



Southeastern DX Club

W4NT

THE SOUTH'S PREMIER DX CLUB

April 2013

President's Report

Hello Radio!

It's been a busy month for me. Getting the word out on GQP takes a while. Chaz has been great help and we have reported all 159 counties as planned active. Next couple of weeks we'll know much more. Only missed them all by one last year.

While I haven't been on the radio near as much as I would like, I do follow the emails and watch the clusters. It seems the bands have been hot. Some of the latest DXpeditions have had almost real time logging to the internet. That really is a treat to know almost instantly if you are in the log. Probably keeps down on the dupes for the operators. Let's hope there are more like that.

Recently, Dxpediton leader Ralph K0IR announced plans to activate the #4 most-need DXCC entity---Amsterdam Island-St. Paul (FT5ZM). The operation is scheduled for 18 days and will occur between January 15 and February 20, 2014.

Ralph has assembled a terrific team of great operators with many years of DXpedition experience. They are: James – 9V1YC; Nodir – EY8MM; Michel – FM5CD; Jorge – HK1R; Bob – K4UEE; Craig – K9CT; Erling – LA6VM; George – N4GRN; Arnie – N6HC; John – VE3EJ; Steve – VE7CT; Gregg – W6IZT; and Jerry – WB9Z. Three team members -- 9V1YC, K0IR and K4UEE -- are CQ Hall of Fame winners.

You will be hearing much more on this DXpedition in the next few months. And we'll all be on the air to make #4 disappear from the top 10.

Our program this month should be interesting and different. It is our first presenter from across the Big Pond. Wey has been practicing and testing the setup. I think we'll all enjoy the presentation. We're also to hear a little about the 2013 Atlanta Hamfest from KB4KFT. We know there have been some changes, now we may find out what.

At the time I wrote this I was packing to go to St. Simons Island to work GQP. Hope I worked you! I appreciate the support of several of our members for GQP.

73 and Great DX,
Norm WA4ZXV

Vice President's Report

2013 PICNIC and CHRISTMAS PARTY

We continue to work on both of these events. The Picnic will be held at a public park. The Christmas Party will be held in an Episcopal Church fellowship hall. Dates and other details will be announced soon.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

"Show and Tell" was fun for all ... the amount of Amateur Radio knowledge and experience our members possess is simply astounding. It was a delight to have our members bring historical letters, QSL cards, and other operating memorabilia to the meeting. We will do this again.

APRIL MEETING

Our April meeting promises to be unique. Our speaker is John Warburton – G4IRN, who will make his presentation (“DX’ing from Europe”) remotely from the UK. DUE TO THE 5-HOUR TIME DIFFERENCE, JOHN’S PRESENTATION WILL BE THE FIRST ITEM ON OUR MEETING AGENDA. DON’T BE LATE!



John is just back from a DXpedition to Easter Island. Most of our members know that when DXpeditions use Club Log for their online log, you can place your cursor over your QSOs to see the call-sign and a photo of the operator you worked on that band/mode. The 4-person team on Easter Island chose instead to have “Stone Heads” in place of images of themselves. I captured G4IRN’s avatar and then placed it beside his image from the SEDXC web site ...

I sent these side-by-side images to G4IRN and told him I could the resemblance. He wrote back saying, “What ... that both of us have no hair?” I replied that I was referring to the “strong jaw line”. He wrote back, “Yeah, Right!” Therefore we know John has a good sense of humor <g>.

Operator: G4IRN



DXPEDITIONS

Lots of news about trips to entities many of us need or band-fills we need. SEDXC continues to receive funding requests and we will keep members informed concerning to whom we recommend making donations.

If you need Amsterdam Island but don’t know much else about this remote volcanic out-cropping, there’s lots of info for the Googling. Here’s one I found ...

http://www.french-polar-team.fr/FT5Z_Martin_de_Vivies_Station_Amsterdam_Island.php

MEETING SPEAKERS

We continue seeking speakers for the second half of 2013. Since the May meeting is the day before everyone drives or flies to Dayton, we will not have a speaker that month. We plan to show a DXpedition DVD.



Our speaker for the June Meeting will be Mary Hobart – K1MMH, who will make a presentation on the ARRL Second Century Campaign, the National Convention in Hartford in 2014, and the ARRL's 2014 Centennial Celebration. Mary is coming to Atlanta to operate for Field Day, and her presentation promises to be informative.



Our speaker for the July meeting will be Jim Worthington – AD4J, whose presentation is entitled “One Antenna, Eleven Bands”.

I saw Jim’s presentation at a recent North Georgia QRP Club meeting. If you like modeling antennas and changing parameters to see what the effect will be, don’t miss this meeting!

Member suggestions and assistance in contacting potential meeting speakers are always welcomed!

73, Weymouth Walker K8EAB

Treasurer’s Report

SEDXC Financial position on March 31, 2013

Financial Report of Receipts and disbursements:

Beginning balance 3/1/2013 \$ 8398.11

Disbursements:

Wey Walker ñ supplies

10.69

City of Dunwoody ñ Park rental 300.00

Ending Balance 3/31/2013 \$ 8087.42

We have a funding request from K4UEE for the dxpedition to Amsterdam Island. 20% of the team going to the island is made up from SEDXC members. In addition it is #4 on the most wanted ranking. I am confident that the board will recommend support for this one.

Hope you worked the GA QSO PARTY. At this writing, all but a couple of counties were promised to be activated. Promises to be another good one!

73 es dx,
Mike, ND4V

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