



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

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DX CLUB*

August 2004

Next meeting: August 24th 7:30 PM at the Fuqua Heart Center Classroom at Piedmont Hospital.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

--Wes Lamboley, W3WL

Have We Paid Our Dues?

This subject has been on my mind – off and on – for many years now. I have been thinking about the subject more in the recent past – ever since Bob, K4UEE and I were at the ARRL National Convention (HamCom-2003 in Dallas) last year. We were at a special forum where ARRL President Haynie signed the formal “Statement of Affiliation” between the Department of Homeland Security and the ARRL. Officials associated with DHS/FEMA were there also, and meaningful speeches were made on both sides. The bottom line was that DHS needs our help to support our country in emergency and disaster situations. Additionally, it was agreed that the DHS and ARRL will cooperate in providing training and accreditation for ham radio emergency communications, and will assist “first responders, disaster relief organizations and community safety efforts”.

So – where does this leave us DXers? If I look at the major ways we hams justify ourselves and the spectrum we occupy we usually put community service and disaster communications assistance at the top of the list. I am wondering how many members of our Club and the DX community in general are actually involved with those activities. Granted, we know we are the best, most skillful operators, and have the biggest antennas, the best transceivers and the most powerful amplifiers, but most of what we do is just for the sheer delight of it all. I personally feel a little guilty when I get my free call letter license plate, knowing

that it was justified to all us hams on the basis of what hams do to support the community and emergency communications.

This is a round about way of asking if there is anybody else out there who would like to see a good program on ARES/RACES put on by some folks that know what is going on, and maybe we could get trained and involved and pay our dues to help justify our use of the spectrum. If you are interested in such a program, please tell Al!

Oh – and by the way – dues for the 2004-2005 year are due now. See Harry for details.

ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY!

Bob Allphin, K4UEE, tells me that ten of the twenty Team members going to Peter One in January, 2005 will be in town during the weekend of 24/25/26 September. The Team will be doing some final preparations and checking of the equipment, and training on setting up the campsite prior to completing the packing and shipping the equipment to the embarkation point in Chile. Bob has invited any of the SEDXC members who would like to meet the Team and wish them well to join them at the Amerisuites Hotel for cocktails and dinner (exit 11 off of GA 400). The hospitality suite will be open at 6:30, with dinner at a local restaurant at 7:30. Our own Bob (co-organizer with KOIR) and George Nicholson, N4GRN, and the rest of the Team have been busting their buns getting ready to assault 3Y0./ Lets give them a rousing sendoff

SEDXC MEMBERS IN DXPEDITIONS

As mentioned above, Bob and George are going to 3Y0. Also, club members Tom, N4XP, and Joe, KO4RR, are going to Kure Atoll in October. Both these expeditions need financial support, and their support will be an agenda item at the August meeting.

Best

Wes – Whiskey 3 Whiskey Lemur

FROM THE VP

-Al Ludwick, N4ZZK, VP

I'm looking forward to serving as your vice president; Wes will be a hard act to follow. It seems my primary task is to coordinate our monthly programs. One change we'll try to make is to schedule and announce our programs earlier. I'd like to schedule them for the year if possible. Here are some of the program ideas we are looking at for this year:

- DXpeditions, 3Y/P Peter One – This is a big one and we are trying to get Bob K4UEE and George N4GRN to share their plans in September and again after they return in March. Kure Island and others would be great programs also.
- Technical – low band dxing and antennas, dxing with rty and other modes, QRP, antennas.
- Service oriented – How can we generate more interest in ham radio, Estate equipment disposition, what to do when the inevitable occurs

If you have a program or can arrange one, please let me know. (Email, phone, or eyeball at the meetings). If there is something you would like to see let me know that as well. This month, to get things started I'm presenting a program on my steppir/tiltplate/tower project. We've all seen a few tower programs but this one may be a little different. As our population ages, there has been more interest in antennas and towers that can be maintained with out climbing. Here is an arrangement that lets you work on a yagi with a 32 foot boom and 36 foot elements without climbing or even a ladder.

Have you seen the new book Ham Radio for Dummies by N0AX, Ward Silver? It a good one and should generate more interest in our hobby. I purchased a few to release into the wild via BookCrossing. If you are not familiar with the BookCrossing concept, visit their website at www.bookcrossing.com for details.

73 es gd dx, Al
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MINUTES FOR JULY 24, 2004

-Dale Nordin, K4HGG, Sec.(outgoing)

The july meeting was a picnic at k4tea's lake house on lake lanier. Therefore there are no minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Harry Saunders, W4KJ, Tres.

(Harry is away in Maine so no update but he did send this reminder.)

DUES ARE NOW DUE!

July 1 is the beginning of the Club's new year which means that dues are now due for 2004/05. If you have already sent in your dues or paid them at a recent meeting, "Thanks, you are helping to support DX and the leading DX Club in the Southeastern US." If you have not sent your dues in already, please send them to the P.O. Box address or bring them to this month's meeting. I will be there and look forward to receiving your dues. Thanks so much for your suport of the Southeastern DX Club!

Harry Saunders, W4KJ
Treasurer

ACTIVITIES

-John Tramontanis, N4TOL

I'd like to start off this report by expressing appreciation to Trish and Ken Byers for their generosity in hosting the club outing last month. A great time was had by all. Thanks to K4TEA!!

Also, we will do some initial planning for the club presence at the Lawrenceville Hamfest, which seems to be the most well attended of its kind in the metro area.

The fall contest season is approaching along with, hopefully, some better band conditions. We will discuss at the next meeting, thoughts on the next SEDXC contest challenge.

There was an interesting survey in the August issue of CQ related to contesting, "2004 CQ Contest Survey". You may want to take a minute to participate, and you can do so on line at <http://hamgallery.com/survey>.

73 – John N4TOL,Activities

SEDXC SUMMER COOKOUT



Our host, Ken, K4TEA, and Trish with helper



John, N4TOL, and XYL checking out the goodies!



Where should I start??

This is a taste of what you missed at the cookout. Thanks to Ken and his wife for having everybody over! Top three photos on this page John, N4TOL, all others, Rick, N4XMX





The usual gang of suspects...



Doesn't everyone love talking about DX?

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