



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB

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PREMIER
DX CLUB*

May 2007

**Next meeting: Wednesday, May 16th,
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

BS7H/Scarborough is in the books by now and it may be a while till it's activated again. Whether you got them or not, they deserve to be thanked and commended for an excellent job under difficult conditions. I had a very limited amount of time to listen but the operators I heard were excellent. We can be proud of our club's contributions to this dxpedition. I'm looking forward to a program on this one. Maybe it's just me but it seems that the jamming, tuning, and disparaging comments from a few were much worse than normal. It's shameful and embarrassing to think a dxer would act like that.

Hamfest Kit

Our hamfest kit upgrades are complete. The new tablecloth and banner were on display at the April meeting. They got their first use at the Birmingham fest on May 5th and Gary reports the team signed up six new members. Congratulations!

Nominating Committee

The election for 2007/2008 is just around the corner. The Nominating committee is

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

At the May meeting they will announce the recommended slate and the elections will be at the meeting in June.

Bylaws Update

Jim/W4TE and **Harry/W4KJ** have been working diligently on the next draft of the club charter and bylaws (C&BL). Our plan is:

- Finalize the draft by May 9th
- Send a notice to members by May 9th advising of the intention to vote on the amended C&BL at the May meeting. The notice will be sent via first class mail.
- Distribute an electronic copy of the C&BL to members prior to the meeting

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 Bob Allphin, K4UEE, will present the May program for the Southeastern DX Club. Bob was a team member for the international DXpedition to Lakshadweep, VU7RG. Lakshadweep is the #2 "most wanted" DXCC entity. As always, we can expect an interesting account and perspective from Bob of his experiences.

The April meeting was highlighted by a presentation from club member John Hardin, W4NU. John's presentation covered 1) the 274th Forward Surgical team (Airborne) and its' 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. Regrettably work obligations prevented me from attending the meeting. Based on the positive feedback I had received from the members, the meeting was well attended and the program was a success. I would like to extend the club's appreciation to John for his presentation, another reminder of the talent and re-

sources this club has to offer.

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

The next meeting will be at 7:30 PM on May 16th. I look forward to seeing you all there.

73 – John N4TOL

SECRETARY’S REPORT APRIL 2007

-Chaz, W4GKF

Treasurer Hal Kennedy N4GG called the meeting to order at 7:35pm. Hal conducted the meeting as the President and Vice President were both out of town along with the Secretary George N4GRN. Chaz W4GKF was asked to create the minutes.

There were twenty-seven in attendance including Dr. Bill Harris, business partner of Jon W4NU.

Treasurer’s report: The club has about \$3000 in the treasury. Expenses for the past month were about \$1350, elevated chiefly by the purchase of the new Club tablecloth, banner TV/DVD player and carrying case used at hamfests. Income from last month’s raffle was \$107.00 (more than usual).

Hal listed the raffle items for tonight led by a laptop computer contributed by Hal himself.

Activities Manager: Gary WB4SQ solicited volunteers for the BirminghamFest coming up May 5th. He and Keith K4KAL are opening the show with the new banner, sign and TV/DVD player. The Dayton DX Dinner tickets that Gary has been managing have all been received and distributed. As a member of the SEDXC 50th Anniversary (2008) committee he made a short report of (slight) progress. A proposal was for a table/booth at Dayton as an idea.

Membership: Hamfest activity has generated a bunch of new members. ARRL outgoing bureau cards no .07 each so Club breaks close to even. Eighteen pounds recently sent off at the old rate. All card checkers can now check older cards except for deleted countries and 160 meters.

Nominating Committee: Jim K4DLI said that they are hard at work and solicited names of interested parties. Election is in June.

How’s DX?: Hal then opened the “How’s DX” session remarking on the high quality of the N8S operation. Dave K4SSU indicated that Scarborough

BS7H might start as early as this Sunday. Don N4HH reported on his progress with Georgia Power to ameliorate his noise problem. If successful he will share the name of the person who solved it.

Old Business: Hal reported that the new club Banner and Table cover have been delivered. Thanks to the good work by Bill KC4AA in getting this done. They look great!

Harry W4KJ reported seventeen members so far for the SEDCX dinner at Dayton.

New Business: The Constitution and Bylaws Committee (Jim W4TE and Harry W4KJ) reported on the proposed modifications which had been distributed to the membership along with this month’s bulletin. Jim moved and Bill N4NX seconded that the changes be accepted.

Lively and healthy discussion ensued with members making suggestions on changes in two areas: criteria and methodology for computing Dxpediton gift amounts and expanding the mission of the SEDXC for more outreach. The question was called and the motion was defeated.

Based on points raised in the prior discussion, Chaz W4GKF moved that the present Bylaws be amended to specify distribution of notice of constitutional changes be made by email except to those members without email. Seconded by Bill N4NX. Passed.

Hal asked that those with passionate feelings about changes to the proposed document contact Jim and Harry to see if those changes could be/should be incorporated. The next distribution target is with the May newsletter. Business meeting adjourned for the break and raffle.

Program: John W4NU presented several PowerPoint shows on his experiences in Kuwait just after 9/11 with the FST (Forward Surgical Team) during operation “Enduring Freedom”.

Meeting adjourned 9:53p

Respectfully submitted: Chaz W4GKF (acting Secretary)

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Hal Kennedy, N4GG, Tres.

No article, Hal is out of the country.

ACTIVITIES

-Gary McConville, WB4SQ

A B-I-G thanks goes out to K4KAL (Keith), WF4W (Tad), and KT4MM (Jim) for everything involved in our presence at the Birminghamfest07, including enduring that miserable 30 mile stretch of I20 on both sides of the state line -TWICE. We also gave up our last opportunity to work the BS7 dxpedition this go round! ***APPLAUSE***

Our six new members from Birminghamfest07 are WB4BYQ (Richard Battles) – Opelika, AL, W4JSM (Joe S. Marbury) – Sparta, GA, K4MQM (Mathew T. Barnhill, Jr) – Fairhope, AL, N5SPG (Donald F. Fortenberry) Fulton, MS, W4YRD (W.H. Chappell) – Anniston, AL, and KC4OJE (Shirley Kelly) – Anniston, AL. Two shirts were sold and Mr. Chappell donated \$3 to the club.

As the DX group representing the Southeast, maybe we should expand to adjacent states. Let's talk this up at the next meeting. The Atlanta hamfest is coming up next month, so start thinking about helping to man (or woman) our table without so much driving. (PS – I still have that last Dayton banquet meal ticket at a SEDXC reserved table for \$36.

Gary – WB4SQ@yahoo.com

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DX TIDBITS

-Rick, N4XXM, editor

BS7H is now in the history books. First off, I want to congratulate the people who put it on. The more I read about it, the more respect I have for everybody involved, especially the ops! Not much room on there. Unfortunately for me, I was not able to get a solid contact. A couple of slim maybe's. I'll check the logs when they go online later. I will pass along my experience trying to work them though. So glad they kept someone on 20M all the time. The SSB station was very faint but the cw was much easier to hear. 40M was good sunrise but didn't see them there much working east coast.

The best signal here was between 7:30-9:00 AM local time here. Unfortunately, I had to work all week. The evenings did not work for me, little or no signal. Of course we hear the west coast "Easy, up 3". I did spend quite a bit of time Saturday morning starting around 6:00 AM local time throughout the morning. Peaked around 8:00 AM (1200Z). I also noticed that with very few exceptions, short path was always better. I was hoping for a long path in the evening here but nothing doing. You guys with real antennas hopefully fared better. Being able to spend more time in the morning would have also helped.

The cw ops were very good. I spent almost all my time listening to the 20M cw station, good rates, etc. They would also stick with a call until they worked it. What little I heard of the 20M SSB, the rates were slower. I only heard the SSB stations a few times so I can't comment on all the SSB rates.

That area of the world is tough for east coast anyway but you go when you can go! The reef is so small that anything other than verticals is impossible. More sunspots would also help. Working this DX was similar to working Burma or Bhutan, hard anyway you slice it. Besides, if it were easy, everybody could do it!

The VU7 website said cards for the latest VU7 DXpedition should start coming out late May. That will be a new one for me. Three new ones this time will at least catch me back up to everyone else.

As far the newsletter goes, I hope someone steps forward. It's not too bad once you set it up. Any word processor can do it. A page layout program is better if you have one. Give it a try!

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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