



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB

W4NT

*THE
SOUTH'S
PREMIER
DX CLUB*

June 2007

**Next meeting: Wednesday, June 20th,
7:30 PM at the Fuqua Heart Center
Classroom at Piedmont Hospital.**

FROM THE PRESIDENT

--Al Ludwick, NN4ZZ

Reflections on a great year!

Thanks to all of my fellow officers, committee members, and all of the club members that worked so hard this year. Here is a summary of what the club accomplished.

- We supported numerous DXpeditions, BS7, XF4, S21, VU7, and more
- Increased our membership by more than 10% (our goal)
- Purchased an LCD/DVD player for our hamfest kit
- Purchased a tablecloth and banner for our hamfest kit
- Updated the club constitution and bylaws
- Sent out our last snail mail notification (email in the future)
- Established a fiscal "club year" budget
- Ended the year with a healthy balance in the treasury
- Established the Golden Anniversary committee to plan for our 50th year activities
- Enjoyed many excellent programs including our special program with Bernie/W3UR
- Enjoyed a great summer picnic and holiday party
- Updated the club web page with new photos, and more
- Ordered the great looking club logoware from Lands End
- Enjoyed a nice dinner and fellowship at the Stockyards in Dayton again this year
- Renewed the license for our club call, W4NT

- Nominated Roger Western and Nigel Cawthorne to the CQ DX Hall of Fame
- Inducted Van Fair/W4GIW into the SEDXC Hall of Fame for 2005
- Inducted Dave /K4SSU into the SEDXC Hall of Fame for 2006
- All of the activities that we sometimes take for granted, the newsletter, the finances, the minutes, the QSL cards, coordinating the hamfests, etc

Nominating Committee

The Nominating committee for 2007/2008 is

- **Jim Strebile/K4DLI**
- **Bill Barr/N4NX**
- **Jim Kauten/W4TE**

At the May meeting they announced their slate and the elections will be at the meeting in June. Two of your officers (George and Gary) will be returning next year. And I'd like to congratulate Bob/K4UEE, Bob/W2WG, and Mike/ND4V (assuming you vote them in). I'm sure they will lead us into another exciting year — a special one, our 50th year.

Constitution & Bylaws Update

We have an updated Constitution! Thanks to everyone who provided input and especially to **Jim/W4TE** and **Harry/W4KJ** for their hard work to get the job done. Chaz/W4GKF will post the document on the web site for your reference.

Dxpedition support Requests

In keeping with our new process for supporting Dxpeditions, attached to this month's newsletter is a request to support the 3B7C DXpedition. Please review this request and be prepared to consider it at the June meeting. This is a new process and I hope the format and information meets our needs but we'll make adjustments as needed over time. It was a very busy year. I had a great time, and learned a little about Roberts Rules of order in the process. I hope to serve again one day.

73 es gd dx, Al

FROM THE VP

--John Tramontanis, N4TOL

The program for the June meeting will be a segue into the new club year in which we will be celebrating our 50th anniversary. We will travel back to our roots a bit. A video will be presented that was produced in 1989 by the SEDXC which features a tour of radio shacks and antenna farms of several club members. Although some of the gear is dated, the stations are most impressive and the antenna farms are awesome. The video stars club members Hugh, N4RJ, Dave, K4JRB, Jim K4LDI, Ann, KB4SSS, Mike, K4PI, along with several others.

For the May meeting, it was a treat and privilege for the club to have Bob Allphin, K4UEE present on his experiences to Lakshadweep, the #2 "most wanted" DXCC entity. It was quite interesting not only to see and hear the operating story, but also to get an appreciation of the cultural differences and environmental situations the group faced there. On behalf of the club, I would like to pass along our great appreciation to Bob for another excellent and entertaining presentation.

As I come to the end of my term as Vice-President, I want to take this opportunity to thank all the members for their support during the past year. The program suggestions from the group, the support for different ideas (bringing in Bernie W3UR), and especially all those members who stepped forward and did a fabulous job presenting programs to the club, which made the job an enjoyable challenge. It was a pleasure to serve in this role, but after five consecutive years serving as an officer, I am going to step back for a while with the hope to serve again in the future. I am very excited about the accomplishments achieved and the direction that the officers have taken the club this past year and with the quality of the new slate of officers, it is certain there are even better days ahead for the SEDXC.

Please see the club website for more information regarding upcoming meetings \o "<http://www.sedxc.org/january07.htm>" www.sedxc.org/.

The next meeting will be at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, June 20th. I look forward to seeing you all there.

73 – John N4TOL

SEDXC MINUTES MAY 2007

-George Nicholson, N4GRN

Al called the meeting to order at 7:30PM. All officers were present. There were thirty one in attendance.

Vice Presidents Report: John asked if someone was willing to volunteer for the July annual picnic.

Secretary's Report: George declared the minutes taken by Chas as being posted on the web and there were no changes so they were accepted.

Treasurer's report: Hal gave the report and stated that the club has approximately \$3896 in the treasury. Income from last month's raffle was \$73.00.

Activities Manager: Gary WB4SQ said that the Birmingham hamfest was a great success. There were 6 new members signed. It was reported that the new banner and LCD looked real good.

There was an update to the Dayton DX dinner stating that we had some room remaining. There are 30 registered plus K0IR K5KQI, and W5SS. Roger Western G3SXW who we nominated for DX hall of fame will join us also.

We need volunteers for the Atlanta hamfest.

Membership: We will exceed the 10% increase goal according to Bill this year. Outgoing QSL's will be .07 and "DX call" will be .08 from now forward due to mail increase. Bill is sending them in after Atlanta Hamfest.

Nominating Committee: The slate of officers were presented by Jim. Bob K4UEE was nominated as President, Bob Carroll W2WG was nominated as VP, Mike ND4V was nominated as Treasurer, George N4GRN has agreed to be Secretary if elected, and Gary will stay on as Activities manager.

How's DX?: BS7H was discussed and we moved immediately to bylaws.

Old Business: Harry presented the Bylaws. There was motion to pass and a second. Then Ken Byres K4TEA open discussion about DXCC requirements to be a full member and to keep the requirements the same. There will be an associate member status. There was a motion to amend the bylaws as discussed by Ken and a second. There was much discussion and a final decision was to

keep full members as DXCC only and associate members as those without DXCC. Must be a full member to hold office. There was a vote and 29 yes and 2 no votes.

New Business: Gary asked if anyone was interested in purchasing more t-shirts for the hamfest kit. It was decided that we would not do so at this time. Maybe a 50th Anniversary t-shirt will be printed. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

The selling of DVD's was discussed but no motion was made.

We have been offered a free table at the Huntsville hamfest and it was decided that we will attend. There will be more discussion at the next meeting.

Gary asked if there was any interest in a field day for the club. Bob proposed that we do a field day and use W4NT the club call sign.

There was a motion made to buy a plaque for Mike Condon NE4S due to his extreme involvement with the Ga QSO Party. A motion passed to pay up to \$20.00 for a plaque.

Ideas for the 50th anniversary were discussed. The special QSL will be discussed further next month. There were several ideas discussed and more discussion will follow. One of the more interesting ideas was a 50th contest and as special call "/50". This will be discussed by the committee and we look forward to hearing more in the months to come.

Raffle:

Description	Donated by	Won by
MFJ cover	Harry	
ZL9C	Bill	Rick
Logic 8 DVD		
THUMB DRIVE		K4GK
THUMB DRIVE		Gary
THUMB DRIVE		Bob
Antenna mount		
Floppy disk		Bill
Antenna mount		John
Mast mount		Bob
Antenna mount		
Golf shirt		Don
COX TV shirt		Harry
External DVD drive	John	
HRO \$25.00	John	Mike
Golf Shirt		Dave

The donations and winners are missing a few names. Sorry but we must start a better system of documenting this at the next meeting.

The attendance list was started but got lost and never was completed. But there were 31 members in attendance.

Program: Bob K4UEE presented VU7RG.
Meeting adjourned approximately 9:50pm.

-George Nicholson, N4GRN, Secretary

ACTIVITIES

-Gary McConville, WB4SQ

We added one more member to our ranks at the Atlanta hamfest in addition to six renewals. By the appearance of the boneyard and attendance, I'd say that this one is definitely on the upswing; although not having the second building this year was strange.

The next local hamfest will be Gainesville on July 7th followed by Huntsville (8/18-19), Shelby, NC (8/31 – Sept 2), and then SEDCO (Pigeon Forge, TN). Keep your eye out for more pleas, begging & grovling to man our now, very attractive table. See everyone at the meeting.

Gary – WB4SQ@yahoo.com

TREASURER'S REPORT MAY 2007

-Hal Kennedy, N4GG, Tres.

SEDXC Treasury: \$4,108.83
Packet Fund: \$ 280.15
Total Balance: \$4,388.98

The only expenditure in May was \$20 toward the purchase of a plaque by the SEDXC and SECC recognizing Mike Condon, NE4S for his contribution in running the Georgia QSO Party this year. The plaque was displayed at the SECC meeting on June 2nd, and will be on display at the June meeting of the SEDXC. It will then be sent to Mike at his summer home in Colorado.

The May raffle was another success and netted approximately \$60 for the club. Thanks to all the contributors. The raffle continues to be an important source of funds for the club and a great way to clean out

your basement. Please bring what you now have second thoughts about winning, or buying at the Dayton flea market to the next meeting! This is not a joke – Brian, NA4BW, won a 25% off certificate good for any Vibroplex product – this will be on the raffle table at the next meeting – thanks Brian.

*** IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME ***

Annual membership renewals are due by June 30th, and most members have not yet renewed. Please forward your payments either via PayPal (instructions are on the SEDXC website), via cash or check at the upcoming June meeting, or mail directly to the Treasurer: Hal Kennedy, N4GG, 5033 Winding Hills Lane, Woodstock, GA 30189. All members will receive a confirming email on receipt of payment. Renewals are \$20 for regular memberships and \$5 for student memberships.

Here at N4GG, Dayton is now another memory – it was fun to see and hang out with so many SEDXC members. The Thursday evening SEDXC dinner was great fun once again – thanks to Harry, W4KJ for making the arrangements. Six meters is opening nearly every evening – with some double hopping to NM and further west. DX is where you find it - see you on the magic band?

73, Hal, N4GG

ELECTIONS!!!

BE SURE TO COME

TO THE JUNE MEETING!

RENEW YOUR

MEMBERSHIP TOO!

DX TIDBITS

-Rick, N4XXM, editor

I really enjoyed Bob's, K4UEE, program on VU7RG. The effort that was put into working the US and particularly the southeast was greatly appreciated! I could never hear any of the other groups on ANY band and that also includes the VU4 group earlier. The fact that I was able to work them on 40 and 80 cw really speaks to the skill of the operators, great choices in equipment and band plans. Most of us have non-directional antennas for these low bands and that makes it even more challenging. I had thought that 20 would be the easiest but never heard anybody. The choice of cw for most of the operation helped very much, the ssb signals were not as strong. The cards should be out soon, then another submission to ARRL. Unless P5, VU4, BS7, FR/G, or 7O comes on, I can pick off band countries for awhile. I was not able to work the BS7H this time but the fact that they were able to go is a major accomplishment. It will certainly make it easier for the next group. The FR/G has been delayed but updates can be found at:
<http://glorieuses2005.free.fr/index-en.htm>

Two nights ago I was at the radio and found that 9X was on cw on 15M. I figured I would not hear anything but I was wrong. I checked my logging program, DXBase, and saw that I had a couple of phone QSO's but no cw. He was at 21.001, up 21.041! Even though I have the cluster right next to the main radio, I could not at first hear anybody coming back to him. Since we are at the bottom of the cycle, I didn't expect much. I kept switching back and forth until I hear somebody in the US faintly respond. I quickly dumped my call in and he came back with my full call right away. 15M is very dicey but worth giving a shot. My QSO was in the late afternoon, short path to 9X. Remember, the first requirement to working DX is to be at the radio. I think contesting works the same way...

I am basically out of poles and rods. If I get a few more, I'll let people know. Talk to Wes, W3WL, if you need one badly.

I will repeat what I wrote last month: As far the newsletter goes, I hope someone steps forward. It's not too bad once you set it up. Any word processor can do it. A page layout program is better if you have one. Give it a try!

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)

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 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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