



Southeastern DX Club W4NT

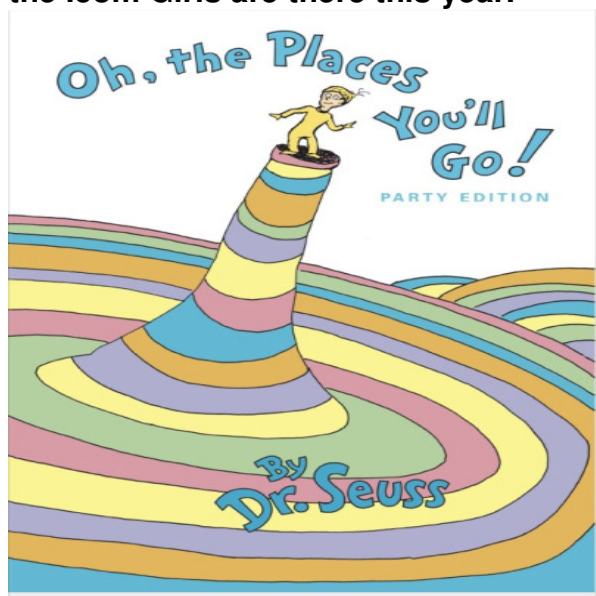
THE SOUTH'S PREMIER DX CLUB

NEXT STOP DAYTON!!!

May 2010

President's Report:

The hams were nestled all snug in their beds, while visions of Dayton danced in their heads. Yes, it's that time again—as Dr. Seuss says, it's a party, with all the festivity of a Shriners' convention. I certainly hope the Icom Girls are there this year.



Several SEDXCers have divulged that they are probably going to buy an FT-5000 while there. I'm especially looking forward to the SEDXC dinner at Dayton, the forums, and seeing the visiting DXers from around the world. Last year, many of us attended the Saturday bleacher lunch that Mack, WB4MAK, set up for members of the radio clubs in the Atlanta area last year—and it will repeat again this year. Another highlight will be the Ham of the Year and Club of the Year awards on Sunday morning. Jim Stafford and NFARL will receive these very well-deserved honors. If K4SSU is driving his truck, I certainly hope those big wheelers don't try to trap Dave in the pocket this year! I would really like to see Chaz win yet another radio at the DX

Dinner and run to the podium faster than you can believe.

I appreciate all the input you have provided about our meeting location. The Executive Committee will be studying it in detail to make sure we understand what you have told us. As you can imagine, there is no easy solution. Since we moved to our current location, some members do not attend often because of the downtown Atlanta traffic. Others are very positive on one of the alternate locations we have suggested but very negative on others. One of the big factors these days is finding a meeting place which is either free or at least affordable within our budget. Jim Kauten is investigating the possibility that he might be able to arrange our use of an auditorium at Piedmont Hospital which is easier to find than our current room (which requires breadcrumbs for most people to find), holds 700 people or so, and has even more convenient parking than our current meeting room. As we consider all the possibilities, we really need input from those members who have not yet given us feedback.

Roger Western, G3SXW, who is one of our far flung members passed through the Atlanta area recently, and several of us had a chance to spend an evening with him. You can look forward to hearing him working a pileup from a very distant location in the not too distant future—CW of course.

CU at the May meeting---just after Dayton.

73
Bob W2WG

Vice President's Report:

Secretaries Report:

Minutes for 4/21/10 meeting:

Meeting called to order at 7:30, and "Mack" McCormick, WB4MAK, was introduced and gave his VERY interesting talk on Software Defined Radio and his totally automated home station. Mack pointed out he is able to totally focus on making QSOs and not worry about his equipment. He pointed out he can work 160 meters thru 23 centimeters and only interact with one mike, one keyer and one keyboard. Mack has a highly complex equipment setup, but he also enjoys implementing the technology behind the panels as well. Mack says "It takes a lot of mix-31 beads to keep it all working without problems!". Mack praised some of his favorite software packages including DX lab, Morse Runner (for practice) and the offerings of VE7CC and Simon Brown of "Ham Radio Deluxe" fame. A lively Q&A session followed the presentation by Mack.

The business meeting convened at 8:35 and the following items were brought to the floor:

1. K7SZ, Rich, stated he was starting up a "Beginner's" column in CQ magazine called the "Bent Dipole" and requested a "List of stuff we do in DXing and Contesting". You can email Rich your ideas at k7sz@arrl.org.
2. Chaz, W4GKF, announced the winners of the march SEDXC contest and they were:
High Power - K1ZZI, with 135 countries;
Low Power - K4GK with 134 countries,
QRP - had no entries.
3. Gary, WB4SQ announced he had two tickets left for the DX dinner at Dayton.
4. Wes - W3WL announced that three Club members (W3WL, N4GRN and KØIR) will be going on the DXpedition to South Orkney next January.
5. Dave, K4SSU, announced that 15 meters is open to VK/ZL at 2200Z.

6. Shirts ordered were in and some were picked up at the meeting.
7. Members were encouraged to sign up for the annual Thursday PM dinner at the "Stockyards" restaurant in Dayton.
8. There will be a casual luncheon at "The Firkin" across from the MARTA Lindbergh Station Thursday, May 6. Come and have lunch with some of the gang!
9. The Summer picnic will be held at John Harden's home on August 14.
10. News from local clubs included:
NFARL - A big "Thank You" to Hal, N4GG for his presentation on Spark Transmitters and a demonstration of the beautiful unit he built. A video of the NFARL presentation is available.
The NARFL "Hamvention Club of the Year" booth is number 201 at Dayton.
The "History of Amateur Radio" will be presented at Dayton on Sunday morning by "Ham of the Year" Jim, W4QO, Wes, W3WL and Hal, N4GG.
GARS - Reminded us all of "Four Days in May", the QRP get together at Dayton at the Holiday Inn in Fairbourne. Also, the GARS meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of the month and we are all invited.
WB4MAK - Anyone going to Dayton is invited to eat lunch with the Atlanta area hams at 11:30 Saturday in the Arena up in the stands behind the HRO booth.
11. New business
There was a recommendation that we look into getting our own projector. The Executive Committee will look into it and get back with a recommendation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully,

Wes - W3WL
SEDXC Secretary

Activities Manager Report:

Treasurers Report:

At April 30, 2010:

Operating Account Beginning Balance:
\$5,790.33

Receipts in the month :

PayPal transfer in	.00
Meeting raffle	57.00
Badges/Pins/Shirt	88.00
Memberships	12.00
<u>Total Cash and Checks</u>	<u>\$157.00</u>

Disbursements in the month of January were:

Buzz (Postage)	81.15
Pacific Odyssey DXpedition	250.00
Shirt Refund	25.00
	0
<u>Total disbursed</u>	<u>\$356.15</u>

Undeposited funds	\$ 0
<u>Checking account balance</u>	
Balance Feb 28, 2010	<u>\$5,591.18</u>

The funding for the Pacific Odyssey was done by ND4V's PayPal account and the club reimbursed me.

Chaz reports that there is \$127.42 in the PayPal which he administers has yet to be transferred to the operating account. The balance is fat, but remember, the invoice for the shirts is still outstanding.

73, Mike ND4V

Next month is the election of officers.

The nominating committee makes a recommendation of the following for office.

President: Bob Carroll W2WG

Vice President: Jim Cummings KT4MM

Secretary: Wes Lamboley W3WL

Treasurer: Mike Weathers ND4V

Activities: Gary McConville WB4SQ

As you can see the present officers have agreed to run for another term.

However, if there is anyone else who would like to run for any office, your name will be placed in nomination at the meeting on May 19th . Just advise us if you wish to have your name placed on the ballot.

The election will be held at the meeting on 16 June 2010.

For the nominating committee:
Jim Streible, K4DLI, Chairman.

ATLANTA HAMFEST JUNE 5th

The following is a press release from
Jim Reed – N4BFR
Public Information Officer
Atlanta Radio Club

The 2010 Atlanta Hamfest is back for it's 81st year with more than 20 exhibitors, a special event station, the classic boneyard, antenna launching contest, training and testing all crammed into one great day in Metro-Atlanta. Kicking off at 8:00am on Saturday June 5 in the Jim R. Miller Park in Marietta, area amateur radio enthusiasts (hams), and those interested in electronics and technology, will enjoy one of the regions largest events.

For more information and directions, visit
<http://www.atlantahamfest.org>

DXpedition Funding Request:

This month we have a request for funding for another DXpedition. This is for VP9O to the South Orkney Islands. There will be three SEDXC members on the expedition, Wes, W3WL, George, N4GRN, and Ralph, KØIR.

See the last page for details of the request.

If you have not read the book :

200 METERS & DOWN

“The Story of Amateur Radio”

by Clinton B. DeSoto

I recommend you get a copy at once and read it. This is a fascinating story of the beginning of our hobby. All through the book I had to keep reminding myself that it was written in 1936. It covers the very early experiments in attempts to “Signal” over a distance by electromagnetic waves and covers all the advancements made up to 1936. What was surprising is that in the final chapter “*Whither Amateur Radio?*” he mentions the directions he expects amateur radio will take and included is Single-Side-Band, Television, and the development of UHF techniques. There were also worries that the bands would become so crowded there would have to be tightening of the requirements to become a ham. These included higher CW speeds and tougher technical requirements.

Thanks to Hal, N4GG, for “Sparking” our interest with his building and demonstrating “Blue Lightning”.

Everyone going to Dayton have a real great time. Sorry but I won't be there this year.

Jim K4DLI

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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.

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

SEDXC REFLECTOR sedxc@contesting.com

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

SEDXC Yahoo Group

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



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Entity Name / Call Sign	VP9O
Web page	www.VP8O.com
Team leader / number of members:	9V1YC / 13
Approx. Date and duration of Dxpedition	January 27 – February 8, 2011; 13 days on island
QSL manager / QSL route	VE3XN / or via on-line service direct or via bureau
Budget estimated for Dxpedition	\$300,000.00
Position on most wanted list:	6 /12
Landing permit/operating permission approved.	Yes
Last time this entity was activated	1996
Typical interval between activations	10 years
Anyone planning to activate this entity before your Dxpedition	Not that we are aware of.
Objective / Strategy	Two weekends on air; all HF bands/modes (CW/PH/RTTY)
SEDXC member initiating request	W3WL
SEDXC member(s) participating	3 (W3WL, N4GRN, K0IR)
Funding amount requested	\$1250.00
Send Funds to:	W3WL or N1DG
SEDXC logo on QSL cards?	YES
SEDXC logo on web page?	YES
Additional comments: Very difficult target; expensive transportation. Highly experienced team (see web page). RV "Braveheart" and crew for transportation and support. Leaving from Punta Arenas, Chili; 5 days en route to South Orkney. Total expedition time; 27 days	

Internal Use

Date published in the newsletter	
Results of member review at the meeting: (approved / disapproved)	
Funds disbursed on date:	
Funds disbursed by:	