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From the Pres

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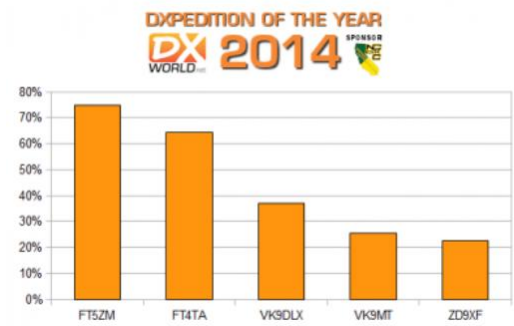
Happy New Year!

We had one new member join in December: John MacDonald-K4BR (Waynesboro, GA).



Welcome aboard, John!

DXpedition of the Year



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Veep's Report

Vaden NN4K

Last Month's Meeting

The December meeting was the wonderful Holiday Party hosted by Gael and Chaz. If you missed this, you missed a wonderful time with your fellow DXers.

This Month's Meeting

Dan Sullivan, W4DKS will give us a webcast about *Why IOTA: The Perfect Companion to DXCC*. Are you a little bored with DXCC because you have most of what's out there? Thinking of having a yard sale for your station because you're on the Honor Roll? Looking for a new challenge? Dan's talk will no doubt spark interest in many of us with a new challenge that is fun and very rewarding.

Dan will explain in some detail about the IOTA Groups of which there are now 1,100. Just like most awards there is a process involved in submitting one's QSL cards for verification. If you like the QSL card tradition of confirmations you may expect to see some very nice ones from the IOTA expeditions. Keep your old QSL card shoeboxes handy as you will build up a nice collection if you pursue DX IOTA-style.

As always, we'll have a short Q & A at the end of Dan's program.

Future Programs:

February: Krish, W4VKU, will give us a webcast presentation of his recent DXpedition to the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. This entity is not on frequently and we appreciate the efforts made by Krish and his team to activate DX operations for the benefit of DXers.

March: Lee Imber, WW2DX, will be our featured program. Lee is one of the movers in the Remote Ham Radio arena. He will describe the operations that are active and list those that are pending. He will also give us a video tour of one of the Remote Ham Radio sites.

From the Pres (cont.)

From their own poll of nearly 10,000 respondents, the top five became obvious. SEDXC contributed funding to three of them.

BRAVO ZULU (that's Navy-speak for **WELL DONE**) to the FT5ZM team! A professional effort by a seasoned team made for lots of ATNOs for SEDXC members.

Lots of rare DX just ahead in the next two months ... Navassa, Eritrea, Iran, and Cocos Island ... the SEDXC has made funding contributions to the first three entities. The Cocos Island effort is having trouble attracting team members and funding, so we have chosen to wait to see if this one gets off the ground.

Monthly Meetings

At this month's meeting, we will have our 3rd "Remote Presentation" ... speaker Dan Sullivan – W4DKS will give meeting attendees an update on the IOTA program, which seems to have more and more DX island entities on the air with each passing month.

VP Vaden McDonald – NN4K continues his work to secure speakers for future meetings. Your suggestions concerning potential speakers or other meeting-related events are always welcome.

Please remember we need your contribution for the door prize table at the January meeting.

73 and Good DX!

Wey K8EAB ❖

Activities Chairman

The Dalton Hamfest is Saturday, February 28th, 2015. The club is planning to have a table to promote DX and our fine organization to the masses. It's the first Georgia hamfest of the year of the year, and I am predicting great weather for the event.

So be sure to come by the table to check in, share info about our club with others, and exchange DX tales.

Hamfest info can be found at:
<http://w4drc.webstarts.com/about.html>

See you there.

John N4TOL ❖

Treasurer's Journal

\$7449.28 is in the account. There were no payouts in December.

Jeff K1ZN ❖

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Veep's Report (cont.)

Sometime during January the ARRL will be receiving a report from a committee that has been studying the use of remote radio operations and in turn we expect to hear a statement from the DX Advisory Committee. Stay tuned for updates. For more information visit www.remotehamradio.com. The presentation is NOT a solicitation by the SEDXC for anyone to purchase or make any agreements with RHR. The aim of inviting Lee to make the presentation is to better inform our DX community with current activities and directly from an operator and not from second-hand information or opinions.

Efforts are being made to schedule a webcast by the FT4TA Tromelin DXpedition Team. As you know, K1N will be in operation then, and afterwards we'd like to get a presentation from the team on the Navassa DXpedition.

Having a live speaker in the Rich Auditorium would be optimum. However, it's not always possible so the use of webcasts is facilitating our access to DXers who have done recent DXpeditions. If you have a particular DXpedition that you would like to have me see if we can do a webcast with, please let me know.

The months ahead through this spring will produce some great DX opportunities. Another rare DX entity pending is the South Sandwich Island DXpedition. Keep your radios tuned and ready to pounce on some of these great opportunities.

See you in the pileups!

Vaden NN4K ❖

DXpedition Funding Request

None at this time.