



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

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DX CLUB*

September 2006

Next meeting: September 26th. 7:30 PM at the Fuqua Heart Center Classroom at Piedmont Hospital.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

---Al Ludwick, N4ZZK

A DXpedition to Revillagigedo is planned for Oct 16 to Nov 1, 2006 under the call XF4DL. There are 6 German participants and 10 Mexican participants. They are planning to operate with up to 5 stations and 3 of those 5 will be operating 24 hours/day. The planned operation site will be optimum for North and South America and will provide an excellent chance to have a XF4-qso for low and medium power stations. QSLing will be done via N6AWD for North-America. See the web site www.xf4dl.xedx.org for more details.

To cover the costs of this operation, they are depending on donations and have asked for our support. According to the 2005 DX Magazine's most wanted DXCC Countries survey XF4 was ranked #35. Generally we only consider the top 25 countries for major contributions. We consider others in top 50 for lesser contributions. We gave \$500 to KH7 and it was in the top 10 (and one of our members was the QSL Mgr). We gave \$500 to the FT5XO Kerguelen operation which was in the top 25 (our own president was a member of the team!). Based on our past support, I'll propose we formally consider a donation of \$250 at the September meeting. As you know, we consider publicity for the club an important factor in any of these decisions. I've been corresponding with the team leader, Juergen, DL8LE. Here is his reply to my question about the endorsement we would receive with a donation in the amount of \$250.

"...we will put your logo on our web site (you can already see the logos of those companies and organizations which have already provided us with some

funds or equipment). Your logo will also be printed on our qsl after the end of the DXpedition. We have not defined any other policy than placing and printing the logo and / or call on web site and qsl whenever we receive a donation. May be that we will be forced to discuss the size of the logo or if we print only the name of the organization instead of the logo on the qsl due to some size limitations, but with 250 USD the SEDXC will have its place."

Please think about lending your support to this Dxpediton and come to the September meeting with your questions and feedback. Due to the short time, we would like to take a vote at the meeting and if the membership votes in the affirmative, direct the treasurer to contact Juergen with the funds and our logo.

"Our goal for 2006/2007 is to increase membership by 10% (net gain). We'll do this by reaching out to the DX community with our message and continuing to provide relevant and entertaining programs at our monthly meetings."

73 es gd dx, Al

FROM THE VP

--John Tramontanis, N4TOL

I would like to start off by thanking Chaz Cone, W4GKF, for his most interesting and enthusiastic presentation at the August meeting, "So you wanna have a website?"

Chaz took us through the history and evolution of the internet and websites which dovetailed nicely into the main body of his presentation which was how you can create and maintain your own website.

Thank you again Chaz for sharing your knowledge with the club, and thanks also for doing such a fine job maintaining the club webpage.

Secretary's Report JULY 2006

-John Tramontanis, N4TOL (filling in)

I have heard reports that folks are beginning to receive cards from the recent Dxpedition to that new one, Swain's Island, KH8SI. I am anxiously waiting for my 17 meter confirmation, and the recent news from some of those receiving cards has me hopeful the package will arrive soon.

For those who worked the KH8SI or for those who missed it, the program for the September meeting will be a short video of the KH8SI Dxpedition, from JA1BK. I hope you all can attend and if you have received a card feel free to bring and share with the group.

We will also show a bonus video "Andaman Radio Waves" a short CNN feature. This video portrays the role of amateur radio during the tsunami that struck Andaman at the time of the 2004 VU4 Dxpedition.

I continue to solicit your input for meeting topic suggestions. I encourage you to e-mail me at iam4rb@aol.com with your thoughts. To those who have contributed so far, many thanks, your ideas were well received by the executive committee.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting September 26th.

73 – John N4TOL

ACTIVITIES

-Gary McConville, WB4SQ

With fall in the air, the Stone Mountain Hamfest (Nov 4-5) is just around the corner. Again this year, we will have a club table and are in need of manning it. Look for a signup sheet at the September meeting. Remember that gates now open at 8AM on both days and we need coverage until 4PM Saturday, 2PM Sunday or thereabouts. Our table is a great place to hang around and let the old friends come to you, and a great place to stash those goodies between runs. I'm also taking email requests for time-slots but PLEASE put something about the hamfest in the subject line so it won't get filtered out.

See ya at the meeting...

Gary – WB4SQ@yahoo.com

The meeting was called to order by President Al Ludwick, N4ZZK, at 7:30 P.M. The meeting attendees introduced themselves. There were no minutes to approve from the prior meeting, as the prior meeting was the club summer picnic.

Officer's reports: President, Al, N4ZZK discussed an effort to get the newsletters out one week in advance of club meetings. Al added that the club goal is to increase membership by 10% this year. Vice-President, John, N4TOL, requested input from club members regarding future meeting program topics. Treasurer, Hal, N4GG, reported balance of \$6,304.05. Activities, Gary, WB4SQ, announced upcoming Shelby and Lawrenceville hamfests. Membership Chairman, Bill Barr, N4NX, discussed website pictures of members, using hamfests and club presentations to solicit new members. Also, that we have sold 92 of the new club badges to date. Bill also mentioned that he will collect outgoing bureau cards on behalf of club members, and that he also can check cards for ARRL awards and CQ awards. Bill also discussed some useful features of the Logbook of the World.

An informal discussion with the membership then followed of general announcements and DX happenings.

Old Business – none

New Business – Al, N4ZZK, discussed potential club clothing order from Land's End, and Chaz, W4GKF, discussed Café Press' line of clothing and other items available with club logos. Hal, N4GG, discussed the potential of the club chartering a bus to Dayton, with details to follow on the reflector.

A break was taken to raffle items.

Chaz Cone, W4GKF, gave an animated and inspiring presentation on how to create and maintain your own website.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 P.M.

73 – John N4TOL

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Hal Kennedy, N4GG, Tres.

Report for the month of September

SEDXC Treasury	\$5,935.90
Packet Fund	\$ 380.15
Total Balance	\$6,316.05

Our only expenditure for the month was \$75 for a club table at the Lawrenceville Hamfest.

Membership renewals for 2006/2007 continue to trickle in via the mail and a significant number of renewals occurred at the last meeting. There are, however, still quite a few members who were in good standing for 2005/2006 who have not renewed for 2006/2007 - please renew when you get a moment! Membership renewals are gratefully accepted via PayPal, the treasurer's home address and at any meeting.

As always, patches, pins and the raffle will be available at the next meeting on September 26th - I hope to see everyone there. (continued)

Being new to the treasurer's job, I was surprised at the last meeting to see how much the raffle actually helps the treasury. Please consider bringing in a raffle item - it helps the club and provides another member with something they can enjoy.

A report will be given at the next meeting on results of the request for expressions of interest in renting a bus to take us to Dayton next year.

DX has picked up around N4GG. Fall conditions are evident on both ends of the gray line on 40, 80 and 160, with lots of good ones available for the deserving.

73, Hal, N4GG

BE SURE TO RENEW!!!

DX TIDBITS

-Rick, N4XXM, editor

Hope everyone gave the KH8SI a shot when they fired up. With these conditions, it has been a challenge to even hear them. 30M was a good shot in the evening. For SSB, I managed to barely hear them one evening on 17M, just above the noise. Turns out my Alpha 76 PAE 3 holer had died the day before. I called them barefoot and worked them on second call. Nobody else was calling. Felt sort of like 10M during one of the sunspot peaks. For those that have seen my killer station, my A-3WS is at a whopping 25 feet up.

To fix the Alpha, I of course, called Dick Byrd, N4UQ. As usual, he picked it up and had it back in a couple of days. Turns out the filament connector in the wiring harness had given up. He has a website and you can contact him there.

Speaking of KH8SI, the cards are coming out. I am sure everybody has worked at least one of the YU6 stations. They are all over the place. Easy to work, just like in a contest. I am waiting for the cards, then Bill, N4NX, gets to check my batch.

I have just about given away all the push-up poles I said were available. I hope those of you who picked them up put them to good use. Ground rods are gone for now. You snooze, you lose.

I am hoping with the cooler weather, I can fix up some of the vertical antennas. Jobs such as clearing weeds, vines, and privet are easier to do when it is not 95 degrees with lots of bugs.

The 2M packet cluster is still out there. ATLDX seems to be down, I think Jim, W4UCK, lost a radio. However, you can still use either freq 144.91 or 145.65 to connect to me in town (2400). Not too many people using my freqs but if you have high speed internet access, you are better off using those clusters like KS4Q. I know DXBase allows both, can't say about the other logging programs.

Still need the VU4 and VU7 but that situation is looking better. P5 and 7O would be nice also. The only other thing I need is for a ship to knock over a certain reef near China...

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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