



# SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

*THE  
SOUTH'S  
PREMIER  
DX CLUB*

November 2002

**Next meeting: November 19th, 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 HAMFEST season is upon us. I trust all went well at the Alford Memorial Hamfest this past weekend at Stone Mountain. I heard it was a good one and a large one by Atlanta standards. I hope there was a good turn out for the two club tables. John, N4TOL worked hard pulling it all together! Unfortunately I was unable to attend. My daughter had her senior recital (viola) at Vanderbilt this weekend and of course, Hamfest or not, I would not miss her recital.

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY 2002**

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! Further details are on the SEDXC website.

Ken Byers, K4TEA, will host the party this year. The party date is December 8, 2002 from 6-9 pm. Come for an evening of fun and bring your spouse or "significant other".

## **PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER:**

Wes will be providing the details of the program for November in his column. At the last meeting we watched the video on the South Georgia Dxpediton. 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. We have now seen the series, VP8THU and VP8GEO, and it has been a memorable experience. November will be the last program of 2002 so be sure to attend.

We look forward to a new set of programs for 2003. If you think you can contribute either by giving a program or have some ideas about a specific program, let Wes know. Any idea is welcome!

## **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. We have had limit response and not enough interest to place an order yet. Let me know if you are interested. Hopefully we can get enough interest generated to place another order. More about this at another time.

## **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", actually gets 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. Sorry for all the problem last month but we cannot send attachments via the reflector anymore.

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.

Let's all try to encourage inactive SEDXC members to become ACTIVE members. The lifeblood of the organization is in its members. We all

enjoy meeting new hams and learning about their experiences with ham radio. We all have a different story to tell and have a different set of experiences and interests. Let's think about expanding our membership.

**NEXT MEETING DETAILS:**

The November 19, 2002 meeting will be held at the usual QTH, the Heart Center Classroom of the Fuqua Heart Center (Piedmont Hospital) at 1930. 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.

Remember the December Meeting will be the 2002 SEDXC Christmas Party. Tell your Club buddies and prospective members to attend. Hope to have a big turn out.

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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**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

Here is this month's Treasurer's report for November.

SEDXC Treasury	\$ 2552.97
Packet Fund	\$590.15
Total	\$3143.12

It is not too late to renew your membership for the current year. Renewal dues are \$20.

We now have a new supply of SEDXC patches on hand for sale for \$2.50 each. They can easily be sown on shirts, caps and jackets. Likewise, these make nice gifts to send to DX friends overseas, QSL managers, etc. Like our SEDXC pins, they are attractive and help to identify you with the Club. I will have them at the meeting. See you then.

Harry Saunders, W4KJ Treasurer

**FROM THE FISHERMAN**

**-Wes Lamboley, W3WL, VP**

**WORTH REPEATING, AND MORE!**

A few months ago I tried to express my joy over watching our grandkids participate in Kid's Day. It took place in June, but I did not know there is a Kid's Day in January as well. Mark January 4 on your calendar and borrow a kid or two if you do not have any of legal age in your family or grandfamily. Time to operate is 1800Z to 2400Z and the frequencies recommended are 14,270/300, 21,380/400 and 28,350/400. Our granddaughters are very proud of their full-color official Kid's Day participation certificates - free for the asking from the ARRL website. Again - you will thank me if you try it!

The next few weeks will really be busy for me . I am traveling to Fort Wayne, Indiana for their hamfest - last year 5600 attended! I grew up in Fort Wayne, and got my license through the Radio Club at the high school. WN9OHG - back in 1955. Then I will be going to the Magnolia DX Association's annual bash two weeks later. They are getting started on putting together a replacement for New Orleans, and it is getting bigger every year. Check out [www.MDXA.org](http://www.MDXA.org) for more information.

Hope to see you all at the November meeting - those who attend will see something NO ONE ELSE HAS SEEN (but probably will in the future). Be the first in your block to see "The Raising of the Kirsk".

Best

Wes - W3WL

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

## MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 15th -Dale Nordin, K4HGG, Sec.

Jim opened the meeting at 7:33 with 13 members present and thanked those who attended in spite of the inclement weather.

**No old or new business was discussed.**

### Announcements:

Jim asked if all the members present received their newsletter. A small number indicated that they had not received theirs. Secretary's note to the membership: If you haven't received your newsletter via e-mail, please notify Jim-W4TE. Some newsletters are sent via regular mail. A change will be made such that only people on Jim's mailing list will be sent the newsletter. The newsletter on the reflector will not be posted because it has been hacked.

Jim also announced that if you want to order any jackets, golf shirts etc with the SEDXC logo on them from Lands End, please contact him as soon as possible. See the Web at "[www.peachtreecardio.net/sedxc.htm](http://www.peachtreecardio.net/sedxc.htm)" to view the clothing.

He also announced that Ken Byers-K4TEA has graciously volunteered to host the Christmas Party at his QTH, the date TBA.

John-N4TOL announced that the club contest will be conducted in conjunction with the CQWW PHONE and CW. See John's article in last month's (October 2002) newsletter for the details.

A reminder: If you access Ernie's packet cluster, please use his I.P. number.

There was no treasurer's report.

John-N4TOL, requested support for the club table (in the dealer building) and the swap table (in the fleamarket building) at the Lawrenceville Hamfest. He passed out sign-up sheets for volunteers to man one or both of the booths.

**NOTICE:** Bill Barr-N4NX announced that the HRO computer files have been HACKED with the result that the credit cards numbers have been compromised. If you have purchased anything recently from HRO and notice that you have excessive unauthorized charges on your credit bill, contact your credit card company immediately.

Bill was also available for card checking and receiving out-going QSL cards. A reminder: the club charges 4 cents handling charge per card for outgoing

cards.

An ARRL operating manual was donated to the club and raffled to the membership.

### DX NEWS:

ZB2MK will be operating on 80 meters SSB and CW and on 160 meters CW

A group from Indonesia will be operating from TEMAJU Island starting on October 16<sup>th</sup> 2002.

### Program:

The program was a very professionally made video presentation on South Georgia Island produced by James Brooks-9V1YC. This was a "bare bones-microlite" dxpedition using TS-50s and vertical antennas. It featured our own Wes-W3WL, Bob-K4UEE and others at their best with some great comments.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Dale - K4HGG / SM1WRI

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# SEDXC CHRISTMAS PARTY

COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

TO THE

## 2002 HOLIDAY BASH

GRACIOUSLY HOSTED BY

KEN & TRISH BYERS, K4TEA

5800 WINTERTHUR DRIVE

ATLANTA, GA 30328

TIME: 1800-2100

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8, 2002

RSVP: [sedxc\\_christmas@kauten.com](mailto:sedxc_christmas@kauten.com)

## ACTIVITIES

**-John Tramontanis, N4TOL**

It was great to see so many folks at the Alford Hamfest. The club sponsored two tables. The main table in the exhibitor hall was well attended and provided some nice exposure for the club. As always, our thanks to Bill Barr, N4NX, for checking DXCC card submissions. Bill is a great ambassador for our club. The swap table had lots of traffic and a variety of items were sold with a percentage contributed to benefit the club treasury. Thanks to all who sold items and contributed.

This list below recognizes the club members who volunteered their time to man the club tables and help make it all possible. The club would like to thank:

Al Ludwick - N4ZZK  
Dick Baxter - K5TF  
Harry Saunders - W4KJ  
Dave Johnson - K4SSU  
Bill Barr - N4NX  
Dale Nordin - K4HGG  
Gary McConville - WB4SQ  
Bill Mills - KC4AA

The scores for the SEDXC challenge - CQ WW phone contest are slowly trickling in. Be sure to get your submissions in by December 1st to qualify for an award and DX bragging rights.

Also, there will also be a similar contest for the CQ WW CW test, November 23-24.

Awards will be given to the SEDXC single operator member with the:

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

Details to follow via e-mail.

Thanks and 73  
John N4TOL

## DX TIDBITS

**-Rick Glisson, N4XMX**

Good to see everyone at the Alford Hamfest, especially since my schedual doesn't allow me to get to all the normal meetings. I bought some IRC's, a UPS and a few spare parts. Most of the fun was seeing old friends and lots of junk! (And my wife thought we had some junk!)

The bands have been up and down. The storms haven't helped much either. I have been concentrating on 30M and have had some really good openings. I worked CY0MM, RN6BY, ZS6QU and 9L1AB using my 80M horizontal loop.

I did play in the WAE RTTY contest working about 30 new countries. Since I had hardly worked anyone before, everything was new! However, the Alpha 76 started acting up on 20M and then died. No output on 20 and 17M was strange too. Sounded like frying eggs... Fortunately, I called Dick Byrd, N4UQ, who did the WARC band mods awhile back. Not only did Dick come by and pick it up, but fixed it in a day and brought it back the next! Turns out a big tuning cap had arced over. He cleaned it up, did a few other mods for a very reasonable fee. If you have an Alpha that needs help, talk to Dick. His web site is [www.n4uq.com](http://www.n4uq.com).

CQWW CW is coming up. Unfortunately, I will be away from a radio during the contest. Try to work all the high band countries while the sunspots are still high because when they go, the upper bands are dead. We are way over due for the numbers to drop so take advantage of the extra time. 12M can be surprisingly fruitful, mornings toward Africa, evenings ZL and VK. Competition is not as still either.

Actually heard the P5 for the first time. Very weak and watery but there. Tried to work him but it was a zoo. Tends to get on 15M when closed to the SE. I heard him around 8:00 PM local time on 21.225. One of these days... :)

Be sure to check out the Christmas party information on page 3. Hope to see everyone there!

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 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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