



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

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PREMIER
DX CLUB*

September 2002

Next meeting: September 17th, 7:30 PM at the Fuqua Heart Center Classroom at Piedmont Hospital.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

-Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE, Pres.

You only need to watch one second of television, to be instantly reminded of September 11, 2001. This day is on the minds of many people as we approach that important date. I am reminded of the many hams who "stepped up to the plate" to provide aid in the area of communications for that disaster. It is evident that their effort made it easier on independent and government agencies that needed the simple act of "communication". Commendations were awarded to hams for their work related to 9-11-2001. Many cell phones did not function properly that day. I enjoy hearing the good stories of ham radio. Sad that they are often related to disasters.

It is soon becoming Hamfest season. We can expect cooler temperatures and along with cooler temperatures come the Fall Hamfests. Hamfests this time of year always seems to be a good place to see friends old and new. John Tramontanis, N4TOL is working hard to set up tables for the SEDXC at local Hamfests this fall. He will need us to help setup, take down, and "man" the booth. We hope to meet hams interested in DX and hope to get them interested in our Club. At the last meeting we discussed having a Club table where we can sell items near the main SEDXC display table. We will try this at the Alford Memorial Hamfest if the Club is interested in participating. Hope to see everyone at the next Hamfest.

For those of you who need to maintain Honor Roll status, remember that the DXCC Submission deadline is September 30, 2002. This is for the next DXCC Annual List. Per the notice: The DXCC Annual List shows all those who have submitted an application to DXCC between October 1, 2001 through

September 30, 2002. In order to be shown in the Annual list you must:

- Submit an application between October 1, 2001 and September 30, 2002, or:
- Be current on the DXCC Honor Roll.

Now is a good time to get your submissions up to date.

Christmas is soon approaching. It will be here again sooner than we think. In lieu of the December meeting there will be a SEDXC Club Christmas party. I hosted this party last year and had a blast. It really was not a lot of work. This year my wife has decided to remodel our kitchen. Presently our kitchen is an empty room with bare walls and a lot of echo. We do not expect to have it completed by year end so we will be unable to host the party this year. We need someone to volunteer to host the party this year. Let any of the Officers know if you are interested. The Activities Manager, John Tramontanis, N4TOL will be handling the specifics of this event.

PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER:

Wes will be providing the details of the program for September in his column. He has had some good ideas suggested to him by the membership as well as the Executive Committee. We look forward to having some great programs in the future, and hope to have programs prepared and presented by Club members possessing expertise in particular areas of ham radio. I am looking forward to some interesting and exciting programs in the upcoming year.

NEXT MEETING DETAILS:

The September 17, 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.

FROM THE FISHERMAN

-Wes Lamboley, W3WL, VP

(No article this month)

**DXCC DEADLINE FOR
SUBMISSIONS IS
SEPTEMBER 30th!**

GET YOUR CARDS IN!

ACTIVITIES

-John Tramontanis, N4TOL

The club is in the process of securing a table in the exhibition hall for the Alford Club hamfest on November 2nd and 3rd. We will need volunteers to man the table throughout the hamfest. I will start a sign up sheet at the meeting. We are also looking into having a swap shop table in the indoor boneyard if there is enough member interest. We will discuss this at the club meeting.

We are targeting a contest for an internal club competition this fall and will discuss details at meeting on September 17th.

MINUTES FOR August 20th

-Dale Nordin, K4HGG, Sec.

Jim opened the meeting at 7:30 with 23 members and several visitors present. There was an Athens contingent present including Tom-N4XP. After introductions, the minutes for the June meeting published in the last newsletter were approved (there was no July meeting).

There wasn't any new or old business

Announcements

Jim -W4TE reminded us that dues are due with the start of the new fiscal year.

John-N4TOL, our activities manager, suggested that the club participate in the Lawrenceville Hamfest with a SEDXC table. This was approved by the membership. He also suggested that internal club contests be re-instituted and the Christmas/Summer cookouts traditions be continued and possibly expanded. Also we could re-institute the hospitality room in conjunction with the Kansas City DX Club at the Dayton Hamfest. A comment was made that this would be a large commitment on the part of the club. Field Day was discussed as possible get-together operating contest/party. Another suggestion was to travel to an island and put it on the air (IOTA) - preferably a Georgia coastal island.

It was reported that the executive committee had met and that there several suggestions on how to increase and improve membership numbers and the type of programs. Wes-W3WL suggested that we have more technical and 160 meter (top band) programs. Also suggestions were made to increase membership and especially focus on younger members.

Bill Barr-N4NX, our QSL manager, reminded the club members that there is a charge of 4 cents per card for cards shipped to the ARRL. This charge will make the shipment of QSL cards self amortizing.

Tom-N4XP asked the SEDXC for support for the University of Georgia club station - K4UGA. Will-K4DX reported that support was not needed because funds and equipment are on a lend-lease arrangement from the UGA.

Jim-KT4MM gave away many "wall warts" (3.5v/50mA plug-in power supplies) to the membership. (continued on page 3)

Guy-W4GBU announced that free (and very professional) business cards were available from Vista Print. Order them from their web-site at "www.vistaprint.com".

Program:

The program was a comedy recording and a voice from the past, recorded by Tony Handcock, a British comedian and presented by Wes-W3WL. It was a spoof on Ham Radio by a non-ham and consisted of May-Day calls and conflicts with neighbors etc. The program lasted about 35 minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Dale - K4HGG / SM1WRI

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Harry Saunders, W4KJ, Tres.

Dues are coming in but have slowed down over the last week or so. We have the following funds in the Club account.

Packet Cluster Fund	\$590.15
SEDX Club Funds	\$2451.24
Total	\$3631.54

There are still many members who have not sent in their dues. We want to keep the club strong and active so we are encouraging all members to renew now so they don't lose membership privileges, including the monthly newsletter. Please send your dues renewal checks of \$20 made payable to the SEDX Club and mail them to :

SEDX Club P.O. Box 19871 Atlanta, Ga. 30325

Harry Saunders, W4KJ Treasurer

**MAKE SURE YOU HAVE RENEWED
SEND IN YOUR DUES IF YOU HAVEN'T**

John, W4NU/9K2

Got this note from John and though SEDXC may be interested. 73, Nancy NK4U

"I will be on again on Sunday, 22 September at 1800 local time (1100 EST) starting on 15 meters at 21250. Then I'll move to 14200 or so as the band opens up to the USA.

The European pile-up (especially Russians) was horrific this past Sunday. I started on 15 and then went to 20.

But, the A-index was 50, and that's not good. As the fall approaches the conditions will get better.

DX TIDBITS

-Rick Glisson, N4XMX

Hope everybody has got their VP6DI cards. They have to be at ARRL but the end of September to count for this year. I have to get my submission ready or I'll get kicked off the Honor Roll. Would let Bill, N4NX, check them but I have a bunch of 10 year old cards going too. Please use Bill if you have, saves a whole lot of worry! Thanks, Bill!

The AR cluster machine here has been upgraded to Windows XP. So far, so good. No mystery crashes. People going through ARCDX seem to be actually connected. I give filter settings when you log on either through ARCDX (145.65) or direct (144.91) to limit HF only and W, Ve, Xe spots only. Should cut down on the traffic if you don't want the extra spots. Of course, if you're like Mike, K4PI, you want all those 6M spots.

Haven't been on the radio a lot, made a few band country QSO's to fill in a few spots. Ed, the P5, will not be back until mid September. Maybe he will do more non-RTTY. Takes more signal for RTTY. I remember when ZA was only a dream, I'll try to be patient!

The fall contests are coming. Get your antennas and gear ready. Lots of DX and DXpeditions will be on the air. Be ready! You might even get an all time new one. It is worth the effort. The smile on your face after you nail one doesn't hurt either...

CU in the pileups...

-73 Rick, N4XMX

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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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