



# Bulletin



February 2014

## From the Pres

Norm WA4ZXV

### *Hello SEDXC!*

Snow here in Norcross today. Cabin fever could be creeping in. But getting out in the snow isn't as attractive as it was 50 years ago.

FT5ZM was a lot louder than I expected. Some of the beam readings posted were a little surprising. Looking at the news reports, all are off the island and headed out to sea.

At our last meeting, it came up that the increased cost of DXpeditions hasn't been adjusted on our dues for several years. We know they all cost more, but we haven't changed our dues structure to match. Our contributions to DXpeditions are directly related to our dues. Our ability to support DXpeditions in the future at a "today's" adjustment in cost might just require an adjustment in our dues structure. We would like to discuss this further at the next couple meetings. There may be other ways we can keep up with the increased costs. We are looking for suggestions. If you

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## Veep's Report

Wey K8EAB

### LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Ann Santos-WA1S gave a very interesting presentation on the recent DXpedition to Banaba Island, T33A. Of particular interest was the humanitarian mission that was accomplished along with DX operations. Much-needed dental care was given to many occupants of the island, and toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss were handed out to the children. Details of this DXpedition are here: <http://www.t33a.com/>.



### THIS MONTH'S MEETING

[www.sedxc.org/february14.htm](http://www.sedxc.org/february14.htm)

At our February 2014 meeting, Tom Harrell-N4XP will lead a team of presenters to tell us about C82DX – Mozambique. Details are here: [www.c82dx.com](http://www.c82dx.com).

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## Wey's World

### Buddies in the Caribbean

#### Begonia (St. Vincent and the Grenadines)

From Feb. 10-18, I join 7 other members of the Caribbean Buddies DX Group for DX ops from what looks to be our most luxurious villa to date. Our team will consist of the following operators: W3FF, W6HFP, WZ1P, WG0AT, KC4VG, KB9AVO, K8EAB, and W7ZT. Call-Signs will be J8/HOMECALL. Please QSL to home call.

This team specializes in 100 watts power or less and Buddipole portable antenna systems. We will have fixed operations from a villa and portable operations from various points using CW, SSB, and digital modes.



#### REMINDER

Expeditions to rare DX entities get more expensive each year. The annual individual SEDXC membership amount of \$20 is one of the more reasonable expenses most of us ever incur in this hobby. Please consider renewing your membership before the end of the fiscal year so that our funds available for contributions to DXpeditions are maximized. ❖

## Pres (cont.)

have thoughts on how we can help DXpeditions keep up with increased costs, please let me know. Email or a phone call will be appreciated.

I enjoyed a trip down to Orlando for Hamcation. Saw a few local folks and a few not so close SEDXC members I have not had an opportunity to meet in the past. For some of us, the history and notoriety of SEDXC is amazing. Someone did something right over the last 50+ years to make us well respected DX club.

See you at the meeting on Thursday. ❖

## Activities Chairman

### Bill AA40C

Hamfest season is starting this month with the Dalton Hamfest on February 22, 2014. More information can be found at <http://w4drc.webstarts.com/about.html>. If the weather is without ice and snow, it will be a good one. SEDXC will have a table there so stop by to say hello, pay your dues, and meet some folks. ❖

## Treasurer's Journal

### Mike ND4V

#### TREASURER'S REPORT (January 2014)

##### RECEIPTS

Dues/Raffle/Badge in transit	<u>\$225.00</u>
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##### DISBURSEMENTS

Amsterdam Isl.	(1,000.00)
VU7AG DXpedition	(500.00)
Mellish Reef	(250.00)
Christmas Island	<u>(250.00)</u>
<i>total disbursed</i>	(2,000.00)

<b><u>NET ACTIVITY IN January</u></b>	(1,775.00)
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Beginning Balance	<u>7,896.07</u>
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Ending Balance	<u><u>\$6,121.07</u></u>
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## Veep's Report (cont.)

**March Meeting** [www.sedxc.org/march14.htm](http://www.sedxc.org/march14.htm)

Joe Blackwell-AA4NN will tell us all about the K9W-Wake Atoll DXpedition that almost didn't happen.

**April Meeting** [www.sedxc.org/april14.htm](http://www.sedxc.org/april14.htm)

Bob Allphin-K4UEE will tell our members how much he and the FT5ZM team enjoyed 18 days at sea on board the M.V. Braveheart as they put Amsterdam Island on the air.

Member assistance in contacting potential meeting speakers is always welcomed!

## HOW'S DX?

**FOR SUMMARIES OF ALL DXPEDITIONS:**  
[ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html](http://ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html)

### Amsterdam Island (FT5ZM)

By the time you read this bulletin, FT5ZM should be QRT. I hope all SEDXC members who needed this one cracked the pile-ups and put FT5 in their logs. This photo is taken from MV Braveheart as it approached Amsterdam Island. I'm seasick just looking at this image. Details here: <http://www.ft5zm.com>.



### The Real Christmas Island (VK9X/K7CO)

Lots of us need this one. Plans call for them to be on the air from March 1-11. SEDXC made a contribution to this operation. Details are here: <http://www.nielsen.net/vk9x/>. ♦

# SEDXC DXpedition Funding Request

None at this time.