



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

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DX CLUB*

October 2006

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT

---Al Ludwick, N4ZZK

How's DX? Did you work VY0ICE? Steve/VE2TKH is operating from Nunavut in the Arctic. He is QRV but operation will cease earlier than planned on October 11, 2006. VY0ICE counts as CQ Zone 2, ITU Zone 4, and IOTA NA-047 Baffin Island in the Nunavut Territory. Cool call and nice QSL card. The RRS James Clark Ross is once again in the South Atlantic and Mike who operates as VP8CMH/MM from onboard made a stop in South Georgia VP8/G as VP8SGK. I was glad to work him last Sunday as VP8/G was needed here.

As you probably know, we approved supporting XF4 at September's meeting. Hal/N4GG has taken care of the announcement via the reflector, and the other details. Look for them to be QRV by the time you read the newsletter. At the September meeting there was also a motion to support the Libya Dxpediton, 5AYA. Wes/W3WL is investigating and more to come on this. VU7 is on the horizon and rumor has it Bob/K4UEE will be on the team. With this recent activity, the discussion turned to our level of club support for Dxpeditons. We haven't been in strict compliance with our bylaws over the last year or so but in every case the membership has approved our expenditures. There is an ongoing effort to revise the bylaws and specifically look at the amounts for our Dxpediton support. Jim/W4TE and Harry/W4KJ are heading this up and will provide a status update at the October meeting.

HFProp and the new VOAProp. Julian Moss/G8ILO authored a small program you may be familiar with called HFProp. It's is fast, free, easy to use and graphically shows propagation by band. HFProp is based on a simplified propagation model but I've

found it works pretty well. Julian now has a new program called VOAProp that looks a lot like his HFProp program but the similarity ends there. VOAProp uses VOACAP, a propagation model developed over 50 years by the US Navy Research Laboratory and the Institute of Telecommunications Sciences, with sponsorship from Voice of America. It is probably the most accurate HF propagation model available, though it still has some weaknesses as are acknowledged by its developers. Now that computers are much faster, it has become possible to run the VOACAP model in real time to produce propagation maps and charts as HFProp did. You can check it out and download a free copy of both programs at:

<http://www.g4ilo.com/>

I'm traveling the last week of October (business meeting in Las Vegas), so won't be able to make the meeting. One item of new business John/N4TOL will bring up is the holiday party. It's time to start planning, find a volunteer to host, etc. GaryWB4SQ has agreed to help with arrangements, the evite, maps etc. See you in November.

73 es gd dx, Al

FROM THE VP

--John Tramontanis, N4TOL

I hope everyone enjoyed the KH8SI program last month. I would like to thank Wes Lamboley, W3WL, for hooking us up with the video.

I received a lot a positive feedback on the "Andaman Radio Waves" video. It was certainly interesting to see such an accurate portrayal of amateur radio and DX on a broadcast news program. The video featured D.Bharathi Prasad, VU2RBI, who has also been very involved in the upcoming efforts to put VU7, Lakshadweep, on the air this December. There should be some discussion related to the upcoming

VU7 DX activity on the meeting agenda for this month's meeting.

Our program this month is "The Anatomy of a Winning Contest DXpedition - TI5N". We are privileged to have our very own Hal Kennedy, N4GG, present on his experience as a member and operator of the TI5N team that won the 2006 ARRL International DXCW Contest in the DX Multi-Operator Two Transmitter category.

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

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting October 24th.

73 – John N4TOL

SECRETARY'S REPORT SEPT. 2006

-George Nicholson, N4GRN, Sec.

The September meeting was called to order by Al N4ZZK at 7:30PM.

Individual introductions were made immediately after the meeting was called to order. There were 34 members present at the meeting.

The Secretary's report was given by George N4GRN. I wish to thank those that helped with the Secretary duties in my absence from July to September. It was nice being back at the meeting with a great group of hams.

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

The VP's report was given by John N4TOL. There was nothing to report.

The Treasurer's report was given by Hal N4GG. We have 36 unpaid members from last year remaining unpaid. All others have renewed. Hal reported that we have approximately \$6,500.00 in the treasury for the club. The new budget was also published on the web and was discussed.

The Activities report was given by Gay WB4SQ. The Alford Hamfest was discussed and people were asked to sign-up for our table. There were no other activities discussed.

Membership Report was given by Bill Barr, N4NX. Bill announced that he will be away until after Thanksgiving so no QSL mailings will be done in October. We all need to help bring new members and to help increase membership 10% considering losses of old members for what ever reason. Bill will be New Zealand and Australia.

Announcements and How's DX:

- 1) K4UEE spoke at the SEDXCO and ten Tec Hamfest on September 29th and 30th .
- 2) Bill N4NX said send in Swains Island and Montenegro as they are sending out QSL's
- 3) Bill announced that Mike Greenway now has over 700 grid squares on 6M's plus over 100 countries.
- 4) Mike found a 1994 card from P2 while cleaning cards.

There was no cluster report.

Old Business:

- 1) Jim Kauten took orders for the Lands End shirts.
- 2) Chaz discussed the Café Press clothing, mugs, etc.
- 3) Hal said that we only had 17 people slightly interested in the "bus to Dayton" idea. We need 50 so it was decided that we will not do the bus at this time.

New Business:

- 1) Al brought up giving money to XF4. Bill said they were a good organized group and we should donate. We think they are number 35 so we voted to donate \$250.00 provided we get logo on QSL. Bill made a motion and Jim seconded the motion and we voted to make donation.
- 2) Wes made a motion to donate to Libya 5A. Jim seconded the motion. Hal asked why we would donate if we had not been asked to donate. It was discussed that we will donate provided we get logo on the QSL. We voted and approved the donation of \$250.00.
- 3) It was discussed that the Secretary should have the most recent "most wanted list" at the meetings for deciding on amounts to donate.
- 4) It was also discussed that the Bi-Laws need to be looked at regarding donations.
- 5) Florence Montgomery will donate some money to the SEDXC from the sale of W4BFR's ham estate. Bill and Chaz are assisting with this for Ms. Montgomery.
- 6) There were several items donated for the raffle:

DONOR	DONATION	WINNER
Harry	SEDXC T-shirt	???
Al	Nokia 9290 PDA phone	
Mike		
Hal	Packet radio Book	Paul
John	SEDXC shirt	Jim
WA4HNL	EAA-B17 2 passes	Wes
Bill	Antenna book CD	???
Don	Icom T Shirt	???
????	MFJ 250 Analyzer cover	Harry
W4BFR estate	T Shirt	Mat
W4BFR estate	LM150 Larson Antenna	Mike
W4BFR estate	Ampmeter Clamp-on	Jim Kauten
W4BFR estate	Clock	Dale
W4BFR estate	SEDXC Shirt	George
W4BFR estate	Radio School Audio tapes	
Give to tech Fest		
W4BFR estate	Pierre Cardan Hankerchiefs	John
W4BFR estate	Pen and radio set	Guy

At approximately 7:40 PM there was a break and raffle tickets were sold by Hal. Hal held the raffle after the break. See the above chart for winners and donors (maybe partially inaccurate moved so fast lost track at times)

At 8:30PM KH8SI Dxpedition was presented along with a short VU4 presentation.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30PM.

-George Nicholson, N4GRN, Sec.

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Hal Kennedy, N4GG, Tres.

Report for the month of October

SEDXC Treasury	\$6087.75
Packet Fund	\$ 380.15
Total Balance	\$6,467.90

The club's sole expenditure for the month was \$250—our contribution to the upcoming XF4 expedition.

Membership renewals for 2006/2007 continue to arrive and are nearly complete. Hopefully our few remaining stragglers will renew quickly and we can

move on to recruiting new members.

The September meeting raffle was a huge success, raising over \$100 for the club's treasury and providing lucky winners with treasures worth far more than a \$1 ticket. Please continue to support the raffle – it is allowing the club to consider additional sponsorship to deserving DX'peditions or other activities as they arise.

For those who did not make the September meeting, it was announced that the "bus to Dayton" idea did not generate nearly enough interest to continue to pursue it.

As always, patches, pins and the raffle will be available at the next meeting on October 24th – I hope to see everyone there.

DX conditions continue to pick up and some new band-countries have gone into the N4GG log. 160M has been hot early this season, with strong EU signals many evenings. A new K9AY loop is working well and making them easier to hear. Fall conditions are here – on low MUF mornings it is possible to work Northern Europe on 40 – there is something magical about getting an S9 report from London at high noon their time.

73, Hal, N4GG

ACTIVITIES

-Gary McConville, WB4SQ

By the time this comes to print, the SECC picnic at NQ4I's contest station will be history. Rick's wondrous antenna farm is matched by dual transceivers/amps for each HF band. It was only a twice in a lifetime experience for me, as I now have permanently damaged my hearing in the left ear from having the headphone volume TOO LOUD on 15M (my attempt to 'out filter the radios'). But, the camaraderie and skills learned (to help with my DXing, of course), were worth every ounce of the pain. Rick, being the grand host, actually does squeeze in some air-time.

We still need help filling one-hour (or more) time slots for our Lawrenceville hamfest table. It's a great place to run into old friends that you never see at the hamfests, as they end up visiting YOU. If you have any personal DXpedition QSLs that you'd like to display, please bring them.

See ya at the meeting...

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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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