



Southeastern DX Club

W4NT

THE SOUTH'S PREMIER DX CLUB

January 2013

President's Report:

Feels like it's been ages since we had a meeting. I'm seeing a few post about some great DX. I hope everyone is taking advantage of the openings.

As many of you know, one of my other hats is chairperson for TechFest which was held on Saturday the 12th. We had about 25 exhibitors, and at one time or another they all seemed to have interested guests. SEDXC was there early and had a nice spread. Thanks to everyone that helped man the table and especially to Bill AA4OC for setting up the table. I think a notable feature was the Youth Lounge. The attendance in that area proves that we can draw youngsters into our fold. Add the NFARL kit build and this year Jim AB2CD and Shelley AB1CD's Technology Learning Center, and we had a lot for the youngsters to remember about a Ham Radio event. I hope that next year at TechFest and HamFests, we can either make our display a little more interactive, or put on a forum.

I'm trying to come up with a little different method of recognizing members for their outstanding or continued service to the club or DX community. You shouldn't have to be a "Hall of Fame-r" to be recognized. There seems to be a gap in our current program. So many do so much. If you have suggestions, please pass them along.

We had fun at the holiday party. About 50 showed up at Maggiano's in Perimeter Mall and we enjoyed great service, food and beverages. Thanks go to Chaz and Gael for the selection of restaurant and the coordination. I think we were a little shy on photos, but we all know we were there.

Remember, your input is important in selecting a venue for next year's holiday party. No time like the present to start sending in your ideas.

I've struggled some with the Georgia QSO Party scores this year. It was my first year and I was surprised at the amount of work that goes into getting the scores together. Done now with some great help that I just had to ask for. We'll get the scores and a link to the page to print your own certificate posted in the next few days. Looking forward to April 13-14 for Georgia QSO Party. Start making your plans. Again, thanks Chaz for handling the plaques and GQP web site. Mike, NE4S, for building a great piece of software to help score, and John, K4BAI for support and taking the paper logs.

Thanks to all who help keep us informed of DX openings. It's often that a post to the SEDXC mail lists is my first notice to start looking.

And, I had my first significant encounter with RFI at a neighbor's. My shack is in the garage which opens toward a fairly new (2 years) neighbor. During the RTTY test, I heard a knock on my garage door about 10:00p. I look up and it's the neighbor. His Samsung TV is turning on and off. He could tell I was operating, so he came over to check. So much for cranking up the power. Since it was the only complaint, I'm hoping it was a fluke. Some of the trees were getting a little warm anyway.

73 and hope to see you at the January 17 meeting.

Norm, WA4ZXV

Vice President's Report:

From all accounts, the SEDXC Christmas Party was great fun for those who attended. Many thanks to Chaz and XYL Gael for coordinating this event.

Flux and Sunspot Numbers are up, the A and



K indices are low ... everyone should be chasing those needed countries and band-fills!

2013 PICNIC. We are already in the planning stage for the SEDXC Picnic. We are looking at public parks and other venues. Constructive suggestions from our members are always welcome.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2013

Our speaker for the January meeting is Jim Stafford – W4QO. His program is entitled “One More Time With Feeling! (or why QRP is fun for DXers)”. This should be a very interesting program and a great way to kick-off the New Year.



February's speaker will be Joe Blackwell – AA4NN, who will tell us just how much fun it was on Swains Island.



April's speaker will be John Warburton – G4IRN, who will address the meeting in a “Webinar” Format to give us his perspective on DXing from Europe. “Thank-You” Bob Allphin – K4UEE for putting us in touch with John.



Our speaker for the June meeting will be Mary Hobart – K1MMH, Chief Development Officer of the American Radio Relay League, who will give a presentation on the ARRL Second Century Campaign, the National Convention in Hartford in 2014, and the ARRL's 2014 Centennial Celebration

We should wait in the lobby until the previous group is clear.



We are working on speakers for the March and May meetings. Member suggestions and assistance in contacting potential meeting speakers is always welcomed!



I will be off once again with the Caribbean Buddies DXpedition Group to the Island of Barbados from Jan. 29th to Feb. 6th. CW, SSB, and Digital Ops are planned for 160 through 10 meters. We will have 6-Meter capability, but CONDX probably will be minimal. My call will be 8P9EA and more details can be found at <http://www.qrz.com/db/8P9EA>. I hope to contact as many SEDXC members as possible!

73, Weymouth Walker - K8EAB ...
SEDXC Vice President

NOTICE: The meeting room is not available until 7:00 pm this week.

Treasurers Report:

SEDXC Financial position as of November 30, 2012

Financial Report of Receipts and disbursements:

Beginning balance	10/1/12	\$8,015.71
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Receipts:

PayPal funds	1,900.56
Holiday Dinner checks	600.00
Raffle proceeds	86.00

Disbursements:

Wey, K8EAB certs & frames	21.39
GARS – Youth lounge donation	100.00
DX Pediton funding	1,200.00
Hays Liability Insurance	200.00
Maggiano's Little Italy	600.00
Great Lakes Plaques	105.00

Ending Balance 11/30/2012	\$8,375.88
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Ham Jam financial results are not final; However, preliminary results are very positive. Looks like about \$3,000 will go to youth activities as a result of this year's efforts.

DXpeditions funded (above) were NH8S, PTØS, TT8TT, ZL9HR, and V84SMD. Hope everyone worked them.

SEDXC Financial position as of December 31, 2012

Financial Report of Receipts and disbursements:

Beginning balance	12/1/12	\$8,375.88
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Receipts:

PayPal funds	107.85
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Disbursements:

Maggiano's Little Italy	1641.48
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Ending Balance 12/31/2012 \$6842.25

Obligations not reflected in cash balance:
\$100.00 Committed to H40 DXpedition.
\$55.00 For 160m Contest Plaque (Doug Grant)

I enjoyed seeing everyone at the Holiday Dinner. Food and company were both great.

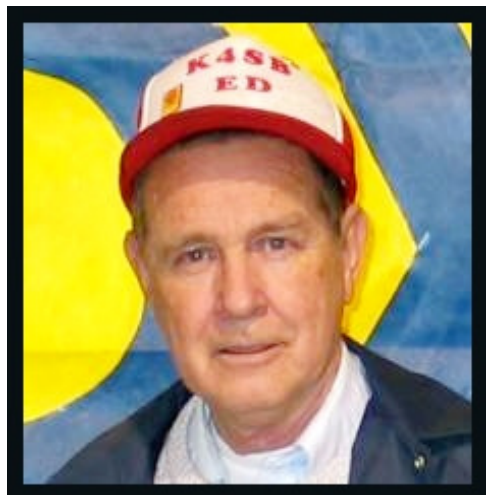
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Mike, ND4V

Activities Manager Report:

The SEDXC will have a table at the Dalton Hamfest this year. The Hamfest will be held on February 23 at the North Georgia Fairgrounds, 500 Legion Drive, Dalton, GA 30719. Please see <http://w4drc.webstarts.com/> for additional details. I want to thank all of the club members who supported the TechFest held on January 12. The event was a huge success. Hope to see you at the Dalton Hamfest.

73,
Bill Tempel
AA4OC
SEDXC Activities Manager

K4SB Silent Key:



Long time DXer and SEDXC member Ed W Sleight passed away December 16, 2012 after a long illness. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy as a fighter pilot, flying off the USS Forrestal (CV-59/CVA-59). He went on to work for Eastern Airlines flying the DC-9, DC-10, 727 and A300 and retired with the rank of Captain. His lifetime of working with radios and antenna design made him many friends and contacts around the world.

RIP Ed.

Another well known local ham also passed away recently.

RESPECTED FCC ENGINEER
ANGELO DITTY K4GKB – SK: A name familiar to both broadcasters and ham radio operators has passed from the scene. This with word that former FCC Inspector Angelo Ditty, K4GKB, became a Silent Key on December 2nd at the age of 87. Ditty served in the Atlanta FCC office as the Engineer in Charge from 1974 until 1990 following a stint with the FCC out of Tampa, Florida. Earlier in his career while based at the FCC's San Francisco office he worked with Ney Landry, W6UDU, who recently passed away at age 95. After leaving the FCC Ditty he took a position with the Georgia Association of Broadcasters where he served until 2011. There he examined engineering and public files for members, allowing them three-year exemptions from FCC inspections. Memorial services for Angelo Ditty, K4GKB, were held on Friday, December 7th in Canton, Georgia.

Thanks for this heads up by Raleigh (Rick) Morgan, WD4ABO for sending the following FYI.

Angelo's passing marks the end of what was one of the more interesting eras in FCC, CB and ham radio history. Although many people were afraid of Angelo, I found him to be a true gentleman and a real friend to ham radio. When I was with Amateur Radio Supply Of North Atlanta, (AKA ARSON) I

would help Angelo and his staff proctoring ham exams at ham fests.

A lot of hams and CBers were scared of Angelo because he was all business when at work.

But those of us who had an opportunity to get to know Angelo on a personal basis soon realized that he was a mighty friend to amateur radio who went above the call of duty in getting FCC Exams to be available in many areas through the medium of ham fests. This was an unpaid service provided by him and his office staff on what would normally be their day off.

Thanks to Cal Neff, K4JSR, for supplying this information via some e-mails to various persons.

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