



# SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

*THE  
SOUTH'S  
PREMIER  
DX CLUB*

April 2003

**Next meeting: April 15th, 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 last meeting was a lot of fun. It was sure a great way to get to know everyone! The Show and Tell was very interesting and enlightening. The Show and Tell looks like the start of a great tradition. Perhaps we can entice the "really" veteran members to be there the next time. I am sure there are some really good stories yet to be told. Read the Secretary's report for a synopsis of what was presented.

The weather is getting nice again and the days are getting longer. This is a good time of year for antenna work. Time to get those wire antennas up before the trees are covered in leaves and it is impossible to see where the sling shot has landed. I have been working on an 80 meter Windom for CW to help me complete my 5 BDXCC...only need 80 meters! Just need to get out and get the work done.

I just noticed that one of our Club members, Joe Owen, KO4RR will be a member of the SO5X DXpedition! We look forward to contacting you, Joe! Western Sahara (S0) is number 50 on the 2002 Most Wanted Countries-Overall USA List. I suspect after this DXpedition is over, S0 will be off the Top 100 Most Wanted List.

## **PROGRAM FOR APRIL:**

To be announced by Wes Lamboley, W3WL. We are all looking forward to another great program.

## **CLUB BUSINESS:**

Be thinking about officers for 2003-2004. Elections are coming up soon. We will begin collecting

dues next month in preparation for the 2003-2004 year. I am hopeful we can get the new members we signed at Kennehoochee to the meetings this next year.

Now is the time to think about our summer picnic and BBQ. If there is anyone wishing to host it this year drop me a line or call. We all had a great time last year—even the XYL's!

## **MISCELLANEOUS:**

There is a web page on the ARRL web site entitled: "The Amateur Amateur: But Are You a Real Ham?". The items are very appropriate to Hams. I believe many are also apropos to DXers. Here are some. I have also added a few of my own.

It goes: You are a real ham (DXer) if:

At Home:

- Lightning strikes your house more often than any other local structure (I have experience with this).
- A typical mail delivery consists of one bill, ten electronics catalogs, and, occasionally, a hefty brown envelope from the QSL bureau.
- A QSL card from a "new one" is more important than a refund check.
- Looking at huge construction cranes immediately gives rise to thoughts of erecting a gigantic 160-meter array.
- You chose your QTH based on a tower site rather than convenience to friends, malls, grocery stores, etc...

While vacationing:

- No matter where you are, you can go outside and immediately spot at least 30 antennas.
- When in a taxi you have to stop at each QTH with an antenna. (Heard this story from the

XYL of K4TEA).

## NEXT MEETING DETAILS:

The April 15, 2003 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 free parking are outlined there also. This QTH is easy 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 and visitors then go to the meeting QTH around 1915.

This is it for now. 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 January meeting.

GOOD DX and hope to see you at the meetings in 2003.

73,

Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE, Pres.

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## ACTIVITIES

**-John Tramontanis, N4TOL**

It was great to see everyone at the last meeting. I really enjoyed the "show and tell", and hope we can get it on the schedule again in the future. Great idea Wes!!

The club will be manning two tables side by side at the Gainesville hamfest on July 12 & 13. One table will be used for the club presence and promotion. The other table will be available for club members to sell items. We will have more information and discussion at the next meeting.

The club has also agreed to present two programs at the Gainesville hamfest. One will be about DX basics or DX'ing for beginners. The other program is to be announced, possibly a presentation about a particular Dxpedition. This will be discussed at the meeting also.

Also, the Atlanta radio Club hamfest is scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup>. I would like to discuss at the meeting what the club interest is in participating in that event.

TNX es 73 – John N4TOL

SEDXC - Activities Chairman

## FROM THE VP

**-Wes Lamboley, W3WL, VP**

A SEMI-TECHNICAL PROGRAM – AND IT IS FREE!!!!

The subject for the April meeting is LOGGING SOFTWARE. It is almost a necessity anymore, and it certainly makes the operator's job a lot easier. Back in the good 'ol days (we are talking 60's here) I built myself a special CW Sweepstakes "wheel" that would call CQ and send my report (except for the serial number). It was made from a circular PC board, had a speed controllable rim drive, and had two tracks etched on it (one for CQ, the other for my report). I was amazed how much it helped in logging and offered just a bit of relaxation and log updating while my message was being sent.

Times have certainly changed! Most logging programs do all that and MUCH MORE! If you do not use logging software, this meeting is definitely for you! If you do use logging software, this meeting is definitely for you! Bottom line is that **CT is now FREE!** CT is probably the best-known software logging programs, and offers a lot of flexibility for DXpeditions and contesting in general. Anyone can get it right off the Internet, and a PDF instruction manual is also being made available. Our own Bill Barr will be presenting the program this month, as he is highly knowledgeable on CT. A demo will be done. Software will be available.

Hope to see you all there!

Wes – Whisky Three Whisky Lemur

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

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

No report this month.

Harry Saunders, W4KJ Treasurer

## MINUTES FOR March 18th

**-Dale Nordin, K4HGG, Sec.**

My thanks to Jim-KT4MM for writing this secretary's report for me in my absence – Dale-K4HGG

Meeting was called to order by Jim, W4TE, at 7:30 p.m. All present introduced themselves and the minutes of last months meeting were accepted as published.

Wes-W3WL, reported that the Club tables that were set up at the Kennehoochee Hamfest resulted in 10 new member applications. John, N4TOL, expressed a big thanks to all who helped at the tables-a job well done.

The Gainesville ARC asked if the SEDXC will present DX programs at their July 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Hamfest. They asked for one program to be an Introduction to DX (possible on Friday, the 12<sup>th</sup> evening) and the second program to be on a DX related subject (possible on Saturday). The club will give us one table. A suggestion was made that the Club pay for a second table.

Harry-W4KJ reported that the Club still has patches and pins for sale. He suggested that members can purchase the patches (\$2.50 each) and pins (\$4.00 each) and possibly send them to DX QSL managers for goodwill.

Ernie-KS4Q (our packet cluster chairman), is installing a new enterprise software package. Now the cluster does not lock-up into a continuous loop. Also, Rick, N4XMX has ordered 2 new antennas to establish a 440 MHz. DX cluster.

Paul, K4UJ also announced that he is going to setup a new cluster.

Bill-N4NX, our ARRL card checker, faithfully announced that he is still taking QSLs for DXCC checking.

### Announcements:

An email was received from the ARRL Georgia Club Coordinator, Margie KB1DCO, notifying the Club that we officially have been renewed as a Special Service Club.

Received an email from Bob, NA2X expressive his thanks for the 2002 GA QSO Party W/VE High Power entry as the winner in the high power category.

### New Business:

A motion was made to continue to sponsor the GA QSO "In-State" plaque. Motion by Jim, W4TE and seconded by Ernie, KS4Q. The motion was approved unanimously.

John N4TOL announced the SEDX Club Challenge winners. Most high power QSO award went to John Laneery and the most low power QSO award goes to Bill, N4NX.

### Old Business:

A letter was mailed nominating James Brooks-9V1YC to the DX Hall of Fame.

### Program:

A Show and Tell by all of the members present. Wes-W3WL, presented the Wolf Hong in his possession

Andy-KB7UB, presented a story about the one tube transmitter he made and work a DK (German station) at a science fair. Other than Andy and the German station, none of the science fair judges believed Andy worked the German.

Bill-N4NX, presented a 1979 photograph which he, Bob-K4UEE, and a third operator working the contest at St. Kitts. Bill was working a string of JA's and responding in a Japanese phrase (i.e., qrz next) when their third operator who spoke Japanese started to talk to Bill in Japanese until he realized Bill's puzzled expression revealed his limited Japanese vocabulary.

Paul-WB4SQ showed us a WWII variable VFO that had a slider switch to move the frequency quickly. The use of the slider switch was used to fool the Japanese monitors that they had a drifting VFO. By slowly drifting in frequency, the American operator could then quickly move the slider switch back to the original frequency and call in the air strike for the bombers.

Howard-W4KJ presented a story about his Auckland QSO with Ron (ZL1AMO?).

Dick-K5TF, presented a picture frame containing JY1's QSL and letter presented to his father. Also, Dick described his early exploits on 160 meters and being the first K5 from Louisiana to work VK3QI (circa. Sept. 1973).

John-N4TOL, presented a microphone given to him in 1968 by the wife of the SK who lived across the street from John's home. The microphone remains

in excellent condition and is still used today.

Dave-K4SSU, brought his QSL card presented to him as the first QSO celebrating the nation of Bophuthatswana's Independence. The QSL was a 12 feet plus long and 4 feet wide canvas banner, signed, dated, frequency, and signal report all duly scribed on the canvas.

Guy-W4GBU, presented his story regarding his \$5.00 purchase of a Gibson Girl emergency transmitter in 1952 or 53. As a young teenager one day in Miami he played with the Gibson by turning the cranking and noticed shortly thereafter the US Coast Guard helicopter flying overhead. Yes, he quickly realized the Gibson Girl was working as designed.

John-W4NU, in his job responsibilities, was sent to Kuwait and experienced an unexpected Dxpedition. He meet Bob, 9K2ZZ, and had the pleasure of using Bob's stations while on assignment in Kuwait.

Jim-K4DLI, presented his homemade reactance bridge that was made from an old Heathkit enclosure while working at a broadcast station. The bridge is still in use today.

Jim-W4TE, showed gifts presented to him from a young Ethiopian heart patient as an expression of his thanks to the staff at the hospital.

Bob-K4UEE, although not present asked Wes-W3WL to show his DX collectables purchased on their journey to the XR0Y Dxpedition. The Chilean carving can only be described in person. Words will not do justice to the carving.

Al-N4ZZK showed photographs of his new Flex Flyer Keyer serial number 3. Fantastic workmanship.

Paul-K4UJ presented his Special User Permit for the Feb. 1998 KP5 Dxpedition which was revoked before they could go to the island. In subsequent years, Paul learned the reason for the revocation which was because the CIA and other government agents were scheduled to go into the island and remove the drug trafficking inhabitants and the government did not want to endanger the Dxpedition.

Don-N4HH, showed his monthly contest plaque for QRP operations.

Jim-KT4MM, presented his trophy received in 1962 for being W2AYW's 1000 six meter QSO.

Meeting adjourned at 09:12 pm.

Dale - K4HGG / SM1WRI  
Secretary SEDXC

## DX TIDBITS

**-Rick Glisson, N4XMX**

I'll give everybody another cluster update. I have assembled and installed the 440 MHz beam at my house. The next step is to install the dual band vertical downtown along with the radios, duplexers, another TNC and cavity. We also hope there are no surprises mounting the new antenna. You never know how much trouble such as rusted bolts, etc. you may find. The 440 link will cut down half of the traffic on 145.65. Contest response should improve drastically.

It took me over 12 years to work a valid ST, now they are all over the place! The ST2X card came in this week, the ST0RY and the other recent ST have just completed their operations. I even worked ST0RY on 30M! Speaking of my adventures on 30M for DXCC, have worked a total of 121 with 95 in. I have found 30M to be a lot of fun. The 80M horizontal loop works very well. Not too many people on 30M. The ST0RY bunch concentrated on the low bands. I worked them on 17, 20, 30, and 40, all cw. I could barely hear them on 80, not enough to call. A nice change from the 1.5KW shootout on 20M. The other ST station worked mainly higher bands, caught him on 15 and 20 SSB. Now if we could get them to 70...

I have seen a packet spot for a YI/portable US station this week. My first YI card came during the last Gulf War in 1991 from a MARS station operator. Later I actually worked YI1BGD and have the card.

I guess after finishing 5BDXCC with 12,17, and 30M, I'll have to be like MIKE, K4PI. Working either 6M or 160M. Have a handful on 160, none on 6M. At least the antennas are smaller. 160 will just take awhile. Guess I could enter a few RTTY contests and finish out 100 countries. Got about 50 during last year's contest with 100W. Time to start sending for the cards again... It never ends.

CU in the pileups...

-73 Rick, N4XMX

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# RENEWALS AND ELECTIONS COMING SOON!!!

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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 66.23.195.102:7300

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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