



Southeastern DX Club W4NT

THE SOUTH'S PREMIER DX CLUB

June 2010

President's Report:

It can't be June already! But the sun is going down very late (good) and coming up a little too early for convenient 160m grayline. Who knows what I've missed?



It's been a busy month. The Atlanta Radio Club hamfest was a big success—perfect weather, excellent eyeball ragchewing, and solid results at the SEDXC table. Tom, W4BQF joined our ranks as a new member and as the incoming president of the SECC. Many of you have known Tom from his activity with PVRC from his previous VA QTH. We are fortunate he has moved just off the interstate down near Cecil.



For those of you wanting to learn to copy cw at 70 wpm or more, check out how Tom

learned to do it at

<http://sites.google.com/site/tomw4bqf/copyinqcwover70wpm> .

Another nice surprise was unveiled by Brian, current SECC prez, at the annual SECC meeting, held each year at the hamfest. NE4S, Mike Condon, has done a super job over a long period, bringing the GA QSO Party from just another QSO party to one of the top ones in the nation.



Maybe we all have a local bias, but the GQP these days seems to be giving the CA QSO Party a run for first place. At the hamfest meeting, Brian and Tom discussed an upcoming focus at SECC on bringing new contesters into the SECC fold and encouraging seasoned members to be more diligent in submitting logs. You'll be hearing more about this in the near future. Great job, Brian, and you have a superb successor in Tom, who will get a lot of support from his Caddy (just ask him) whom you might just get a chance to meet at the SEDXC summer picnic (August 14th—the weekend before the Huntsville Hamfest).

The Yahoo SEDXC group has been growing rapidly. Some nice features of Yahoo is that the mysterious message delay on the contesting.com—which is beyond local control—is not present, and you can leave

files on the site, attach files to messages, etc. An even more important aspect is that Chaz is the Yahoo group moderator and can quickly straighten out any problems. Thanks, Chaz! Once you get signed up for the group you can either use the web-style interface or send and receive messages via email just as you do with the reflector. Chaz has a signup link to the Yahoo group on the main SEDXC page (www.SEDXC.org). If you need help in getting signed up (it's easy), contact me and we will get you help.

73 and CU at the meeting on June 16
Bob

P.S. Remember to bring raffle items to the meeting

Vice President's Report:

No report received this month:

Don't forget that this month is the election of officers at the June meeting:

The list of candidates are:

President	Bob Carroll	W2WG
Vice President	Jim Cummings	KT4MM
Secretary	Wes Lamboley	W3WL
Treasurer	Mike Weathers	ND4V

Treasurers Report:

At May 30, 2010
Operating Account
Beginning Balance: \$5,591.18

Receipts in the month :

SW Ohio Banquet Tix	80.00
Meeting raffle	30.00
<u>Member Renewals</u>	<u>20.00</u>

Total rec'd Cash and Checks \$130.00

Disbursements in the month of January were:

Huntsville Hamfest table	40.00
S. Orkney Dxpediton	1,100.00
<u>Other</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<u>Total disbursed</u>	<u>\$1140.00</u>

Undeposited funds	\$ 130.00
<u>Checking account balance</u>	
<u>4,451.18</u>	
Balance May 30,2010	<u>\$4,581.18</u>

Members, it is time to renew. The dues go primarily to funding DXpeditions. We need to build the kitty prior to year end so that we can set a handsome budget for next year!

There is a convenient link on the website to PayPal. Or send your check for \$20.00 payable to SEDXC to me at 207 Longview Drive, Norcross, GA 30071-2127.

You should get a receipt from me by e-mail either way you pay.

Drats and darn it! I missed the 3C9B guys in Equatorial Guinea. Snagged the E4X guys on CW and RTTY but no SSB. Six meters has been giving us a taste of things to come, pretty good openings to the West and to the Caribbean. I heard Mike, K4PI working Germany the other morning.

73 es Gud DX, Mike ND4V

Secretaries Report:

No report received this month:

Activities Report:

A big THANKS goes out to W2WG (Bob), N3FP (Fred), KG4USN (Ken), N4FN (Neil), K4PI (Mike), N4XP (Tom), N4NX (Bill), K4ROZ (Dale), KC4AA (Bill), ND4V (Mike), KT4MM (Jim), and NF4W (Tad) for helping man our booth at the Atlanta hamfest. And a very

special thanks goes out to K4GK (Charles) who makes a point of ALWAYS being the first to help at every Hamfest. With 22 member renewals and 3 new members (without arm twisting this time), it was a very successful showing of the club. Lots of goodies were bought, and not just by me..

The last weekend in June brings our favorite non-contest contest.. Field Day. Somehow between all the sweat, bugs, sunburn and too much great food, we all have a great time make a few Qs on the air with lots of off the air rag chews. Too many local groups to mention here, but I heard that the N4N group plans go run nautical from KE4UK's pool. Then there's the rovers whose sole function I believe is to rate everyone's cookouts and publish results a few weeks later. See.. it IS a contest! Plan to brag about your favorite setup at next weeks meeting

We are fast approaching our busy August summer picnic, which precedes the Huntsville Hamfest by one weekend. Of course, we'll be recruiting help for both events soon. Keep in mind SEDCO in September which isn't far from the Smokey Mountain Winery in Gatlinburg; for those who like those sweet berry & muscadine wines.

See all at the next meeting (Wed, July 16th). Gary – WB4SQ

When ever possible we like to bring to the Bulletin any article that may be of interest to the members. One source of these articles is a Newsletter put out by Dan Romanchik, KB6NU, for Newsletter and Bulletin editors. Here is the one for June 2010.

Ever since the FCC dropped the code requirement and the Novice license exam, the Technician Class license has really been misnamed. Being the first license that most hams obtain, it really should have been called the Novice license. The question pool was arguably at the appropriate level for newcomers to amateur radio, being heavy on

rules and operating practices, and perhaps a little light on technical topics.

That's about to change. On July 1, 2010, the question pool for the Tech test changes, and this version has noticeably more technical questions than the previous test. You could say that the Tech test is getting, err, a little more technical.

For example, the new question pool contains more questions about electronics components and their functions. In addition to that, examinees must also be able to identify the symbols for these components on a schematic diagram. This is a big change from the previous test, which had no diagrams at all. There are also more detailed questions about transistors and how they work.

There are also questions on how to make basic measurements with a multimeter how to troubleshoot basic problems that Technicians are likely to encounter. One question asks, "What two measurements are commonly made using a multimeter"? Answer: voltage and resistance. A follow up question asks, "What is the correct way to connect a voltmeter to a circuit"? Answer: in parallel with the circuit.

To make room for these questions, the committee dropped questions on operating practices and rules and regulations. In general, these are not big losses, but two questions that I was sorry to see go are the questions on the "basis and purpose" of amateur radio. I think these are very important for new amateurs to learn and keep in mind. (If you don't recall them, go to <http://www.arrl.org/part-97-amateur-radio> and review them.)

By the time you read this--or shortly thereafter--the new version of my No-Nonsense, Technician Class License Study Guide should be available. You can download it free of charge from my website, www.kb6nu.com. Look for the link in the right-hand column. It's currently in the hands of more than two dozen reviewers, who are proofreading it right now.

While it may not be in the initial release, I plan to include a section that contains links to websites that cover topics included in the study guide. That way, students can find more information on a topic, if they choose to do so. If you have any favorite websites that discuss making measurements with voltmeters or how to read schematic diagrams, I'd love to hear from you.

When not updating his No-Nonsense amateur radio license study guides, you'll find him on 40m, 30m, 20m, and if we ever get any sunspots to stick around, 15m and 10m pounding brass. You may even hear him trying to get the hang of using the bug he bought at Dayton this year. You'll find his blog at www.kb6nu.com, and you can e-mail website suggestions to cwgeek@kb6nu.com

Again I would ask for anyone who may have something they think the club would be interested in to please send me your article to be published in the Bulletin.

I hear we had a 6-meter opening to Europe last week and I missed it!! Ann, KB4SSS, and I were relaxing and stuffing ourselves aboard "The Monarch of The Seas" in the Bahamas last week while you were working a 6-meter opening. OH well—maybe later?

See the last page for a flyer on the "National Wildlife Refuge Week 2010". This is put out by "The KP1-5 Project."

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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/>



NEWS

National Wildlife Refuge Week 2010

Sharing the Good News via Amateur Radio

2010 National Wildlife Refuge Week is set for October 10-16, and Amateur Radio will again be helping to mark this event.

The goal is to combine your communication skills with your enjoyment of the outdoors to help others learn about the National Wildlife Refuge System.



Only authorized, responsible access to refuges is sanctioned by this event.

To operate from a National Wildlife Refuge:

1. Review the special event rules and guidance information available at www.nwrweek-radio.info, formulate a proposal the manager of the refuge you intend to activate and contact NWR Week Amateur Radio at info@nwrweek-radio.info.
2. Obtain permission from the refuge manager to operate within the refuge. Upon receiving approval, submit your operating plan to info@nwrweek-radio.info to have your operation listed on our web site.

Operating Tips:

- Operate one day or the entire week, subject to the refuge manager's authorization.
- Use your own call sign, a club call sign or a 1x1 special event call sign.
- Use SSB, PSK31, RTTY, CW, etc., and describe refuge features and wildlife to those you contact.



Be a good steward of the refuge. Your presence in wildlife areas should be passive, minimizing impact and leaving habitat unaltered.

Several ham operators who have experience operating from refuges are available to answer questions and offer suggestions.

Contact the 2010 National Wildlife Refuge Week Amateur Radio coordinator at info@nwrweek-radio.info.