

Also announced was that there will be no July meeting.

DX notes:

Dave-K4JRB noted that Mark /YI was on the air from Iraq. These contacts will be counted if the individual operating the station has the company/squadron commander's approval to operate. That is, their military duties must come first.

Program:

Bill Barr gave a presentation on the computer logging

program called "CT" He noted that the program may now be downloaded for free. He said that this is a DOS based program. He went through the set-up procedure and proceeded to explain the many features of this program.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Dale - K4HGG / SM1WRI
Secretary SEDXC

DX TIDBITS

-Rick Glisson, N4XXM

Time for yet another cluster update. Just after the last newsletter went out, Jim, W4UCK, received a letter from the Georgia Building Authority telling us to remove the ARCDX cluster from the building. Last weekend Jim, Ernie, KS4Q, and I did so. The cluster is now located at Jim's house in Grant Park near Turner Field downtown on his 70 foot tower. The building location had been originally obtained through the Atlanta Radio Club and the equipment was covered by their insurance. Since the move no longer involves the ARC directly, the name has been changed to ATLDX. Everyone of course is encouraged to use the cluster. On 145.65 you type "C ATLDX" instead of "C ARCDX". After you get a connect prompt, type "C N4XXM" as before. Users on 144.91 are unaffected.

Ernie has supplied two 440 radios and TNC's to link up from Jim to myself to cut down the bandwidth on 145.65. If the 440 radios cannot connect due to distance, etc., we will use TCP/IP over the internet.

The latest from Allen Bond, WB4GNT, about GNTNOD is that he hopes to get it back up after Dayton. Dayton is a very busy time and he spends months getting ready. Hopefully a little while after Dayton, GNTNOD will be back up.

Got a shredded return envelope from QSL-Service, PO BOX 73, 10122 Berlin. The problem is I can't remember which of the recent DXpeditions it might have been. (No it was not the 3D2 or PJ bunch, didn't work them). Hoping it wasn't the 3XY or ST0 crowd!

Finally got card #100 on 30M. Now for 9BDXCC... 160M to go!

CU in the pileups...

-73 Rick, N4XXM

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DX PACKET FREQ.

N4XMX (2400) 144.91 (direct or GNTNOD),
(2400) 145.65 (direct or ATLDX)
KS4Q (2400) 145.01 MHz; 'c saw3'
(2400) 144.97 MHz; 'c saw4'
(1200) 145.63 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 66.23.195.102:7300

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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