



Bulletin



March 2017

From the Pres

Mike ND4V

As I write this, I am flying home from Curaçao with seventeen of my new best friends. I am full from last night's BBQ and hoedown and good memories of a week in the sun or at a radio.

PJ2T ... how can one adequately describe it? A super-station, in fact four station positions that can each access any antenna on the three towers, or the US/JA tower on the ridge with the push of a button. Oh, did I forget to mention the 1000 and 600 foot beverages?

Thursday and Friday were practice days. We got lessons in speed CQing, practiced our 59 exchange, and practiced op changes. Gregg W6IZT was instructing and Bob, K4UEE was coaching and observing us and deciding who to start in high, medium, or low activity slots. In my opinion it really mattered little where you started. At the end of a three-hour shift, you likely were a pro!

As the contest start time approached, it became evident that atmospheric conditions were not going to be good. The A index was 22 and a strong solar wind was blowing. At the end of 24 hours we had logged about 6k QSOs. We were missing mults from the entire NW part of the states on 10 and 15. On the bright side,

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Veep's Report

Chuck AE4CW

Last Month's Meeting

What a treat to hear from SEDXC's own Ignacy, NO9E! A world traveler, Ignacy shared his recent experience in light weight personal DXpeditions. His most recent trips have included an Elecraft KX3, an Expert 1.3K-FA and simple antennas...all weighing in at around 25 pounds! He reported in detail on his most recent trip to Easter Island, one of ten entities he has visited in the last twelve months.

This Month's Meeting

Date/Time: **Thursday March 16th** @ 7:30 PM
Location: Rich Auditorium, Piedmont Hospital
Details at www.sedxc.org

Program Title: **Operating the ARRL International DX SSB Contest from the World Famous PJ2T Station**
Speakers: **Members of the PJ2T Team**



Fifteen SEDXC members and three spouses travel to Curaçao to participate in the ARRL International DX SSB contest from the world's most prolific contest station, PJ2T.

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From the Pres (cont.)

Norm WA4ZXV had caught a 10 meter opening and made 400 Qs. Our secret weapon turned out to be Jenna KJ4PQV who was as cool as the back side of a pillow in the pile ups. Turns out as time passed, everyone could talk a little faster.

A lot of digging them out of the power line noise and butt-in-chair time later, we did make the 10K QSO mark. We ended with a respectable 328 multipliers and 10,007,280 points. We are unabashedly proud and optimistic that we won the m/m high power category.

For movies of the line dancing, pool party, and other embarrassing photos, be sure to be at this month's meeting where all will be revealed.

73 es gud DX,

Mike ND4V ❖

Activities Chairman

It was great to see some of you at the Dalton Hamfest on Saturday 25 February. We had several inquiries regarding new memberships and a few renewal commitments. Lori, K4UPI, and I had a great time representing and promoting the SEDXC at Dalton.

Be sure to put these upcoming dates on your calendar:

[GA QSO Party](#) , April 8th & 9th.

[Calhoun Hamfest](#), April 22nd

73,

Daryl K4RGK ❖



68th International DX Convention
April 21-23, 2017
Visalia, CA

Info: <http://www.dxconvention.com/>

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Veep's Report (cont.)

Coordinated by Bob, K4UEE and Mike, ND4V, the team featured a few contest veterans and many rookies who wanted to learn the ropes and experience contesting from a world-class station.

Arriving on Tuesday before the contest weekend, K4UEE tutored the team on the contest skill required to compete and hopefully win in the DX MM HP category. After three days of on-air practice, the team was honed and ready for the competition.

Want to hear how this adventure turned out? **Well, don't miss Thursday's meeting where you can hear and see all the details directly from many of the team members.**

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

Month of February 2017

- \$40 to GQP

Bank Balance as of March 2, 2017 = \$11,313.12

73,

Jeff K1ZN❖

SEDXC DXpedition Funding Request

None at this time.
Editor

