



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

*THE
SOUTH'S
PREMIER
DX CLUB*

January 2004

NOTE CHANGE!!

**Next meeting: January 27th 7:30 PM
at the Fuqua Heart Center Classroom
at Piedmont Hospital.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

-Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE, Pres.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Next meeting Tuesday January 27, 2004.
Please read details below.

Unfortunately for 2004 we have been unable to secure our meeting space for the 3rd Tuesday of each month. I think the group that always met before us on occasion, requested more time, as we always seemed to "run" them out of the room. **For 2004 we will be meeting on the 4th Tuesday of each month.** The room has been reserved. If another day of the month works better for the majority, we can vote on it. Please let me know how your thoughts. Sorry to break the long tradition of 3rd Tuesday night meetings.

2004, THE NEW YEAR

The **NEW YEAR** has arrived! It will be interesting to see what the New Year will bring in the way of DX. We wish the best for all the participants of DXpeditions in the New Year.

I hope everyone had a great **NEW YEAR**. Always nice to see what DX is on the air this day. Seems to be a "special" day when conversing with DX, or even US hams, on New Year's Day.

Now is the time to set one's goals. Maybe get on the air more, perhaps go to more SEDXC meetings this year or participate in more contests. I always try to do something new in ham radio each year. One year it was RTTY. Last year it was PSK31. This year I want to get my station and antennas in 100% working condition. We are seeing more DX on the Digital Modes. Maybe you will go to Dayton after not being

there for many years. Perhaps the DX Conventions have piqued your interest. They have piqued mine. I am planning on going to Visalia this year and can hardly wait. This will be a first for me. I have set a goal to get those needed QSLs that I have been waiting years for. The point is there are many ways we can improve ourselves both at home and with our hobbies.

Those of you who are fortunate to be retired know how important it is to have multiple interests and hobbies. Hopefully you are passionate about these and they provide you with entertainment and fulfillment. Hobbies are also important to us in the working class. We need activities, as such, to take our minds off of the office, deadlines, and the usual daily stresses. What better hobby than Ham Radio, particularly DX'ing, to provide this fulfillment! Enough "waxing philosophical", this early morning, New Year's Day. Today is a good time to examine our goals and ourselves and see what we are doing in this world. I know you have heard this before as I said it last year. Goals are necessary to break the potential for "boredom" which can easily take over our lives.

PROGRAM FOR JANUARY:

Wes will be providing the details of the program for the January program in his column. We have had a lot of interesting programs in 2003 and I hope to see 10 more this year.

Those of you who were unable to attend these programs sure missed some very interesting presentations. We look forward to a new set of programs for 2004. 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! (Remember your **NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS**). We would also like to have more group events such as parties and barbecues in the coming year.

SEDXC WEBSITE:

Access to the web servers and to our web site

seems almost “flawless” now. The Club donated a sizeable sum to W4AN in November to go towards Bill’s web servers where the SEDXC website is housed. Send a note to Bill Fisher, W4AN in appreciation for his time, effort, and money expended in the hosting service. A small donation is always appreciated and goes a long ways. The SEDXC website is a BIG asset to the Club and its members.

NEWSLETTER DETAILS:

This newsletter will be sent only by Email to the members who have paid their dues for the 2004-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 the problems in the past in getting the newsletter to you. Now for some SEDXC New Year’s Resolutions:

NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION #1:

Let’s all try to encourage inactive or past 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. Let’s also try to attend more meetings. It is so much more fun when there is a room full of DX’ers.

NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION #2:

Let’s encourage hams both experienced and inexperienced in DX’ing to become members. Many of us had contacts within the Club who helped nurture us in the area of DX and encouraged us to join the Club. Encourage someone new in 2004 to become a Club member!

NEXT MEETING DETAILS:

The January 27, 2004 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 park-

ing are outlined there also. This QTH is really not that hard to find and get to.

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. Send any ideas to sedxc@kauten.com.

Send email to w4te@arrl.net if you have any new business to present for the January meeting.

GUD DX and HAPPY NEW YEAR! Hope to see you at the meetings in 2003.

73, Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE, Pres.

FROM THE VEEP

-Wes Lamboley, W3WL, VP

Things are starting to settle down to a semi-normal routine here at the house – we had an absolutely wonderful Christmas, with all the kids and grandkids here for a week! And, January 4 was another Kid’s Day, and a couple of the neighborhood stalwarts came over (Tucker – 8, and his brother Taylor – 11) and got their first taste of ham radio. They discovered phonetics, and had fun spelling out their name on the air. They actually had a pileup going for a while! I say it again – try to get involved with Kid’s Day – it is **MAGIC!** The next one will be in July – I will try to remind y’all as it gets closer.

My personal trainer (K4UEE) says my next step toward being a real DXer, now that I have a beam up in the air, is to get on the packet cluster. Does anyone have a dumb terminal they would like to sell me? I have a computer and a 2-meter rig, so I guess that is all I will need.

The Five Star gang is ramping up to do 3B9C in March for one month. This is the group that gave up D68C back in 2001. I am the official fundraiser in the States, if anyone would care to donate. The expedition does not qualify for official club sponsorship, as 3B9 is not in the top 25 most wanted. However, it promises to be a lot of fun to work, and I expect their old record of 168,722 QSOs to be broken! More info will be available at the meeting if anyone is interested.

The next program (**the 4th Tuesday now**) will be presented by Joe Owen, KO4RR, on his recent expedition to CY9. Joe’s programs are always interesting and informative, with a measure of droll humor

thrown in for effect. If you have not been to one of Joe's presentations, come and enjoy it on the 20th.
CU at the meeting!

Best
Wes – Whisky 3 Whisky Lemur

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Harry Saunders, W4KJ, Tres.

Here is the Treasurer's report for December:

SEDXC Treasury	\$3191.31
Packet Fund	\$ 630.15
Total Balance	\$3821.46

There was no change from November.

Harry Saunders, W4KJ Treasurer
hpsaunders@mindspring.com

MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 18th, 2003

-Dale Nordin, K4HGG, Sec.

There was no meeting in December.

Dale-K4HGG/SM1WRI Secretary

ACTIVITIES

-John Tramontanis, N4TOL

No report this month.

73 and Happy Holidays to all.

John N4TOL,Activities

DX TIDBITS

-Rick Glisson, N4XMX, ed.

Don't forget about the change in meeting week, fourth Tuesday in month instead of third. Hopefully I will be able to attend a few more. I did make it to the Xmas party and had a great time. The pictures last month did not do the gathering justice. However, if you have any questions about "rabbit ear" antennas, Gary is your man...

The TO4E and TO4WW operation have finished. I was out of town during the TO4WW part but did work TO4E. Because of the modes chosen by the operators, I worked them more times on RTTY than any other mode. Despite the comments about the operation, they were there handing out QSO's. Because there was no evening 20M operating, I had to concentrate on other bands. Checking the cluster for operating times and bands that would actually be open to the SE, I decided to try around lunch time. For a solid week, I drove home (20 mins), operated (20 mins) and drove back to work (another 20 mins).

Also, being able to operate RTTY was a big plus. I was able to work then on 10, 15 and 17MRTTY around 12:30 PM local time on different days. They were using the amp on the RTTY station. I had solid contacts. That was much better than the single 15M SSB ESP QSO which fortunately showed up in the online logs. The CW op was good, just not loud. Now we need them to go to FR/G!

The cluster info on the back page has been updated. Ernie and I have updated our software several times as well. A major upgrade will be soon. Hopefully for the users, you will not notice a difference except better performance. We are considering putting a TCP/IP connection to W4UCK to cut down on the lag time.

The Logbook of the World has been interesting to play with. I have uploaded about 8600 QSO's, have about 300+ matches. One thing I do appreciate is some of the rarer DXpeditions putting their logs in. AH1A, YA5MM, some A52's, FO0AAA, HF0POL, VK0IR, and XZ1N to name a few. HH2PK has uploaded is logs. It sometimes has been hard to get a card from him because of mail problems. No mail problems now. I like the cards though and will continue to send for new ones. CU in the pileups...

Rick, N4XMX

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DX PACKET FREQ. (Corrections, 1/2/04)

N4XMX (2400) 144.91 (direct, Vinings),
(2400) 145.65 (direct or ATLDX)
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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