



# SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

*THE  
SOUTH'S  
PREMIER  
DX CLUB*

October 2002

**Next meeting: October 15th, 7:30 PM  
at the Fuqua Heart Center Classroom  
at Piedmont Hospital.**

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**-Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE, Pres.**

The SEDXC is preparing for Hamfest Season. The Club, via our Activities Manager, John Tramontanis, N4TOL, has secured a table at the Alford Memorial Hamfest in Stone Mountain the first weekend in November. We will need plenty of help working the booth. Let John know when you can work now to reserve your time slot. Our goal is to build our membership. We can all be mentors and teach new hams and nurture their interest in DXing. New membership is the "Life-Blood" of the SEDXC. We should have multiple opportunities throughout the Hamfest year to promote the Club.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, in lieu of the December meeting there will be a **SEDX Club Christmas party**. The party last year was a lot of fun and there was an excellent turnout. The spouses actually seemed to enjoy it even though some spouses try hard at not enjoying a ham radio event. Hi Hi!

Ken Byers, K4TEA, has volunteered to host the party this year. Hopefully within a month or so he will have an idea as to when it will be. We will post the date in the newsletter and on the web page @ [www.sedxc.org](http://www.sedxc.org) when the date is confirmed.

## **PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER:**

Wes will be providing the details of the program for October in his column. At the last meeting we watched the video on VP8THU. The presentation was written and filmed by James Brooks, 9V1YC and was professionally done. If you have not seen this presentation it is well worth the time to watch. You can buy a video from Wes Lamboley, W3WL, or I may be

able to lend my copy if you would like to borrow it.

Wes has discussed the idea of having a program that will cover the last 12 months of DX Conferences such as Visalia and W9DXCC, etc.. There will be input from multiple members who have gone to the various meetings. It should be quite interesting for those of us who have never attended a meeting as such. Stay posted for this interesting program. I have never been to any of these events and am interested in seeing what they have to offer.

## **SEDXC LOGOWARE:**

There has been interest in placing another order for the SEDXC Logoware from Lands' End. We placed an order a year ago and all the items ordered looked excellent and of high quality. If we can generate enough volume for another order we will do so. Let me know if you are interested.

So far I have received orders for 2 polo shirts and one Squall Jacket. We need to order at least six items in any of several categories to place an order. You can review the details on our web page via the [Club Logoware](http://www.peachtreecardio.net/sedxc.htm) heading or go directly to <http://www.peachtreecardio.net/sedxc.htm>. Think seriously about wearing the Club Logo. It looks great at any Hamfest, DX meeting, or ham radio event.

## **NEWSLETTER DETAILS:**

This Newsletter will be sent only by direct email to the members who have paid their dues for the 2002-2003 year. A notice will be sent via the reflector to be sure that everyone, who is "paid up", will get the newsletter. If you know someone who has paid their dues but did not receive the newsletter please let me know so we can correct our records and get the newsletter sent out.

There are still a handful of members, without email, who request the newsletter by "snail-mail". We will continue to mail the newsletter to those members but hope they will soon have email since that is a more

efficient method of communicating our Club's information.

### NEXT MEETING DETAILS:

The October 15, 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. Details for the free parking are outlined there also.

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](http://www.sedxc.org). Send any ideas to [sedxc@kauten.com](mailto:sedxc@kauten.com).

Send email to [w4te@arrl.net](mailto:w4te@arrl.net) if you have any new business to present for the October meeting.

GUD DX and see you at the meeting.

73,

Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE, Pres.

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### FROM THE FISHERMAN

**-Wes Lamboley, W3WL, VP**

(No article submitted this month)

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### TREASURER'S REPORT

**-Harry Saunders, W4KJ, Tres.**

*(I made an error last month in the newsletter. Last month's balance should have been \$3041.39. This is correct for this month. -Rick, N4XMX)*

Packet Cluster Fund	\$590.15
SEDX Club Funds	\$2624.84
Total	\$3214.99

There are still many members who have not sent in their dues. 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

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## ACTIVITIES

**-John Tramontanis, N4TOL**

The club has reserved two tables for the Alford Memorial Hamfest on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. We have a club table in the exhibitor's section to promote the SEDXC. We also have secured a swapshop table in the indoor flea market area. This table will be available to all club members to bring swap items to sell at the Hamfest. We ask that each member who participates at the swap table to contribute a percentage of their sales to the club (suggested 10%).

We also need volunteers to man each table during the show. Sign up sheets will be available at the meeting.

We will also be having an internal club contest in conjunction with the CQ Worldwide DX phone and CW contests on October 26-27 and November 23-24 respectively.

There will be three awards for the club competition for both the phone and CW contests.

Awards will be given for:

- 1) Highest score
- 2) Most countries worked
- 3) Highest score low power – 100 watts or less

Details to follow at meeting and e-mail.

73 – John N4TOL

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**GET YOUR  
LANDS END  
SEDXC LOGO  
ORDER IN NOW!**

## **MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 17th** **-Dale Nordin, K4HGG, Sec.**

Jim opened the meeting at 7:30 with 16 members

There wasn't any old or new business, however there were several announcements.

Jim reported that his kitchen is in the process of being re-modeled, therefore his QTH would not be available this year for the Christmas Party. He then announced that Ken Byers-K4TEA has graciously volunteered to host the Christmas Party at his QTH, the date TBA.

Jim reminded us that dues are due and after the September newsletter, only those who have paid their dues would receive the October and following newsletters. Many old & active members haven't renewed their membership.

Jim said that if you access Ernie's packet cluster, please use his I.P. number.

Jim noted that there was an error in the last treasurer's report, It should show a balance \$3,041.39 of which \$590 is in the Packet Cluster Fund.

John-N4TOL, our activity manager, announced that the SEDXC will have a club table and swap table at the Lawrenceville Hamfest. He passed out sign-up sheets for volunteers to man one or both of the booths. He also noted that the booth(s) would be manned on Saturday and on Sunday if volunteers are available.

John also suggested that the internal club competition is the CQWW contest, both phone and c.w., and a plaque awarded for the most countries worked.

Bill Barr-N4NX, mentioned a brochure printed by the Alabama DX club to be used at Hamfests and DX conventions etc. He suggested that the SEDXC copy and modify this brochure and have it available at Hamfests (such as the Lawrenceville Hamfest) etc. Bill also said the deadline to submit your QSL cards to be included in the DXCC summary is September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Bill also said that the outgoing QSL bureau does not handle cards for about 60 countries. He implored the membership to pay attention when sorting your cards by prefix and if the station you worked has a QSL manager, you must sort by the QSL manager's call. He reminded us that the club charges 4 cents handling charge per card.

Jim-KT4MM donated a box of various values of 1W zener diodes that were raffled to the membership

### **Program:**

The program was a very professionally made video presentation on South Sandwich Islands, specifically Thule Island produced by James Brooks-9V1YC. It showed our own Wes-W3WL and Bob-K4UEE at their best operating under difficult conditions. The landing and departure from Thule showed how a group of determined radio amateurs can overcome very challenging obstacles. This was a "bare bones-microlite" dxpedition using TS-50s and vertical antennas. The antennas were designed by Gary-K9AY, another club member. Information about his design can be found on the Internet by searching first on "Google" inserting K9AY which will return a rich source of information.

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Dale - K4HGG / SM1WRI

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## **DX TIDBITS**

**-Rick Glisson, N4XXM**

I have corrected Ernie's telnet address on the back cover so people connecting to KS4Q will have a reliable connection.

The N4XXM cluster has been working very well since I moved over to Windows XP. The server was up for over 27 days with no crashes or hangs. The only reason I took it down for 30 minutes late one night was to update the program and do a few Windows XP updates.

After reminding everyone to get their cards in before Sept 30th, I missed the deadline! I had 268 QSO's, many over the 10 year limit for local checking. While I was at it, I also submitted some 160M cards. This takes care of all my old cards so any further submissions can be checked by Bill Barr, N4NX. Remember, Bill can check any card less than 10years old and any band except 160M.

The weather is finally getting cool enough to go outside and inspect the antenna system. Be sure to check everything out before CQWW. For beginning DXers, there is no better way to build up those totals fast. Contest stations generally QSL very well also. Don't miss out!

CU in the pileups...

-73 Rick, N4XXM

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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 64.192.112.225

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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