



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

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DX CLUB*

April 2002

Next meeting: April 16th, 7:30 PM at the Fuqua Heart Center Classroom at Piedmont Hospital. NEW LOCATION!!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

-Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE, Pres.

Some exciting events have passed and others are yet to come. We have had considerable DX activity, as you are aware. We have seen a "new one" activated, Ducie Island (VP6DI). TI9M, XR0X, VP8THU, VP8GEO, and PW0T have all come and gone. YA5T is still active and we are still seeking the elusive P5. DX'ing is so exciting.

There is Dayton to look forward to. There are more DX presentations to see and new equipment to investigate. Hopefully many of you are planning to go to Dayton. If you have never been you should go. It is quite the experience.

There is Club business to be thinking about. First being recruitment. We signed 4 new members at Kennehoochee and the last meeting. Dues will be coming due in June. Hopefully we can encourage some of the inactive members to become active members instead of just paying their dues. The meetings have been interesting and stimulating. I am still working on getting several of my friends to come to the meetings and become interested enough to join. Keep working on recruitment, we are all making progress.

Up and coming is the election of officers. Elections will be held at the June meeting since we will not be having a formal meeting in May. You will hear more on that later. In accordance with the Bylaws, the President will elect a nominating committee to choose a slate of officers for election. Anyone who is interested in being an officer in the club let the nominating committee know of your interest. I will announce the committee soon and give you the appropriate email addresses. Think seriously about being an officer even if you were an officer in the past. The club is

small enough now that the interval of time between holding office once and holding it again is short. To increase that interval we need more active interested members.

We do not have our meeting space in May. We knew that from the start. I would like to propose having a barbecue with the members and their wives, girl friends, etc.. This would be our early summer get-together. The Christmas Party was fun and I think it is time for another event. We can have it at my house again unless there are others who insist on having it elsewhere. We will discuss this at the next meeting and hopefully find some time in May to do this.

Check out the new web page. Jim Worthington, AD4J breathed new life back into it. I have been working on updating it. The Roster should be up to date. We have space for more Ham Shack pictures if you would like to send a low-resolution digital picture (no more than 480 x 360 pixels). If there are Club members with ham radio web sites of their own, we can place a link on our web page. Let me know if you have a website and send me the URL. Check out the web site. You can find it at: www.sedxc.org. Send any ideas to sedxc@kauten.com.

In summary, keep the following items in mind:

- Recruitment
- Nominations and elections for SEDXC officers
- Early Summer barbeque
- Come to the next meeting April 16, 2002
- Any new business to bring up at the next meeting

Keep thinking about how **you** can make the Club better. If you have the desire to write, the newsletter can always use more subject matter. Any contribution would be appreciated.

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

GUD DX and see you at the next meeting
73, Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE

MINUTES FOR MARCH

-Dale Nordin, K4HGG, Sec.

Program Notes:

Jim, our president, announced that we would go directly into the program and have the formal meeting after the program presentation. Jim then immediately introduced Gary Breed – K9AY who gave a talk on vertical , vertical ground plane and inverted “L” antennas for 80 and 160 meters. These antennas were used on several DXpeditions. Gary noted that these antennas were the prototype versions of a possibly commercial product line. All these antennas could be collapsed into a small package mainly for use on DXpeditions. Gary also showed individual vertical radiation plots of each antenna and comparison plots of these antennas.

After Gary’s presentation, Jim called the formal part of the meeting to order with 19 members and 4 visitors present. Some of these visitors submitted their application for membership and became members of the SEDXC that evening. Also some of the visitors had been to the Kennehootchie Hamfest and discovered the SEDXC at our booth.

Old Business

The minutes, published in the last newsletter were approved.

The treasurer’s report noted that there was \$560.15 in the Packet Cluster Fund and \$2,214.41 in the SEDXC bank account, with total assets of \$2,794.56 (\$125.00 was sent to the XR0X DXpedition).

Announcements

Bill – N4NX encouraged the members to bring in their outgoing QSL cards. They will be sent in bulk to the ARRL with the SEDXC paying the postage.

Cluster report: There was no cluster report however Dean-W8ZF announced that he had left-over cluster equipment from his personal cluster that he has shut down. For sale or donation?

The Web page is back on line at “www.sedxc.org”.

Jim-W4TE noted that he had sold \$70 worth of SEDX Club patches at the Kennehootchie Hamfest (at \$2.50 ea.)

Dale-K4HGG announced that Fitz-K4TYJ has a Sun-Air 1500W Linear amplifier for sale. Mint condx.

New Business:

Guy-W4GBU announced that he is desperately looking for people that can host a Russian Hams that will be in Atlanta during the first week of June. Please contact him at 770-981-3625 for more information..

A drawing was held for a donated DX book, AC6V DXing 101x and won by Matt (didn’t get his call).

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Dale - K4HGG / SM1WRI

FROM THE VP

-Wes Lamboley, W3WL

Still fishing....

Best, Wes

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE, Tres.

SEDXC Club Bank balances as of 4-1-2002 are as follows:

SEDXC	\$ 2422.41
Packet Cluster Account	\$ 580.15
TOTAL	\$ 3002.41

There were 6 new members last month (March). Income for the month was \$208.00. Income was from new member dues and the sale of pins and patches. Financially the club is sound.

Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE

BRING A FRIEND TO THE MEETING!

NEW CLUSTER COMMANDS

DX PACKET FREQ.

N4XXM (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 ks4q.dns2go.com

DX TIDBITS

-Rick Glisson, N4XXM

First, I will give a short cluster update from my end. The latest version of the AR-Cluster software has been very stable. There are a lot of features I haven't tried yet but will post a short note when I have gone through them. Some of the features include QSL lookup directly from the cluster. I still check out the GO-List and QRZ.COM before I send anything. There is an excellent link from the www.ac6v.com site that will take you to a DXpeditions page (www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html) with many links, often to the DXpedition's webpage directly. Very handy for those DXpeditions that aren't in the top 20 but you need for low band, etc.

While I was away on a Boyscout campout, Ernie had my wife make some changes as well to my system, I have no idea what they were but they seem to help!

The VP6DI was interesting to work. Definately the best ops were on 15M. 15 CW took awhile, I think he spun the dial after each QSO! Oddly enough, my first QSO was on 20M SSB in the crowd. Be sure to check out the edges of the splits announced, that's where a lot of QSO's were made.

XR0X was more fun since it wasn't a life or death struggle (that is a nice way of saying "I don't need it for an all-time new one :)") Worked them mostly on CW, no luck on the really low bands. Good cw ops. (That is DX shorthand for "It didn't take too long")

Now that the P5 has been approved, someday I may actually hear him!

CU in the pileups... -73 Rick, N4XXM

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3X - Francois, VE2XO will be active again as 3XY8A on 15-19 April. He will operate from Kassa Island (AF-051), mainly on 15 and 20 metres SSB and PSK31 (possibly on RTTY and 17 and 12 metres SSB as well). QSL direct to VE2XO (Francois Normant, 3054 avenue Lacombe, Montreal QC H3T 1L4, Canada). [TNX VE2XO]

7Q - Chris, EC3ADC will operate (on 10, 12, 15, 20, 40 and 80 metres) as 7Q7DX from Lilongwe, Malawi on 7-17 April. QSL via EA5IQ (Jose Maria Vives, Cò Moncada 62 6A, 46025 Valencia, Spain). [TNX I5/4063]

A4 - Operators from the Royal Omani Amateur Radio Society will be active (on all bands CW and SSB) as A43GI from Al Ghanam Island (AS-119) on 12-15 April. QSL via A47RS (P.O. Box 981, Muscat 113, Sultanate of Oman). [TNX The Daily DX]

HV - Look for Vatican City station HV5PUL (<http://www.pul.it/hv5pul.htm>) to be activated on HF bands and 6 metres on 20 April and again on 16 May. [TNX IW0DJB]

OZ - Knud, OZ2ZB (<http://www.qsl.net/oz2zb>) plans to go and operate from three Danish islands on 11 April as follows: UTC Island IOTA D I A 10.00 Tagholme NO NJ-015 11.00 Roenholme NO NJ-014 12.00 Livoe EU-171 NJ-007

OZ - Look for Jacob, OZ7AEI/P to be active from Jegindo Island (EU-171, DIA NJ-006) on 13 April starting for only one hour starting around 14 UTC on +/- 14260 kHz. QSL via home call. [TNX OZ7AEI]

P5 - Just in case you have missed the announcement made on 2 April: the ARRL will accept SSB contacts with Ed Giorgadze, P5/4L4FN in North Korea for DXCC credit. Ed has been active from Pyongyang since early November 2001 and valid SSB contacts from the onset of the P5/4L4FN operation may be submitted for DXCC credit, effective immediately. Ed has received confirmation that he will remain in North Korean until June-July 2003. QSL via KK5DO (Bruce Paige, P.O. Box 310, Alief, TX 77411, USA). Additional news and information (logs included) about P5/4L4FN's operation is available at <http://www.amsatnet.com>.

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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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