



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB

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PREMIER
DX CLUB*

April 2005

**Next meeting: April 26th 7:30 PM at
the Fuqua Heart Center Classroom at
Piedmont Hospital.**

FROM THE VP

-Al Ludwick, N4ZZK, VP

FROM THE PRESIDENT

--Wes Lamboley, W3WL

All I can say for now is that is GREAT TO BE BACK! Kerguelen was great fun; another bag of memories, adventure, near death experiences and camaraderie, with a few QSOs thrown in for good measure. The fantastic openings on 10 and 12 were totally unexpected, and the 160 Q's (1189 in total with 16 on 'phone!) were the Newman's Own on the Kerguelen cabbage! More people met along the way, which makes it all the more special. And, I learned a few more noteworthy behavioral patterns concerning the true nature of man. Stay tuned for a full accounting at the June SEDXC meeting. If you are going to Dayton and the DX dinner, we will be the program there as well.

The SEDXC has been asked to support the Glorioso expedition. I think it takes place in November, having been postponed from May. The Clipperton guys going need to put up almost \$2000.00 each (beer money when compared to FT5XO and 3Y0!!), and they would like some help if we can afford it. We get our logo on the card if we help. Glorioso is a for sure top tenner, so we can take a vote and see how much we want to contribute.

I have a few QSL cards for FT5XO that were stamped at the post office on Kerguelen. I will bring them along to the meeting this month. The deal is that you can send them with your QSL request to our manager, and he will confirm your contact as he would with an ordinary card, but yours will have the official postmark on it.

All the best – hope to see you at the meeting!

Not much radio time this month, we have been unusually busy at work lately. I did manage one quick contact with FT5XO between trips out of town. I hope you got them also.

More information is out on the new Yaesu rig for the "fox tango" fans. I downloaded a copy of the operator's manual for the FTDX9000, it's quite a rig with lots of features. If you are interested, it's now available on the Yahoo group or drop me a note and I can send you the PDF file. I'm still saving my pennies and should be ready by Dayton (I'm hoping for a Hamvention discount although I've heard it probably won't happen).

Welcome back to Wes; we've missed you and can't wait to hear about your adventures.

April Program

Survivors Assistance Program

Presented by

Dick Baxter/K5TF & Bill Mills/KC4AA

This month's program addresses Estate planning, what to do when the inevitable occurs.

Should we consider forming a club service group? Dick and Bill have put together a thought provoking program for us.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

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WELCOME BACK WES!!!

Wes – Whiskey 3 Whiskey Lemur

You brought the logs, right???? :)

MINUTES FOR March 2005

George Nicholson, N4GRN, Sec

The March meeting was called to order by John N4TOL activities manager. Wes W3WL was out of the country on the Kerguelen Dxpedition and Al was away on business.

There were 23 members present at the meeting. James Nixon W4EA was at the meeting and rejoined the club. This made a final count of 24 members at the close of the meeting. Robert Russell the Peter I photographer was also present but not in the count.

Individual introductions were made immediately after the meeting was called to order.

There was no Presidents report or VP report as both were away.

The minutes were accepted from the last meeting.

Harry, W4KJ, gave the Treasurers report. There were 3 members to renew at the hanfest. There were no other items of discussion.

John, N4TOL, gave the activities report and there were no activities to discuss.

Bill, N4NX, announced that he would be mailing QSL cards after the next meeting. He reported that he checked 6 DXCC submissions at the hamfest.

Chaz had no webpage announcements.

Earnie had no cluster announcements.

There were a few announcements:

- 1) K4UJ was to be operating as ZF2UJ from April 1-9.
- 2) There are now 75 headshots on the web page thanks to Chaz and Bill
- 3) VE2A will be on from zone II later this spring
- 4) Nancy has a few items for sale if anyone is interested

Old Business was discussed:

- 1) The W8JI trip will be happening soon as the weather is now better. There is still a plan to also go to NQ4I during the same trip.
- 2) There will be a Thursday night

dinner in Dayton but the location is still ided.

There was no new business.

There were several items donated for the raffle. Bill gave 12V batteries, A DVD was donated, and Nancy donates some TV camera lens for the raffle.

At approximately 8:00PM there was a break and raffle tickets were sold by Harry.

Harry held the raffle after we had the break.

Bob K4UEE gave the Peter I postponement program. Chaz assisted in the preparation using pictures taken by Russ the videographer/photographer that was on the trip. This was a presentation of what happened, what was done to strat preparations for next year, and a little about the difficulties in putting a trip of this magnitude together. It was well done and of interest to everyone.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15PM.

I wish to thank Dale for taking the minutes in my absence in February.

George Nicholson, N4GRN, Sec.

ACTIVITIES

-John Tramontanis, N4TOL

No article this month.

73 – John N4TOL,Activities

GLORIOSO DELAYED UNTIL FALL

Updates: <http://glorieuses2005.free.fr>

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Harry Saunders, W4KJ, Tres.

Here is the Treasurer's Report for the month of April.

SEDXC Treasury	\$ 3268.88
Packet Balance	\$ 350.15
Total Balance	\$ 3619.03

Our door prize income continues to help fund our outgoing QSL service plus puts some additional moneys into the Club Treasury. Thanks to all the members who are faithful in bringing in interesting door prizes. If you haven't contributed something for a door prize this is your month. We have fun with these door prizes and it gives the Club's Treasury some additional funds for our Club social events and for DX'pedition donations. Please bring something fun for this month's door prizes.

Remember, The Southeastern DX Club is the premier DX Club in the Southeast so don't forget to invite someone to come to the meeting and dinner beforehand to share in the DX experience!

We have made some good progress lining up a restaurant for our SEDXC dinner on Thursday evening, May 19th in Dayton. Come to the meeting next week and we will fill you on the details. Until then, gud DX and 73.

Harry Saunders, W4KJ Treasurer
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**INVITE A
FRIEND TO
A MEETING!**

DX TIDBITS

-Rick, N4XXM, editor

My privy frequency with Wes on FT5XO worked out just fine. About on the third night I tuned to 14.195 and there they were. Up until that night, I could not hear them at all well enough to work anywhere. I was afraid this would be like the VU4. However, the ops on FT5XO were used to pileups so I pressed on. Signals were S-5 and very readable. The op said "Working 200, 205 and 210." I called once and heard them come back to somebody on 205. I took a chance and just stayed there. Bang, second call. Never again heard them as clearly. An hour before, the sigs on 30M were very nice and I bagged a clear one there. The op was very good about repeating the call and sticking with the station he was working. Later that week I gave it a shot on 40M. My vertical doesn't match up with the stations with beams so I may have one there. Never heard them on the high bands at all. Just worked out that when condx were good here, they were on 20M SSB rather than 20M CW. However, one clean CW and one clean SSB will work. All time new one, now for the FR/G this fall.

Been watching the LOTW results. More and more DXpeditions are putting up their logs as well as individuals. I know have confirmed a bunch of 3B9 contacts that the cards never showed up. Painless! Out of my over 10K QSO's uploaded, over 10% have matches. I will say that most of the matches are 160M contests but there are some goodies in there.

Just out a sunspot cycle website that shows that we have about two more years before things get better on the upper bands. I hope DXpeditions will keep plugging away on 20, 30, and 40M since that will reach the most people. 30M is really an overlooked band. The lower power, fewer people, great prop make for easier QSO's. I use a 80M horizontal wire loop for 30 with great results. Give it a try.

Of course, this is the time to be working on your 160M numbers. Every contest, try to pick up somebody you need, even if you spend some time on it. I play contester until I run across some good DX. After I've worked everybody that may change, but I'm always on the lookout for something new.

CU in the pileups...

- Rick, N4XXM

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

N4XXM (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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