



# SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

*THE  
SOUTH'S  
PREMIER  
DX CLUB*

November 2006

**Next meeting: November 28th. 7:30 PM at the Fuqua Heart Center Classroom at Piedmont Hospital.**

**FROM THE VP**

**--John Tramontanis, N4TOL**

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

**---Al Ludwick, N4ZZK**

Starting in **January** our meeting date will change to the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The hospital has some classes scheduled that required the change. I hope this works for everyone. We are very fortunate to have access to the meeting room at the hospital and very thankful to Jim/W4TE for arranging this for us. Watch the web page for the new dates and programs.

Our **November** meeting is still on **TUESDAY the 28th.**

Did you get to the Alford Hamfest this past weekend? It was a nice day, great gathering, and a very successful day for the club. We signed up 5 new members by 10AM! This certainly helps towards our goal to increase membership by 10% this year. Unfortunately Bill/N4NX was out of the country and couldn't be there to get headshots for the web page. I hope the new members can make it to the November meeting so you can meet them and welcome them to the club.

How's DX? I hope you got to work J28A this month if you needed them. It was one more off my list. At last month's meeting we agreed to support the VU7 DXpedition and Hal/N4GG took care of sending the check. So look for details and our logo on their website at: <http://www.vu7.in/>

Holiday party – we are still looking for a host....more to come.

I would like to offer a word of thanks on behalf of the club to Hal Kennedy, N4GG, for presenting an interesting and motivating presentation on "The Anatomy of a Winning Contest DXpedition - TI5N". Hal provided an insider's view of the equipment, techniques and secrets (but not all of the secrets) as to how his team won the 2006 ARRL International DX CW Contest in the Multi-Operator Two Transmitter category. It was a timely presentation being the week before CQ WW SSB. His presentation motivated me to work the WW for more than just band countries this year and actually submit a log.

For our program this month, club member and keeper of the packet cluster, Ernie Zingleman, KS4Q, will present an overview of the DX cluster, new features and applications, in addition to providing some background on what makes it all tick. It will be a great opportunity for us all to learn more about the new features of the cluster and also have the chance to ask Ernie any questions about the system.

We are still looking for a site and host for the December Christmas party. Anyone who is interested please contact me.

I continue to solicit your input for meeting topic suggestions. I encourage you to e-mail me at [iam4rb@aol.com](mailto: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 November 28th.

73 – John N4TOL

73 es gd dx, Al

**CQWW COMING UP  
LOTS OF DX!!!**

## SECRETARY'S REPORT OCT. 2006

**-George Nicholson, N4GRN, Sec.**

The October meeting was called to order by John N4TOL in Al's absence at 7:30PM.

Individual introductions were made immediately after the meeting was called to order. There were 22 members and 1 visitor present at the meeting.

The Secretary's minutes as published were accepted.

The VP's report was given by John N4TOL and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was given by Hal N4GG. We have \$6487.00 in the bank account.

Gary WB4SQ was absent and Don asked for help at the Alford Hamfest. There were no other activities discussed. The GARS Techfest update will be given in November.

Bill Barr, N4NX is out of country so there was no QSL info or membership report.

Announcements and How's DX:

- 1) K4SSU announced that Bill N4NX had sent some email and it seems they are having a great time. The fact that VK3MO's tower was down was also discussed.
- 2) Don announced that he needs a 12AX7A and there was discussion about who had some available.
- 3) Hal said that as far as he knew no one got ZL8R.
- 4) Dave announced that Marshal Island would be on
- 5) The Lands End shirt order will be mailed within a week was announced by Jim W4TE
- 6) Jim and Harry are updating the bylaws.

There was no cluster report.

Old Business:

- 1) We are on the XF4DL website due to our contribution.
- 2) L5A contribution of \$250.00 was approved then declined due to not meeting the criteria.
- 3) There was also discussion about S2B, and XT2C and all were declined due to not meeting criteria.

New Business:

- 1) Jim W4TE announced that the day of month for the meetings will have to be changed due to hospital needs

for the room. A new date will be discussed further at the November meeting.

2) It was approved that Bernie would be reimbursed for airline ticket and he would come and speak in January.

3) It was approved that we would donate \$375.00 to the VU7 Dxpedition that K4UEE will be participating in. This meets the criteria and was approved.

4) There was a request for a host for the holiday party. There is a budget of \$500.00 to go towards the cost of the party.

There were several items donated for the raffle:

DONOR	DONATION	WINNER
ND4V	Vibroplex mouse pad	Jim S.
N4DLI	Bottle of honey	Harry

At approximately 7:40 PM there was a break and raffle tickets were sold by George.

See the above chart for winners and donors.

At 8:30PM The TI5N presentation was made by Hal.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30PM

**-George Nicholson, N4GRN, Sec.**

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## ACTIVITIES

**-Gary McConville, WB4SQ**

Looks like we did well at the Lawrenceville hamfest, as we signed up five new members and renewed a current member. Lots of greeting, as one of the new members just passed her Extra at the fest. Congrats! A BIG thanks to K4KAL (Keith), WF4W (Tad), N4ZZK (Al), ND4V (Mike), W4OWY (Bob), W2WG (Bob), KC4AA (Bill), K4JRB (Dave), N4GRN (George), and myself, WB4SQ (Gary) for manning the booth.

Hope we can recruit help again in the first week of January, for the GARS Tech-Fest, as I signed us up for a free table. It begins around 9AM with a chili lunch provided. They even challenged our group to compete on the chili. Hmmm.... A classroom with

a projector in the church is also available for us if we want to do the DXing 101 class. Either way, we'll have to provide a pc with the DXing CD AND audio. The fest concludes at 2PM. There will also be a small outside boneyard from 8-10AM. So... I'll be passing around another one of those blasted sign-up sheets at the next meeting.

Gary – WB4SQ@yahoo.com

## TREASURER'S REPORT

**-Hal Kennedy, N4GG, Tres.**

Report for the month of November

SEDXC Treasury	\$5,107.37
Packet Fund	\$ 380.15
Total Balance	\$5,487.20

The club's expenditures for the month were \$375, our contribution to the upcoming VU7 expedition as voted on at the last meeting; and an advance of \$1268.03 to Land's End for sportswear as ordered by various members. \$653.00 of this has yet to be paid back to the treasury – it would be appreciated if those eleven members who have ordered sportswear and not yet written a check to make one out to SEDXC and mailed it to the treasurer. (5033 Winding Hills Lane, Woodstock, GA 30189)

The VU7 Dxpediton has placed the SEDXC logo on their website and it will be on their QSL cards as well. Check it out at: <http://www.vu7.in/>

The October meeting raffle was the flip side of the highly successful September one – I guess they can't all be huge successes. Please bring what you can to the next meeting – it will help make room in your shack for that new radio gear arriving at Christmas!

For those who missed my presentation at the October meeting – I have put it on the web at: <http://home.comcast.net/~halken/>

Contest season is upon us – and that includes DX contests. For those who can take it or leave it, in fact even for those who detest contests (yes, this is possible!) DX contests are a great place to pick up new band-countries and have a little fun. CQWW-CW is around the corner, QRV?

73, Hal, N4GG

## NEW FREQS !!! From the ARRL website

The following Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) should help you understand the “nuts and bolts” of FCC WT-Docket Co. 04-140 - the so-called “Omnibus” rule changes affecting the Amateur Radio Service.

### **Q. The R&O was released by the FCC on October 10, 2006. When does it become effective?**

A. The new rules become effective December 15, 2006 at 12:01 AM EST.

### **Q. I don't see anything about the Morse code testing requirement in the R&O.**

A. The elimination of the Morse Code requirement was never part of Docket 04-140. It is part of Docket 05-235, which is still pending from the FCC. So at this time there is no change in licensing requirements for General and Extra classes - 5 WPM is still required.

## License Privileges

### **Q. What changes to operating privileges are granted in 04-140?**

A. On 80 meters the top end of the CW/RTTY/Digital band now will be at 3600 kHz. Phone will now begin at 3600 kHz for Amateur Extras; at 3700 kHz for Advanced; and at 3800 kHz for Generals.

On 40 meters the top end of the CW/RTTY/Digital band now will be at 7125 kHz. Phone will begin at 7125 kHz for Extras and Advanced, and at 7175 for Generals.

There are no changes on 20 Meters.

On 15 meters the only change was to move the bottom of the General Class phone band to 21275 KHz. The bottom of the phone band for Extra will remain at 21200 KHz and 21225 kHz for Advanced.

On 10 meters Novices and Technicians with CW credit will now be able to use CW/RTTY/Digital from 28000 kHz to 28300 kHz in addition to the unchanged voice privileges from 28300 kHz to 28500 kHz.

In addition, for Novices and Technicians with CW credit, there are now privileges for CW use only on the same frequencies as General and Advanced licensees on 80, 40, and 15 meters: 3525 kHz to 3600 kHz; 7025 kHz to 7125 kHz; and 21025 kHz to 21200 kHz. Amateur Extra licensees have full CW privileges on all bands.

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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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