



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

*THE
SOUTH'S
PREMIER
DX CLUB*

December 2006

**Next meeting: January 17th since
December was the party! Remember,
this is the third Wednesday!!!**

FROM THE PRESIDENT

--Al Ludwick, NN4ZZ (new call)

Happy Holidays to everyone! At our house, this is a time of year we look forward to a week or two away from work. It's a good time to relax, enjoy family, get ready for the new year, and play on the radio.

Reminder — Starting in **January** our meeting date will change to the 3rd Wednesday of the month. We've moved up the newsletter publication deadlines so you should still get the newsletter at least a week before the meeting.

VU7 – Congrats to everyone that's been able to work this one. We've had to contend with weak signals, QRM, big pileups, and propagation problems. After about a week with no luck, I was able to work VU7LD/VU2NXM on 20M this past Saturday.

S21 Request - As all you will already know, Bangladesh is a country located in the Asian continent. At the moment this DXCC entity is situated in place #42 according to the 2005 Most Wanted DXCC Countries Survey of The DX. I received a request from the team leader, Josep Gibert, EA3BT for our support. Josep writes "again we would like to count with the **SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB** as one of our sponsors" Here are some of the specifics and the web page link for more information:

CALLSIGN: S21EA

DATES OF THE OPERATION: 7 days operation, between the 10th and 16th January 2007.

MODES: SSB, CW & RTTY

BANDS: 6, 10, 12, 15, 17, 20, 30, 40, 80 & 160 meters
<http://www.ea3bt.com/bangladesh/bangla-introduction.htm>

Although this request is coming late to the membership, Josep has assured me that if we provide a commitment for \$250 after our January meeting our logo will be immediately put on the web site and it will be on the QSL. Please be ready to consider this request at the meeting.

Hope to see you at the party.

73 es gd dx, Al

FROM THE VP

--John Tramontanis, N4TOL

On behalf of the club I want to pass along our appreciation to Ernie Zingleman, KS4Q, for his excellent presentation at the November meeting on the overview of the DX cluster, new features and applications, in addition to providing some background on what makes it all tick. Ernie's presentation elicited quite a lot of interest from those in attendance as evidenced by the plethora of comments and questions from the audience. We are very thankful for the fine service Ernie provides with his cluster for the amateur radio community. It is a tool that has provided much enjoyment for me as well as an increased country count!

This month's meeting will be the club Christmas/Holiday party at the home of Bob, K4UEE, and Mary Allphin on Sunday, December 17th at 5:00 PM. Please RSVP via the Evite on the club reflector. Also, details are available on the club webpage.

Please mark your calendar for the January meeting. The meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 19th at 8:00 PM. at Southern PolyTech in Marietta, meeting room M-100. There will be a presentation by Bernie McClenny, W3UR, of the story of the VU4AN, Andaman 2006 operation. More details to follow.

I look forward to seeing you all at the party on December 17th.

73 – John N4TOL

SECRETARY'S REPORT OCT. 2006

-George Nicholson, N4GRN, Sec.

The November meeting was called to order by Al at 7:30PM.

Individual introductions were made immediately after the meeting was called to order. There were 31 members present at the meeting.

The Secretary's minutes as published were accepted.

The VP's report was given by John N4TOL and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was given by Hal N4GG. We have \$5487.00 in the bank account.

Gary WB4SQ reports that we signed 5 new members and 1 renewal at the hamfest. He also asked for help at the Techfest.

Bill Barr, N4NX, just returned from 8 week in ZL and VK. There was no membership report.

There was no cluster report.

Announcements and How's DX:

- 1) Wes, W3WL, asked that we all be thinking about Bob, K4UEE, and his recent illness.
- 2) Bill, N4NX, reports that he still has 4 badges that were ordered.
- 3) It was reported that Bob, K4UEE, will be on VU7 dxpedition in January 2007.
- 4) It was reported that a large number of people worked 5A and that the low bands had had been quiet.

Old Business:

- 1) We are on the XF4DL website due to our contribution.
- 2) L5A contribution of \$250.00 was approved then declined due to not meeting the criteria.
- 3) There was also discussion about S2B, and XT2C and all were declined due to not meeting criteria.

New Business:

- 1) Jim W4TE had the club logo ware at the meeting for pickup and payment.
- 2) It was announced that Bob and Mary, K4UEE, were having the annual Christmas party at their house on December 17.
- 3) The club meetings are changing to the 3rd Wednesday of each month after the January meeting.

4) Bernie will be here giving the presentation on January 19, 2007. Location to be announced.

There were several items donated for the raffle but the donors and recipients were not recorded. The raffle was a big money maker due to the 15" LCD Monitor:

DONATION:

USB Card, DX Engineering Hat, USB Hub, USB thumb drive, Print server, Hat Gateway, Shirt Gateway, Practical Wireless magazine, 15" LCD Monitor

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

At 8:15PM The operation of a DX Cluster was given by Ernie, KS4Q. This was very informative and was well received by the members.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20PM

-George Nicholson, N4GRN, Sec.

ACTIVITIES

-Gary McConville, WB4SQ

A big THANKS goes out to Bob & Mary Allphin for hosting this year's SEDXC holiday party. I'm looking forward to short rag-chews about DXing and the ones that got away, with those who can't make the monthly meetings. I finally worked the KH8Q tonight so I'll have bragging rights about that new one.

The GARS Techfest is less than a month away. We are still looking for a few more members to help 'man' our table, talk up DXing, keep the DX101 presentation going, and possibly help our membership chairman, Bill Barr, by adding a few new members to our ranks. Remember that it's from 10AM to 2PM in Lawrenceville, on January 13th, 2007*. Directions will be posted on our web site. I'll be on vacation for this (and the January meeting) and will also need a lead person to handle the details.

Don't forget to work Bob Allphin & the other pro's as they teach the VU7's how to run a DXpedition...

Note: * Y10K compatible (not coming back to fix this one!)

Gary – WB4SQ@yahoo.com

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Hal Kennedy, N4GG, Tres.

Report for the month of December

SEDXC Treasury	\$5,872.05
Packet Fund	\$ 380.15
Total Balance	\$6,252.20

There were no significant expenditures for the month, and most of the club's advance of \$1268.03 to Land's End for sportswear, as ordered by various members, has been paid back to the treasury. Three members still owe \$142.00 collectively, please take a moment to write a check to SEDXC and mailed it to the treasurer: (5033 Winding Hills Lane, Woodstock, GA 30189) The November raffle was a big success – thanks in large part to Keith, K4KAL, who donated a very nice LCD monitor – that sure peaked interest!

Hopefully by now all the “deserving” have VU7 in their logs. The LP just after sunrise on 20M has been the best opportunity here – I finally got them one morning when propagation was particularly good – after a lot of listening! That same morning HS0ZBS was booming in on 40 CW at sunrise – also long path. Thanks to all the SEDXC members for the QSOs in the 10 meter contest – where conditions were better than expected. I often think the band is open and no one is around.

I hope to see everyone at the upcoming Christmas Party at Bob and Mary's, and in the Stew Perry “contest” on 160 at the end of the year. The Stew Perry is a great place to build up those 160M DXCC totals.

73, Hal, N4GG

CQWW COMING UP LOTS OF DX!!!

**FLASH! FCC ABOUT TO
ELIMINATE CW REQUIREMENT
VERY SOON. SEE ARRL
WEBSITE FOR DETAILS.**

DX TIDBITS

-Rick, N4XXM, editor

I am sorry that I did not get to the party but my harmonic just got back from her first semester at college and I needed to be there. She is having a great time BTW. I hope to have pictures in the next newsletter. Feel free to send them in to jfglisson@bellsouth.net. Less filtering at that address.

The VU's have been very hard to hear. I have been trying 20 and 17M without much success. In an attempt to improve my 40M capability, I have assembled a Cushcraft 2 Element 40M beam I bought from Rick, NQ4I, a couple of years ago. It has been sitting in the garage since purchased. I put it together in the backyard on top of two levels of scaffolding I happen to have. The elements are so long and droopy you have to be careful not to poke yourself in the eye while walking around if you're tall! I have no way to get it much higher where I am so I thought it would be fun to see if it worked any better than the big GAP vertical I normally use for low bands. So far, signal strength is a bit lower but the noise level is also lower. I will let everybody know if it helps snag the VU's. Another group will be on in January so not all is lost.

Don't forget to turn in all those newish IRC's that expire at the end of this month. I have about thirty to dump myself.

I have acquired some more ground rods. Any club member that needs some please email me and let me know. My wife needs the room in the garage. Have some more 20 and 30' steel push up poles too. I want people to use these, not sell them at the next hamfest.

Got in the YU7 cards so at least I have one more country to turn in. I just need to get with Bill, N4NX, and go through the cards again. The two VU's I don't have will take awhile. I also have Swain's Island to turn in as well. Sure will be nice when the cycle picks back up. We are about at the bottom now.

The new meeting night should help me attend meetings. My scout commitment on Tuesday's has taken most of them.

Hope everyone has a great holiday season and great DX!!!

CU in the pileups...

- Rick, N4XXM

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(Third Wednesday!!!)

DX PACKET FREQ. (Corrections, 1/2/04)

N4XXM (2400) 144.91 (direct, Vinings),
(2400) 145.65 (direct or ATLDX)

Note: ATLDX is down right now, direct OK.

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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