



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

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SOUTH'S
PREMIER
DX CLUB*

November 2005

Next meeting: November 22nd 7:30 PM at the Fuqua Heart Center Classroom at Piedmont Hospital.

FROM THE VP

-Al Ludwick, N4ZZK, VP

FROM THE PRESIDENT

--Wes Lamboley, W3WL

What a great club we have! I was truly aware of the spirit of our club when I read all the helpful information in response to one of our new members, JT. Lots of our guys offered help and gave advice to get him on the air and going in the right direction. He really brought out the spirit in all of us, and it made me realize the camaraderie we enjoy in the SEDXC. Sadly, JT had to leave unexpectedly and return to southern California. I was pleased to learn that there was nothing tragic involved, but rather a great job opportunity that came up that he could not refuse! So, we are sorry to see him leave, but wish him "Bon Voyage".

In an effort to help him get out of town as quickly as possible, I volunteered to pick up the remainder of the items he had to get rid of before leaving. He has donated two pretty nice items for door prizes at the club meeting, which I will keep as a secret. He also left me with several other items to try to sell for him if possible. I figured all the items are worthwhile and list them as follows: One Butternut HF2V 80/40 vertical – brand new except the base is missing because JT got the word to go to CA a day after he mounted it in concrete in his (former) back yard; One DX Engineering ground wire attaching plate; one G5RV Junior antenna; One 2 meter Ringo antenna; One 2 meter whip; Two HUGE (10x12x4") heat sinks; and Eight Hustler resonators and whip parts. I have all the above items in my garage, and they are all looking for a good home. I would like to sell them for reasonable prices and send the money to JT, so let me know if you are interested in any or all of the items.

Best,
Wes – Whiskey 3 Whiskey Lemur

The last few months have kept me out of town a lot and looks like that will be the rule for the next few as well. So my time on the air has been limited.

Hal is just back from PJ2 and has a good program for you this month. Now that the weather is getting rainy and cooler, a trip to warmer climates sounds especially nice.

November Program / Hal N4GG

The "Lazy man's Dxpediton" on how nice PJ2T has become - just show up and drink the Margaritas!

If you have never had the chance or desire to venture out on a Dxpediton, how about a four-star resort and full-up station, complete with three towers, ready to go? Just show up and get on the air at PJ2T, while staying 1000 ft down the road at the Sunset Waters. The 'inclusive plan' includes all you can eat and drink, including at the bar that's inside the swimming pool - just swim up for your favorite tasty beverage. Hal is making his second trip to PJ in October so he will have some up-to-the minute updates for his presentation. His program will cover:

- the current station and antennas
- the history of the place - it has quite a history
- the history of the Sunset Waters (Coral Cliffs), started by a ham
- where the "Cliff Hanger" drink got its name
- human interest points around Curacao
- If there is time and interest, he can also talk a little about the contesting from PJ
- and the propagation from the North Coast of SA - YV is only 30 miles to the South.

Here is some background on Hal. He was first licensed in 1961 as WV2QPW, became WA2QPW, then moved to FL in 1972 and became WA4BTC. He got his current call, N4GG, when the vanity license program started up. Other than taking 1987-1998 off

altogether, he has been chasing DX for the better part of 40 years. His Dad was licensed in 1916 as 2NJ and was a pioneer in the development of TV - working for RCA and later for NBC. He operated spark rigs shipboard for a few years. Hal has been on the honor roll from about 1970 onward, except for the 11 year break and currently needs five countries. He also has 196 of the 200 for 5BWAZ, and holds an early 5BDXCC. These days he contests a lot as well as works a lot of DX - all with wires from his deed-restricted neighborhood up in Woodstock. He is a founding member of the Central Fl DX Assn, a member of PVRC and SECC, and a former member of the NCDXA. He enjoys station design and antenna design, and does a lot of antenna modeling for some of the larger contest stations. He did the modeling for the 80 meter 9 circle that was built at K4JA and is now being replicated at K9DX - these are among the largest and highest gain antennas ever put on the low bands - they are written up in ON4UN's low band DXing book. He has written two articles in QST in the last three years, and three articles in NCJ. When contesting, he runs a fully automated SO2R station, with automatic band switched antenna tuning that he designed, automated bandpass filters and stubs, etc. Rigs at the moment: 2X FT-1000MPs with contest mods, 2X Acom 2000As, homebrew SO2R gear and switching, Dunestar BPFs, multi-computer logging and station automation.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

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**SEE EVERYONE AT THE
CHRISTMAS PARTY,
DEC 3rd
(This is the Dec meeting)**

**CHECK YOUR E-MAIL FOR
THE E-VITE FROM
JOHN HARDIN, W4NU!!
RSVP by E-MAIL**

MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 2005

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 26 members present at the meeting. There was a new member present JT Croteau W6FO.

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

The President was absent so there was no report.

The VP's report was given and there was no new information.

Harry gave the Treasurers report. He reminded us that dues are past due and that Chaz will be updating the web page very soon to delete the non paid persons. The bank account is in good shape but we need to keep pushing those who have not renewed to renew and to encourage new membership. The membership Chairman, Bill N4NX ask that anyone that has not paid dues to please pay now. He will send out one last email before you are dropped from the active roll. Bill reminds up that in order to support Dxpeditons we must collect dues so even if you can not be at the meetings please remain a member and encourage others to join.

John, N4TOL, gave the activities report and discussed that the Lawrenceville Ham Fest was in a week. We have a table and please attend if possible.

There was no cluster report.

Bill Barr announced that he would collect cards at the meeting and also at the hamfest.

There were a few announcements:

1) John W4NU and his wife are hosting the Christmas party this year. An Evite will be sent to all members. It starts at 7PM and there will be a bartender and a full meal served.

New Business was discussed:

1) There was NO new business.

Old Business:

1) There was no old business.

There were several items donated for the raffle.

Stan W2DNO donated a Hamscope by Heathkit. SEDXC Club donated a pin and patch. Guy W4GBU donated 10 IRC's. Ed K4SB donated an MFJ 259B and Packet software.

At approximately 7:40 PM there was a break and raffle tickets were sold by Jim.

Harry held the raffle after the break. K4SSU won the Hamscope. The new member JT won the MFJ 259B. Jim won the DX patch. Sherman won the DX pin. Dale won the IRC's.

The talk tonight was on Peter I and where we were with the planning and execution of the Dxpedition. Bob K4UEE and I presented some of the extreme cold clothing that will be required on the island and spoke of the type dress required to handle the possible varied temperatures. Bob then presented the new PowerPoint presentation. After the presentation questions were answered.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00PM.

George Nicholson, N4GRN, Sec.

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Harry Saunders, W4KJ, Tres.

SEDXC Treasury	\$ 4060.28
Packet Fund	\$ 360.15
Total Balance	\$ 4420.43

We are ending up the calendar year with the Club in good financial footing. The Club will contribute \$ 500. towards the cost of the Holiday Party which should be a great one at the home of John and Jackie Hardin on Saturday evening December 3, 2005. Please plan to be there and celebrate the Holidays with your friends of the SEDXC! We will have some door prizes that night so come see what's in store. If you would like to donate a special door prize for the evening feel free to do so. It's the season!

Speaking of prizes, our monthly raffle continues to grow and generate funds for the Club. Last month's was one of the best and was supported by a number of our members who brought in some neat stuff. Plan to bring something and help the Club!

Harry Saunders, W4KJ Treasurer
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ACTIVITIES

-John Tramontanis, N4TOL

The club sponsored a table at the Lawrenceville Hamfest on November 5th. The weather was perfect for the fest and there was a great deal of activity at the table as we enlisted a few new members and many renewals.

Many thanks to those who volunteered and manned the club table at the Hamfest. Without their participation, the club would not have a presence at these events or a place to congregate. These illustrious DXers are: WF4W – Tad, W4KJ – Harry, N4NX – Bill, K4KAL - Keith, KT4MM – Jim, KC4AA – Bill, W4OWY – Bob, N4ZZK – Al, K4HGG – Dale, N4FN – Neil, K4PWS - Phil, Gary – WB4SQ, Don – N4HH, Bob – W2WG (special thanks to Bob for coordinating the booth shutdown).

Bill Barr checked a lot of DX cards and other cards for various awards at our location, which kept a nice flow of activity at the table.

73 – John N4TOL, Activities
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DX TIDBITS

-Rick Glisson, N4XMX

I may have mentioned it last time that my 3 ele A-3 had converted itself to a 2 ele. After drafting several in the house plus a guest, we lowered the antenna to almost flat. Took a few come-alongs and six people in all to make sure the process was smooth. My wife slapped the third element back on by leaning a ladder next to a tree that was close the end of the boom. Those of you that have not seen the "terror on 20M" antenna farm don't know how to cram a triband beam, WARC beam, two verticals (one 45 feet high), and a full length 80M horizontal loop all in the back of a wooded lot without rising above the trees! Now for figuring out where to put the 40 CD-2!

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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