



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

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PREMIER
DX CLUB*

April 2006

IMPORTANT!! CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION!!!

**Next meeting: 7:30 PM April 25th at the
Sideline Sports Bar in Marietta 1440
Roswell Road, Marietta 30062.**

Phone: 770 509-3320

Dinner from 6-7, food and drinks

FROM THE PRESIDENT

--Wes Lamboley, W3WL

This month's meeting is a special one. A very special one. The new gold standard for DXpeditions has been set. It used to be that the All Time Best Goose Pimpler was VK0IR in 1997. VK0IR set a new standard for planning and organization of the Expedition and participation of those at home. It was very expensive and dangerous, with no boat standing offshore at Heard Island for 17 days. It was in one of the farthest corners of the world, truly an "Outpost At The Edge", as the video commemorating it was aptly titled. VK0IR and the team who accomplished it were congratulated for years after the expedition was over, and the congratulatory comments and emails received often attributed God-like status to the team members. So much for history.

We are now witness to THE GREATEST expedition ever, and it was lead by one of our own, Bob Allphin, K4UEE. Two other members of our club, George Nicholson, N4GRN, and Rob Russell, KI4NFF, were important and highly visible members of the team as well. We are privileged to be able to see and hear the story of the 3Y0X Peter One expedition from Bob, George and Rob at the April meeting.

I cannot say enough about Bob's leadership for the 3Y0 expedition over the past 3+ years. Not only has he weathered the sting of two false starts and monumental problems with ships and equipment providers that did not come through, he also weathered the myriad problems with team member's individual

issues and problems and at some times, downright antagonism to him personally. In spite of all the problems, Bob, along with Expedition co-leader Ralph Fedor, K0IR, held the nucleus of the team together, and pulled off, as I stated earlier, THE GREATEST expedition ever. Bob's many talents were put to use in getting all the sponsors he did, which allowed the team to reduce the cost of the Expedition, and at the same time, give exposure to the fine people who were sponsors. The Expedition stands as the MOST EXPENSIVE ever undertaken, and would have been MUCH MORE COSTLY without the help of the DX and ham community support in general.

Bob and the Team worked tirelessly for those 3+ years to accomplish the stunning level of success that the Expedition now enjoys. As can be seen on the website and read in the many comments, the Expedition was enjoyed by the entire ham population. At no time in history was there so much communication back to the website, managed by our own Chaz Cone, W4GKF. The updates were timely and informative and, in some cases, beautiful. It was almost like being there.

All this is to say that I hope you can join us for the meeting on the 25th. It will be held at a special venue that will seat 80+ people and has an excellent audio-visual capability. The meeting will be held at the "Sidelines" Sports Bar at 1440 Roswell Road (see the website, www.sedxc.org, for directions – it is very near I-75 and easy to get to). Dinner, orderable from a comprehensive menu, will be between 6 and 7:30PM. The start time for the meeting is 7:30 as usual. Bring your significant others, friends and adventurers in general to the meeting. It will be a memorable evening!

Best,

Wes – Whiskey 3 Whiskey Lemur

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FROM THE VP

-Al Ludwick, N4ZZK, VP

Its spring time in Atlanta and a good time for some tower work (seems the bands haven't been too good lately anyway). My story starts with the plastic end caps that fell off the boom of my 40/30 2 el yagi over the winter. They don't really seem to be necessary but I decided to put them back on. While this may seem trivial, it has lead to a 3 month long project and I'm only half way complete. I have an antenna tilting mechanism on my 20-10 meter steppir antenna and can do all my maintenance without leaving the ground. It works great so I decided to build another one for the 40/30 antenna also. And if that wasn't enough work, I decided to move the tiltplate from the steppir to the 40/30 and build another one with a slightly different design for the steppir. The first half is done and the new design on the steppir is a nice improvement. So now it's on to the second half of the project. (there is an updated powerpoint on my web page for anyone interested in the details). With any luck I'll have those plastic caps back on the boom by June.

I was sorry to hear that Glorioso was postponed due to illness on the island. It's on my "needed list" and has been rescheduled for the fall. For now, I'm looking forward to the VU4 (Andaman) activation with the upcoming "hamfest in Port Blair." Last I heard they are expecting to be QRV April 18-25.

April Program The 2006 Peter I Dxpediton

3YØX - The 2006 Peter I Island DXpediton

There is a huge amount of interest in our club and the ham radio community regarding the Peter I DXpediton.

This month, Bob **K4UEE**, George **N4GRN** and Russ **KI4NFF** will tell us all about their adventure going to one of the rarest (and most difficult to visit) DXCC entites on earth.

NOTE: Because of the expected popularity of this program, we're investigating alternate locations for this meeting (spouses and family are invited to join us for this unique presentation).

73 es gd dx, Al, N4ZZK

MINUTES FOR MARCH 28, 2006

-George Nicholson, N4GRN, Sec.

The March meeting was called to order by Wes W3WL at 7:30PM.

Individual introductions were made immediately after the meeting was called to order. There were 25 members present at the meeting, Russ a new member, and 1 non-ham.

The minutes were accepted from the last meeting as published in the newsletter. I thanked Dale for doing a great job of reporting the minutes in my absence while on the 3Y0X Dxpediton.

The President's report was given by Wes and there was no new information.

The VP's report was not given as Al was absent from the meeting.

Harry gave the Treasurers report. Harry had pins but no patches to sell. There are 200 new patches on the way. Most have paid dues and there was no additional information. Thanks to Harry we have reservations to the Stage Coach Inn Restaurant again this year in Dayton.

John, N4TOL, thanked everyone that helped at the hamfest at Kennehoochee. We had one renewal and sold 2 t-shirts. John announced the ARC hamfest at Jim Miller Park was the next one in the area.

Bill Barr, N4NX, announced that he can check all cards for all CQ and ARRL awards. Bill also announced that he was taking out going cards. Bill also was thanked for organizing the new SEDSC pins. All pins were in and most have been delivered.

The membership Chairman, Bill N4NX said that there were 70 badges ordered and 124 members at this time. The checking of cards draws interest to the club so we appreciate Bills for providing this great service.

There was no cluster report.

There were a few announcements:

- 1) Dave K4SSU announced that WB4ZNH is moving back to the area.
- 2) Hal N4GG asked that we all participate in the Ga QSO Party. He reminded us that e are a sponsor and donate a plaque.
- 3) Russ KI4NFF announced that he received his license just prior to leaving for 3Y0X and made his very first contact from Peter I. That's hard to top!
- 4) Bok K4UEE donated a 3Y0X sign to be auctioned

at a later date. Bob also gave special thanks to SEDXC member Chaz Cone for being our GREAT webmaster for both 3Y0X and SEDXC.

5) Paul KG4UVU from Kennehoochee thanked us all for attending the hamfest.

6) Harry announced that the SEDXC raffle each month was a major factor in the club bank account now. It is a big success.

New Business was discussed:

- 1) Wes has the FT5XO video for loan.
- 2) A special Peter I presentation will be given in April and a larger meeting room will be acquired and announced later.

Old Business:

- 1) The Dayton dinner was discussed and the location is to be the same as last year.

There were several items donated for the raffle: Hal N4GG donated Ez-NEC software and a mouse, Keith K4KAL donated 2 Icom shirts, Bill KC4AA donated a Yaesu cap and a note tray, JT donated 2 heat sinks.

At approximately 7:40 PM there was a break and raffle tickets were sold by Harry.

Harry and Mike (Wes non-ham friend) held the raffle after the break. KC4M won the card tray, KC4AA won the mouse, K4ODL won a t-shirt, N3FP won a t-shirt, K4LW won the cap, and Gary took the heat sinks. Mike ND4V won the Ez-NEC software.

At 8:30 the Show and Tell started. Wes displayed a first edition Marconi 100th anniversary stamp and envelope as first item.

Wes then showed his home-made coil for his vertical that he used to contact 3Y0X.

Bill KC4AA showed his propagation chart on Excel.

Bill KC4AA showed his Heil converted D104 microphone and book of wiring schematics for microphones.

Chaz discussed 10/10 and talked about 10m in 1972. He also asked to help keep it going and sign into the net Sundays at 28.610.

Don N4DK demonstrated the ez-throw he constructed.

Guy W4GBU presented a Gold Metal for the presentation of the Telegraph to Congress

Gary WB4SQ presented a WWII VFO

K4LW presented a "W4" wattmeter

ND4V presented a 1995 fountain pen that was

presented to the crew that re-enacted the 100th year of Marconi

K4SSU presented a "Golden Age passport" from the US Fish and Wildlife Service he wonders if it is good at Navassa?

James presented a license manual from 1939, a commercial handbook, and a DXPO 1985 program.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15PM.

The talk tonight was PJ2T by Hal N4GG. This was a most interesting talk about the great ham location PJ2T. The slides and presentation were excellent.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15PM.

George Nicholson, N4GRN, Sec

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Harry Saunders, W4KJ, Tres.

Report for the month of April

SEDXC Treasury	\$3541.71
Packet Fund	\$ 360.15
Total Balance	\$ 3901.86

We now have a large supply of SEDXC patches on hand and ready for sending to your favorite VU4 DX station to get that special QSL! We will have them at the meeting.

Don't forget, the Monthly Raffle is a great way to clean out your ham closet and bring something fun for us to raffle off for the benefit of the Club. Especially if you have never brought in an item, this is the month to do it. We have many members who are great about remembering to bring one or more raffle items but there are many others who could pitch in too!

Don't forget to sign up for the SEDXC Dinner at Dayton on May 18. I will have the sign-up sheet with me at the meeting or you can email me your reservation. Full detail are on the SEDXC web site. It should be another great evening and a great way to start the Dayton Weekend.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

Harry Saunders, W4KJ Treasurer
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ACTIVITIES

-John Tramontanis, N4TOL

The club sponsored two tables at the Kennehoochee Hamfest on March 18th. There was a good amount of activity at the club table, which was helped by Bill Barr, N4NX checking cards. However, the swap table was a little slow, but that was probably due to the lack of inventory for sale.

Many thanks to those who volunteered and manned the club table at the Hamfest. Without their participation, the club would not have a presence at these events or a place to congregate. These illustrious DXers are: N4NX – Bill, K4KAL - Keith, KC4AA – Bill, W4WG – Bob, W4GBU – Guy, K4HGG – Dale, N4GG - Hal, K4SB - Ed, Gary – WB4SQ.

Keep your calendars open for the Atlanta Radio Club Hamfest scheduled for Saturday, June 3rd, at Jim Miller Park.

(Pictures by N4TOL)

73 – John N4TOL.



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- Chaz Cone, W4GKF

April SEDXC 3YØX meeting! Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2006 2:33 PM

As you know, the Peter I 3Y0X Team (represented by Bob K4UEE, George N4GRN and Russ KI4NFF) is going to present their adventure in multi-media and glorious color (mostly snow-colored) at the April meeting of the Southeastern DX Club.

Because of high expected turnout, we've found an alternative location that will accommodate us all — and that serves food and drink!

The meeting is next Tuesday, April 25th at 7:30p at the Sideline Sports Bar in Marietta.

Wives, friends, significant others, and adventurers in general are invited. Arrive between 6 to 7 for dinner and libations from a comprehensive menu.

Sidelines address is: 1440 Roswell Road, Marietta 30062. Phone: 770 509-3320.

Questions? Call Wes W3WL 24/7 at (770) 642-2087

See you there! Chaz, W4GKF



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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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