



# SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

*THE  
SOUTH'S  
PREMIER  
DX CLUB*

November 2004

**Next meeting: November 23rd 7:30 PM at the Fuqua Heart Center Classroom at Piedmont Hospital.**

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

**--Wes Lamboley, W3WL**

I think the new web site is just great. Every time I visit it I find something else that is new and interesting. It is just fun to surf around on the site! I got a kick out of one of Tom Harrell's QSL cards shown in the "Member DXpeditions" – Tom had 9 boxes he could check on the front, all different expeditions. And that was but a few of his travels for the worthy! We owe a lot to Chaz, W4GKF and Kos, N4NIA, for putting the site together, and to Bill, N4NX, for all his efforts as well. Thanks guys, this is a world-class job you did / are doing!

I was sorry to have missed the hamfest on the 6th, but I had to work at the RV lot. Many thanks to the guys who manned the table and welcomed 3 new members and re-upped 5 old ones! I did sell one RV that Saturday, but it will take a lot more to send me to Kerguelen!

I am handling the shipping of the equipment to FT8Xx, and with the world terror situation like it is, it makes it very difficult to ship anything anywhere. Security checks and regulations have gotten much more stringent in the past 3 years, and continue to do so. It was a small nightmare for me two weeks ago just shipping two medical supply suitcases to New Zealand. The recent scary shipping story is connected with the Chesterfield group –their ACOM 1000 lost a battle with an extra-cautious French security staff armed with a water cannon. It made for a bit of a problem when that particular bag did not show up just prior to their getting on the boat to go to FK/C! They only got some pieces of the ACOM back; no payment of any kind! This sort of stuff just makes DXpeditioning

more of an adventure!

I signed up for the Emergency Communications course with the ARRL; will give y'all a full report on it next month. It looks really good so far.

Jim, K4TE, and his wife have graciously offered to host the Christmas Party this year. There will be an invitation forthcoming to all. Thank you Kautens!

Hope to see you at the meeting!

Best

Wes – Whiskey 3 Whiskey Lemur

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## FROM THE VP

-Al Ludwick, N4ZZK, VP

### **VU4 - ANDAMAN ISL Expedition DECEMBER 2004.**

The message on the reflector from Dave/KB4ET about Andaman looked interesting. I don't get the Daily DX, but found several postings on the internet with a similar message, see below. Let's hope the buzz is accurate and her venture works out.

**VU2RBI, Bharathi Prasad, has asked for a month-long operating permission this December. Only native citizens of India are allowed to operate. She led the 1978 DXpedition to VU4.**

For our program this month, Ken/K4TEA 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

Next month, on December 18, is the Holiday party — look for more details from Jim / W4TE. Don't forget to check the web page for information on the other programs planned for the rest of the year.

73 es gd dx, Al  
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## TREASURER'S REPORT

**-Harry Saunders, W4KJ, Tres.**

Here is the Treasurer's Report for the month of November:

SEDXC Treasury	\$ 2990.15
Packet Fund	\$350.15
Total Balance	\$ 3340.69

This month we sent a \$ 1000. check in support of the Peter I DXpedition starting in January, 2005 . This is one of the largest, if not the largest, contributions the Club has ever made to support a DXpedition. What could be more appropriate than this world class DXpedition and our own Club members who are part of the Team - Bob, K4UEE and George, N4GRN. It is just another example of what we DXers can do jointly as members of the premier DX Club in the Southeast!

We still have a number of past active members who have not renewed their membership for the 2004/2005 Club year. Go to the Cub's web site and see if you are current. If not send me your renewal dues, \$20 for individuals and \$25 for families addressed to " P.O. Box 19871 Atlanta, Ga. 30325.

Remember we need raffle items for the next meeting so look through your closet, drawers and garage and see if you can find something you think is interesting and would be of interest to the members. It doesn't have to be big. The Club benefits and we all have some fun too!

See you at the next meeting!

Harry Saunders, W4KJ  
 Treasurer

**VU4!!!**

**-DX-NEWS**

VU4 PERMISSION GRANTED! Date: Friday, November 19, 2004 1:29 PM

QST: VU2RBI, Bharathi, just notified me (Nov. 19, noon EST) that she now has in her hand all permissions necessary to do a legal operation on Andaman. The permission allows the following hams to transmit from VU4—VU2: RBI, DBP, MYH, RSB, and DVS, only. The permit period is for December 3, 2004 to December 31, 2004.

Any and all donations that come to me will be completely used to assist this DXpedition via the National Institute of Amateur Radio in India, the umbrella sponsoring agency who, BTW, is allowed to receive foreign funds.

Charles Harpole, VU3CHE 3100 N. Hwy. 426 Geneva, FL 32732 USA

This is truly an exciting moment for ham radio DXing, activating an entity silent for about 17 years. Please be on your best on-air behavior when calling. We want to show ham radio to the India government and the world regulatory bodies that we are a disciplined and worth while activity, fully deserving of precious spectrum space.

There are no firm answers yet as to what bands/modes nor what rigs/antennas. This DXpedition is not a mass group of crack operators arriving with tons of gear. However, there is some possibility of a continuing renewal of permits to VU4 by many India hams, thus, we have the hope of more contact opportunities in the future.

Warm up the rigs ... here we go ! 73,  
 Charles Harpole k4vud@hotmail.com

**CQWW COMING  
 UP BE READY!!!**

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## MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER

### **-George Nicholson, N4GRN, Sec.**

The October meeting was called to order by Club President Wes, W3WL. We had 19 members present at the meeting. All officers were present.

Chaz, W4GKF, discussed the revised website. He asked that members start using the discussion board as it can be a valuable asset for transmitting club information and help in general. Thanks to Chaz, W4GFK, and Kos, N4NIA, for this great new website and the discussion board.

Harry, W4KJ, gave the Treasurers report. He reported that there was "money in the account" and that the \$1,000.00 contribution to the Peter IDxpedition was ready to be delivered. There was no other Treasurer news.

John, N4TOL, discussed the upcoming Hamfest and that some spots were filled but a few more people were needed to man the booth.

Bill, N4NX, said that cards could be turned in to him at the Hamfest. He reminded that there is no deadline any longer for DXCC submissions. Bill also talked about the new website and the DX page showing members on various Dxpeditions. He said that this has some great information and is very interesting so please check it out. If you need to change your email address you should un-subscribe and the re-subscribe with your new address. There was also some discussion about the Log Book of The World by Bill.

Wes asked if there was any old business and there was some discussion about the proposed trip to W8JI being planned soon. There was also some discussion about the bylaws being reviewed and updated.

New business consisted of Dave Johnson, K4SSU, discussing the possibility of promoting the webpage to other hams and taking advantage of the new discussion board. Al, N4ZZK, and Bill, N4NX, agreed that copies of the webpage would be made to have at the Hamfest.

In other new business Jim, W4TE, announced that he would be hosting the Christmas part at his home around December 18 or 19, 2004. Thanks for this contribution to the clubs social life; I am sure we shall all have a great time.

At approximately 8:00PM there was a break and raffle tickets were sold by Harry.

Harry held the raffle and there were several

winners of the merchandise contributed by members.

The Vice President Al, N4ZZK, introduced the guest speaker Stan Clay. Stan gave an excellent presentation on Nikola Tesla. This was a very informative presentation about the life and discoveries of Nikola. The presentation was very professional. Thanks to Stan Clay for his time and effort.

At approximately 9:30PM we adjourned.

George Nicholson N4GRN, Secretary

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## ACTIVITIES

### **-John Tramontanis, N4TOL**

We all had a great time at the Lawrenceville hamfest this month. It was a beautiful day, a great turnout, and a fine boneyard. The club table enjoyed a lot of traffic, resulting in some new members as well as member renewals.

The club website was heavily promoted at the table, as Al Luwick, N4ZZK, provided some nice color posters to display, which directed people to the site and its features. The new enhancements to the website should provide some nice exposure and results for the club. Great work!

Bill Barr, N4NX, was also present at the table checking QSL cards. This provides great exposure for the club which resulted in recruiting a couple of new memberships as well on Saturday. Bill was also armed with his digital camera, taking photos of club members who came by the table. These pictures are displayed on the club website – log on and check these mugs out.

I would like to thank all those who helped out and volunteered at the club table. Thanks to: N4NX-Bill, W4KJ-Harry, K4HGG-Dale, WF4W-Tad, W4TE-Jim, KC4AA-Bill, W4OWY-Bob, KT4MM-Jim, N4XP-Tom and N4ZZK-Al.

Look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.

73 – John N4TOL, Activities

## KP1/KP5 NEWS!!!

**-N4AA**

[SEDXC] More on Navassa/Desecheo Date: Thursday, November 18, 2004 8:48 AM

Forwarded with N4AA's Permission!

Hello DXers:

Late breaking news late yesterday. If you need KP1 and/or KP5 you will be interested in the following from Garry Ritchie, W8OI. It is somewhat lengthy but I want to give you as much of the story as I can within space limitations..

U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (Democrat of WV), ranking member of the U.S. House Committee on Resources, has agreed to sponsor a bill that in effect would force the Fish and Wildlife service to allow occasional DXpeditions to these island DXCC entities. Even better, it's a bipartisan bill because the committee chairman, Richard Pombo (Republican of California) has agreed to cosponsor it.

F&WS has heretofore turned down every recent DXpedition effort to these places based on what the bill's sponsors believe to be erroneous interpretation of the law governing wildlife refuges.

Rep. Rahall has been wonderful in this struggle pushing F&WS to okay the latest attempted DXpedition and when that failed, he agreed to introduce the bill. It will be introduced today (November 16) as Bill # H.R. 5361.

No one really thinks there's enough time to pass it in this lame duck congress, but Rep. Rahall feels it's important to start lobbying now to soften things up, and then he will reintroduce it next year and thinks there's a good shot at passage.

Here's what we need to do:

DXers all over the U.S. need to contact your respective representatives (Congressmen) and ask for their support of Bill # HR 5361. Thank you letters to Rep. Rahall and Rep. Pombo would be good too. Our group effort has been led by attorney/DXer Brad Farrell, K4RT, and Michael Thomas, NA5U. A group of us will make a presentation to the committee and/or its staffers in January, but what we need is lots of grass roots support.

If you want further information I suggest you contact Garry, W8OI (W8OI@aol.com) or one of the others mentioned above. A copy of the bill, back-

ground information on the islands (KP1/KP5), as well as the speech delivered by Congressman Rahall were provided. Due to the length of those documents I will not include them with this message, but they are available to anyone interested, either from Garry or myself.

Remember that this coming weekend is the ARRL Sweepstakes contest on SSB.

Until next week, enjoy the chase and HAVE FUN!  
73, Carl, N4AA

Lets do what we can - draft a letter from the club?

Wes - W3WL

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## DX TIDBITS

**-Rick, N4XXM, editor**

This has been an interesting couple of weeks. I lowered my WARC yagi (A3WS) down to change out the rotor. Old rotor was not giving proper location of beam. Antenna was 20 up on a 2 part pushup pole. I put a Taitwister on it and when I raised it back up Iwo Jima style, it just bent over my head!

Next day found 22 feet of 1.5" iron pipe at work and had a guy cut and thread it for easy transport. Last Saturday my job was working Saturday so we could get off the Friday after Thanksgiving. Four strong guys followed me home and with myself and my two kids, we did a proper raising. Only slightly bent one tip into a tree. Good news is that antenna is now five feet higher!

I was originally getting the WARC beam up for Peter 1 since I need them on those bands. However, the GREAT news that VU4 should be up soon is marvelous! I will also need it for FT/X next year as well. Need both of those for all time new ones.

Also spent time in my forest getting the top of the big GAP out of a branch (45' high!). Ended up using slingshot/rope saw combo to cut down the limb. Unfortunately, it dislodged the cap wire on top. Those of you who helped me put it up the first time will remember it isn't much fun. I think that project will wait awhile...

CU in the pileups...

- Rick, N4XXM

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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)

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K4JPD Repeater (tone 85.4 Hz)  
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