



Southeastern DX Club

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each location. Most likely you will find me on 20 and 17m CW. While visiting with Rob, we hope to play golf at his home club, Gleneagles. Rob and I first met in 1984 when we sat together at the DX dinner in Dayton....he was wearing a kilt. Since then we have traveled together with the Voodudes to XT2DX and 3X5A.

Lastly, I am wondering if anyone is interested in activating our club call, W4NT, for Field Day this year. If we get enough interest we will do something as a club, if not, we have been invited to join with the folks who use N4N....if you have an interest, please email me at: mallphin@aol.com. I remember my first Field Day...I was a newly licensed General class ham, 14 years old and went to Cheha Mountain with the Birmingham ARC. It was a life changing experience for me! If you haven't participated in Field day or it has been a long time....let me hear from you.

Thanks and very 73 !
Bob-K4UEE

FLASH!

The April meeting of the SEDXC will be one week later than usual and in a different location.

We will meet on the **23rd** at Southern Poly, The room is the auditorium, Room M100, in the W. Clair Harris Textile Building. It's right next to the Architecture building and across the street from the Civil Engineering Technology building on the south side of campus on Hornet Dr. SE. Parking is directly across the street in a large parking lot immediately south of the building. We will still plan to eat dinner in the Marietta Diner before the meeting.

Details are at www.sedxc.org/april08.htm

From the President...

I certainly hope you are planning to attend our special meeting this month with Neville, G3NUG. He is the organizer and leader of some of the most prolific DXpeditions in the history of our hobby to include: 9M0C, D68C, 3B9C and 3B7C! He is well known worldwide, a very interesting guy and a great speaker. It will be a treat for all those who attend. Remember the date is Wednesday, April 23rd, not the regular meeting date. See the website for details...

Mary and I will be traveling in Europe the last two weeks of the month. One week on a tour to Malta and Sicily and a second week at the home of Rob, GM3YTS. I am taking my K-2 and some wire, and plan to be QRV from

Vice President' Report—April 2008

It's almost time for our April meeting. I am really looking forward to a terrific presentation by Neville, G3NUG. Please check out the SEDXC.org website where you will see the meeting date has been changed to Wednesday, April 23rd. Also, please remember we are meeting at Southern Poly and eating prior to the meeting at the Marietta Diner. It's time to bring your best items to our raffle as we expect a large crowd.

Gary, WB4SQ, and I have been meeting with the N4N Field Day team to plan Field Day 2008. As Bob, K4UEE, has described in his report, N4N welcomes any members of the SEDXC to participate. The N4N crew has a lot of fun but it is also very serious about Field Day. Field Day is not a contest, but N4N is more skewed to the competitive side than toward bagels



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also be visiting Atlanta soon and would enjoy meeting SEDXC members. He will also be glad to introduce you to the Mongolian ham community. I will have more information on

and beer. K4UEE will be trying to get an estimate of the number of SEDXC members who will participate so that N4N can prepare adequately. If you have not been to a Field Day lately—or ever—plan to attend this one. You may even get a chance to see Rudy Severns N6LF modified DZepp in action—and learn of a modernization Rudy has recently adopted. Want to see N1MM in all its networked glory? Come on down. N4N raises its tents in Crabapple, near Roswell. More site information to follow.



this shortly.

Our program for May will feature our intrepid TI50DX team with their tales of roughing it in tough country. Be sure to attend. Our program in June will feature Larry Scheff, author of the two recent lightning protection articles in QST. Larry has written a book on lightning protection that goes far beyond his QST articles. He will begin with a brief introduction to lightning protection but wants to tailor the discussion to YOUR interest and questions. Larry would like you to think of the areas you want him to discuss in advance and come prepared with questions. He is a specialist in commercial protection practices, including towers and power services. He will be bringing objects which will give you an idea of the damage lightning can do.

The sunspots seem to have waned again, and the current cycle has entered the record books as the longest so far. There is again talk of a Maunder minimum and hints of global cooling as a result as described in this month's CQ magazine. But there is plenty of DX out there. Prowl around 12m around 5PM, and more days than not you will be rewarded with something unexpected.

Need to work Mongolia? Thinking of the trip of a lifetime? You will enjoy the DX Dinner at Dayton. Chuka, JT1CH, will be a special guest at the SEDXC tables at the banquet. He will

Activities Manager Report:

Time to gear up for the GQP this weekend (Apr 12th & 13th). Looks like all 159 may be covered this year with many of our own SEDXC members participating as rovers and their drivers, most with overly aggressive routes zig-zagging through our state. W5LE (Gene) and others have put lots of OT in to track and report counties as they cross the lines. You can thank them by sponsoring a plaque this year. Contact Rick, NQ4I for details.

I'll be distributing paid tickets to the Friday evening Dayton DX banquet during the next club meeting, with seating order in the same order received by email. We have two tables (#41 & #42) again this year. And don't forget about the Thursday night dinner for SEDXC members and their guest.

The next regional hamfest of reasonable size will be the May 3rd Birminghamfest. With a table reserved, I'll once again be begging for help to man our table. This year we have the DX-101 presentation in two parts. Let's see if we can match last year's six new members from there. (BTW... We picked up two new members from Kennehoochee last month).



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Hope someone at the meeting can explain to me why I can't get a card from the Vatican. I'm beginning to think it's more rare than P5! First time they took my moola and told me that I wasn't in the log. I've waited another 6 months from a second qso with them. Maybe McConville is not Irish enough. HI HI... See everyone at the meeting. - WB4SQ

Last call for anyone needing Neville, G3NUG, to bring their card for 3B7C or 3B9C to our meeting on the 23rd. I am sending him the list soon and you don't want to miss the chance to get the card handed to you in person. Send me your call by Sunday the 13th.

Jim K4DLI k4dli@earthlink.net

The SEDXC has a lot of new members and several Associate Members that may have received their DXCC Certificates recently. If you are one of these please send me the information telling when you received your DXCC as we would like to recognize you in the bulletin and at the meetings.

One of our recent members, Paul Manno, KG4UVU, has recently received his DXCC and here is a short account written by Paul of his climb to that goal.

DXCC for the newer ham

Many long-time DXers have held their DXCC for quite some time. For a newer ham, achieving this award is an interesting, sometimes frustrating, yet very rewarding journey into the world of DX.

I attained my first license in 2002. Like many new hams, I spent most of my time on the 2m FM amateur radio. But, some distant memory from my shortwave listening back in the 1960s began to stir and I knew I'd have to start operating on HF. My general class license was soon gained once I mastered the code exam (still required at that time).

My station is modest. A friend, now SK, pointed at a radio one fall day at the Prater's Mill swapfest and soon, the old Drake TR-4C rig and a wire antenna became the basis of my fledgling HF station. With a little TLC the radio responded wonderfully and operates very well still.

My fellow hams on the KARC 2m repeater must have been amused at my excitement upon reaching my first DX station (in Sweden). I had very little understanding at the time of what DXCC was about. To a new ham on HF beginning DXing nearing the bottom of the solar cycle, it seemed a very far-off goal.

One by one, I found more DX stations. But as the solar cycle continued to wind down, the increasingly spotty propagation combined with hams crowding the lower frequencies with their superior stations, made contacts more challenging. Instead of giving in to conditions and pileups, I became more determined.

Each DX QSO brought me more encouragement and more QSL cards. I entered contests, tried to bust pileups. The old Drake rig and my wire antennas seemed limiting until I learned that technique and careful listening were as important as a primo station. More and more cards arrived in the mail and I began to believe I could reach DXCC!

Finally, I thought I could qualify. I filled out the forms and using the services of a card



checker at a hamfest (thanks, Bill!), much to my relief, found I could apply for my DXCC award.

DXCC is a wonderful goal but attaining it required patience, tenacity, and careful listening and operating. My family has been supportive (even if they have tired of hearing me shout my call again and again into that ancient D-104 microphone). My friends have encouraged me and been encouraged themselves by my progress.

What's next? I'm a budding CW operator these days... well, good enough to get my call in the pileups and be rewarded with DX CW contacts. On to more bands, more modes, more DXpeditions and, of course, more cards.

See you in the pileups!

73 de Paul - KG4UVU

I have just received word that Keith LaBorde, K4KAL, has received word from the ARRL that he has qualified for the 5-Band DXCC award.

CONGRATULATIONS Keith!!!!

Treasurer's Report for March 31, 2008

Financial position as of month-end March

SEDXC Treasury:	\$4,503.98
Packet Fund:	<u>20.15</u>
Total Balance:	\$4,524.13

My thanks to Harry, W4KJ, for filling in for me at the last meeting.

Bill, N4NX, reports to me that all of the 100 IRC's that were purchased with club monies

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were sold. I will make another run to the Crown Road PO and replenish our stock.

Just a reminder, postal rates are set to increase May 12. First class increases to \$0.42; postal cards to \$0.27 and International to \$0.94 and IRC's to \$2.10

Bring your outgoing bureau cards to the meeting (along with a copy of the label from QST) and save a bundle on postage.

73 es DX
Mike, ND4V

SEDXC Meeting Minutes

Wednesday March 2008

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

There were thirty seven (37) in attendance.

Presidents Report: Bob K4UEE discussed:

- 1) Called meeting to order at approx 7:30PM
- 2) Introductions
- 3) 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.
- 2) We will meet at The Marietta Diner before the meeting for dinner

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 was absent and Harry W4TJ filled in for Mike

- 1) Sold raffle tickets and held raffle



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- 6) Bob W2WG announced that at the next Hamfest there will be 5 sessions --- DX101 to DX105.
- 7) Bill announced that postage and IRC's are all going up.
- 8) N4M the Marist School will have a field day.

Activities Manager: Gary WB4SQ: was absent

Membership: Bill N4NX announced the following:

- 1) Membership is over 200 now

50TH Anniversary:

- 1) Wes announced that pins are being designed asked for a budget approval of \$800.00 to order.
- 2) It was decided that we will do a SEDXC weekend contest and sign our calls \50.
- 3) 4 Color QSL cards are being printed for the club
- 4)

Webmaster: Chaz W4GKF:

- 1) There was no report

How's DX?:

- 1) K4SSU said that the team at Clipperton had a very bad time with many weather problems and under the circumstances did a good job.
- 2) Eddie was at TI8M for the contest last month while the SEDXC team was at TI50DX

Club Business:

- 1) The club membership is asked to participate in the Ga QSO party. John Laney handed out info on the event to the members.
- 2) Thanks to Harry for organizing the Stockyard Inn Dayton club dinner. Sign up on the website or contact Harry space is limited.
- 3) Gary will handle a table at the DX dinner at Dayton.

A vote on a club sponsored field day was not approved.

- 4) The TI50DX team won the MM Contest.
- 5) Jim was thanked for a great newsletter.

BREAK and RAFFLE:

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

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

ITEM	DONATED BY	WON By
Cross pen set	KC4AA	Harry
Parker Pen Set	KC4AA	Joe
Writelog program	KC4AA	Dale
D104 Mic	NA4KDZ	N3FP
Skype phone	N4HH	Randy
Speaker system	N4HH	K4WX
Terminals	K4HGC	K4UN
Patch	Club	Ron

Program:

Joe KO4RR gave a presentation on his operation from The Knights of Malta.

Meeting adjourned approximately 9:30pm.

George Nicholson Secretary

Last month we started doing a biography of various members. While we plan to continue this each month we will make a small departure this month and present instead The biography of someone who is not a member of the club, yet.

This month we present or guest speaker.



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McKercher W0MLY around the world. Had over 250 countries confirmed by the early 70's. At this time I became much less active and concentrated on my professional work.

On retirement in the mid-90s I became heavily involved in amateur radio again. Very few major DXpeditions had been run from the UK so one of my challenges was to get a team together to organise major DXpeditions. Our first was to the Spratly Islands in 1998, the rest is history!

Am currently the President of CDXC (Chiltern DX Club), The UK DX Foundation and Chairman of the Five Star DXers Association. Was Joint Leader of the 3B7C Saint Brandon DXpedition. Also team Leader 1998 9M0C Spratly Is., 2001 D68C Comoro Is. and 2004 3B9C Rodrigues Is. DXpeditions.

I have 366 DXCC countries and 950+ IOTA island groups confirmed and have made several mini-DXpeditions to Malaysia. I am a former member of RSGB Council, Management and various other committees. Also a former Chairman RSGB HF Committee and HF Convention Organising Committee, Joint Editor of "DXpeditioning Behind the Scenes". Director - Island Radio Expedition Foundation. Chairman CDXC: 1994-2001.

I look forward to meeting the SEDXC gang in Atlanta.

73

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Neville".

G3NUG

Many thanks to Neville for supplying this for our bulletin.



Neville Cheadle G3NUG

Aged 67. Born in the UK.

Degree in Engineering and Management.

Sales Engineer with two UK companies prior to attending the Stanford Graduate School of Business as a NATO Research Fellow.

Joined Price Waterhouse in 1968 as a Consultant, specialised in production control and project management. Admitted as a Partner in 1977. There were 100 professionals in the management consultancy practice at that time.

Subsequently became Partner-in-Charge of the London Management Consultancy practice and then the UK practice. On retirement I was Senior Partner, Chairman and Chief Executive of the European Management Consultancy practice with around 2,000 professional staff.

Licensed at age 18 in 1958 I was a fanatical DXer chasing the likes of Gus Browning W4BPD, Danny Weil VP2VB and Dick



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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 Mega1st)
(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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