



# SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

*THE  
SOUTH'S  
PREMIER  
DX CLUB*

August 2006

**Next meeting: August 22nd. 7:30 PM  
at the Fuqua Heart Center Classroom  
at Piedmont Hospital.**

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

---Al Ludwick, N4ZZK

Thanks again to Ken and Trish for hosting our summer picnic. Everyone had a great time. Your officers for 2006/2007 met before the picnic at Bill Barr's house to prepare for the new year — we expect to make this another good one.

“Our goal for 2006/2007 is to increase membership by 10% (net gain). We'll do this by reaching out to the DX community with our message and continuing to provide relevant and entertaining programs at our monthly meetings.”

So you may be asking what does this mean to me. Here are some of the changes you can expect to see. As the membership chair Bill, will be writing articles from time to time in the newsletter that are focused on the membership. He'll include member spotlights or interviews to help us get to know some of the new (and old) members better. Bill will keep us posted on the progress and let us know how we can all help.

Gary will be working on some interesting activities and other opportunities to get the message out to more of the hams in the Atlanta area.

And that leads to our programs for this year. Our Peter I program was a bit hit last year. John will be trying to arrange for more “celebrity” events this year. Stay tuned for more news on some of the exciting programs he is working on.

What can you do to help? We know that if we get the chance to talk to a prospective member, the odds are good he or she will be interested and join up. You can help by inviting a fellow ham to come to a meeting. Often that is all it takes.

Finally, at our officers meeting, while discussing the regular meeting format, one comment caught

my attention. “We're a DX club but never talk about our DX experiences at the meetings.” Good point, we usually touch on our recent experiences in small groups at Panera but not on a regular basis at the meetings. So let's fix that. In the time slot for “announcements” we'll start asking “how's DX.” Tell us if you got Swains or about the one that got away.

## AGENDA – SEDXC MEETING

- 7:30 (5) Pres - Call meeting to order
- Introductions
- Introductions new/Prospective members
- 7:35 (2) Secretary - Minutes (ask for approval as published in the newsletter)
- 7:37 (3) VP report
- 7:40 (3) Treasurer's report & Raffle prize review
- 7:43 (3) Activities Manager report
- 7:46 (3) Membership report
- 7:49 (3) Outgoing QSL Cards
- 7:52 (8) nouncements from the members & “How's DX”
- 8:00 (10) business
- 8:10 (10) New business
- 8:20 (10) Break/raffle/prizes
- 8:30 ( ~ 60 ) Program
- 9:30 Ajourn

73 es gd dx, Al

## FROM THE VP

**--John Tramontanis, N4TOL**

I just wanted to start out this column by thanking Trish and Ken Byers, K4TEA, for hosting such a wonderful club picnic. A great group of folks showed up, weathered the brief rainstorm and had a wonderful time. I have submitted a handful of photos I hope you enjoy. The highlight of the evening for me was when the last remaining folks followed Ken up to his shack to witness a demonstration of his station for some of the non-amateurs and the seasoned ops present. Ken worked a handful of DX stations on CW and impressed both hams and non-hams alike. I know I couldn't have operated so coolly with such a discerning audience. Great work Ken! It was really a lot of fun! Thanks again Trish and Ken for being so generous with their home.

For our August program, Chaz Cone, W4GKF will present a short program on creating and maintaining web pages. While web sites have been around since 1992 and earlier, most individuals still can't imagine having one. Chaz will explain what's required — and it's easier (and cheaper) than you may realize. Chaz created his first website in 1992 and presently "does" the SEDXC website and more than a score of others.

Chaz's presentation should help to spur some thought and discussion among the club members as to how we can more effectively utilize our web page to promote the club and provide more information to the membership. This should be an interesting follow up after his talk. Please be thinking of any ideas you have about the web page to share at the meeting or if you cannot attend, e-mail me, and I will present the idea for you.

I continue to solicit your input for meeting topic suggestions. I encourage you to e-mail me at [iam4rb@aol.com](mailto:iam4rb@aol.com) with your thoughts. To those who have contributed so far, many thanks, your ideas were well received by the executive committee.

At the executive committee meeting prior to the picnic the idea of "celebrity" programs was tossed out, similar to the "Peter One" program we were fortunate to have this year. Additionally, ideas for club contests, old newsletters linked on the website, club DXpeditions, member spotlights, and many other great ideas were discussed. We hope to share these with you all at future meetings.

"Turn On That Radio!" — is the title of the August CQ editorial by W2VU Rich Moseson which hit home at my shack this month. He encourages all to operate in spite of the low sunspot cycle as you may be missing out on a lot of good DX. Just as I was hitting the sunspot doldrums I ended up working 4 new ones in the last two weeks. Montenegro, Swains, Jan Mayan, and Wallis & Futuna. That gets the count up to 277. Now, how to track down those cards.....maybe a topic for a future club meeting presentation. Any volunteers?? Would love to hear from you.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting August 22nd.

73 – John N4TOL

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## Secretary's Report JULY 2006

**-George Nicholson, N4GRN, Sec.**

There was no July meeting as we had our annual summer picnic at Ken and Trish's house. I was away in Nova Scotia and missed the affair but I am told it was great as always. Big thanks to Ken and Trish. The new slate of officers had a meeting prior to the picnic starting so I was told.

While you were having a hot summer picnic — I was enjoying the average 77F day temperatures and night time temperatures of 64F with a nice ocean breeze here on the Sunny South Shore of Nova Scotia. It did hit 88F one day last week for a few hours. We all were so hot as no one here has A/C not even the local restaurant. But there was still a nice breeze and no humidity so far better than the sticky Atlanta climate this time of the year. Wish I could send y'all some of this climate!

On last Friday night I was at a dinner party given by the organizers of the Maritime DX Forum in Halifax. Scott K Wood VE1QD held the dinner at his house near Peggy's Cove. I met several hams that know some of you SEDXC members. Listed below are a few of the participants in organizing this Forum, you may know some of these hams. I was specifically told to say hello to Bill N4NX, Dave K4SSU, and Bob K4UEE by some of these guys.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

**-Hal Kennedy, N4GG, Tres.**

Report for the month of August

Jeff Briggs, K1ZM/VY2ZM  
John Currie, VE1ZJ  
Howard Dickson, VE1DHD  
Jim Fisher, VE1JF  
Dick Grantham, VE1AI  
Ken McCormick, VY2RU and spouse Ella,  
VE1PEI  
John Scott, VE1JS  
Scott Wood, VE1QD

SEDXC Treasury	\$ 5842.14
Packet Fund	\$ 380.15
Total Balance	\$6222.29

This forum was hosted by The Halifax Radio Club. That club will be celebrating its 75th year next year. They are working with young people to teach code and theory and are holding forums and etc to keep them involved past their Tech licenses to get them into HF, Dxing, contesting, etc to try and foster a younger generation of active hams not just 2 meter hams.

The Forum is just one of the many things they do during the year. At the forum I presented 3Y0X, Jeff spoke about 160 and antennas for low band, John Curry talked about EME, Jim Fisher spoke about contesting, and then there was a panel of 5 of us who answered questions about Dxing and Contesting for the approximate 60 participants.

The affair started at 830AM and went on until after dinner and a final talk by Dick Grantham about the future of Ham radio. It was a full day and the interest of the participants was held and no one left until around 800PM after the last speaker.

Maybe this is something we should discuss doing in Atlanta. This Forum drew hams from Quebec, PEI, New Britton, New Brunswick, Cape Cod, Atlanta, and Nova Scotia. It was a group who are very active in the area. More important was the fact that it also drew new hams that left with a new perspective on what is possible with an upgraded to their first license. They were really motivated by hearing the Contesting stories, the Dx stories, and the EME stories.

I will not be back until mid to late September so I will miss the August club meeting. Hope everyone has a nice and safe ending to the summer. See you all in September.

George Nicholson, N4GRN, Sec.

The summer is flying by - time flies when we are having fun! The SEDXC picnic at Ken and Trish's was a great success - it was fun seeing many of the members and enjoying some DX story telling. The picnic was also a convenient place to renew one's membership for 2006/2007 - thanks to those who did.

Membership renewals continue at a brisk pace, but I was a little surprised to comb through the roster and discover 49 members from 2005/2006 are "among the missing" at this point for 2006/2007. July 1st started the beginning of our new year - those of you who "know who you are" are encouraged to renew for the coming year - thanks! Membership renewals are gratefully accepted via PayPal, the treasurer's home address and at any meeting. When you renew your membership by any of these means you will receive a confirming email from either Chas or myself. While we are on the subject of funds, there are several name badges that have not been paid for - Bill Barr or myself will be happy to accept your \$8 and close the books.

Patches, pins and the raffle will all be available at the next meeting on August 22nd - I hope to see everyone there. The raffle continues to be an important source of income for the club - please check under your workbench for things surplus to your needs that others could enjoy.

Activities around N4GG include adding a long overdue ground system and lightening protection, in addition to working the KH8 and 4O for new ones. Just when you think there won't be a new one in the log for years, two show up!

I am looking into what it takes to rent a bus to take those interested to Dayton next year - in style. This will be reported on at an upcoming meeting.

73, Hal, N4GG

# ACTIVITIES

-Gary McConville, WB4SQ

No report this month.

73 – Gary, WB4SQ

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## PICTURES FROM THE PICNIC!



Al, N4ZZK, Bill KC4AA, Bob W2WG



Our Accommodating Staff



Bill, N4NX and Kioshi, K4ST



Ken, K4TEA at the Big Rig





Bill, N4NX, Sonny, KE4LDJ and Jean



Don and Don, K4DK and N4HH



Dave, K4SSU, Sam, AE4GX, and Trish

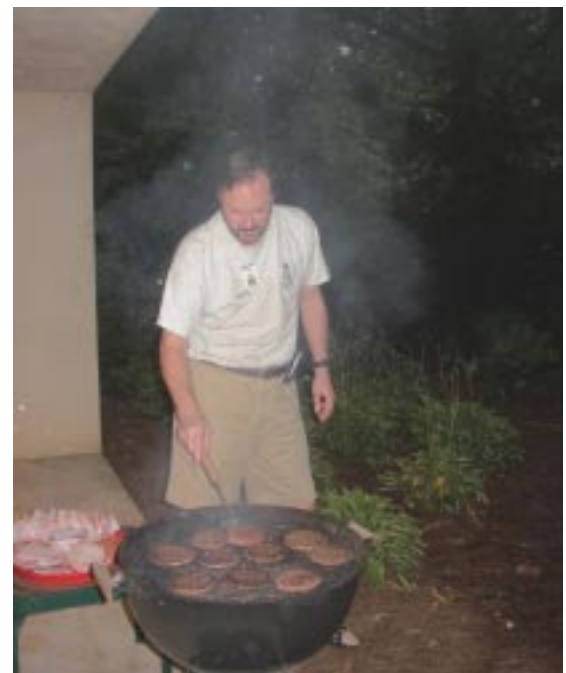


DX Serenade, Monica and Don, N4DK

Jim, W4TE, working the pileups!



Deanna and Gail





Jan, KE4RAN, Jim, KT4MM, Mike, K4PI, Mike, ND4V, Kyoshi, K4ST



Gail and John, N4TOL

Wes, W3WL and Jim, K4DLI



Bob, K4UEE, Mike, K4PI and Gary, WB4SQ

**MANY THANKS TO  
KEN AND TRISH!!!**

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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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