



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

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PREMIER
DX CLUB*

October2007

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

--Bob Allphin, K4UEE

The September meeting lived up to expectations. We received reports from the Golden Anniversary Committee and the Dxpros committee. Their preliminary plans were outlined and both committees solicited additional input from the membership. I have asked that both committees give a final report at the November meeting. We also voted funding for two DXpeditions ...VP6DX and 3B7C.

For the October meeting we have a very, very interesting presentation scheduled. Check the VP's report in this newsletter and our website for more information.

By the time you receive this, our club contest for October (work as many DXCC entities as you can with 100w and a wire antenna) will be well underway. So far, my best DX is 3B8 on 40m and 9U0A on 17m. Amazing...it has been a long time since I have used dipoles. Guess what...they work!

The SEDXC now has over 200 members, many around the SE USA and the World. But most are in the Atlanta area which raises the question....why isn't attendance better at our monthly meetings. I asked this question at the last meeting and one answer was that maybe the current location was inconvenient for many of our local members. I would appreciate an email from anyone who has any other ideas on how we might improve attendance. If you agree that a new meeting location might help attendance and you have an idea as to a better location, please let me know!

I will not be able to attend the November meeting as I will be in West Africa. First stop is Bamako, Mali to meet the other team members of the Voodudes and load their equipment onto a chartered

bus. We will then travel overland 500 miles to Conakry, Guinea. From a hotel, right on the sea, we will participate in the CQWW CW contest as 3XY5D. Please look for us and give us a Q or two!

-Bob Allphin, K4UEE

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

--Bob Carroll, W2WG

I am really looking forward to our October program presented by special guest Gene Greneker, K4MOG. Take a look at the "see why" button on the main SEDXC page to check it out. Fall is in the air and the bands are "turning." Even though the effective sun spot number has hit -4 lately, there has been quite a bit of rare DX workable from the Atlanta area. I have heard a number of SEDXC members running up that "100W on a wire" total.

You have probably seen the K9AY message from N4GG. I have listened to Hal's loops several times now, and they are amazing. K4DLI has one set up now, too, and the F/B is very good on it, not to mention how quiet it is compared to his other antennas. And I do mean quiet in the sense of improved SNR. They are easy to put up and inexpensive (if you do-it-yourself)-and they work great if you know Hal's ground isolation secrets. Add one at your location and ask Hal how to handle the grounds. By the way, similar ground secrets apply to Beverages.

You may have seen some of the positive reflector chatter from the broader ham community about the SEDXC effort to bring upgraders into the DXing aspect of the hobby. Some very positive things are happening which I will mention at the October meeting, and I really appreciate the responses I got on the support sign-up sheets from our September meeting.

A number of us have been using the "netting" talk feature of the VE7CC cluster program, linking via the KS4Q node. It's the digital version of the old 2m

spotting nets-and very useful for those hard to work 80m and 160m contacts. Speaking of which, I have been surprised at how late into full daylight some of the 80m and 160m DX signals have lasted beyond sunrise lately. I usually expect 80m signals to last for maybe 10 minutes and 160m signals only a few minutes after the sun streams through my shack basement window. Some of the 80m DX has been workable almost an hour after sunrise and the 160m signals for up to 30 minutes after sunrise.

CU at the meeting

73 Bob W2WG

TREASURER'S REPORT SEPT. 2007

-Mike Weathers, ND4V, Tres.

Financial position as of month-end September:

SEDXC Treasury: \$5,505.54
Packet Fund: \$ 280.15
Total Balance: \$5,525.54

We received 20 membership renewals and 2 new members during September.

Thanks to all.

73 es DX,
Mike, ND4V

ACTIVITIES

-Gary McConville, WB4SQ

It looks like the month-wide "Work-EM On A Wire" contest is in full swing with many reports on sucking in those signals from the DX ether on a meer dipole. Of course some of those wire antennas are include multi-band dipoles, L's, T's & other configurations fed with tuners, but at least they are single driven element non-rotating wires. Heard from member JT, who has a wire strung between two apartment building run 40 watts with a newly built K2. My personal goal is to making DXCC looks good as I've already got the VK9, 3Y7, 4O, J6, 3B7, 9U & K (CQP) on wires.

Don't forget about the upcoming Lawrenceville hamfest in just a few weeks (Nov 3rd & 4th). I'll once again be peddling help on the reflector.

Another upcoming event is a possible visit from DL4EAX (Michael Funke). He'll be in the Alpharetta area on business from Oct 20 – Nov 2 and is looking for a friendly shack to use for the CQWW SSB Contest (Oct 27 – 28). Too bad he'll be missing the SEDXC meeting AND the L-ville hamfest

BTW... Sat AM, I had a cw Q with a past member, K5LE (Gene) who is still in OK and gives his regards to everyone... Hope everyone has lots of DX stories to report at the next meeting, especially those worked on a wire.

Gary – WB4SQ@yahoo.com

SEDXC MINUTES SEPT. 2007

-Mike, ND4V

Minutes of the SEDX Club Meeting

September 19, 2007 Mike, ND4V (Acting)

Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Allphin, K4UEE at 7:30

Introductions were made and new and prospective members were welcomed.

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Given by Mike Weathers, ND4V — Balance in Treasury was \$6,080 of which \$295 is restricted for Packet support.

Activities Report: Given by Gary McConville KB4SQ — Huntsville Hamfest was very successful in that 12 new members joined the club. Things learned – hauling the Pelikan case back to the room every night is a pain. We need to find a way to chain and lock it to the table. Next hamfest is Lawrenceville.

Membership Report: Given by Bill Barr, N4NX – current membership is over 200 members exceeding the goals set last year for 10% growth. Bill reminded the members that he will send QSL card to the outgoing buro at 6 cents each for your call or 7 cents each for dxpedition call. Remember to read the guidelines for sorting and entities who don't have a buro.

Announcements from Members:

Sherman, W4ATL commented that he had made a

recent trip to W1AW and that when they went through the outgoing bureau mail room, SEDXC Logos were highly visible in the various mail slots.

Dave, K4SSU showed off his new eyeball QSO card which sports the SEDX logo. Ask him how to get one of your own.

Don, N4HH inquired if anyone was using the 147.54 simplex or 147.195 repeater. He noted that if we could get active on 2M it would be an additional resource for our mentoring program.

Bob, K4UEE noted that attendance seemed to be down. Many commented that despite the excellent facilities at Piedmont Hospital, members don't like fighting traffic to get to the meeting. Some thought that the Southern Polytechnic location would be easier to get to for more members. Bob noted that the executive committee would explore location options.

Old Business:

Golden Anniversary Committee Update (Members Wes Lamboley, W3WL; Chaz Cone, W4GKF; Gary McConville, WB4SQ; , Gregg ?) In the works: Development of 50th anniversary club logo; a certificate for working a tbd number of SEDXC members who will be signing /50; Stickers with a special 50th anniversary logo. Governors Proclamation, publicity in magazines web sites, etc. Online logs. Note Chaz has written a logging program to track the /50 contacts you make. Other ideas welcome.

DXpros aka Helping Hand program Update: (Members Bob Carroll, W2WG, Chair; Chaz Cone, W4GKF; Jim Streible, K4DLI; Wes Lamboley, W3WL; Don Nesbitt, N4HH; Dave Johnson, K4SSU; Bob Allphin, K4UEE, Bill Barr, N4NX) Powerpoint presentation by Bob C of progress. Call for mentors and ideas.

Break/Raffle/Prizes – The raffle prizes included

Tteam member polo shirt from the VK0IR trip by K4UEE

Logo hats from Icom, Yaseau, Vibroplex; 2 packages of contact cleaner strips by ND4V

Andrew super flex by KG4MM

Antenna Book Compendium by W2WG

Beverage Antenna book and Dell Keyboard by N4NX

Antenna Book 20th Ed; Ant. Book 19th ed; ARRL Handbook 2003; SQL Server 2005 by NN4ZZ

Sales were brisk and the club benefited by \$73.00 from the generosity of the members who donated the items.

New Business:

VP6DX Funding Request: Motion and second to donate \$300. Approved unanimously.

VE7CC Server Software: Motion and second to reimburse Ernie KS4Q \$275 from Packet Fund for purchase of VE7CC's cluster software. Approved (2 voting no)

Club General Liability Insurance – Motion and second to reimburse Mike, ND4V \$320 for general liability insurance premium. Approved

3B7C Funding Request – motion and second to add to the \$92.00 collected when hat was passed to achieve the \$250.00 level of support. Approved unanimously. There being no further business, K4UEE adjourned the meeting to go chase 3B7C on 160 meters.

-Mike, ND4V, acting Secretary

HELP WANTED

Newsletter editor to harass officers to submit articles on time. Lots of glory and high pay. Requirements include a computer, ability to make a pdf file and a sense of humor. Contact Bob Allphin, K4UEE.

DON'T FORGET THE SEDXC CONTEST!

BRING A FRIEND TO A MEETING!

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DX PACKET FREQ. (Corrections, 1/2/04)
N4XXM off line(2400) 144.91 (direct, Vinings),
off line(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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