



# Bulletin



January 2018

## From the Pres

**Mike ND4V**

Happy New Year! I hope Santa was good to you and you found a new toy under the tree or on the bench.

Did you make a New Year's resolution? I don't know about you, but I still have a few left over from 2017 that didn't get done. But I won't let that stop me from re-resolving.

Resolved – I will check into the Monday night GARS Want Swap Sell net more often.

Resolved – I will get the 80/40 meter dipole back into the air.

Resolved – I'll put in the time and effort to work Bouvet and Baker Howland and get that Honor Roll plaque. Speaking of Bouvet, if you haven't read the tips on operating FT8, go to their web site and read what they say on their band plan page. The Bouvet guys will not be on the standard FT8 frequencies! Both groups would still appreciate your donation.

Resolved – I'll practice with that RUFZ code practice program and bring my speed and accuracy up. Mac, NN4K says accuracy is more important than speed!

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## Veep's Report

**Dick K5TF**

### This Month's Meeting

Date/Time: **Thursday January 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM**

Location: Rich Auditorium, Piedmont Hospital

Details at [www.sedxc.org](http://www.sedxc.org)

Program Title: **FT-8 in Dxing**

Speaker: **Mike Cohen, AD4MC**

For all of you "Not Yet Converted DXers" who are wondering what all of the FT-8 spots are about on the DX Clusters, our January 18<sup>th</sup> program will be presented by Mike Cohen, AD4MC. A holder of Digital DXCC, Mike will tell us what FT-8 is all about, including the most recent enhancements in this new digital mode.

73,

**Dick K5TF** ❖

## Treasurers Journal

**Jeff K1ZN**

Checkbook Balance as of Jan 2, 2018 = \$10,029.45

Checks written December 2017

--For holiday party expenses \$217.95 (Wait Staff tips; guest speaker gift)

--For Downwind Restaurant \$946.00

--To Chaz for web site maintenance \$14.17

--To N4NX for Paul Kelley Barbeque Grill - \$25

Funding request for Baker & Howland K1B (p. 4).

73,

**Jeff K1ZN** ❖

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**From the Pres (cont.)**

Resolved – In the future, I won't wait until the day Clark needs this report to start writing it!

Well, that's more resolving than I'll probably get done!

Are you going to Hamcation? That's the official name of the Orlando, Florida hamfest. I've been going for several years and always enjoy it. It is second in size to Dayton and the weather is generally a pleasant change from Atlanta. This year it's February 9, 10, and 11 at the Central Florida Fairgrounds. The setup is much like our own Stone Mountain – a main building with the large commercial vendors, a second building with smaller commercial vendors, and a flea market building. Of course, there are acres and acres of tail 'gaters'. Check out the Florida Contest Group dinner or go to Charlies and get a steak. Rooms sell out quickly, so if you plan to go, make reservations now. See you there!

Winter Field Day cranks up the last weekend in January. Find a club and have some fun.

Remember our regular meeting, January 18 in the Rich Auditorium of Piedmont Hospital. Meetings are open to anyone with an interest in DXing. Our program this month is on operating the digital modes.

73 es gud DX,

**Mike ND4V** ❖

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**SEDXC Webpage:** [www.sedxc.org](http://www.sedxc.org)

**SEDXC Chat Room:** details on webpage

**SEDXC Reflector:** details on webpage

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## DXpedition Funding Requests

<b>Entity Name / Call Sign</b>	Baker & Howland Islands K1B
<b>Web page</b>	<a href="http://baker2018.net/">http://baker2018.net/</a>
<b>Team leader / number of members:</b>	<p>Team Leader - Donald Greenbaum, N1DG 11 operators total            James Brooks, 9V1YC - Heard Island, South Sandwich Island, Scarborough Reef, Clipperton Island, etc.            Ned Stearns, AA7A - Kingman Reef, South Sandwich Island, South Georgia Island, etc.            George Wallner, AA7JV - Willis Islets, Mellish Reef, Navassa Island, St. Peter/Paul Rock, etc.            Ken Tanuma, JN1THL - Rodriquez Island, Mauritius Island, Cambodia, Mozambique, etc.            Kevin Rowett, K6TD - Midway Atoll, Chesterfield Island, Mozambique            John Miller, K6MM - Wake Island, Palmyra Atoll, Navassa Island, etc.            Donald Greenbaum, N1DG - Wake Island, Midway Atoll, South Orkney Island, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Mozambique, etc.            Dr. Arnie Shatz, N6HC - Kure Island, St. Brandon Island, Clipperton Island, Amsterdam Island, Swains Island, etc.            Tom Berson, ND2T - Scarborough Reef, Midway Atoll, Palmyra Atoll, Swains Island, etc.            Dave Farnsworth, WJ2O - Clipperton Island, Heard Island, Navassa Island, Mellish Reef            Tamas Pekarik, HA7RY - Willis Islets, Mellish Reef, Chesterfield Island, St Peter Paul Rock, Navassa Island</p>
<b>Approx. Date and duration of Dxpediton</b>	25 June to 9 July 2018
<b>QSL manager / QSL route</b>	Tom Harrell, N4XP, Box 333, Bethlehem, GA 30620
<b>Budget estimated for Dxpediton</b>	<p>Expenses:            Charter boat - \$364,500.00 (USD)            Cargo Shipping - \$13,000.00 (USD)            Agent &amp; Port Fees - \$5,000.00 (USD)            Landing Fees (Fish &amp; Wildlife) - \$19,650.00 (USD)            Shelter on Island - \$6,000.00 (USD)            Emergency Rations (Required by F&amp;W Permit)- \$2,520.00 (USD)            Kitchen &amp; Toilet supplies - \$1,000.00 (USD)            Generators - \$6,000.00 (USD)            Gas &amp; Oil - \$3,000.00 (USD)            Power Grid Supplies - \$500.00 (USD)            Lumber, Tables &amp; Chairs - \$500.00 (USD)            Computers &amp; Satellite Access - \$3,000.00 (USD)            QSL Printing &amp; Mailing - \$6,500.00 (USD)  <b>TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES: \$431,170.00 (USD)</b></p> <p>Budget Income:            Operator Fees - \$220,000.00 (USD)            Clubs &amp; Foundations - \$113,000.00 (USD)            Individuals - \$25,000.00 (USD)            OQSL &amp; Direct QSL's - \$68,000.00 (USD)            Sale of Shelters - \$2,000.00 (USD)            Sale of Generators - \$3,000.00 (USD)  <b>TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME: \$431,000.00 (USD)</b></p>

<b>Position on most wanted list:</b>	After Bouvet is completed, Baker Howland will be #3 overall
<b>Landing permit/operating permission approved.</b>	Yes
<b>Last time this entity was activated</b>	2002
<b>Typical interval between activations</b>	16 years
<b>Anyone planning to activate this entity before your DXpedition</b>	No
<b>Objective / Strategy</b>	<p>Work as many stations around the world to give them an all-time new entity. We plan to have 5 stations on the air on CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8.</p> <p>Equipment Summary:</p> <p>RIGS include Elecraft K3S' and KPA1500 solid state amplifiers</p> <p>Antennas include: 2 element Steppir Yagis for 10-30 meters  7 element 6 meter M2 Yagi  43 ft verticals for 40/80/160 with top hats. Height limited by the Fish &amp; Wildlife permit</p>
<b>Callsign/Age of youngest Team member</b>	James Brooks, 50, and our official social media person is Marty Sullaway, KC1CWF
<b>SEDXC member initiating request</b>	Tom Harrell, N4XP 0 co-leader
<b>SEDXC member(s) participating</b>	Tom Harrell, N4XP
<b>Funding amount requested</b>	\$3,000
<b>Send Funds to:</b>	<p>Donald Greenbaum  N1DG  27 Pill Hill Lane  Duxbury, MA 02332  Phone: 781-424-5978</p> <p>E-Mail: don@aurumtel.com</p>
<b>SEDXC logo on QSL cards?</b>	Yes
<b>SEDXC logo on web page?</b>	Yes
<b>Additional comments:</b>	

## Perseverance DX Group (PDXG.net)



Dear DX Club / Foundation,

It will have been almost 10 years since the last Ducie Island DX-pedition. Ducie is an uninhabited Pacific island located in the Gambier Island Group, approximately 540 kilometers east of Pitcairn Island and 6,000 kilometers southeast of Hawaii. Currently #27 on the ClubLog's Most Wanted List, there is no scheduled air or sea transportation to the island. Call sign VP6D was issued to our team; we have travel visas and landing permission to conduct a DX-pedition in this restricted "Marine Protected Area".

The expedition ship **Braveheart** will provide transportation and logistics. Braveheart has a proven track record of DX-expedition support, as does our team. Project cost is estimated at ~\$175,000(USD) with the most expensive items being the ship and freight.

With a limited number of available and approved ships, serious DX-peditions to ecologically sensitive / restricted entities are complex and expensive projects. Each VP6D team member committed \$12,000(USD) with the hope their financial outlay will be reduced by donations and grants. Their payment does **not** include transportation and living expenses to Mangareva, French Polynesia, estimated at several thousand US Dollars for most team members. At project conclusion we will publish a financial summary. Any surplus funds will be evenly divided amongst the on-island team members.

We appreciate your consideration and hope your organization can support our project. Please consider the timing of any donation; we must pay all expenses before leaving home, including a significant non-refundable deposit to Braveheart that was paid in December, 2017 and full payment before sailing.

Sincerely,  
Ducie 2018 Team

Donations in US funds can be made by check or money order to:

Ducie 2018, LLC  
Gene Spinelli  
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- PayPal to: [donate@vp6d.com](mailto:donate@vp6d.com)
- Outside the US may use PayPal or contact [k5gs@arrl.net](mailto:k5gs@arrl.net) for wire transfer details

## General Information

- Planned on island operation: October 19 – Nov 3, 2018
  - Estimated cost: ~ \$175,000(USD)
  - Does not include operator's travel to Mangareva, French Polynesia, accommodations, or meals
  - On -island operator fee \$12,000(USD) per person, plus travel
- 14 Operators:
  - Dave K3EL (Team Leader), Pista HA5AO and Les W2LK (Co-leaders), Heye DJ9RR, Mike WA6O, Jacky ZL3CW, Arnie N6HC, Steve W1SRD, Chris N6WM, Laci HA0NAR, Ricardo PY2PT, Walt N6XG, Gene K5GS (Treasurer), currently one open position.
  - A team of A-1 operators with extensive DX-pedition and/or contest experience
- Number of Stations: 7
- QSO Target: 80,000 - 100,000
- Bands/Modes: 160 - 10 m, CW/SSB/Digital – FT8
- Planned on-island: 13 – 14 days
- Equipment: Elecraft K-line (planned)
- Antennas: Various verticals and Yagis (planned)
- QSL Managers: K5GS / M0URX
  - Log Search / OQRS at: [www.vp6d.com](http://www.vp6d.com)
  - Buro cards free
- Uploads:
  - Log uploads from the island to our on-line Log at [www.vp6d.com](http://www.vp6d.com)
  - LoTW upload 6 months after project end
- Commitment to Sponsors:
  - Sponsor logos will appear on VP6D.com, Powerpoint presentations and QSL cards
  - If provided, photos with sponsor flag and/or tee shirts
  - Financial summary will be sent to Club and Foundation sponsors
  - Article will be sent to each sponsoring organization that requests a copy
- Received a **Northern California DX Foundation** (NCDXF) grant, Dec. 2017
- Website: [www.vp6d.com](http://www.vp6d.com)

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