



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

*THE
SOUTH'S
PREMIER
DX CLUB*

November 2003

Next meeting: November 18th 7:30 PM at the Fuqua Heart Center Classroom at Piedmont Hospital.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

-Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE, Pres.

2003 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Gary McConville, WB4SQ and his wife have graciously agreed to open their home for the SEDXC 2003 Christmas party. The party will be held Saturday, December 6, 2003. It will start at 1800. Burgers and hot dogs will be provided as well as soft drinks and appetizers. Please bring a dish of some sort as this year the party will be "pot-luck". Also bring any other type of beverages you may wish to drink if you desire more than soft drinks. RSVP to sedxc@kauten.com. List what dish you will bring and how many guests you will be bringing. Salads, appetizers, main dinner items, or a dessert item would be appropriate. Any member of the SEDXC and a guest/spouse is invited. Any number of prospective members is also invited.

NOTE: THE CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL REPLACE THE DECEMBER SEDXC MEETING.

A REMINDER:

IMPORTANT NOTICE—PARKING:

Mr. Robert Maynard, President and CEO of Piedmont Hospital, has asked me to ask the membership to park in a different location. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARKING WILL STILL BE FREE.** Patients still need access to the lot where we have been parking outside the ODC and McDonnell SurgiCenter. We have been asked to park in the North Deck. This is where we parked the first several meetings. It is not as convenient but parking will still be free. To get to

the North deck, take the turn after the one we have been taking into the ODC lot and turn right. After the turn, follow the signs directing you to the North Deck. Once in the North deck enter the Hospital and follow signs to the 95 Building where the Heart Center Classroom is located. More specific directions are on the web page at <http://www.sedxc.org/parking%20directions.htm>.

Mr. Maynard has informed the Garage attendants that we will not be charged for parking. We are to tell the parking attendant that we are members of the Southeastern DX Club attending a meeting at the hospital. Despite this change, we can be thankful that we have a nice meeting place well equipped with audio-visual equipment and have free parking. I will remind everyone when we meet at Panera prior to the next meeting.

This arrangement seemed to work well last meeting. Let me know if you have any problems.

LAST MEETING:

The last meeting was a great meeting. Jim Streible, K4DLI gave an interesting presentation on a software program called YT. YT, or Yagi Terrain, calculates the influence your surrounding terrain has on your particular antenna setup. Many variables can be modified. Jim put in a lot of work analyzing his set up as well as the set up of several other hams. We enjoyed the program and give our thanks to Jim for his great Power Point presentation.

The Club voted to send \$250.00 to Bill Fisher, W4AN as a donation for his generous hosting of our web site and reflector service. I am sure he will appreciate the help. We sure appreciate his donation of bandwidth to the Club, as well as his donation to individual hams for www.eham.net.

NEXT MEETING DETAILS:

PETER I—3Y0:

Bob Allphin, K4UEE, one of the Club's Senior

and Distinguished members is one of the organizers of the upcoming DXpedition to Peter I, 3Y0. The DXpedition will take place in January, 2004, at the height of the Antarctic Summer. Peter I is ranked 7th Most Wanted World Wide, 11th in the Eastern US, and 12th overall nationwide. Bob has participated in many DXpeditions, is member of the SEDXC Hall of Fame, and is a Distinguished member of the CQ DX Hall of Fame.

Bob informs me that the DXpedition will cost in the neighborhood of \$400,000. He is asking for our Club's support. Many Clubs, smaller than the SEDXC, have pledged \$2000.00. We will be discussing the Club's support of this DXpedition at the next meeting. The Club will get great exposure with a "sizeable" donation. Think seriously about the Club's support of this DXpedition. This was to have been discussed at the last meeting, but Bob had a family emergency that he had to attend to.

Try to come to the November meeting. This meeting will be the last meeting of the year. Next month there will be no meeting, only the Christmas Party. Wes has an interesting meeting planned this month. Look in his column for further details.

MEETING QTH:

The October 21, 2003 meeting will be held at the usual QTH, the Heart Center Classroom of the Fuqua Heart Center (Piedmont Hospital). There is free parking. Remember the Parking has changed to the North lot, but will still be free. Check the SEDXC website for directions and instructions. We will meet at Panera Bread just North of the hospital around 1800 for a good dinner with Club members then go to the meeting QTH around 1915.

Check out the web site. You can find it at: www.sedxc.org. Send any ideas to sedxc@kauten.com.

Send email to w4te@arrl.net if you have any new business to present for the August meeting.

GUD DX and see you at the meeting.

73, Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE, Pres.

FROM THE VEEP

-Wes Lamboley, W3WL, VP

This is a "Good News/Bad News" column this time.

Good news is that the much publicized and awaited video on Pitcairn Island will be presented at the November 18 meeting. Dave Johnson will be the presenter. Don't miss this one!!

Bad news is that the Peter One expedition planned for Jan/Feb '04 and co-lead by our own Bob Allphin has been postponed until 2005. This was a real heart breaker, as the decision was made during the time that the team was going through the final preparations here in Atlanta. The ocean-going container had just arrived from Minnesota with the equipment assembled by Ralph Fedor, K0IR, and Ralph, Bob, Mike Mraz, and myself were busy with the final provisioning, equipment testing and packing of the container. Word was received from the ship's helicopter contractor that the price was going to double. It was too much to bear and the Expedition was postponed until an alternate means of transport can be arranged.

Good news is that the Team is intact, and additional members have been added to it for the 2005 sortie.

Bad news is that the Sunspot Cycle will be further down the slippery slope, but then the good news is that the low bands will be better.

Bad news is the bum effect the cancellation has had on the Team. Our Bob had poured his heart and soul into the Project, and had exhibited energies far beyond his usual levels. Good news is that Bob already has a line on another means of transport, and is excited about the prospects of an even better opportunity in 2005!

Hope to see you at the November meeting!

Best

Wes - Whisky 3 Whisky Lemur

2003 XMAS PARTY ANNOUNCEMENT

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SEDXC CHRISTMAS PARTY!!

MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 21st, 2003

COME ALL YE FAITHFUL TO THE
2003 HOLIDAY POTLUCK

-Dale Nordin, K4HGG, Sec.

PARTY GRACIOUSLY HOSTED BY
GARY & NANCY McCONVILLE,
WB4SQ
730 WICKERBERRY KNOLL
ROSWELL, GA 30075

TIME: 1800-2100
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2003

RSVP: sedxc@kauten.com

(This takes the place of the December
meeting)

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Harry Saunders, W4KJ, Tres.

Here is the Treasurer's report for November:

SEDXC Treasury	\$ 3398.84
Packet Fund	\$ 610.15
Total Balance	\$ 4008.99

The Club continues to be in good financial condition with most of our dues renewals in for 2003/04. If you have not sent yours in, it is not too late. You may do so by sending a check for \$20 to the Club's P.O. Box.

We were pleased to receive 2 new members to join the Club at the recent Gwinnett Hamfest. The new members are Paul Quillen, N4LCD of Cartersville and Walter Wilson, N4UUO of Alpharetta. We welcome Paul and Walter and look forward to seeing them at one of our meetings in the near future. Look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Harry Saunders, W4KJ Treasurer
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The meeting was called to order by Jim-W4TE, at 7:34 p.m. with 15 members present After introductions, we continued into the treasurer's report

The treasure's report indicated that \$3975.00 is in our treasury of which \$610 is designated for the packet fund leaving \$3365.00 for club use. The usage of the packet fund was explained to the membership which is to support our packet clusters. Thanks to Ernie-KS4Q for sponsoring the packet repeater.

Also the CQWW contest will be coming up shortly - SSB on 10/25/03 and the CW portion on 11/29-30/03. Wes - W3WL suggested a formula for determining the winner of the club contest that is: Number of countries divided by the hours of operation
New Business:

The club has had the use of a webpage and a reflector courtesy of Bill-W4AN. A motion was made by Dave-K4SSU and seconded by Bill-N4NX to financially support the webpage. The amount to be determined . The motion passed unanimously
Announcements:

Activities manager, John-N4TOL announced that the SEDXC would have a table at the Stone Mountain Hamfest on Nov 1st. at the Gwinett County Fairgrounds. We will not have a swap table this year.

Bill-N4NX announced that he will be sending in his outgoing QSLs after the Stone Mountain Hamfest. He can now check CQ awards with some exceptions.

The Christmas Party will be held the first weekend of December at Gary-WB4SQL's QTH.

The ARRL confirmed receipt of our \$250 donation to be used to fight BPL (Broadband over Power lines)

. Peter I DXpedition will be discussed at the November meeting. Our own K4UEE will be one of its leaders and Wes-W3WL one of its participants.
Program:

Jim-K4DLI described in detail a program that he uses to measure antenna patterns at various elevations above sea level. He compared the patterns on flat, sloped and hilly terrains.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Dale-K4HGG/SM1WRI Secretary

ACTIVITIES

-John Tramontanis, N4TOL

We all had a great time at the Stone Mountain hamfest this month. The club table was quite successful signing up a few new members and selling badges and pins. There always was a good crowd around our area, providing some nice exposure for the SEDXC. I would like to thank all those who helped out and volunteered at the club table.

Thanks to: N4NX-Bill, W4KJ-Harry, WB4SQ-Gary, K4JRB-Dave, KC4AA-Bill, W4OWY-Bob, N4ZZK-Al.

Also, the SEDXC club challenge continues for the CQWW DX CW Contest on November 29-30. Details on contest to follow by e-mail.

The race for the SSB contest is hotly contested. Please remember to send in your SSB entry before the November 22nd deadline.

Announcing New Guidelines For CQWW Contest - Southeastern DX Club Challenge

Phone-October 25-26 CW-November 29-30

The contest committee convened at the last club meeting and the following categories and guidelines were established for the upcoming CQWW DX phone and CW contests.

1) Winners of the prior year contest are ineligible to receive awards for this year's contest. (Sorry guys, wait till next year).

2) Awards will be given to the highest country count in three classes: high power (over 100 watts), low power (not to exceed 100 watts), and QRP (not to exceed 5 watts).

73 – John N4TOL, Activities

**CQWW CW
NOV 29-30
LOOK FOR FR/E**

DX TIDBITS

-Rick Glisson, N4XMX, ed.

The LOTW has been up a month and already the number of matches has increased up to 260+ for the 8K plus QSO's I uploaded. As I mentioned before, most are 160M and 10M contest QSO's. However, some of the matches are pretty good such as FO0, A5, VK0IR, XT, XU, 3B6, and ????. I encourage everybody to upload all their logs. You may not need anything but someone else may. A great way to fill in band countries. I have been entering some of the RTTY contests going after DXCC on RTTY and hope to use LOTW to confirm a lot of the common countries that way. It is also fun to check once in a while and see how many more matches you have! Bill, N4NX, told me he had uploaded over 22K QSO's and had over 1000 matches! Not too shabby for only being in operation for a month.

Cooler weather means more good mid and low band activity. However, the conditions during CQWW in October were wild! The solar numbers were over 220 and 10M and 15M were so hot I only made a few contacts on 20M! Since CQWW CW is about a month later, similar conditions could exist again. QSB was all over the place but hang in there and you will be rewarded. Don't forget, Europa will be up during the contest. High bands are specific, if you're in the pipe, he's all yours. Cuts down on the pileups. If you are not in the pipe, try a lower band or go back to the contest!

Good DX lately has included ZK1/N (with excellent ears), 30-80M in the early AM. Europa will start Nov 25 and run until Dec 15. Callsign will be TO4E and during CQWW CW TO4WW. Get your station ready for this one. It would be an all time new one for me. Hope conditions do hold up for this group. Been trying to listen during AM on 10 and 15M pointed their way and 20M in the evening to see how the path is. It will be a challenge unless they drain the bands with massive activity. That would be OK too!

In cluster news, Ernie and I are considering placing a computer at W4UCK and using TCP/IP instead of a RF link downtown for ATLDX. This would greatly shorten the time gap during contests. Downside is, if ISP is down or flaky, then ATLDX is down. Updates to follow.

CU in the pileups...

Rick, N4XMX

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DX PACKET FREQ.

N4XMX (2400) 144.91 (direct or GNTNOD),
(2400) 145.65 (direct or ATLDX)

KS4Q (2400) 145.01 MHz; 'c saw3'
(2400) 144.97 MHz; 'c saw4'
(1200) 145.63 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 66.23.195.102:7300

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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