



# SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB

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*THE  
SOUTH'S  
PREMIER  
DX CLUB*

April 2004

**NOTE CHANGE (4th Tuesday)!!**  
**Next meeting: May 25th 7:30 PM at**  
**the Fuqua Heart Center Classroom at**  
**Piedmont Hospital.**

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### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**-Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE, Pres.**

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY MAY 25, 2004.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

In June we will be holding the election for officers of the Southeastern DX Club. The Nominating Committee for 2004 is listed below. If you do not wish to be an officer but have a good idea for someone whom you feel would make a good officer let the committee know. Better yet, volunteer yourself. You will get an amazing amount out of being an officer.

### **LAST MEETING**

We enjoyed a great presentation by Eddie Wilson, K4UN and Bob Wilson, W4BD. They gave a talk on their Costa Rican contest station TI8M. This is an effort that has been going on for many years and has been very successful. Everyone enjoyed the talk and there were many questions throughout the evening. Thanks to K4UN and W4BD!

### **DAYTON**

I sit here several days from my departure date for Dayton. Going to Dayton has been a fun annual pilgrimage that I look forward to each year. It is fun to meet up with friends and see familiar faces. The unveiling of new equipment is always exciting. We saw the Icom 7800 at Visalia and expect to see the Yaesu FT9000 at Dayton. Kenwood is supposed to have a new high end rig out this year too.

SteppIR should have their new 10M through 40M antenna on display (I hope). It is reported to have 3 full size elements on 30M and 40M and 4 on 20 and above. All that on a 34-foot boom! It is exciting to see new antennas develop. Several of the SEDXC members have a SteppIR antenna and state that they really like it. What's not to like with an antenna that has full bandwidth across each ham band and a SWR of 1.0:1.0! We will let you know what else is new.

It sounds as if many SEDXC members will be at Dayton. I hope to meet up with every one of them. It will be fun to talk with the vendors also as this is a great time to ask them the questions we all have been waiting to ask.

### **VISALIA INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION**

The Club had great representation at Visalia this year. The report given by Dave Johnson, K4SSU in the past was inspiring. All told, we had 7 Club members present. We all enjoyed the meeting immensely! There were some good forums related to DX'ing and plenty of social activities. It was nice to meet DX and to meet many of the W6's that are part of the "call area 6 curtain" that we deal with in our pursuit to make QSO's in Asia and the South Pacific. Of course they spoke of the East coast curtain in their pursuit to make contacts eastward. US Towers held a nice barbecue on Saturday afternoon. Six of us took a drive on Sunday to Sequoia National Forest to see the BIG TREES. There should be a picture of us later on in the Newsletter.

### **CLUB BUSINESS:**

**SEDXC ELECTIONS** will be held in June. 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. The 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:  
[j david1@mindspring.com](mailto:j david1@mindspring.com)
- Wes Lamboley, W3WL: [blamboley@aol.com](mailto: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](http://www.sedxc.org). Send any ideas to [sedxc@kauten.com](mailto:sedxc@kauten.com).

Send email to [w4te@arrl.net](mailto: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.

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**ARC HAMFEST June 5th**  
**Jim Miller Park**

## FROM THE VEEP

**-Wes Lamboley, W3WL, VP**

I, like several of the SEDXC members (12 by my count), have just returned from Dayton. The usual "I had a great time" just does not seem to be enough to say about the event. In spite of the rain, they had a good turnout. I think that Dayton is still alive and well, and to the best of my knowledge, they already have a contract with the HARA arena for 2005. In spite of all the excellent forums, the vendors with new equipment (I fell in love with the Icom 7800!), the dinners, the prizes and the flea market, I find that Dayton is more about seeing old friends and making new ones. There is nothing like getting together with K4UEE, W0GJ and RA3AUU and reminiscing about Heard Island and Bhutan! And, it is always enjoyable to put faces with the guys you have talked with or heard about – I actually met Tom Rauch, W8JI, for the first time. Tom gave a very interesting talk in the Antenna Forum, along with some other guys. It was my favorite forum.

So – as I am in charge of Programs, I have decided that the May meeting will be about Propagation. And – I am stealing the presentation from my friend and fellow Hoosier, Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA, from the presentation he gave at Dayton in the Antenna Forum. I will provide handouts that will cover all the free software that is out there. Carl has inspired me to learn more about propagation, and I hope that our May program may do the same for you, if you are not already a whiz at the science of educated guesses.

Best

Wes – Whisky Three Whisky Lemur

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## ELECTIONS IN MAY!!!

## MINUTES FOR April 27, 2004

### -Dale Nordin, K4HGG, Sec.

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

New Business:

W3WL discussed his article on Raser principles and distributed them to the membership.

Bill-N4NX noted that the QSL card service is now virtually self-amortizing. Also the Logbook of the World (LoTW) will begin accepting cards for DXCC credit on May 3rd. The instructions are on the ARRL website.

Announcements:

A report was made on the DX convention at Visalia Ca. noting that the US Tower company was there and some of the transceiver manufacturers.

Jim-W4TE and Wes-W3WL presented a DX101 program to the GARS (Gwinett County Amateur Radio Society ) radio club.

Gary announced the he had worked YA8G

Jim brought the Landsend jackets to the club that the members had ordered. Jim was honored for his work in arranging the jacket order. We even received a discount for a quantity order.

The elections originally scheduled for the May meeting will be held at the June meeting. Be prepared to nominate your 2004-2005 slate of officers.

A raffle was held auctioning 4 bags of Costa Rican coffee to the membership.

Old Business: None.

Program:

The program for the evening was on Costa Rica presented by Bob Wilson-W4BD and Ed Wilson-K4UN. They described how they came to use Costa Rica as a DX destination and showed a video and digital slides at their contest location.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Dale-K4HGG/SM1WRI Secretary

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### -Harry Saunders, W4KJ, Tres.

Here is the Treasurer's Report for the month of May.

SEDXC Treasury	\$ 3277.54
Packet Fund	\$ 330.15
Total Balance	\$ 3607.69

Thanks to the generosity of several of our Club members attending the April meeting, we had a super raffle that brought in over \$ 100 for the Club's treasury. Besides some high quality RSGB antenna books, we had several bags of native Costa Rican coffees that were a big hit! We all had fun and it was a good evening for the Club treasury. Let's keep the tradition going this coming meeting.

73.

Harry Saunders, W4KJ Treasurer  
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## ACTIVITIES

### -John Tramontanis, N4TOL

No report this month.

- John, N4TOL,Activities

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## DX TIDBITS

### -Rick, N4XMX, editor

The Logbook of the World (LOTW) has gotten off to a great start. I have uploaded my log of over 8K QSO's and have over 550 matches. You can now apply these to your DXCC and Challenge awards. 4U1ITU has been very active and has posted all recent QSO's so gone are the days of sending and waiting for that one.

Still waiting for TO4E. Once that is in, Bill, N4NX, will get another stack to wade through. Thanks for your help Bill, sure beats sending them in! CQ WPX coming up this weekend, CW no less. Great for those low bands you need. I will hang on 160 to see if anything is stirring.

CU in the pileups...

- Rick, N4XMX



# Pictures from Visalia -Jim, W4TE

Boys at Sequoia

Tour Guides



W4KJ, W4TE, K4SSU

W4TE at US Tower



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International DX Convention - Golf Tournament - Visalia, California - Valley Oaks MCC - April 23, 2004



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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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