



Bulletin



January 2017

From the Pres

Mike ND4V

I hope Santa was good to everyone and that 2017 will be the best year ever with lots of all time new ones for you.

Our Club committed to having an information table January 14 at Techfest 2017. Techfest is an ARRL recognized hamfest sponsored by the Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society (GARS). The event highlights different technologies employed in amateur radio. Admission is free .. lunch is free .. door prize tickets are free. There is a raffle for a Yaesu FT-991 transceiver. If you can help with the DX Club booth, it will be appreciated. If experience holds true, we get a good bit of traffic with lots of DX101 questions. More info and directions at www.techfest.info

The 100th Anniversary Year and the celebrations of the National Parks on the Air just ended. Over a million QSOs were uploaded to LOTW. It was a good geography lesson as well as a chance for lots of folks to tweak their portable stations and learn/practice good pileup management. Thanks to the activators and chasers for making this a fun event.

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Veep's Report

Chuck AE4CW

This Month's Meeting

Date/Time: **Thursday January 19th** @ 7:30 PM
Location: Rich Auditorium, Piedmont Hospital
Details at www.sedxc.org

Program Title: **Solo DXpeditions to 3C7A - Equatorial Guinea and TL8AO - Central African Republic**



Speaker: **Ken Opskar - LA7GIA** 

Ken is becoming a well-known solo DXpeditioner having activated 7Q-Malawi, D67-Comoros, 3C-Equatorial Guinea and TL-Central African Republic...all in the last 24 months.

Organizing, traveling, setting up, navigating the on-site political surprises while making more than 10,000 QSOs is a significant undertaking. Ken has proven that he quite good at figuring out how to make this work while have a great time with ham radio. Ken's presentation will focus on his 3C and TL adventures from March and November of 2016. Among the topics he will cover are: Why do one-man DXpeditions?; Why to these locations?; Some unique cultural and political challenges, and; How to make 13K + QSOs in less than nine days with a minimal station.

Ken discovered amateur radio while studying at Trondheim University in Norway. He has lived in and around Oslo while traveling extensively for ham and professional purposes. Ken enjoys CW DXing and contesting and mostly operates on the 40-10m CW

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Do you remember the program that Don Nesbitt N4HH did about the myriad of different radios that he has owned? Well, I know where all those radios went. They're in Jim Stafford's W4QO boat anchor museum. I had the pleasure of touring Jim's shack recently and enjoyed seeing most every radio ever featured in an Allied catalog during my teenage years. Amazingly, Jim can tell you the story about how each of those pieces followed him home. I don't think the KX3 will drive that Johnson desk pedestal amplifier. Jim, thanks for being a great host.

Kudos to Chaz W4GKF, database and webmaster dude. Chaz has been locating and scanning old copies of the bulletin and putting them on the web page www.sedxc.org. There is some interesting reading there if you have a bit of time to spare. Look under the SEDXC Bulletins tab, of course.

We have a couple of DX funding requests to vote on at the upcoming meeting. Please look at the requests in this bulletin. See you at Panera Bread at 6ish.

As always www.sedxc.org for meeting times and directions to Rich Auditorium at Piedmont Hospital.

73 es gud DX,

Mike ND4V ❖

Activities Chairman

Looking forward to 2017, be sure to attend [TechFest](#) on Saturday, January 14th from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM at the Gwinnett Medical Resource Center, 665 Duluth Highway (GA-120), Lawrenceville, GA 30046.

The Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society (GARS) sponsors this event every year, and it's a great venue to learn what is going on in radio and see all your radio friends. Admission is free, lunch is free and there are numerous door prizes. What more could you ask for?

SEDXC will have a table at TechFest again this year to introduce our club to the radio community and DXing.

We hope to see everyone there on January 14th!

73,

Daryl K4RGK ❖

What Is Dxing Anyway? There Is Life Beyond DXCC

When we speak about DX, the term harkens back to DeSoto's 1935 QST article describing the development of the hobby of chasing DX and identification of entities leading to what became the ARRL DXCC awards program. But, even during this period in history, other programs and awards for hams to acquire were emerging, such as Worked all Continents; WAZ, etc.

Well, I think we all agree that DXing is about seeking out and making legitimate contacts with distant places; countries; political entities (ITU-Vatican); islands; etc. As I describe in my book, "Adventures in DXing," there are more than a few awards programs to keep those of us interested in DXing busy and content.

In addition to the well-known ARRL DXCC program and its various facets (Basic DXCC; 5BDXCC; Challenge Cup), there are those, including myself, who chase the islands of the world towards the Islands on the Air (IOTA) program. With over a thousand islands now recognized by the RSGB-IOTA Committee, I find activations, almost daily. And Dan Sullivan, W4DKS, the IOTA North America Checkpoint regularly posts spots of activity by E-mail for all of us to see. In fact, many paper chasers collect credits for awards simultaneously. Any ATNO I now work in the DXCC program will also count for IOTA as all of the ones I need for DXCC are also islands in the IOTA program.

The IOTA program has numerous operating awards for the active islands-chaser to chase, including the overall IOTA award (I am now at IOTA 600; N4NX is a at IOTA 700); plus individual continent awards, and others.

Later this year, North Island, designated as OC-198, Northern Territory Australia (VK8) will be activated by VK5CE. This island has not been activated since 2004 and is considered extremely rare by IOTA chasers (87% need it). Of course, it can also be a an ATNO for some; or a band fill, etc. Anyone out there seeking Worked all Australia? Well anyway, let's consider supporting, in some small way, a new IOTA for those of us DXers chasing IOTA!

73,

Jeff K1ZN ❖

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Veep's Report (cont.)

bands. Professionally he is an Electrical Power Engineer working with and consulting for power companies globally.

Side note: Rather than ask for financial support for his DXpedition to TL, Ken choose to request donations to Doctors Without Borders in the Central African Republic. Receipts to date exceed \$10,000. If you would like to contribute, visit this site:
<http://la7gia.com/tl8ao/humanitarian%20fundraising.html>.

February Meeting Preview

"Experiences with a Light-Weight DXpedition to CEØY with KX3 and Expert 1.3K-FA". Ignacy, NO9E will be our speaker.

As your VP and Program Organizer, I welcome your ideas and suggestions on program topics, content and specific presenters. Don't be shy; please let me know what you would like to see and hear in future SEDXC programs!

73 es gud DX,

Chuck AE4CW❖

Treasurer's Journal

Checkbook balance end of December: \$11,571.12.
No payments made.

73,

Jeff K1ZN❖



January 14, 2017
www.techfest.info

SEDXC DXpedition Funding Request

Entity Name / Call Sign	VK5CE/8 IOTA DXpedition to OC-198 at North Island, Sir Edward Pellew Group, Northern Territory
Web page	https://oc198.wordpress.com/
Team leader / number of members:	VK5CE
Approx. Date and duration of DXpedition	Nov 1-5 2017
QSL manager / QSL route	VK5CE – direct/bureau/LOTW/eQSL
Budget estimated for DXpedition	\$3240
Position on most wanted list:	This is a very rare IOTA in remote VK8 and has only been claimed by 12.8% and is needed by 87.2% of IOTA chasers.
Landing permit/operating permission approved.	Yes
Last time this entity was activated	This IOTA was first activated as VK8ISL in 1994. The next (and previous) activation was VK4WWI/8 on 30 Oct to 1 Nov 2004 (337 QSOs) “Limited hours because of crocodiles”
Typical interval between activations	Twice since 1994
Anyone planning to activate this entity before your DXpedition	No
Objective / Strategy	<p>The goal is to provide over 1000 QSOs per day. I will also try to be active mainly on 20m to minimize multiband QSOs and I will only venture to higher and lower bands when 20m is not open. This will maximize the number of unique callsigns in the log.</p> <p>With all of my VK IOTA DXpeditions I ask the Europeans and Japanese operators to stand by for North America to ensure that I get more USA stations in the log. I will be operation on 40m before USA local sunrise and 20m short path in your local mornings to maximize contacts with North America.</p> <p>My equipment will be:</p> <p>Icom IC7000 with Icom IC706 MKIIG as back up Solid state amplifier (400W max in VK). Same amplifier used in my past 10 DXpeditions Honda Generator (with back-up generator also available) Vertical dipoles for 10m, 15m, 17m and 20m Quarter wave vertical with 32 radials for 30m, 40m 15m/17m/20m Spiderbeam tribander on 10m mast</p> <p>This DXpedition involves a 5740 km (3565 mile) drive from my home on Hindmarsh Island in South Australia to King Ash Bay in the Northern Territory and then return back home. King Ash Bay is in a very remote part of outback Australia. A fishing charter boat is taken from King Ash Bay to North Island in the Sir Edward Pellew Group. I would be hiring out and staying at a fishermans' hut on the island. By using this fishermans/ charter, I will have all of the necessary visiting permits attained. The fishing charter has given</p>

	approval for me to operate amateur radio and erect antennas on the high tide mark of the island. This water take off face short path to Europe.
Callsign/Age of youngest Team member	VK5CE 44yrs
SEDXC member initiating request	no
SEDXC member(s) participating	no
Funding amount requested	Any amount would be appreciated
Send Funds to:	Paypal vkiotadxpeditio@yahoo.com.au
SEDXC logo on QSL cards?	Yes I can do this
SEDXC logo on web page?	Yes I can do this
Additional comments:	
<p>My IOTA DXpedition is as follows:</p> <p>OC-172 VK4LDX/P in 2010 OC-171 VK4LDX/P in 2010 and 2011 OC-138 VK4LDX/P in 2011 OC-185 VK8BI in 2012 OC-261 VK5CE/P in 2013 OC-255 VK5CE/4 in 2013 OC-173 VK5CE/8 in 2014 OC-220 VK5CE/P in 2015 OC-243 VK5CE/6 in 2016 OC-228 VK5CE/P in 2016 OC-294 NEW VK6ISL team (with VE3LYC, PA3EXX, KD1CT) in 2014 AF-119 NEW S79C team (with EA3NT, EI9FBB, PA3EWP, MM0NDX, SP5APW) in 2015 OC-286 NEW ZL9A team (with VE3LYC, SQ8X, KD1CT) in 2016 I was also Awarded Russian Robinson Club 'Robinson Award' for IOTA activating in 2015-2016</p> <p>Craig Edwards 1 Sidney Parade, Hindmarsh Island SA 5214 PO Box 2160 Goolwa SA 5214 0427 197 220 vk5ce@yahoo.com.au</p>	

Entity Name / Call Sign	XX9D
Web page	XX9D.mydx.de
Team leader / number of members:	DL7VEE with 9 team members
Approx. Date and duration of Dxpediton	12.Feb. - 28.Feb. 2017
QSL manager / QSL route	DL4SVA
Budget estimated for Dxpediton	40.000€
Position on most wanted list:	US : CW 19 SSB 31 Digi 10
Landing permit/operating permission approved.	Yes by Macao Local Government
Last time this entity was activated	2016
Typical interval between activations	2-3 years
Anyone planning to activate this entity before your DXpediton	no
Objective / Strategy	Target under the special circumstances (band condx, noise level..)40.000 QSOs focus on 80-40-30-20m; 160 will be possible ?? CW RTTY SSB
Callsign/Age of youngest Team member	DL4SVA 48Years.....
SEDXC member initiating request	
SEDXC member(s) participating	So far none
Funding amount requested	250\$ US
Send Funds to:	PayPal
SEDXC logo on QSL cards?	yes
SEDXC logo on web page?	Yes
Additional comments: We are a group of quite experienced operators. Last activities : V73D 4S7RTG T30D 5W0M ZD8D ZK2C ZL8X TX5K VK9DLX E51M.....	

