



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

*THE
SOUTH'S
PREMIER
DX CLUB*

September 2007

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 19th, 7:30 PM at the Fuqua Heart Center Classroom at Piedmont Hospital.

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

--Bob Allphin, K4UEE

The summer Bar BQ was well attended and everyone seemed to really have a good time. Some new faces appeared and it was great getting acquainted with them and better acquainted with our club members. My observation is that the spouses are enjoying these social get-togethers more and more. Again, many thanks to Ken and Trish Byers for opening their fabulous home to us all!

At the Bar BQ, our outgoing President Al, NN4ZZ was given a plaque that thanked him for his year of service. Mike Greenway, K4PI, was recognized as one of the very few people worldwide to have over 3000 entities in the DXCC Challenge. (That is an average of 300 entities on each band from 160m through 6m). Absolutely amazing! We picked up three more team members for the SEDXC trip to Costa Rica to compete in the 2008 ARRL SSB DX Contest. We have one slot left and I would like to save it for a "rookie" who wants to go on a contest/dxpedition. Contact me if you are interested! Lastly, we announced that during the month of October, we will have a "DXCC/100w/wire antenna only" contest. The objective is work as many DXCC entities in the month of October with a maximum of 100 watts and only wire antennas. We want to prove to the new HFers that we will be recruiting and mentoring that you don't need high power and towers/beams to work DX! (see: www.sedxc.org for details)

The September meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 19th. It is an important meeting as we will be hearing from the "helping hand" committee, AKA DX Pros, about their plans for a DX University for newcomers and old timers alike. And the Golden Jubilee commit-

tee will make suggestions as to how we should properly celebrate next year's 50th anniversary of the SEDXC. Also, we will be voting on support for VP6DX! Please make it a point to attend!

-Bob Allphin, K4UEE

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

--Bob Carroll, W2WG

I certainly did enjoy our August picnic at the Byers' Chattahoochee overlook. I suspect the elevation if not the river must have something to do with the extremely strong 160m signal Ken delivers to my station. So far my rx front end is intact despite the 40 dB over signal from Ken, a similar one from K4PI, and an unbelievable one from W8JI. Lots of wire, way up at those stations. At our September meeting I think Ken and other 160m devotees will be delighted to hear of an opportunity to work 3X on 160m in the near future.

For the September program you will hear details of our DXPros initiative as well as our 50th year anniversary celebration plans. We will be asking for your feedback as well as support and participation in both programs. You will also hear more about the "you can work it on a wire" contest our president announced at the August picnic and which is described on the SEDXC.org main page. Some club members are putting up wire antennas for the first time in quite a while, and others are already at work getting wire coverage for bands they normally work with a Yagi or quad. There is a strong rumor that one of our computer literate members has developed a logging program for the contest-free of course.-and I think we will hear more on that subject.

How many of you have worked JA via moon bounce? You'll be glad to know that K4PI is rumored to have just done so. Congratulations Mike! I have also learned there has been a mass outbreak of SteppIR-

It is among club members. The factory must be very happy, and I suspect K4DLI, who probably holds the local record for assembly of SteppIRs, will be in great demand in early 2008, adding more notches to his ratchets. If you have not seen Jim tape the joints on a SteppIR, you need to visit one of the assembly parties. Speaking of wire antennas, I am starting to hear DX activity on 160m and 80m already, and the fall equinox is just about the time of our upcoming meeting. Sounds like low band activity is starting early this year. That should make it an interesting time for the contest. See you at the meeting.

73 Bob W2WG

SEDXC MINUTES JULY 2007

-George Nicholson, N4GRN

No minutes because there was a picnic!

-George Nicholson, N4GRN, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT AUG. 2007

-Mike Weathers, ND4V, Tres.

SEDXC Treasury: \$5,420.90

Packet Fund: \$ 280.15

Total Balance: \$5701.05

August 8, 2007

We expended \$437.79 for various mentoring promotional materials, the ex-president's plaque, member name badges, postage related to the bylaws mailing, and domain registrations.

I enjoyed seeing everyone in Huntsville and at the picnic. Thanks to Ken and Trish for opening their beautiful home to the club.

A big thank you goes to all who responded so positively to N4NX's dues reminder with either a PayPal payment or a check.

Gotta go chase 3B7C Minor Proton Event !!!! That can't be good!

73 es DX,

Mike, ND4V

ACTIVITIES

-Gary McConville, WB4SQ

The Huntsville hamfest added another 12 members to our ranks. Met many old time hams who had moved on... to Alabama and other parts. Then there was the initiation to the Royal Order Of The Wouff Hong. To get the most out of this one, you had to be there both days. Thanks to following SEDXC members who graciously helped out at our booth: W2WG (Bob), N5ZZ (Max), KD4RBG (Jeff), W4GKF (Chaz), K4SSU (Dave), AK4I (Jim), KE4RQ (Clark), W3WL (Wes), K4GK (Charles), N4GRN (George), K4UEE (Bob), KC4AA (Bill), ND4V (Mike), & WB4SQ (Gary). Hope I got everyone's name & call right...

The golden anniversary committee (W4GKZ-Chaz, W3WL-Wes, W6IZT-Greg, & WB4SQ-Gary) met over a few beers and worked out details for the upcoming anniversary events. These topics will be discussed at the September 19th meeting.

Upcoming events include:

Sept 28th wknd: Ten-Tec hamfest in Sevierville. Check their site for details.

Oct 1st – 31st: The first annual 'Work-em With A Dipole' contest. The idea of this contest is to prove that you CAN work dx and possibly earn your dxcc using low power on a basic antenna. Details on the sedxc.org site.

Oct 13th: Augusta, GA hamfest. KC4XX (Bill) & K4GK (Charles) will be setting up the booth. Please contact them if you can help.

Nov 3rd & 4th: Lawrenceville hamfest. Think about helping out at our booth.

Dec: SEDXC holiday party. 'Winners of the Work-em With A Dipole' contest will be announced and awarded.

Jan 08: GARS Techfest. Another club booth 'opportunity.'

Jan 1st – Dec 31st, 2008: OUR Year-long 50th anniversary qso party. Member sign with a '/50' suffix and log non-members. Let's talk it up! Details at the next meeting.

Feb 08: AND don't forget about the TI (Costa Rica) DXpedition that K4UEE (Bob) has put together. Last word is that he's still looking for a couple of newbies to dxpeditions.

Gary – WB4SQ@yahoo.com

Announcing the 2007 SEDXC Wire Antenna DX Contest!

Part of the mission of the SEDXC is to interest new HF operators in DX. Some of our prospects in that mission have limited antenna space or deed restrictions that prohibit towers. In order to back up the claim that “you don’t need a beam to work DX”, we’re sponsoring a DX contest with the stipulation that only wire antennas be used.

When: October 1 – 31, 2007 UTC

Where: HF bands 10-160M

How: 100w maximum, wire antenna(s) only, any mode

What: Work as many DX entities as possible; one point for each DXCC entity worked on each band.

Awards: Plaque for each band (*) plus all-band winner
(*) Minimum of three entries for a band before a plaque is awarded

Rules: Each SEDXC member may enter a log for each of these bands: 160, 80, 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10 plus all-band.

Non-rotatable wire antennas only may be used (no, you can’t use your quad!)

Logs must be submitted no later than **11/07/2007**; plaques will be awarded at the SEDXC Holiday party in December. Logs may be submitted in any readable form (email preferred) and must be accompanied by a contest entry form (attached).

A participant can receive only one plaque. The overall winner will not be awarded any single-band plaque. If a participant has the high score on more than one band, the plaque will be awarded for the band with the highest score.

SEDXC 2007 Wire Antenna DX Contest 2007

Entry Form

Callsign: _____

Name: _____

10M Score: _____

12M Score: _____

15M Score: _____

17M Score: _____

20M Score: _____

30M Score: _____

40M Score: _____

80M Score: _____

160M Score: _____

Total Score: _____

Scoring: One point per DXCC entity worked on each band using a maximum of 100watts and a wire antenna.

Submit logs (any format) and this sheet to:

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DX PACKET FREQ. (Corrections, 1/2/04)
N4XXM off line(2400) 144.91 (direct, Vinings),
off line(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
N14X (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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