



Southeastern DX Club

W4NT

THE SOUTH'S PREMIER DX CLUB

February 2013

President's Report:

You can't say no one reads the bulletin. Last month I posted the story about problems with Samsung TV RFI and I received a couple responses. Both helped and although I haven't installed at the neighbor's house, a couple friends with the same problem can now operate without getting into trouble with the family. I also sent a note to the ARRL asking for assistance with the RFI, and their response was just about the same I received locally. So if you have a story or are looking for some help, this might just be the place to post.

It's a little early, but we have reserved space for our Christmas Party for December 7th in Stone Mountain. And we are looking into picnic plans.

I didn't make the trip to Orlando, but from what I hear, it was another great success and great weather. Maybe we can get filled in at the meeting. Dalton is February 23rd and we'll have a table setup. So if you have plans to attend, or are looking for a reason to attend, come by the table and sit a spell.

I guess most have heard that Kennehoochee and Atlanta Radio Club are somehow sharing the June 1, 2013 Atlanta Hamfest this year. I saw one notice, then nothing else. It should make for a stronger Hamfest.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting Feb 21st.

73
Norm, WA4ZXV

Vice President's Report:

2013 PICNIC and CHRISTMAS PARTY. We now have both of these events in place. The Picnic will be held at a public park. Details will be available in the next month or two. We also should be able to tell the members about the Christmas Party very soon. The best news is that the cost will be more reasonable than in 2012.

FEBRUARY MEETING:

Our speaker will be Joe Blackwell – AA4NN, who will tell us just how much fun it was on Swains Island. Go to AA4NN's page on QRZ to see Joe's impressive list of DXpeditions.



He is a member of ARRL, NCDXF, INDEXA, GDXF, CWops, A-1 Op, Carolina CW Ops, and Carolina DX Association. He is a former manager of the ARRL's 4th incoming QSL bureau and continues to sort the letters "A" and "X". His XYL sorts the letter "H".

We are continuing to work on a speaker for the March meeting. Since the May meeting is the day before everyone heads to Dayton, we will not have a speaker that month. Member suggestions and assistance in contacting potential meeting speakers is always welcomed!

DXPEDITION TO BARBADOS – 8P9

The Caribbean Buddies DX Group took part in “Occupy Barbados” from Jan. 29th to Feb. 6th. My call was 8P9EA, and I managed to make 2,286 QSO’s in spite of lots of QSB. Our team members made contact with quite a few local Atlanta hams and SEDXC members. My QSO’s have been uploaded to LoTW, eQSL, and an online log. Members from the Amateur Radio Society of Barbados (A.R.S.B.) met us at the airport and helped transport our gear to the villa. We promptly put antennas up all over the property and started making contacts.



The A.R.S.B. also held a “meet & greet” event for our 8-man team. They made us feel very welcome on 8P6. In this photo, our team is in the white tee shirts. Members from this group checked on us daily to see if we needed any help, accompanied our beach detachment on their daily excursions, and just hung out with us while we operated. Two local hams (8P6NW - Glen Corbin and 8P6CH – Clive Howell) watched the Super Bowl with us. Clive and his XYL Rebecca served us a spicy “jerk pork” appetizer that all team members agreed was outstanding. Their 11-year old daughter Josie introduced herself to our team by saying, “I’m Josie – Juliet Oscar Sierra India Echo”. Josie won our Super Bowl football pool (160 Barbados Dollars - \$80US). She was thrilled!

Our “beach detachment” found some spectacular sites for portable, battery-powered DXing.

One team member, Steve – 8P9RT (a.k.a. wGØAT - “The Goathiker”), who was a HamJam 2012 speaker and whom many of us know and have worked) as usual left traces of his DNA on the island.

While taking photos and shooting video, Steve slipped on loose rocks and scraped his lower back and put a gash in his scalp. He got some great photos ... at a cost!



Here we see Chris Drummond – 8P9HF trying to keep from getting sunburned as he used his rig and a Buddipole dipole to operate on A-123 battery-power for a couple of hours.



Barbados differs from most Caribbean islands in that it was not formed by volcanic eruptions. It is a huge limestone rock outcropping. As shown in this photo, the rocks can be quite treacherous.

I can't wait to go to another Caribbean island next year! My sincere thanks to all who took the time to work us.

73, Weymouth Walker - K8EAB
SEDXC Vice President

Treasurer's Report:

SEDXC Financial position as of January 31, 2013

Financial Report of Receipts and disbursements:

Beginning balance 1/1/2013 \$ 6,842.25

Receipts:

None this month

Disbursements:

Doug Grant (160 m Plaque)	55.00
Great Lakes (name badges)	32.00
Bill Barr (door prizes)	14.97
Wey Walker (IRC's)	37.00
Mike Weathers PayPal reimb	107.34
Ending Balance 1/31/2013	\$ 6,595.94

Although the post office won't sell you an IRC, we will! I replenished our stock from Wey's collection of correctly stamped IRC's. Our price \$2.00.

We funded the H44KW DXpedition. The donation was in pound sterling and the 107.34 US dollars was as close as we could get to the authorized \$100 after making the conversion.

We have a request for funding from the guys who did the TT8TT DXpedition. This Feb 21 through Mar 6 they're off to Burkina Faso as XT2TT. The executive committee has agreed that a smallish donation is in order. Come to the meeting and give input and vote on the funding request!

We also have word of a group looking for funding and operators for a Tunisian IOTA DXpedition. We don't have their request in our format, and we don't generally support IOTA operations to common entities, but just in case this is on someone's most needed list the info is available here:

<http://dx-world.net/2013/ts8ti-djerba-isl-tunisia/>

73 es dx
Mike, ND4V

Activities Report:

Due to the cancellation of this year's Kennehoochee Hamfest, the SEDXC is not planning any activity until the Atlanta Hamfest on June 1. Hope to see you there.

Cheers,
Bill

The latter part of January we had a visitor in town, Robert SP5XVY, who has been on several prominent DXpeditions. Several of the SEDXC had the pleasure of having lunch with Robert at the Sandy Springs Dinner on Roswell Road. Below is a picture of the group having lunch.



Robert is 43 years old and lives in Warsaw, Poland. Licensed in 1993. He likes DXing and Contesting mostly on SSB. Married to Agnieszka (Agnes) and they have three sons: Lukas, Matthew and John. He is the owner of printing factory. Robert was a member of FT5XO Kerguelen Island DXpedition in 2005 and the following DXpeditions: 3YØX, 4O3T, 3B7SP, VP6DX, VK9DWX, ZL8X and OJØX .


Recommendation of the month.

If you haven't already read this article, I recommend you read the column in the February 2012 issue of CQ magazine on page 60 written by Riley Hollingworth, K4ZDH, entitled "Everybody Lighten Up!".

Riley makes some excellent points.

Finally a note to all DXers to join and help promote DXing.

The International DX Association
www.indexa.org



INDEXA

INDEXA is dedicated to promoting goodwill among amateur radio operators of the world; promoting good amateur radio operating practices; and providing support for DX operations in rare and semi-rare countries.

The International DX Association (INDEXA) is a 501(c)(4) organization. Donations are not tax deductible.

Join INDEXA
and become part of a group that makes it possible to work rare and semi-rare DX entities

For more information visit:
www.indexa.org

E-mail information is available from Secretary-Treasurer Bill Jennings, W4UNP, at W4UNP@comporium.net
or
send an SASE to:
INDEXA
P.O. Box 123
Catawba, SC 29704
Thank you and Good DX!

SEDXC OFFICERS

President: Norm Schklar, WA4ZXV

norman@schklar.com

(770)840-9664

Vice President: Wey Walker, K8EAB

weymouth01@comcast.net

(770)205-6902

Secretary: Charles Pennington, K4GK

chask4gk@aol.com

(478)552-3617

Treasurer: Mike Weathers, ND4V

nd4v@comcast.net

(770)246-0083

Activities: Bill Tempel, AA4OC

aa4oc@arri.net

(706)253-3960

Editor: Jim Streible, K4DLI

k4dli@earthlink.net

770-993-1767

Membership Committee Chairman: Bill Barr, N4NX

n4nx@arri.net

770-399-0824

Web Master: Chaz Cone, W4GKF

w4gkf@chazcone.com

770-394-2663

The SEDXC Newsletter is published monthly by the Southeastern DX Club. All opinions expressed by the contributors do not necessarily reflect those of the editor, officers, or club. We welcome your opinion.

DX COMMUNICATION FREQ.

Simplex 147.54

SEDXC WEBPAGE

www.sedxc.org

SEDXC REFLECTOR

sedxc@contesting.com