



Southeastern DX Club W4NT

THE SOUTH'S PREMIER DX CLUB

April 2010

President's Report:

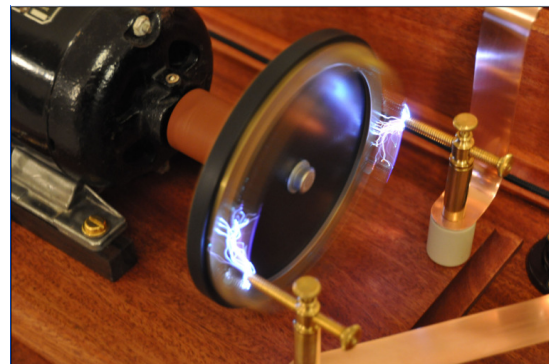
The SEDXC DX Breakfast is over, but I can still taste the eggs, sausage, and pancakes. We signed up some solid new SEDXC members and introduced them and the Executive Committee to what has to be one of the most automated and technically leading edge stations in existence. I particularly liked Mack's (WB4MAK) demonstration of beam forming for receive purposes, just one of the unusual capabilities of the Flex 5000. Thanks to Mack for hosting the breakfast, the Committee for facilitating it, and Gael Cone and Adelaide McCormick for the gourmet breakfast.



Speaking of Mack's shack, Mack will be our speaker for the April meeting. He will be demonstrating his station using a remote link. Maybe we will even witness some beam formation. Don't miss it—and please invite visitors to attend. It will be one of the high points of the year.

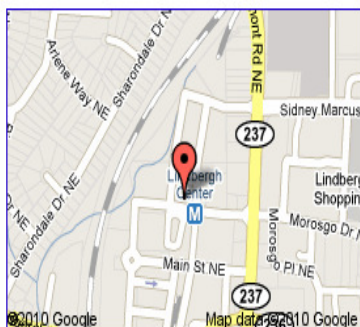
The SEDXC Dinner at Dayton is at hand—and we still have room to grow from the 27 of us who have already signed up. You can get details and sign up now by going to the very top of the SEDXC home page (www.sedxc.org) and clicking the HERE link.

Our own Hal Kennedy, N4GG, is the star at the NFARL April meeting on Tuesday, April 20. When is the last time you got to see, hear, and smell a genuine spark transmitter? Hal has been building one over the last several years, and Old Sparky will make its debut at the NFARL meeting. In fact I think you may be able to operate the set and have your picture taken while doing so. Check out the details at www.nfarl.org. I suggest you get there early.



SEDXC Lunch! SEDXC Lunch!
Thursday, May 6, 11:30 AM at Firkin and Lindbergh, a traditional British pub. The Executive Committee has been holding business meeting there—and we can all

testify it is a winner. You don't need to sign up—just show up. We will discuss this at the April meeting, but mark your calendar now. The Firkin is adjacent to the MARTA Lindbergh Station.



[Firkin And Lindbergh](http://thefirkinandlindbergh.com)
thefirkinandlindbergh.com

565 Main Street Northeast
Atlanta, GA 30324-6252
(404) 814-3094

[Get directions - Is this accurate?](#)

★★★★☆ 12 reviews

Open Sun 11am-12am

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Check out the place at
www.thefirkinandlindbergh.com

Party, party, party! The SEDXC summer picnic will be held on Saturday, August 14, 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm at John Harden's (W4NU) house. Mark your calendar.

73 and CU at the April meeting.

Bob, W2WG

P. S. If you see someone you don't recognize at next week's dinner or meeting, it's probably one of our new members. Please make them feel welcome.

Vice President's Report:

April Club Meeting Program

"Technology in the Shack"

The art of communicating over long distances has sure come a long way from man's earliest mode to communicate using smoke signals to the early day of radio. Hams have traditionally been in the forefront of communications advancements creating new communications techniques, enhancing a technique, and or adapting a technology. Many new technologies provide the ability to communicate around the world for true arm-chair copy QSOs.

Mack, WB4MAK will present some of his automated enhancements used in his shack. With a few keystrokes on a keyboard, rigs, amplifiers, and antennas can be selected within seconds for optimum arm-chair operation. Mack will explain how he has automated his station to operate either as a single radio and antenna operation to a single-operator-2-radio (SO2R) configuration using just a few keyboard keystrokes. Mack has created the ultimate contester's operating position. Logbook entries, frequency (band) change agility and remote operating from almost anywhere.

The ultimate no knobs, switches, or buttons station and yet Mack can work the world. During Mack's presentation he will have a live camera view of his station showing how the remotely operate and rack up the QSOs.

You don't want to miss the April meeting.

73 Jim, KT4MM

Secretaries Report:

Minutes of the Southeastern DX Club March 17, 2010

- I. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Carroll, W2WG at 7:30 pm.
- II. The Secretary was not available, so approval of the prior meeting minutes was deferred
- III. Introductions and announcements were made. First time guests were recognized.
 - a. Chuck, AE4CW , president of North Fulton Amateur Radio League announced that NFARL had been chosen Ham Club of the Year. In addition, Jim, W4QO, had been chosen by the

Dayton Hamvention as their ham of the year.

- b. Winners of the monthly DX contest were awarded. It was announced that next month, a new category will be added: QRP – less than 10 watts.
- c. Harry, W4KJ reminded members that the Dayton Kickoff dinner would once again be held at the Stockyard Inn Restaurant on Thursday night. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the club website. The restaurant can accommodate about 50 of us.

IV. Having overcome technical difficulties with the projector, Vice President Jim, KT4MM introduced our speaker Charles, K4CSO. The program was an interesting explanation of the propagation modes, antennas, rigs, software, and operating techniques necessary to be successful on VHF/UHF.

V. At the conclusion of the program, a short business meeting was held

- a. Funding in the amount of \$250 for the Viet Nam 3W DXpedition was proposed. – Motion and Second. Passed unanimously.
- b. Funding in the amount of \$250 for the upcoming Pacific Odyssey 2010 which will activate # 19 (T31) was proposed. Motion and Second. Passed Unanimously.
- c. Activities Manager, Gary, WB4SQ asked for volunteers to man the DX Club booth at the Kenahoochee Hamfest.

- d. Bob, W2WG, asked that members in the booth use the opportunity to invite prospective DX-ers to breakfast at Mack's, WB4MAK, QTH on Saturday the 27th. Flyers available in the booth
- e. Chaz reminded the members of the upcoming Georgia QSO Party and asked that participants credit their scores to NFARL. Norm, WA4ZXV offered the alternative of Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society and mentioned that several GARS members planned on activating Greene County. Details of the party are on the web at gqp.contesting.com
- f. Chaz reminded members that the onetime only deadline to order shirts was rapidly approaching

Minutes this month were taken by Mike, ND4V.

Thanks.

Treasurers Report:

At March 31, 2010

Operating Account Beginning Balance: \$ 5,067.78

Receipts in the month :

PayPal transfer in 1150.00

Meeting raffle 18.00

Badges/Pins/Shirt 282.00

Memberships 120.00

Total Cash and Checks \$1570.00

Disbursements in the month of January were:

Randy Rowe – CEO 200.00

3W6C DXpedition 250.00

Restock Patches 277.95

GQP Plaque 119.50

Total disbursed **\$847.45**

Undeposited funds \$ 0

Checking account balance

5,790.33

Balance Feb 28, 2010

\$5,790.33

The funding for the Pacific Odyssey was put on hold awaiting instructions regarding where to send the funds. They only want PayPal and their site is in Espanol. We'll get 'er done though.

I played in the QSO Party with W4GR on the shore of Lake Oconee this weekend. Lousy conditions but great food and company. I worked the bird feeder in McIntosh County and a few other club members. Great fun!

73, Mike ND4V

Activities Report:

Lots of events in the 'near field':

Calhoun, GA hamfest (Apr 24th): see www.k4woc.com for details.

Dayton hamfest (May 14 – 16). We still have four Dayton DX dinner tickets (\$40 ea.) to be held on Friday, May 14th at the Dayton Crowne Plaza. The main speaker will be K4SV (Dave Anderson). The drawing prizes include an Icom IC7600 and an Alpha 8410. Tickets available at the April club meeting.

Atlanta Hamfest (June 5) at Jim Miller Park. See www.atlantahamfest.com for details

Knoxville, TN Hamfest (June 12). Just a four hour drive. More on this one next month.

A BIG THANKS to all those who ran Qs in the club sponsored Georgia QSO Party, in spite of poor band conditions.

See ya at the next meeting...
Gary – WB4SQ

Bob, W2WG, mentioned the great breakfast that was held at shack of Mack, WB4MAK, where budding new DX'ers were hosted. Here are the calls and names of the four new members who signed up .

W3HZZ Phil Graitcer
N4SEG Steve Garrison
KB4UVV David McWhirter
KE3EM Bob Gross

Please give them a warm welcome at the next club meeting and dinner.

Here is a copy of an e-mail our president received from Bob, G3PJT, asking for help in promoting the FOC "DX Code of Conduct".

I am reprinting it here so we all may see how we should be conducting ourselves when "Chasing our beloved DX".

Hi Bob

FOC is trying to do something about the poor operating we hear on the DX bands these days. If you can help us promote the DX Code of Conduct it would be really good. See the attached letter for details.

73 and thanks

Bob G3PJT



The First Class CW Operators'
Club

Dear Bob

2 April 2010

Improving HF DX operating behavior

I am writing to raise a matter of increasing concern about the standard of on-the-air operating. A number of your members have, I'm sure, commented to you that there is now a serious problem with operating behavior,

especially when calling DX stations in pile-ups on the HF bands.

As President of *The First Class CW Operators' Club* (FOC), I and Randy, W6SJ, in partnership with leading DX operators, have decided that we will take the initiative to encourage all DXers to work together in order to improve standards. To this end we have created the following simple DX Code of Conduct which I would ask you to bring to the attention of your members. If we all pull together to improve standards then we will all be able to work more DX and have more fun on-the-air.

More information is available at the FOC website <http://www.g4foc.org/>, in March 2010 QST, at

<http://www.g4ifb.com/html/dxing.html#Pileup> Tips and in more detail at

<http://www.on4ww.be/OperatingPracticeEnglish.html>

Please translate the DX Code into your local language if that makes the message more effective.

Thanks for your help and 73,

Bob

Bob Whelan, G3PJT, President, FOC.

DX CODE OF CONDUCT

1. I WILL LISTEN, AND LISTEN, AND THEN LISTEN SOME MORE
2. I WILL ONLY CALL IF I CAN COPY THE DX STATION PROPERLY
3. I WILL NOT TRUST THE CLUSTER AND WILL BE SURE OF THE DX STATION'S CALL SIGN BEFORE CALLING
4. I WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH THE DX STATION NOR ANYONE CALLING HIM AND WILL NEVER TUNE UP ON THE DX FREQUENCY OR IN THE QSX SLOT
5. I WILL WAIT FOR THE DX STATION TO END A CONTACT BEFORE CALLING HIM
6. I WILL ALWAYS SEND MY FULL CALL SIGN
7. I WILL CALL AND THEN LISTEN FOR A REASONABLE INTERVAL. I WILL NOT CALL CONTINUOUSLY.
8. I WILL NOT TRANSMIT WHEN THE DX OPERATOR CALLS ANOTHER CALL SIGN, NOT MINE
9. I WILL NOT TRANSMIT WHEN THE DX OPERATOR QUERIES A CALL SIGN NOT LIKE MINE
10. I WILL NOT TRANSMIT WHEN THE DX STATION CALLS OTHER GEOGRAPHIC AREAS THAN MINE

11. WHEN THE DX OPERATOR CALLS ME, I WILL NOT REPEAT MY CALL SIGN UNLESS I THINK HE HAS COPIED IT INCORRECTLY

12. I WILL BE THANKFUL IF AND WHEN I DO MAKE A CONTACT

13. I WILL RESPECT MY FELLOW HAMS AND CONDUCT MYSELF SO AS TO EARN THEIR RESPECT.

There you have it!!! Lets all try to make working DX more fun and enjoyable for everyone.

Note from the Editor:

This is your Bulletin!

If you have anything you would like to write up and have published in the bulletin I would like to encourage you to do so. It doesn't matter if it is technical or human interest.

Write it up and send it to me at

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SEDXC Shirts: These will be at the next club meeting for pick up.

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

N4XXM off line(2400) 144.91 (direct, Vinings),
off line(2400) 145.65 (direct or ATLDX)

Note: ATLDX is down right now, direct OK.

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

SPECIAL NOTE:

The club is now using the Repeater on 145.410, down 600, for chatting and real time DX announcements.

Join the group there. No tone required.

SEDXC WEBPAGE

www.sedxc.org

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SEDXC Chat Room <http://sedxc.dodropin.org/>

SEDXC Yahoo Group

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sedxc/>