



Southeastern DX Club

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THE SOUTH'S PREMIER DX CLUB
October 2008

From the President:

September was a terrific month for the SEDXC. The Bar BQ at Ken and Trish Byers home was well-attended and fun for all. Thanks for hosting the Club once again, Ken! And, the 50th Anniversary International Contest was not only fun but lit up the bands and the packet clusters...we had one club member make over 900 QSOs...wow! Club participation was great with 46 Club members participating.

www.sedxc.org/50thcontest.

The next and last activity celebrating our 50th anniversary is the gala Banquet on Sunday, December 7th at the Paper Mill Grill in East Cobb! It will be a night to remember as we will honor our founders, early pioneers, silent keys (SK) and relive the highlights of the SEDXC's last 50 years. Reservations and prepayment are required...and seating is limited. If you didn't get an Evite, then just email me at mallphin@aol.com.

Now this is important.....I am collecting old pictures, memorabilia and other items involving last 50 years. If you can help me with anything of that nature, please send it to me directly. I would appreciate you looking through your personal archives and sending me what you can. I will return all items that you ask me to return.

We have a great program Wednesday night and you can enjoy it and be home in time for the final Presidential debate!

73, Bob-K4UEE

From the Vice-President:

With Desecheo just ahead can Navassa be far behind? Congratulations to Bob, K4UEE, for the work he and others have done very quietly over the past several years to make a Fish and Wildlife sanctioned DXpedition to Desecheo possible—and along with others putting together the winning proposal. It looks as though the Desecheo team will be enjoying warmth early next year.



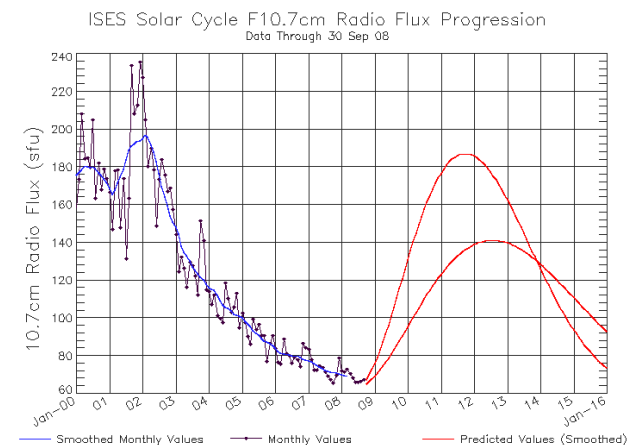
The island is only 0.56 square miles, Bob. Be sure not to sleep walk! I would think Desecheo should be relatively easy to work on 160m from Atlanta in January. I sure hope so.

Please take a look at the details of our program for October. John Stanley, K4ERO, the author of the recent spectrum analyzer articles in QST will tell you everything you need to know about digital spectrum analysis and how to use your computer for that purpose. CW skimmer? See it in action. Want to spot those unmodified FT-1000s who are clicking away on cw? He'll show you how. Can you imagine recording a 96 kHz wide spectral swatch during a contest and playing it back, and decoding some of the signals you want to look at after the contest is over? I used to do this with radar signals around 1970 when I was in the USAF. I didn't imagine it would ever be possible to do this in a ham shack. John will set up several activity centers to give you hands on experience after his talk. Be sure to bring

your memory stick to make copies of the files he uses.

We are going to do things a little differently at the meeting. John will have driven a long, long way to reach us and will face a long, long drive back. Thanks John! Don Nesbitt has also pointed out this will be the night of the final presidential debate and a number of you may want to get home earlier than usual in order to hear it. Thanks to N4HH for pointing this out. So, we are going to start the meeting with the program and follow it with the business meeting, which should be very brief. We need to start the program just as soon as possible after the official starting time of 7:30.

As I write this I note that there are two visible though tiny sunspots and that one is apparently present on the backside of the sun. You may have seen Dr. Hathaway's latest projections for Cycle 24 earlier this week. They were encouraging. Here is another projection:



140 to 180 for the 10.7 cm flux around mid 2011. I can't wait. Maybe I will have a next generation SDR which does QSK which even Tommy Alterman, W4BQF, would like by then. That's a challenge because Tommy cruises at 70 wpm—usually heard on 40m. Check out CW is for Real Hams—and his high speed cw paper at <http://tom.w4bqf.googlepages.com/home>

In November Don Nesbitt, N4HH, will build on John's presentation to give us a detailed look at the Elecraft K3 radio, its capabilities

and its performance. Those of you who heard Don's last talk and saw his demonstration with the Palomar noise bridge and spectral display will have a good idea of just how Don approaches a technical subject. Heck, he can even repair K3's, amplifiers, HRO-500's etc. I wasn't supposed to let that out of the bag, but it's too late now. Sorry Don!

We will be following up with a Dave Johnson "how to build your tower" presentation in January. His presentation filled the house in Huntsville this summer, and Dave will be customizing a presentation for the SEDXC meeting. I am also happy to announce that Tim Lemmon, WK4U, will be presenting a "Linux for Ham Radio" program at our February meeting. Several of us saw him present the topic at NFARL last month. He "hooked" me! And by the time of the presentation, Hardy Heron will have been replaced by Ibox.. For those of you who don't know Tim, he is known nationally in the SWL arena and spoke at a national conference last year. He is also a likely to become a new member of the SEDXC sometime soon. Let's be sure to welcome him!

CU at the meeting—tell your friends about the program.

73
Bob W2WG

Activities Report:

The Nov 1 & 2nd Lawrenceville hamfest is approaching. This one has been gaining popularity over the past few years and is clearly the largest hamfest in Georgia. Also, Nov 2nd is when Daylight Savings ends so you'll be more rested up for the second day of the fest. I'll soon be soliciting help to man our booth.

Hope everyone had a chance to run Q's in our 50th anniversary contest last month. By the number of entries, certificates weren't difficult to achieve. Anyone up for a second "Work 'Em On A Wire contest?"

Gary – WB4SQ

There were no other reports received this month. (ed)

EAA Chapter 690 at Lawrenceville will have a Special Event Station, W4LZU, on the air on Oct. 18 & 19 for the visit of the B-17 Aluminum Overcast. Get on the air and give them a contact and go out and see this historic aircraft and even take a ride in it.

The following is the official news release on the Desecheo Operation.

Press Release # 1----Desecheo KP5----2009

The Caribbean National Wildlife Refuge Complex has selected and announced a team of operators to activate Desecheo Island (KP5) sometime between January 15, 2009 and March 30, 2009. The Team will be co-led by Dr. Glenn Johnson, WØGJ and Bob Allphin, K4UEE.

Background: On June 30, 2008, the Caribbean National Wildlife Refuge office in Puerto Rico sent a letter to persons that had previously made inquiries about an Amateur Radio operation from Desecheo. They announced their decision to allow one group to activate the island and invited proposals that must adhere to strict guidelines and criteria. Applicant's had 45 days to prepare and submit their proposals.

CNWR received seven written proposals. A panel of three Fish and Wildlife Service employees, from areas within the Service outside of the Caribbean refuge, spent September 24 & 25 reviewing and evaluating the proposals. The selection criteria used were those outlined in the proposal invitation letter. Points were awarded for how well criteria were addressed for thoroughness and documentation.

The proposal with the highest ranking was submitted by team leaders Dr. Glenn Johnson, WØGJ, and Bob Allphin, K4UEE.

Their plan involves a team of fifteen operators for a 14-day operation. USFWS has not announced

the actual dates of the operation yet, but the DXpedition is expected to take place between January 15, 2009 and March 30, 2009. A Special Use Permit (SUP) will be issued as per USFWS regulations. We expect that the DXpedition team and DXers worldwide will have a minimum of 30 days notice.

A website is being planned and will be announced in the near future.

Editor Note:

I have seen the application they filed. It looked more like a government contract bid. It was big. As Bob, K4UEE, remarked at the time, "If they just weigh the proposals, we should win". Maybe that is what they did?

This months bulletin will be a little shorter than usual since my bride and I have been away for almost 2-weeks to Italy for an early celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary. We went early to have good weather, the actual date is the last of November. Therefore, I haven't had time to dig up any good articles to run this month. Did I hear someone say HURRAY!
I came down with a case of bronchitis the last day of our tour and the 10-hour flight from Rome to Chicago in that "Flying Sewer Pipe" and another 2-hours to Atlanta didn't help. So, I haven't been up to doing much the last 4 days towards the bulletin.

Here are a couple of pictures from our trip.



Taken in Pompeii. That is Vesuvius in the background and yes I wore my ham call cap. Thought I might run into a ham or two.



This is what Ann really wanted to do- the Gondola Ride in Venice.

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