



# SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

*THE  
SOUTH'S  
PREMIER  
DX CLUB*

September 2005

**Next meeting: September 27th 7:30  
PM at the Fuqua Heart Center Class-  
room at Piedmont Hospital.**

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

**--Wes Lamboley, W3WL**

It turns out that last month's program on ARES was prophetic. I know that some of our members are involved with the emergency commo going on now in the Katrina-devastated areas, and I know a lot of our amateur brothers and sisters are doing their best to help out. We wish them all Godspeed in their efforts. I am hoping we could have one of the people who were "On the ground" in the disaster area give us a program some time in the future. It would be very interesting to hear it from someone who has been in the thick of it – sort of like a DXpedition, but with the true essence of amateur radio involved, i.e., helping provide emergency communications during a disaster.

Does anyone know of a licensed engineer who can sign off on a tower installation? One of the new hams in Cobb County is putting up a tower, and the city fathers are OK with it as long as he gets it signed off by a pro engineer. Bob, W2WG, can be contacted at w2wg@comcast.net. Please give him a call if you have any ideas; other club members may also be in need some day.

Also, I am wondering how many subscribe to the DX Magazine? I actually have an article in this month's edition, as does Bob Allphin. Just wondering how much circulation the periodical has within our club. The magazine is published by Carl Smith, N4AA – the same guy who does QRZ-DX.

Please give some thought to the idea of our club sending money for WRTC-06. I do not know if we have sponsored the contest in the past, but I think it is worth considering. Discussion will ensue if there is a motion to support.

CU at the meeting!

Best,

Wes – Whiskey 3 Whiskey Lemur

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## FROM THE VP

**-Al Ludwick, N4ZZK, VP**

It's been a busy month for me at work and it looks like I'll be traveling every few weeks for the rest of the year. I just got a copy of the ARRL book on APRS, a guide to the Automatic Position Reporting System. I've wanted to learn a little about this so the book should be good reading on the plane. Are you familiar with APRS or do you know someone who is? It would make a good program.

Speaking of programs — We still have a few months open; and you have plenty of time to prepare, so I'm looking for your program.

January – Bill Barr is planning a program on awards, more to come.

May - OPEN

June - OPEN

Remember the subject of your program can just about anything of interest. Here are some ideas:

- Antennas, rigs or anything technical
- Dxpeditions, planned or past
- Bring a guest speaker from another club or visiting ham

September Program

Navassa Island DXpeditions - 1972 and 1978

Chaz W4GKF and nine other (mostly) SEDXC members journeyed to Navassa Island in May, 1972. Dave K4SSU was part of a group that visited Navassa in 1978. Yes, that's a loooooong time ago, but with renewed hope that permission to land on Navassa will

soon be forthcoming, these presentations take on a more timely feel.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

**-Harry Saunders, W4KJ, Tres.**

September Treasurer's Report:

SEDXC Treasury	\$ 3765.38
Packet Fund	\$ 360.15
Total Balance	\$ 4125.53

We are about finished with dues renewals for this year and have been pleased to see so many renewing members. Bill Barr, N4NX, our Membership Chair, has done a good job getting the word out to all of our members and reminding them to renew their memberships by sending in their dues. If you still haven't renewed, it is not too late. Send me your check for \$20 to SEDXC, P.O.Box 19871, Atlanta, GA, 30325 or go to the Club's website and pay using PayPal.

This past month the club approved and we sent a \$ 500 check to support the upcoming Kure Island, K7C, Dxpediton. Kure is in the Top 10 Most Wanted Countries listing and much needed by most of the world's DXers. It is just another example of the many ways the SEDXC supports DX'ing for all of us. Hope you will remember to bring in a raffle item or two. It is amazing how these items help support our Treasury month after month. If you have any other ideas how the Club can raise money for DXing, please let me know.

See you at the meeting.

Harry Saunders, W4KJ Treasurer  
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## MINUTES FOR MAY 2005

**George Nicholson, N4GRN, Sec**

### Secretary's Report Jun 2005 SEDXC Meeting

The August meeting was called to order by Wes W3WL.

Individual introductions were made immediately after the meeting was called to order. There were 24 members present at the meeting. There was 1 guest present, Tony King W4ZT.

The minutes were accepted from the last meeting as published in the newsletter.

The Presidents and VP's report were given. Al thanked members for helping set up programs and he thanked Tony for being there to give his ARES talk.

Harry gave the Treasurers report. He reminded us that our dues were due.

John, N4TOL, gave the activities report and discussed that the Lawrenceville Ham Fest was the next one. John also talked about a fall contest and asked that anyone interested email him.

There was no cluster report.

Bill Barr the new position he has as Membership Chairman. He ask for any pictures of people that are not on the website to be sent to him. He also discussed the dues being due. Bill then talked about the fact that within the SEDXC we have members that have operated from 124 countries.

There were a few announcements:

- 1) Al is having open house to allow anyone interested to see his new FTDX9000.
- 2) Ed asked to find a Boy Scout Troup or some operating kids group that he could donate some equipment to.
- 3) Ed also added that K4GA was soon available and it should not go on the open market.
- 4) Bill KC4AA was encouraged to see kids building kits at the Huntsville Hamfest. The kits worked and the kids were as young as 5 years old.
- 5) The W4NT award plaque was displayed which will be given to Bruce Montgomery for 75 years of ham radio. He has been a member of SEDXC for 47 years. Bruce is 92 years old and joined SEDXC in 1958. A group of members will present this to Bruce at his home.

New Business was discussed:

- 1) Bob discussed 3Y0X briefly and then discussed P5 and KA2HTV we should continue to give the money as planned it was decided.
- 2) Bill asked that we consider that we not do a reflector vote again on a donation. There was much discussion and it was left that a committee would look into voting on line. Chaz will work on this with the officers.
- 3) A motion to have a booth at Lawrenceville passed.

Old Business:

- 1) A motion to donate \$400.00 to the Kure Dxpediton was approved and Ed added \$100.00 to the amount so that we will be listed on the QSL card.

There were several items donated for the raffle. .

At approximately 8:20PM there was a break and raffle tickets were sold by Jim.

Harry held the raffle after the break.

The talk tonight was on ARES. Tony King, the Metro Atlanta assistant coordinator, discussed the needs, the problems, and the how to get involved with ARES. He answered a lot of questions after his talk. This was a very informative talk about an aspect of the hobby that we should all consider. This is how we can give a little back to the local community in times of need.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20PM.

George Nicholson, N4GRN, Sec.

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## ACTIVITIES

**-John Tramontanis, N4TOL**

The club will be sponsoring a table at the Lawrenceville hamfest on Saturday, November 5th at the Gwinnet County Fairgrounds. This is the largest hamfest of the year in the metro area and the club has had great success with exposure and recruiting at this show. At this month's meeting we will be taking early signups for volunteers to man the table. Also, there will be an e-mail request. All are welcome to help at the table and represent our fine organization. Please let me know if you are interested.

73 – John N4TOL, Activities

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## DX TIDBITS

**-Rick, N4XMX, editor**

If anybody doesn't think that ads in the SEDXC newsletter don't work, I sold the radio I advertised the next day. Works for me!

Several good Dxpeditons on the air now. The K7C, KH9 and C2 as well as a ST that is on. Good chance to pick up a few new ones or maybe fill out the band map. Good ones coming up include Peter 1, A5 and Glorioso. I need Glorioso for an all time new so I hope band conditions improve. Sad thing is, we haven't even bottomed out in this sunspot cycle yet. That will be in about a year to a year and a half! I remember the last dip in the middle to late 1990's. Thought my radio was broken. Who knows, maybe the VU4/7 pair may be activated again. Too bad about the P5. Better try than not.

This weekend is the CQWW RTTY contest. With LOTW active, I may get my DXCC RTTY without sending in any more cards. I have 32 confirmed with cards, another 34 I haven't paid for waiting in LOTW so I only need 34 to go. I'll try for a bunch in this contest. Remember CQWW SSB and CW are not that far away. Great way to fill out low band countries. Central and South America as well as the Carribean are generally very active. I intend to spend some quality time on 160M during these weekends. The few days before the contest are a good time for WARC band QSO's since those are not used during the contests.

The recent hurricanes have shown us the ability to be able to move quickly and get on the air completely self sufficient. You might consider packing a small hard case with 2M radios, batteries, small antennas, etc. Generators and gas are a plus as well. I think one of the most important things which was observed is not to go to a disaster area before you are requested. The people who routinely work with the Red Cross during drills are the people they will feel the most at home with. Another good reason to be a part of your local response team.

The N4XMX packet computer has now been upgraded from a 800 MHz to a 2GHz machine. Hopefully that should help during the contests. Still have to do the TCP/IP link to ATLDX to speed up downtown.

CU in the pileups...

- Rick, N4XMX

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## DX PACKET FREQ. (Corrections, 1/2/04)

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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