



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

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DX CLUB*

December 2001

Next meeting: In January, No December meeting!

FROM THE VP

-Wes Lamboley, W3WL

NEW PRESIDENT'S REPORT

-Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE, Pres.

We owe Mike Greenway, K4PI a HUGE vote of gratitude for the job he has done over the past several years serving as President of the SEDX Club. Job well done! I believe his work has helped the club through some difficult times and kept us together.

I am honored to now serve as the new President. I would like to see our membership grow. I have several ham friends that I am trying to get to come to the club meetings. Perhaps you all have some friends who would be interested. I have not any contact with the local ham radio clubs in the past several years. Perhaps the Atlanta Radio Club or others would have an interest in a program about DX'ing. If you have contacts in these clubs, talk with them and find out.

We all look forward to having a QSO with Bob Allphin, K4UEE and Wes Lamboley, W3WL Next January/February when they are in VP8 Land: South Georgia, and the South Sandwich Islands. I hope to make several QSO's, as I need South Sandwich. We wish them both a safe trip, as they potentially will be in harm's way getting to this QTH.

I believe everyone had a good time at the SEDXC Christmas party. I know I did. It was nice to be able to meet members I have not been able to get to know and to also meet their wives. I think many of the wives were concerned about going to a "ham radio party" and were pleasantly surprised! We need to start planning for next year.

I look forward to serving the club as President. Any suggestions or ideas are welcome. Hope to see you at the club meeting in January. Check out the new web page at: <http://sedxc.org/>.

Not much news for the worthy from the VP this month. I am spending a lot of time getting ready to leave for SSI and SG. It takes a lot of planning just to leave the home for 6 weeks, not to mention what I need to take with me!

I would like to make a general threat to the membership. If no one steps up to be Field Day Chairman, I am going to do the job myself! So - please - someone out there - consider doing the job. You can count on lots of help I am sure - especially from yours truly!

K4UEE and I are taking one of K9AY's latest designs (160 and 80 meter vertical) with us to the Islands. In fact, it is aboard the "Braveheart" now - somewhere in the South Pacific heading for the Falklands. I am hoping that Gary may be able to do a program for the club in February on his design (VERY clever, I might add) and Bob and I will be present (if God and the cops are willing) to attest to just how well it worked out!

You all may be interested to look at a copy of the December 2001 National Geographic. There is a superb article about scuba diving under icebergs. Also included in the article are photos of the "Braveheart" - it was the ship of choice for the NG expedition team (and the SSI/SG team!).

Tom - N4XP - will be doing the Program for the January meeting - the subject will be announced in the January newsletter (I always miss the good ones!). Stand by for details.

All for now - except for wishing everyone a JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON, AND A P5 IN THE (YULE)LOG!

Best, Wes

Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE

MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER

-Dale Nordin, K4HGG, Sec.

Mike, K4PI, called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. on November 20th with 16 members present. After introductions, Sandy-W4RU was congratulated for his victory in the Vice Directorship election,

Old Business:

Rick-N4XXM said that the packet repeater on 144.91 MHz. was now functioning. It was also mentioned that all the clusters are interconnected. For further details, contact Rick-N4XXM.

Secretary's note: The cluster is also available via the internet by: 1) Go on line through your favorite ISP. 2) Access the "MSDOS prompt" (C:\>). 3) Type "telnet ks4q.dns2go.com" 4) If everything works, a Windows based telnet window will open and will request a logon. 5) Answer the logon questions and the window will look like the usual 2m packet cluster. 6) Type "sh/dx" to view the last DX spots, type "sh/dx p5" to view the last p5 spots etc.

The club was reminded that there would be no December meeting of the SEDXC. Jim-W4TE has invited the Club to a Christmas party at his residence on December 1st, he later sent out an invitation via the reflector and e-mail requesting members to RSVP. Jim also noted in his treasurer's report that we had \$2,989.07 in our bank account

New Business:

It was noted that the Ducie Island DXpedition was cancelled due to bad weather, problems with the engine carburetors etc. The DXpedition would probably be re-scheduled at a later date.

Gary-K9AY has started his own company, AY Technologies, specializing in Ham Radio products. One product is a beverage antenna-matching transformer. He will distribute his products via WX0B's company Array Solutions. You can view his products on the web at "www.arrayolutions.com". He will also be putting something on the reflector. A beverage transformer, donated by Gary, and SEDX "T" shirt was raffled off during the meeting.

V.P. Wes-W3AY asked if there was anyone interested in forming and leading a Field Day committee. Dale-K4HGG asked if there might be a possibility in joining with another club to operate Field Day.

Mike-K4PI announced that due to a job change, he would have to resign as President of the SEDXC.

He noted that he has retired from Delta Airlines and will start at another company soon. On a subsequent e-mail notice, Mike announced that Jim-W4TE will assume the president's office for the remainder of his term.

Secretary's note: Mike has served this club well through the years and has done a lot to see that the club has succeeded. On behalf of all of the club members, I'd like to thank Mike for his dedicated service to the club. I'd also like to thank Jim for assuming the presidency of the SEDXC.

Program Notes:

The Club program was video on the D68 DXpedition presented by Wes-W3WL. The video showed the tremendous effort used in putting up their antenna system (160-6 meters) in the tropical environment and the 168K QSOs resulting from their effort. They were on the island of Grand Comore. The power source from the Capital city Moroni wasn't reliable, however the hotel had its own generator that came on within 2 minutes after a power failure.

It was nice to visit with long-time members Chaz-W4GKF and Winston-WA4PBW.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Dale - K4HGG / SM1WRI

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE, Tres.

Club Bank balances as of 10-5-01 are as follows:
SEDXC Club Bank balances as of 12-7-01 are as follows:

SEDXC	\$2598.57
Packet Cluster Account	\$560.15
TOTAL	\$3158.72

Kiyoshi Endo, K4ST donated 4 RF coax surge protectors and these were raffled off at the SEDXC Christmas party. This plus the November meeting raffle netted \$134.50 for the Club. There have been no new members this month. Financially the club is sound.

Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE, Tres.

DX TIDBITS

-Rick Glisson, N4XMX

First, I want to thank Jim, W4TE, for the wonderful Christmas party at his house. It was very gracious of Jim to have everyone over and provide absolutely wonderful refreshments. Thanks Jim!! Quite a number of members and spouses attended. We spent time chatting, eating and admiring Jim's wonderful station (upstairs AND downstairs portions). Kiyoshi, K4ST, kindly donated four surge protectors for a raffle. Thanks, Kiyoshi! Check out his web site at www.rftec.com for the complete line of products. I use several of his protectors and just put one on the cluster system main antenna. Thanks to everyone that came and again thanks to Jim for his hospitality!

I want also to thank Mike, K4PI, for hanging in as president of the club for so long. Mike was never one to pass up a job if it needed to be done. He has been very helpful to me as I was starting out with hints, suggestions, encouragement, etc. Never too busy to help, even after all these years and just about worked everything on all bands. Thanks, Mike!!

Speaking of club members with web sites, I look forward to seeing what Gary, K9AY, will be offering. Looks like real good stuff for the low band crowd. His goodies can be found at www.arraysolutions.com.

ARRL returned my last submission indicating that I had made honor roll. For making the honor roll I received a few stickers and an application to order the plaque. With 5BDXCC you at least get a certificate! I now find that I am about 16 Q's short of the DX Challenge Award. I wasn't even counting for that one but the next batch of cards for Bill, N4NX, our official DXCC card checker. Make use of Bill, sure beats sending cards to HQ. The only reason I had to send the last batch is because a few were over the 10 year limit by a few months.

On the rare DX front, the P5 has been on but I can't hear anything. Ducie was cancelled so I get to enjoy my honor roll a little longer... :)

Hope everyone has a very Happy Holiday season and may a P5 slip into your log!

CU in the pileups...

-73 Rick, N4XMX

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3W - Karl, W9XK will be active (mostly on 14260-14270, 21370-21400 and 28500 kHz) as 3W2XK from near Saigon, Vietnam until 9 April. QSL via W9XK. [TNX Daily DX]

3X - Francois, VE2XO will go back to Guinea in late December-early January. He will operate as 3XY6A from Conakry and he also plans to be active with a special callsign from Rooma Island (AF-051). [TNX The Daily DX]

9U - Piero, IK2BHX (aka K2BHX and HB9DSU) has been in Burundi since 4 December on mission for the United Nations. He will be there until 4 January and expects to operate as 9U5X concentrating on 30 metres and WARC bands. QSL via IK2ILH (preferably through the ARI bureau). [TNX IK2BHX]

E4 - Gunter, E4/OE1GZA was active from Ramallah, Palestine on 23-24 November (1027 SSB QSOs). His next activity was scheduled to take place on either 14-15 or 21-22 December, but the current local situation is likely to prevent him from entering the West Bank. Updates on Gunter's operations can be found on his new home page at <http://www.geocities.com/dh2gz/arse4.html> [TNX E4/OE1GZA]

HS - The E29AL operation from Tarutao Island (AS-126) [425DXN 545] is confirmed to take place on 8-15 December. The first wave of operators will be E21EIC, HS0GBI, E20HHK, E20RRW, G3NOM, HB9DKZ and HS4BPQ; they will be joined on 12 December by HS1CKC, HS0ZCW/K4VUD and HS0/SM3DYU. Monoband yagis will be used for the HF bands, and dipoles/inverted Ls for the LF bands. Look for E29AL on 1.824 MHz and 3.524 MHz at 1100-1300 UTC and 1800-2330 UTC. Maximum power will be 100 watts. QSL via HS0GBI (Cherdchai Yiwlek, P.O. Box 1090 Kasetsart, Bangkok 10903, Thailand). [TNX HS0/G3NOM]

KH5 - Mike, KH6ND and Kimo, KH7U will be on Palmyra Island this weekend. The main purpose of their trip is to perform maintenance on some equipment on the island, however they plan to participate for approximately the last 12 hours of the ARRL 160 Meter Contest. They expect to be on the air by around 05.00Z on Sunday; the callsign will be KH7U/5 (QSL via KH7U). [TNX N4AA and QRZ-DX]

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N4XMX (2400) 144.91 (direct or GNTNOD),
and 145.65 (direct or ARCDX)
KS4Q (2400) 145.01 (c sawnee, c ax1 ks4q)
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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NO DECEMBER MEETING
SEE YOU IN JANUARY
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!