



# Southeastern DX Club

## W4NT

THE SOUTH'S PREMIER DX CLUB

March 2008

### From the President...

I believe that I can say that the visit to the home of TI5KD and our operation during the ARRL International DX Phone contest as TI50DX was one of the highlights of my 35 years as a member of the SEDXC. I suppose that the club's World Record-setting operation from St. Kitts as VP2KC in 1979 was one of the other highlights. BTW, that World Record was on the books for over 20 years before being broken. That was a record too!

We didn't set any records from Costa Rica, but it looks like we won the Multi/Multi category. Not bad for a bunch of guys, most of which had never been on the business end of a pileup before. I am very, very proud of what we did! And the Club got gobs of publicity for its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We sure worked a lot of GA stations, thanks for the Q's.

Of course, afterward, the conversation turned to "where do we go next? Virtually everyone involved wants to do it again next year. I'm thinking somewhere with a beach would be nice for our second outing in as many years. We shall see!

My old friend and Kingman Reef teammate, Joe Owen, KO4RR, will be our guest at this month's meeting and I am anxious to see him and hear about his latest adventure.

We are still looking for someone to volunteer to be the Club Historian and the Honcho for this year's Field Effort using W4NT, the SEDXC club call sign.

See you at the meeting. Come early for some dinner with the gang at Panera Bread just down the street.

73, Bob  
K4UEE

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### Vice President' Report—March 2008

Oh what a Glorioso morning, oh what a beautiful day. Yep, I need Glorioso on 160m and 160m opportunities don't come around that often. Maybe I should add a few more radials. Along those lines, the "invisible fence" wire rolls down at Home Depot are quite a bit cheaper than their 14 AWG THN. The only downside is that the insulation is bright yellow and my wife was not pleased recently to discover a web of them out in the front yard. Time to spread some more pinestraw.

I am looking forward to our program this month. Joe Owen will reveal whether or not any of the Knights of Malta carry swords or wear armor. This will be a unique opportunity to learn more about a very worthy organization and to see how ham activity meshes with the Knights.

Next month (April) will be our gala at Southern Poly. It's a long drive from our usual Panera over to Southern Poly, so I suggest we plan to gather for a pre-meeting at the Marietta Diner as we did last year prior to Bernie's program. For those of you who did not attend last year, the Marietta Diner is very close to the Southern Poly campus. The diner is at 306 Cobb Parkway, Marietta 30060. I will be posting information on the Southern Poly building and meeting room shortly—it's a pretty big campus. We will be treated to Neville, G3NUG, DXpeditioner extraordinaire, presenting "The 3B7C Story -- 137,5000 QSOs without any sunspots -- Everything went to plan until there was a murder in Port Louis." Be sure to bring extra-special raffle items to the April meeting—we raised quite a bit of money at Bernie's presentation last year.

And don't forget the hamfest on 3/15!

73 for now,  
Bob W2WG

## SEDXC Meeting Minutes Wednesday February 2008

**Bob K4UEE called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.**

There were twenty four (32) in attendance.

Presidents Report: Bob K4UEE discussed:

- 1) Called meeting to order at approx 7:30PM
- 2) Thanks to Jim for taking over the news letter publication.
- 3) Please all possible get on 160 SSB Contest over the weekend and report your scores.
- 4) The remaining officers were asked for their reports

Vice Presidents Report: Bob W2WG discussed:

- 1) Upcoming meeting with G3NUG Neville and we will meet at Southern Poly Tech. More on that later.

Secretary's Report: George N4GRN:

- 1) Declared the minutes taken as being posted on the web and there were no changes so they were accepted.

Treasurer's report: Mike ND4V

- 1) gave the report.

Activities Manager: Gary WB4SQ:

- 1) Needs help at Kennohoochee on 3/15

Membership: Bill N4NX announced the following:

- 1) Membership is over 200 now.
- 2) Reminded everyone of the QSL's being sent to bureau and that DX calls now cost 7 cents

Webmaster: Chaz W4GKF:

- 1) There was no report

How's DX?:

- 1) VP6DX great success was discussed and how everyone is working them.
- 2) Clipperton 30th anniversary activation is coming March 7 to 17
- 3) YU8/OH2R may not count as UN and ITU have not accepted as of the time of the activation.
- 4) K4SSU said that the Orlando hamfest was very good.

Club Business:

- 1) The club membership is asked to participate in the 160 contest.
- 2) Harry will be organizing the Stockyard Inn Dayton club dinner. Sign up on the website or contact Harry.
- 3) Gary will handle a table at the DX dinner at Dayton.
- 4) A vote on 9X – EA5RM 3/16 to 3./27 was moved by Bill N4NX and then a second by Wes W3WL and a vote to fund was approved.

- 5) TI50DX was discussed and Jim had items to split among the participants for carrying down. The team will be using 3 K3's.
- 6) A request for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary report at next meeting was made.

### **BREAK and RAFFLE:**

The break was at approximately 8:15PM. Raffle tickets were sold prior to start of meeting and again at break.

### **NOTICE:**

It is extremely difficult to keep up with the raffle items and winners when we have a large number of items. I will be placing a clip board on the raffle table and I am asking all donors to fill-out and all winners to fill-out the form.

THANKS N4GRN

The raffle was as follows: (this is NOT totally accurate –sorry)

ITEM	DONATED BY	WON BY
CD Antenna and Transmission lines	KC4AA	WB4SQ
40 YEARS OF HF MOBILE	KC4AA	W3WL
OS/2 SOFTWARE	W4GBU	
DX ENGR CAP	W4GBU	WB6JJN
WORLD MAP	WBGBU	
DXING EDGE	K4ODL	
5TH ANTENNA COMPENDIUM	K4WRB	
VIBROPLEX MUG	W4OA	
OS2 PAD	W4GBU	W2DNO
WATCH	W4GBU	
COSTA RICA COFFEE	K4UW	
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### **Program:**

Meeting adjourned approximately 9:30pm.

George Nicholson Secretary

### **Treasurers Report As of February 28, 2008**

General Fund	\$4,626.76
Packet Fund	<u>20.15</u>
Cash on hand and in bank	\$4,646.91

OM, I have to tell you, the trip to TI5 was really fun! Exhausting but fun. It was great to work a bunch of you as TI5/ND4V. It was surprising to have 3 QSLs at the house on Monday when I got back. I was logging for Chaz when we got the 10 meter opening Sunday afternoon. What a blast that was. I think we worked half of the club members. Everyone had great signals on all the bands. If you ever get the chance to be on the receiving end of the pileups, don't pass it up!

## Activities Report: Gary McConville, WB4SQ

I'd like to thank the following members for volunteering to man our table at the Kennehoochee hamfest: AE4CW (Chuck), W2WG (Bob), W5LE (Gene), N4GRN (George), W4KJ (Harry), W3WL (Wes), N4NX (Bill), W4GKF (Chaz), K4JRB (Dave). I plan to bring a few of those 30ft pushup poles to go with new memberships, plus a few more personal ham goodies to sell.

Welcome home to all those TI50DX club members. It was nice to break the pileups by recognizing the operator and calling out their name. Glad you guys finally got to work with real antennas (Quads) on 15M & 20M, both running a KW on the same boom without interference. WOW!

Looks like I'm in charge the SEDXC reservations for the Friday night Dayton banquet dinner again this year. THIS IS NOT the SEDXC dinner, which is on Thursday evening. More details to follow, as they firm things up.

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This month we are starting a column buy Guy Shields W4GBU On "DX Tit Bits" and other general "Hints and Kinks". Since Guy sends out so many QSL's every month I figured he was on the air all the time and should know what is on or will be on.

### DX HINTS and KINKS

I was asked to write a few lines about DX. My name is Guy Shields and Jim Streible asked me to do it since I'm retired and Jim doesn't think I have anything else to do. So, we all want to work DX and get credit for it. Bill Barr told us how to get the credit and I will try to tell you how to find the DX.

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FLASH - If you want to work some neat DX. Go to 40 meters at about 7.040 +/- 10 Kcs. There you will find gobs of Europeans on PSK31. You can work them with a wire and 40 watts.  
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First of all you have to know what DXpeditions are going on. I resort to the following URL to tell me <http://ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>. That's a start. Next you have to find out if they are on the air when you are. Of course we all use Ernie's packet cluster at <telnet://128.192.52.40:599> or his RF link at 144.97 etc. Next you have to find out if you have propagation to that rare DX. I use Julian Moss' propagation program at <http://www.g4ilo.com/> It's fairly accurate and gives me a chart like they used to have in the older QSTs. There are plenty of prop programs out there. Next I use Bob Furzgers LOGGER32. It's difficult to change logging programs, so stay with yours. I use BV7 located at <http://www.df3cb.com> for printing labels. It puts them in their correct country order regardless of the prefix. You can change the fonts, colors and sizes to fit your labels. Tad also uses this one.

Okay, so everyone has worked the VP6DX station. But has everyone worked them on their dummy load or with their amplifier on the wrong band. It was a class operation and Bill Barr told us how to QSL to them. They have super operators and ears. Many have worked them QRP.

I have to go now and work some rare DX on 14.195. Woops Nino's there.

### LATE WORD ABOUT A MEMBER:

Bob Fuss, W4OWY, will be in Antigua.

We should be on the air a week from Tuesday March 11. We will quit on March 18 probably late in the day. I am V25WY and my buddy is V25OP. We are listed here: <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html> and Bernie should have us in the DailyDX tomorrow or Wednesday.

Bob, W4OWY

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This month we are also starting a feature that will, hopefully, be around every month. That is a biography of a member each month. If I don't get someone to write one each month you might have to put up with mine. So—don't turn me down when I ask for one.

Jim K4DLI (Editor)

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This months biography:



## KC4AA

William (Bill) G. Mills  
188 Ellis Mill Road, NE  
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I was first licensed in 1964 at Fort Hood, Texas, as a FCC Novice class operator (WN5KWX). In 1965, I was

assigned to Germany where I obtained a FCC Conditional class license. On return to the United States, I obtained the FCC General Class license in 1971, followed in 1974 with the FCC Advanced class license and in 1999 the Amateur Extra license. Over the years, I have held the following amateur radio call signs; WN5KWX, WA5TMT, KZ5MM (Panama Canal Zone 1971-1973), WB4JPS, DA2MM (Federal Republic of Germany 1974-1977), DA2DX (Federal Republic of Germany 1979-1983), KA5HLH, KC5PF and KC4AA. I have also operated from DX locations in England (G4KHM), Saudi Arabia (HZ1AB 1991-1994) and Cyprus (C4YY 1994).

My major amateur radio interests are working DX, ARRL Field Day contests (26 years), Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air (JOTA), SWLing and designing/building antennas. I am a FCC authorized Volunteer License Examiner (ARRL and W5YI) and ARRL License Instructor. I hold life memberships in the ARRL and QCWA. I also am an active member in two radio clubs, the Milledgeville Amateur Radio Club and the Southeastern DX Club.

I operate two HF radio stations consisting of Yaesu FT-1000D transceivers with Alpha 374A amplifiers. The antenna farm consists of: 10 Meters – Mosley CL-103 Yagi; 15 Meters – Mosley CL-153 Yagi and a “homebrew” extended double Zepp; 20 Meters – Telrex 20M-326 Yagi and a “homebrew” extended double Zepp; 40 Meters – “homebrew” ¼ wavelength elevated vertical with four insulated ¼ wavelength radials; and 80 Meters - Gladiator TL80M Mark II “top loaded” elevated vertical with four insulated ¼ wavelength radials and a “homebrew” ½ wavelength dipole.

My interest in amateur radio began as a SWL during my high school years (1953-1957). My granddad gave me a Hallicrafters 5R10A shortwave receiver which I later upgraded to a Hallicrafters S-40B. I still spend time listening on the shortwave bands with a selection of HF receivers; Hammarlund SP-600, Collins R-390A with Sherwood Engineering SE-3 Synchronous Detector, Collins 51S-1 or the Japan Radio Company NRD-535D.

I QSL 100% direct or via the bureau.

Hope to work you on the bands!

Best 73,  
Bill  
KC4AA

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About two weeks ago I got an e-mail, right out of the blue so to speak, from an old friend that I am sure most of you old timers will remember. Dave Fisher, W0MHS. Dave retired in 1994 and moved to Huntsville, Utah. He is now in St. Joseph, MO and has the call W7FB. Gave up his old call 50-years to the day after he had received it. His old call is now that of a contest club in St. Joseph, MO. Dave was team captain for 20-meters at NQ4I for a few years.

Dave had an ideal ham site in Utah but said he couldn't stand the 20-feet of snow each year so he is now in Missouri, where they have less snow.

Dave and I used to meet over at Po Folks on Hwy 41 for lunch and talk antennas. Sure missed it when he left. Anyway, they have a little club out in St. Joseph that does monthly contest. They are called the ACTIVE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY (AARS) and he has invited anyone who would like to join, no meeting or dues, to contact them and join in the fun. Look up the K0XI web site (on QRZ) and get all the details on how to join. It is real easy. Their stated goal is:

*The primary goal of AARS is to sponsor and promote ON-THE-AIR activities specifically, month-long events/activities/contests every month of the year.*

So—those of you looking for something new each month – here it is.  
JRS

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DX PACKET FREQ. (Corrections, 1/2/04)  
N4XMX 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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