



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

*THE
SOUTH'S
PREMIER
DX CLUB*

August 2002

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

-Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE, Pres.

I hope everyone has had a good summer. There has been a reasonably good supply of DX this summer, which has been fun to work more band-countries. I have spent a considerable amount of time getting my QSLs up to date and sent to QSL managers, direct, and via the Bureau. I plan on utilizing the Club's Outgoing QSL service with a big stack of cards this month. I am slowly closing the gap between cards mailed for QSLs and cards confirmed. I would like to know how all you Honor Roll members accomplished this. Probably through multiple submissions and perseverance until that card was in hand.

PROGRAM:

Wes has an interesting program planned for the meeting in August (next Tuesday). To quote him:

"I recently lived and worked in England for three years, and had the opportunity to become acquainted with Tony Hancock. Tony is a legendary radio ham in the UK, but not too many Yanks know about him. I do not think he currently has a ham license, so I cannot give you his call sign. Tony will be addressing us via a recording. His message contains much that we all can identify with. I consider Tony's story a "must" for all radio hams."

Wes – W3WL/M0BLA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The Executive Committee met last week. This

was probably the first of these meetings in many years. It is great to have a full complement of officers, as multiple "heads" are better than one. We discussed the following items:

- Programs—We have a number of "ideas" that were discussed. If you have suggestions regarding a program you would like, let Wes Lamboley, W3WL know. We would like to utilize the expertise of the membership for programs. Many members have areas of expertise that they could share with the Club
- Activities—John Tramontonis, N4TOL will discuss the items that were discussed. The Club, in the past, had contests within in the Club for various DX contests. The Club has also participated in Dxpeditions. Any ideas here would be appreciated.
- Budget—A new budget proposal is in the making. We discussed ways to raise money for club activities and to allow us to sponsor the Dxpeditions that are important to us.
- Membership—Thanks to all who have been active in recruitment. The roster is growing. Other ways to garner new members was discussed:
 - o Encourage inactive members to become interested once again.
 - o We are updating our SEDXC information sheet so these can be given out at Hamfests, meetings, and presentations given by Club members.
 - o Participation at the local level with Ham Radio Clubs to serve as a resource for DX. The SEDXC, being an ARRL Service Club, needs to be active in this.

Many other items were covered. We look forward to all members old and new contributing. Let us know what you would like to see the club do or what
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you would like to see at the club meetings. We all look forward to a new year with the SEDXC.

NEXT MEETING DETAILS:

The August 20, 2002 meeting will be held at the usual QTH, the Heart Center Classroom of the Fuqua Heart Center (Piedmont Hospital). There is **free parking**. Check the SEDXC website for directions and instructions. We will meet at Panera Bread just North of the hospital around 1800 for a good dinner with Club members then go to the meeting QTH around 1915.

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 August meeting.

GUD DX and see you at the meeting.

73,
Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE, Pres.

MINUTES FOR JUNE 18th

-Dale Nordin, K4HGG, Sec.

There was no meeting in July.

Dale - K4HGG / SM1WRI

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Harry Saunders, W4KJ, Tres.

There was no report for August.

**BE SURE TO SEND IN
YOUR RENEWALS!!**

FROM THE FISHERMAN

-Wes Lamboley, W3WL, VP

REAL DX

(reprinted from July issue)

Think for a minute about the very first radio contact you ever made. Some thrill, what?! I believe some of that thrill comes from the UNIVERSAL IMPERATIVE – the desire to communicate, and that we DXers have, in many ways, managed to extend that desire into a game of sorts. Loads of fun, work, sacrifice and competition. I love it.

Now for a real DX story. June 15 was Kid's Day. I found out about Kid's Day on the return trip from VP8 earlier this year. George, K5NT, told me about it as we were passing the time at 35,000 feet above the Atlantic somewhere between the Falklands and the UK. Seems the Boring Radio Club out in Oregon got the idea going, and it has become a very enjoyable way to introduce kids to amateur radio. It is so successful that the ARRL is now sponsoring it, along with the Boring club. There was a write-up on Kid's Day in the June issue of QST if you want to know more. Bottom line is that kids get on the air and talk to other kids all over the country. 20, 15 and 10 are the bands of choice, with specific frequencies recommended in the ARRL article. Kids give their names, ages, location and favorite color to other kids, and then talk about whatever they want to.

As luck would have it, our grandchildren, Mariah and Sarah, ages 11 and 8, were visiting us during the Kid's Day activity. We got on the air. They made contacts (29 in all). Their faces lit up big time while they were meeting and talking with other kids all over the country (they even had an Italian call and talk with them!). It was an absolute joy to watch them, and remember those electric thrills I had so long ago when I was first discovering ham radio. QSLs even came in the mail before a week was up!

Kid's day – don't miss it. If you do not have kids or grandkids handy, bring in some neighbor kids. It is one week before Field Day. You will thank me for it.

Best,

Wes – W3WL, VP

DX TIDBITS

-Rick Glisson, N4XMX

The summer has just blown by! Seems like I spent most of my time either getting kids ready for camp or picking them up. Not a whole lot of time for radio.

Did try the GA QSO party, I wasn't using packet so I didn't know about the giant flare that shut down all the bands when I could get on. Listened on all of them, even called CQ on the most likely bands, nothing. Absolutely no response. I read the comments later on the reflector and found out what happened. I feel for you guys who traveled around when the flare hit. Hope you brought your fishing poles...

Some good cards have come in. TI9M, as well as a ZC4. I haven't sent for the K1B cards yet but I know they are out. Best card this month has been ZA1Z on 40M cw direct from ZA! A few years back that would have been unthinkable. How times have changed.

Operated from the coast last week. It is amazing how different the propagation is between the two places. I have to judge this on the low bands where the antennas are similar. 40 and 80M open earlier and with stronger signals. The salt marsh 3 feet away from the vertical 80M loop helps too!

In cluster news, the N4XMX AR-Cluster machine has been changed over to Windows XP. The computer was nuked and only the Cluster software is running on it. The software interface for the ARCDX machine has been changed to improve the connection for everybody. If you have a weak connection to ARCDX, your spots will continue to fall behind due to timeouts, retries, etc. A small 2M beam would improve your shot. Ernie, KS4Q, has another cavity to put in series with the one that is there. This should improve the listening ability of ARCDX. Another improvement would be to have a separate link on 440 to me to cut down on the traffic on 145.65. We have to work on that.

My daughter JoAnne, KF4YOQ, has finally got to play with 2M radios. Great to give her when walking the dog to talk to her on simplex. I am trying to get her to upgrade to General, then the fun on HF begins!

CU in the pileups...

-73 Rick, N4XMX

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5B - Alan, G3PMR will be vacationing on Cyprus (AS-004) at the QTH of Mike, 5B4AGX on 12-18 September. He hopes to get some operating in (SSB and CW) from Mike's shack, signing 5B/G3PMR. QSL via home call. [TNX G3PMR]

5W - Bill, W7TVF (5W0VF) will go back to Apia, Samoa (OC-097) from 18 November to 9 December. He plans to be active on all bands, 6 metres included (beacon at 50.104 MHz), and will try to operate also RTTY and PSK31. Those who need 5W on a band or mode can e-mail Bill at bill.w7tvf@air-internet.com [TNX The Daily DX]

9A - Mike, 9A3JB will be active (on 40-6 metres CW and SSB) from Murter Island (not IOTA, IOCA CI-074) from 19 August to 6 September. QSL via bureau. [TNX 9A3JB]

9H - Gerd, DJ4KW and Gisela, DK9GG plan to be QRV on CW and digital modes from Gozo (EU-023) from 26 September to 8 October. [TNX DJ4KW]

C9 - Babs, DL7AFS and Lot, DJ7ZG will be active again as C98DC from Mozambique for two weeks starting around 22 September. They expect to operate from an island in northern Mozambique, probably with Rei, DL6DQW/C98RF. Rei will operate CW and on 6 metres, while Babs and Lot will try to operate RTTY/PSK mostly on 18101 kHz. QSL C98DC via DL7AFS, QSL C98RF via DL6DQW. Updates will be published at <http://www.qsl.net/dl7afs> [TNX DJ7ZG]

CY0 - The Daily DX reports that George/VE3NZ, Nick/VE3EY and Lali/VE3NE are planning an operation (HF and 6 metres CW, SSB and RTTY) from Sable Island (CY0MM) between 15 and 26 November, CQ WW CW DX Contest included. The DXpedition will take place only if the group can raise enough funds by 15 October. They have a web page at <http://www.dipole.com>

DL - Look for DF0IF to be active from Westermakelsdorf lighthouse (ARLHS FED-026) on Fehmarn Island (EU-128) during the weekend for the ILLW. QSL via bureau. [TNX VA3RJ]

XY - The XY3C/XY5T/XY7V team at Ngapali is experiencing strong winds and heavy monsoon rainfalls, and is having major problems with antennas. The XY0TA IOTA team became active from Apaw-ye Kyun on 15 August, after an adventurous landing

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DX PACKET FREQ.

N4XMX (2400) 144.91 (direct or GNTNOD),
(2400) 145.65 (direct or ARCDX)

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 ks4q.dns2go.com

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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