



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

*THE
SOUTH'S
PREMIER
DX CLUB*

October 2004

**Next meeting: October 26th 7:30 PM
at the Fuqua Heart Center Classroom
at Piedmont Hospital.**

FROM THE PRESIDENT

--Wes Lamboley, W3WL

TESLA

I am looking forward to this month's program – it is about Nikola Tesla. Tesla was an amazing man, and he had a profound influence on several technical innovations we take for granted today. He also had a profound influence on me, as interest in him is what got me started in amateur radio.

Without becoming too maudlin, I hark back to the days of yesteryear and the hallowed halls of Fort Wayne Central High School's electricity shop. I was taking a course in electricity, and the teacher, Gilbert Wilson, spiced up his first classroom with a short history of Tesla and a demonstration of a Tesla coil he made. The coil was monstrous! It could put out 500,000 volts with ease, and produce arcs over 10 inches in length. It got my attention. Mr. Wilson was also the custodian of the high school's radio club, and there was some proper equipment available for the club's use (Hallicrafters 183D receiver, Johnson Viking II with VFO, and a Windom antenna on the school's roof fed with 300 ohm twin lead matched with a 1:4 balun). I quickly got irretrievably hooked on the mysteries of RF and the attending cool stuff you could do with it, and soon was a budding novice operator. From those meager beginnings came a president of the SEDXC - - Tesla has a lot to answer for!

I hope to see you at the meeting – I guarantee it will be interesting!

HELP NEEDED TO GET ANDAMAN ACTIVE!!

VU4 - ANDAMAN

The two Indian DXers who are asking for permission to go to Andaman are Manoj Agarwal, VU2WAP and Mrs. Bharathi Prasad, VU2RBI.

These are SEPARATE efforts and each is asking for letters supporting that effort. It seems that written letters, with a signature, carry more "weight" than email, etc.

Following are the addresses for each of them:

VU2WAP

Manoj Agarwal
44/1e Fair Field Layout Race Course Road
Bangalore 560001, INDIA

VU2RBI

Mrs. Bharathi Prasad
Qtr # 1284,
Type IV Special, Sector 12
R.K. Puram, New Delhi 110022, INDIA

I encourage all of you to help to get this VERY RARE entity on the air!

All for now – CU at the meeting!

Best

Wes – Whiskey 3 Whiskey Lemur

CQWW COMING UP BE READY!!!

FROM THE VP

-Al Ludwick, N4ZZK, VP

Here is one for the “you just never know” category. We had company at our place the first weekend in October. With a full house and family activities planned, radio time would be very limited. Although only active for an hour or so, I was lucky enough to work two new ones.

TJ3FR, Sigi Presch - DL7DF and his team operated from Cameroon on all modes.

VK9LA, Lord Howe Island, also ranked in the top 100 on the latest wanted list was QRV. OM's operated using the VK9LA call and the YLs as VK9LW.

On to the program for October. Thanks to Wes for arranging the program on “The Life and times of Nicola Tesla.” The presentation by Stan Clay promises to be educational and entertaining.

And a preview for next month. Ken will be presenting a talk on “The Thrill of low band DXing, one enthusiast's viewpoint.” Ken will share his experiences over the past 19 years and include comments on:

Why top band dxing is such a challenge
Brief review of antennas and equipment techniques used some of the great top band dxers in the world and our own backyard valuable references.

If there is anything in particular you would like Ken to address, please drop him a note at: k4tea@bellsouth.net

73 es gd dx, Al
n4zzk@mindspring.com
(770) 554-2658

ED NOTE: Program schedual from Al is on page 3, print it out for future reference. Thanks Al! -N4XXM

**RENEW IF YOU
HAVEN'T YET!
SUPPORT THE CLUB!**

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Harry Saunders, W4KJ, Tres.

There is no significant change in the Treasury. I would remind members to get their dues in if they haven't taken care of that already. We have quite a few members who haven't renewed their memberships and need to ASAP.

Also, we are looking for items to raffle off at the Club Meeting. Check your shacks for things that would make good raffle items and bring them along. It's fun to have our raffle and it raises money for the Club. See you at the meeting!

Harry Saunders, W4KJ
Treasurer

ACTIVITIES

-John Tramontanis, N4TOL

Please keep in mind that the club has signed up for a table at the Stone Mountain Hamfest on November 6th. This is always a fun and well attended hamfest. We will pass around the sign up sheet for folks to man the table at this month's meeting.

73 – John N4TOL,Activities

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screen, it will print fine.**

SEDXC PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Date	Presenter	Program
September 28	Bob Allphin / K4UEE George Nicholson / N4GRN	3Y/P Peter One, planning and preparations
October 26	Stan Clay Wes Lamboley / W3WL Stan worked for GAF and Ilford as a photographic scientist. His educational background includes chemistry, electrical engineering and math. Currently he teaches classes in digital imaging and computers.	Life and times of Nicola Tesla, Inventor, Scientist, & Genius. Did you know? Tesla's has a U.S. patent for the first device anywhere using wireless remote control.
November 23	Ken Byers / K4TEA	The Thrill of low band DXing, one enthusiast's viewpoint. Ken will share his experiences over the past 19 years and include comments on: - why top band dxing is such a challenge - brief review of antennas and equipment - techniques used - some of the great top band dxers in the world and our own backyard - valuable references
December Party	Happy Holidays	
January 25	Jim Streible / K4DLI	Antenna modeling using the popular EZNEC program.
February 22	Jim Kauten / W4TE	Digital DXing with PSK31 and RTTY
March 29	Bob Allphin / K4UEE George Nicholson / N4GRN	3Y/P Peter One
April 26	Dick Baxter / K5TF	Estate planning, what to do when the inevitable occurs. Should we consider forming a club service group?
May 31	Member show and tell	A favorite QSL, award, homebrew project or anything else to share.
June 28	Wes Lamboley / W3WL	Kergeulen (FT/X)
Summer Picnic	Hot fun in the summer time	

MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER

-George Nicholson, N4GRN, Sec.

The September meeting was called to order by Wes W3WL. There was a good turnout consisting of 19 members and a guest Paul Manno, KG4UVU. Paul paid his dues and became a member at the meeting.

John has registered the club for a table at the Alford Memorial Hamfest on Saturday November 6, 2004. This is located at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds. Let's support John and the club by helping to staff this table. Contact John if you can help.

Bill Barr announced that there is no deadline for DXCC submittals any longer. We are very lucky to have a member checking cards. We all owe Bill a thanks for his great service.

A new Dxpediton was announced. Wes will be a team member on the Kerguelen Dxpediton in March 2005. The SEDXC can not contribute as the entire trip is being sponsored by the Northern California DX Foundation. This is another major Dxpediton with SEDXC members taking part.

We were informed at the September meeting that *HZ1AB* one of the more famous DX calls in ham radio has been reassigned to a Saudi National. The station was often responsible for the first worked and confirmed Saudi Arabian contact for the DX enthusiast. The station went on the air in early 1947. The license was a gift from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia but now no longer exist.

Dave K4SSU received the last club DX award for 1st place High Power at the September meeting. The possibility of a shack tour to W8JI in Barnesville was discussed and sounds like a very good Saturday trip for the club in the near future. This should be finalized in the coming meetings.

Please start using the new "club discussion board". Thanks to Kos, N4NIA, for getting this up and running in record time. This can be a powerful information tool for all club members if we all use it, so please let's make this an active part of the clubs sharing of information. Thanks to Chaz for his ongoing help with the website.

A donation of \$1,000.00 was presented to Bob Allphin for the Peter I Dxpediton. Bob, Eric Stance, and I presented information about the many aspects of planning for the Peter I Dxpediton. There is a lot more behind the scenes work than most people ever could

imagine.

The prospect of a SEDXC Dxpediton has been discussed at the August and September meetings. This could be a fantastic way to bring the club members closer together and would be a great deal of fun. I personally feel that we should seriously start working on this as a club project for late 2005 or early 2006.

See you at the October Meeting.

George Nicholson N4GRN, Secretary

DX TIDBITS

-Rick, N4XMX, editor

By now, I hope everybody has gone through the process of getting registered for the Logbook of the World (LOTW) program at ARRL. I have uploaded my entire log and have been amazed at the number of matches I have already, over 650. As I have mentioned before, many of the old logs from rare and famous DXpeditions have been uploaded. Remember VK0IR? His logs are up and you don't have to deal with getting the card the hard way. Took me a year to get that card.

Another one of the great things about uploading logs frequently is that after a contest, you will be amazed at how many contesters upload the logs quickly. I have almost 20 RTTY contacts I need waiting for me to "buy" them. Most came after the last RTTY contest. Sure beats waiting for the cards. The Aves Island logs have been uploaded as well even before the cards have been sent out! Now that's service.

Been trouble shooting rotors lately. The Ham IV managed to straighten itself out after I put a Tailtwister control box on it and ran it around a bit. However, my Genie rotor with my WARC antenna is not registering orientation correctly so I have to have my harmonic (KF4YOQ) operate the rotor while I spot it with a compass. 2M radios are great for that. Need to get it fixed before Peter 1. Need it on all the WARC and low bands as well. Now is the time to get ready! CQWW provides good pileup practice too. Just do it...

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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