



Southeastern DX Club W4NT

THE SOUTH'S PREMIER DX CLUB

July 2010

President's Report:

The SEDXC picnic is almost here. It will be held on the afternoon of Saturday, August 14, at the home of John and Jackie Harden. The evite went out last week—but not without a few email addressing glitches. If you did not receive the evite, please contact me at w2wg@comcast.net.

You will notice in the evite that John and Jackie are going overboard and are supplying all the food and beverages—including wine and beer—and that they request that you not bring these items. For those of you who have not seen John's shack, you are in for a treat as you will probably see some classic equipment. This picture is of John's lineup of a few years ago.



That array of classics reminds me a little of K4TEA's fantastic Collins solid state transceiver, one of very few in existence—and still in regular use. And speaking of Ken, take a look at another photo from the archives taken around 2002:



See the KT4MM program description for info on the wire beams that are going to be described by W5JR at the July meeting. And be SURE to ask W5JR about why these beams are so unbelievably stable in their physical position. It's by design but not necessarily obvious at first glance. I got a chance to use several of these at the NFARL Field Day—and they did not disappoint. They were also steady in position during some pretty stiff winds.

See you at the meeting on July 21—and please remember the raffle items.

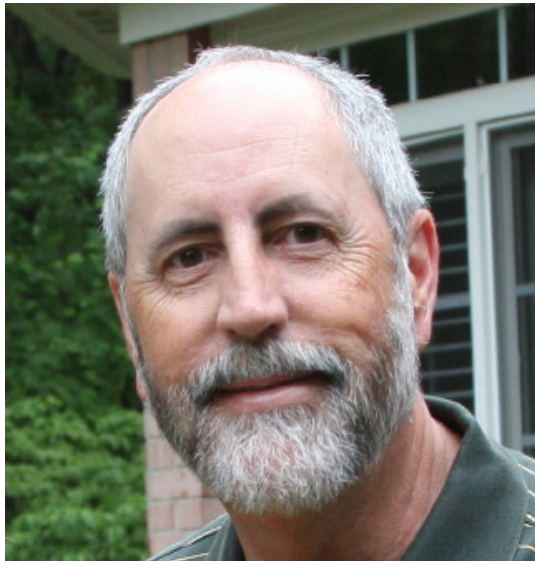
73
Bob W2WG

Vice President's Report:

July program will be on "Fixed HF Beams" by SEDXC member Mike Roden, W5JR. Mike is also a member of the North Fulton Amateur Radio League, NFARL, and these are the antennas they used on the CW position for Field Day.

Ever need to put up an HF beam but no place for the tower? Got trees? A ball field's light poles provided the supports for a 40m 2 element wire beam and a pair of 20m 2 element wire beams at the NFARL FD CW station. The performance was quite good for the effort. These wire beams can be deployed in your own

backyard to give a little punch over that dipole, doublet, loop or vertical you have been using. I'll show pictures of the construction methods used to build the VE7CA "portable" wire beams as described in the 2010 ARRL Antenna handbook.



Mike W5JR

Secretaries Report:

SEDXC MEETING – June 16, 2010

- Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM; introductions were made all around. There were 35 in attendance with 2 first timers.
- Chaz, W4GKF, will put out a questionnaire for what kinds of programs the club would like to have.
- Chaz announced the Club's projector was purchased, and its first use is for the program tonight!
- The video on K4M, filmed and produced by James Brooks, 9V1YC, was shown, and was VERY well received. Wes, W3WL, announced that the videos could be ordered for a reduced price of \$20.00; 5 members ordered their own.
- Chaz announced the winners of the monthly DX contest. Winners were: High Power – NG4P with 77 entities; QRP – K7SZ with 41 entities; and Low Power – KM4LS with 128 entities.
- Election of officers was held; the officers currently serving were re-elected by acclamation.
- Bill, KC4AA, announced that the Boy Scouts of America are observing their 100th anniversary this year. The station, K2BSA, will be on the air from Fort A.P.Hill in Virginia during the Scout Jamboree, and Bill will be there helping with the event. FCC exams for 150 scouts and scouters are expected to be given.

- Rick, N4XMX, stated he is offering some of his equipment for sale, including a Collins 51J4, Heathkit SB300 and 401, Hallicrafters SX-62, and Hammerlund Super Pro. He also has ground rods and push up masts free to a good home.
- Jim, KT4MM, announced that the Kennehoochee Club is activating the Sapelo Lighthouse August 5 thru 8 during International Lighthouse Week. Sapelo Island is also IOTA NA058.
- Joel, WA4HNL, announced a special event DC-3 will be at Briscoe Field on June 26. A B-17 and Ford Tri-Motor will be at Briscoe in October. A ham station will be on the air in October for the event.
- Field Day operations by local clubs included NFARL at Waller Park Extension in Roswell, GARS at Sweetwater Park, and Kennehoochee at Dallas Landing on Lake Allatoona.
- The Atlanta ham Fest was very successful; more vendors and higher attendance. SEDXC signed up 3 new members and another 27 paid their dues.
- The annual SEDXC picnic will be held at John W4NU's home on August 14. More information is forthcoming. Thanks, John!
- The "How's DX" portion of the meeting garnered comments about the 6 meter band and how it is lots of fun with openings to Europe and Japan! Bill Barr, N4NX, told his story of the lightning that struck his house in North Georgia – a frightening story! Ten meters is HOT –HOT-HOT! And – the YI9 cards are out.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted;

Wes – W3WL
Secretary for the SEDXC

Treasurer's Report:

June 30, 2010

Operating Account Beginning Balance: \$ 4,451.18

Receipts in the month :

PayPal transfer	885.00
Meeting raffle/badges	62.00
Member Renewals	786.00

Total rec'd Cash and Cks\$1,733.00

Disbursements in the month of January were:

Bur Promotions (shirts)	875.00
Projector + plaques	878.20
Other	0.00

Total disbursed \$1,753.20

Undeposited funds \$ 271.00
PayPal transfer enroute
550.00
Checking account balance 4,430.98
Balance June 30,2010 \$5,251.98

Thanks to everyone who responded to the call for dues. As you can see, we ended the year with a decent kitty. According to the bylaws, we can budget one half of the ending balance for DXpeditions. I generally recommend splitting the pot into five sections: four Quarterly sections of \$500 each and one bonus or reserve DXpedition to be used to supplement one of the quarters.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the picnic and extend my thanks in advance to Jackie and John Harden for their generosity and hospitality.

73 es Gud DX,
Mike ND4V

Activities Manager's Report:

Here's a few events on the horizon:

Ellijay, GA hamfest billed as "The Biggest Little Hamfest In Georgia" Sat, July 31st
Gates open early at 7AM until 2PM – Ellijay Lion Club and Gilmer Fairgrounds. There'll be tail-gaiting and indoor tables. www.ngamtn.com/w4hhh/fest.html

Our SEDXC summer picnic sponsored by repeated providers of generosity, John & Jackie Harden, Sat, Aug 14th. All members should have already received their eVITE.

Huntsville, AL hamfest, Aug 21 & 22 wknd. A most enjoyable gathering of the wired.
Both W3WL, Wes and I will be presenting back to back DX101 & DX102 seminars. Then there's our club booth which will need manning both days. Not a bad ride there, even if it's only for one day. Good to hookup with the locals to find good BBQ, as there's not much dining within walking distance from the hamfest. www.hamfest.org

See everyone at the July 21st meeting... WB4SQ

For all of the SteppIR antenna owners in the club (and elsewhere) our own Chaz Cone, W4GKF, who had one of the first SteppIR antennas around, came up with a very unique method of solving one of the frequent complaints that was voiced on the SteppIR Reflector. For anyone who has not heard of this solution to a very vexing complaint here is the link to the site that contains the full article with pictures.

<http://tinyurl.com/2fhjdck>

I encourage everyone to read this very informative article.

Again I am requesting anyone who has any technical or general interest stories to tell to send me an article to share with the members. This is YOUR BULLETIN so let us hear from YOU.

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(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.**

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