



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

*THE
SOUTH'S
PREMIER
DX CLUB*

October 2001

**Next meeting: October 16th, 7:30 PM
at Radioshack.com just outside I-285
on the Buford Highway.**

FROM THE VP

-Wes Lamboley, W3WL

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

-Mike Greenway, K4PI

Wes W3WL aksed for suggestions last month about things the members would like to see the club do. Some of them are related to programs. We will try to address those request starting this month.

This month's program will address the care and feeding of your QSL collection. All the different methods of sorting it and how to keep track of all those cards in case you need to find one. Maybe we can get the list sent out and you can add to it if you don't see something you have an idea for.

The temperature has turned nice so it's time to finish up those antenna projects before cold weather. The CQ WW SSB TEST is coming up OCT 27-28. If you are still needing some DXCC countries or some band countries, this will be the perfect time to go after them. 10 Meters should still be great this year unless we have some kind of solar storm.

All of you that have been wanting club shirts or jackets, Jim, W4TE has put a really nice web page up showing the items that can be ordered with the club logo. He is wanting to finalize an order so please contact him if you are interested. This is the web address in case did not receive it before.

<http://www.peachtreecardio.net/sedxc.htm>

I would still like to see more activity on the club refelctor.

73 Mike Greenway, K4PI, P49I

Program for October:

Mike Greenway will present a program on how to get QSL cards. This was a very popular subject during the brainstorming session at the last meeting. Comments and experiences from the floor will be welcome - come and share your tricks and methods with the rest of the gang!

Comments on the September meeting:

Wes conducted a "group grope" for ideas on activities and programs for the upcoming year. Suggested were a. Lecture on low band antennas. b. Plan and execute Field Day. c. Plan and have a Christmas dinner/get together (significant others welcome). d. Plan and execute a DXpedition. e. Tips for organizing QSL tracking and acquiring. f. Station and Antennas photos and descriptions from the members. g. Technical talks. h. Hi band and low band antennas. i. Have a "beer bust". j. SEDXC summer cook out (Nancy volunteered her place!). k. Various operating interests and techniques used by Club members. l. Review of "modest" stations operated by club members. m. How to identify a pirate. n. "Tricks of the trade" for all DXers. o. DX4Win and other logging programs. p. Packet cluster. q. Have a club raffle. r. Participate in special events-eg -Lighthouse operations. s. Do a IOTA dxpedition. t. Plan bus trips (leave the driving to Greyhound) such as Dayton, Huntsville, Shelby.

As you can see, we have a good number of terrific ideas. If you would like to head up an idea, please let me know.

CU on the 16th!

Best, Wes

**GET READY FOR CQWW!!!
DX IS WHERE YOU LOOK FOR IT..**

MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER

-Dale Nordin, K4HGG, Sec.

Mike, K4PI, brought the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Mike, K4PI, with 18 members present.

After introductions, Club Treasurer, Jim, W4TE, reported the combined Club and Packet funds were approximately \$2,900.

Old Business: Wes, W3WL, presented the Club with a very nice, large and colorful certificate from the D68C Comoros Dxpediton Group. Wes also showed the Club members a sample of the D68C qsl card that is being distributed to the stations that worked the Dxpediton.

As Vice President, Wes-W3WL, solicited suggestions from the membership for up-coming Club meetings and activities. Some of the suggestions include the following:

- 1) Participate in a Dxpediton
- 2) Operate as a Club in a major contest
- 3) Provide programs on the following subjects:
 - a) Low-band, HF, and receiving antennas
 - b) How to keep track of qsl cards for awards
 - c) Practical operating hints
 - d) Pictures of member stations (including antenna farms) and a narrative about each station
 - e) Tech-talks regarding the trick of the trade
 - f) How to qsl for the novice, intermediate, and really hard to get cards
 - g) Have auctions of stuff at each meeting. Proceeds go to the Club treasury
- 4) Operate as a Club in the annual ARRL Field Day event
- 5) Challenge another club for top Field Day scores
- 6) Show how the club funds are spent on the set-up and operation of the Dx Clusters
- 7) As a Club have a Christmas banquet
- 8) Sponsor a Special Event Station
- 9) Coordinate a bus trip to Dayton Hamfest and or to other major ham radio events such as the W9DXCC annual event.

If you have additional program and club activity suggestions please email Wes and let him know your ideas.

Ernie, KS4Q and Rick, N4XMX provided the members an update and status on their packet cluster systems. N4XMX is on 144.91 MHz, the old K4KG

frequency and is accessible direct or through GNTNOD.

Ernie explained that the new software is up and running now for the past 11 days and appears to be stable. They will be updating the operating system and the 430 MHz will be linked to other centers including 1200 baud.

Rick stated that all spots made from both Europe and Japan are filtered out from the cluster. Also, the 144.91 appears to be running stable, and the WWV function is working.

Jim, W4TE, showed the Lands End catalog and some examples of the items that will possibly be ordered. He has enough for an order of shirts but is waiting a bit in case anyone else wants to get in on. The addition of the SEDXClub logo is an extra \$8.00.

New Business: ARRL members should be receiving ballots for the election a new Southeastern Division Vice Director. Sandy, W4RU and Paul Toth, NA4AR are running for the office. Your vote counts.

Tom, N4XP, thanked everyone for their support while he went under the surgeon operating tools. Also, he appreciated all the support given to him as he has made his recovery from the surgery.

Program Notes: The Club program was presented by Bob, K4UEE. Bob attended the 49th annual W9DXCC gathering and was a guest speaker for the occasion. Bob with the help of Ed, W4ZSB, prepared the videotape for the W9DXCC convention.

Bob explained, the video is a collage of various personal video clips (out-takes) taken by member of the Dxpeditons. And, as Bob stated, the tape is "a video like you have never seen before." The video encompassed Dxpeditons taken from 1993 to 2000 and titled "It An't All Radio"

Included in the presentation were personal clips from the AH1A Howland Island, XR0Y Easter Island, VK0IR Heard Island, FO0AAA Clipperton Island, and the A52A Kingdom of Butan Dxpeditons. Notable in the video clips were interviews with both Bob, K4UEE and Wes, W3WL. Little did the club members know that Wes' abilities as an excellent stand up (or better-stated sit-down) comedian.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50 p.m. My sincere thanks to Jim-KT4MM for taking the September minutes during my absence.

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE, Tres.

Club Bank balances as of 10-5-01 are as follows:

SEDXC	\$ 2414.40
Packet Cluster Account	\$560.15
TOTAL	\$ 2974.55

Membership total is 75, which includes all classifications of membership.

We have had an excellent response to the **SEDXC LogoWare**. If there is further interest in placing an order please let me know. Just send email to: sedxclogoware@kauten.com. The web site to browse the logoware items is located at: <http://www.peachtreecardio.net/sedxc.htm>.

As mentioned previously, we will place one big order and the club will cover shipping. I expect to place the order Friday October 12, 2001.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.

73...Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PACKET CLUSTERS

FOR KS4Q CLUSTER

FREQUENCY: 145.01, 2400 baud, 8,1,N

c sawnee (It is important to wait for the alphabet soup menu before typing the next line.)

c ax1 ks4q

FOR W4UCK CLUSTER

FREQUENCY: 144.91, 2400 baud, 8,1,N

c w4uck

or **c gntnod**, then **c w4uck**

If you have any problems, talk to either Ernie, KS4Q or Rick, N4XMX.

DX TIDBITS

-Rick Glisson, N4XMX

A few updates this month. The W4UCK (144.91) packet cluster is up. Sometimes I have a connection problem with Ernie, KS4Q, but we are working on that. Don't give up! Most of the time it is running fine. I will probably change antenna location and up the power. Takes time so please be patient.

Sent in another submission to ARRL for honor roll and 12M DXCC since the 3Y0C cards came out. Made the September 30th deadline by three days! It has taken a little over eleven years to make honor roll. Now to work on 30 and 160M. I will never be up there with Mike, K4PI, for the DX Challenge, however if next year if I submit a bunch of 15 and 20M endorsements, I should just get on the bottom with a few over 1000. Can't choke the system with too many cards at once, at 0.15 each over 120, it adds up! Again, a few may be over the ten year limit for field checking. I hope that this restriction will be changed at some point. Fifteen years would be a good compromise.

There has been some good DX on. This includes Conway Reef. If you didn't work them last time, here's your chance. During a slow time, I fired up the RTTY program and caught them on 10M. It can be done but conditions have to be pretty good or you'll never know if they came back to you!

After the attack on September 11th, it has taken awhile to get back on the radio. An event like that causes most people to re-evaluate exactly what is really important. Call your friends and family and say hi. I received a very nice note from a SV along with a QSL I requested awhile back. He wrote a touching letter of support which I will bring to the meeting and read. He didn't have to do that but he felt it was important. Ham radio brings people together from many different races and countries. I'm glad to be a part of the big family.

CQWW is coming up. Contests are a great way to find lots of unusual DX. To avoid the crowds, try some lesser used paths. Great times are around 8-10 PM local time heading west on 10 and 15M. Another great time is 5-7 AM local on 20M also heading west. You may find a 9M6, V8 or a VK9 calling CQ with no callers. Give it a try! The pileups will certainly be less than the primary paths.

CU in the pileups... -73 Rick, N4XMX

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DX PACKET FREQ.

W4UCK (2400) 144.91 (can use GNTNOD)
KS4Q (2400) 145.01 (c sawnee, c ax1 ks4q)
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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