



Bulletin



April 2016

From the Pres

Wey K8EAB

April Meeting

In place of the normal monthly meeting, the SEDXC will conduct a site visit to the NQ4I contest station near Griffin, GA. Details are elsewhere in this bulletin. The next regular meeting will be held in June; no meeting in May.

Funding Requests

SEDXC has received funding requests that are, in my view, not typical of the kinds of requests the Club normally funds. The Membership will need to decide in the June meeting how to proceed. Please see my recommendations starting on p. 4.

DX Is

Equatorial Guinea-3C7GIA is history with just over 13,000 Q's in 8 days. Heard (or is it "unheard") Island-VKØEK is proving to be difficult to hear and to work. Juan de Nova is better, but it hasn't helped that the Sunspot number has hovered at 11/12 and a geomagnetic storm has wiped out the first weekend in April.

Dave Johnson-K4SSU has achieved DXCC Honor Roll #1 by working Heard Island. Congratulations,

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Veep's Report

Vaden NN4K

Last Month's Meeting

Glenn Petri KE4KY who provided us with a program in October 2015 provided us with another webcast on his 2012 DXpedition to Campbell Island, ZL9HR. The program was well received and we appreciate all that Glenn has done. Glenn and other hams that spend personal funds and put themselves at risk while traveling to remote islands are very much appreciated. Remember, while the club does donate to qualified DXpeditions, personal donations beyond what the club provides is always a good idea. These guys are not living in resort style lodgings and eating 5-star cuisine just to bring us new or ATNOs. Support them if you can.

This Month's Meeting

Note: This is a change from normal monthly meeting location!!

Date: Saturday, April 23

Location: NQ4I Contest Station, Griffin, GA

In lieu of meeting at Piedmont Hospital for the regular scheduled meeting, we are going to provide a 'Field Trip' to the contest operation site owned and operated by Rick NQ4I near Griffin, GA. This contest operation site has won multiple operator, multiple transmitter contests and is always a contender in most major CQ and ARRL contests. You can get an idea of the operation by viewing the website, www.nq4i.com. There you can read about the details that exceed the space available in the SEDXC Bulletin.

The Plan

The location where we will meet for lunch is McGhin's Southern Pit BBQ just off of US Hwy 41 North of Griffin. The address is 2963 Northeast Express Way,

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From the Pres (cont.)

Dave! All of us are happy for your accomplishment.

Iran-EP2A and Cambodia-XU7AKC are opportunities for the mid-part of April.

Administrivia

Elections for new SEDXC officers will be held at the June SEDXC meeting. The proposed slate of Officers for the 2016/2017 Fiscal Year is:

President: Mike Weathers, ND4V

Vice President: Chuck Catledge, AE4CW

Treasurer: Jeff Cantor, K1ZN (incumbent)

Secretary: Paul Kelley, W4KLY

Activities Manager: Daryl Young, K4RGK

Appointees for the coming Fiscal Year are:

Bulletin Editor: Clark Macaulay, WU4B

Membership Chairman: Bill Barr, N4NX

Webmaster & Database Manager: Chaz Cone, W4GKF

If you have an interest in presenting your name for consideration, **contact me off-line at:** weymouth01@comcast.net

Annual Dues Renewal

The new Fiscal Year begins on July 1st, so it's time once again to remind everyone to renew **prior** to the end of the current year (June 30th).

Dayton DX Dinner

If you are planning to attend, please let us know AHEAD of time so we can give The Amber Rose restaurant a head count. Go here to let Chaz know you're planning to attend: dayton@chazcone.com.

Shack Photos

Have you remodeled your shack (or just given it that once-every-ten-years-clean-up)??? Why not send Web-Meister Chaz a high-resolution "Shack Selfie" or show us that same photo you've posted on QRZ.COM **to** w4gkf@chazcone.com

73, and good DX!

Wey K8EAB ❖

Activities Chairman

Well, the Georgia QSO Party is in the books. It was great to hear and work many SEDXC club members during the GQP, and it would not be surprising that a handful of them are taking home some hardware for their efforts. Remember to get your logs submitted by the May 15th deadline (that would be before you leave for Dayton).

Speaking of Dayton, the Hamvention is on May 20-22. Info: <http://hamvention.org/>

The Atlanta Hamfest will be held on June 4th at Jim Miller Park. We will be posting notices on the reflector soon to recruit folks to help staff our booth at the hamfest. If you are available to help, please e-mail me directly at n4tol@arri.net. Info: <http://atlantahamfest.org/>

73,

John N4TOL ❖

Treasurer's Journal

Balance on Hand as of Feb 29th: \$8142.51

Deposits - month of March:
\$34 - meeting raffle

Checks Written month of Mar:
\$160.27 to Chaz Cone for Holiday Party
\$502.50 to 3C7A DXpedition
\$ 30.00 to Chaz Cone for GA GQP Awards

73,

Jeff K1ZN ❖

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Veep's Report (cont.)

Griffin, GA. The phone number is 770-229-5887.

The restaurant opens at 11 AM. It is recommended that club members arrive at the restaurant around 11:15 AM in order to get tables for lunch. There is no agreement to put tables together so consider it open seating.

Rick Dougherty, NQ4I plans to join us for lunch. He will lead us to his QTH about five miles away. The address of his QTH is 1595 Cabin Creek Trail, Griffin, GA 30223 in case you want to go directly to his place and not meet for lunch. Best guess is that we'll leave the restaurant and arrive at Rick's QTH between Noon and 12:30 PM.

The website for the restaurant is www.southernpitbbq.com and included is a map showing it's location along with menu just to stimulate your appetite.

Hope to see you there!

See you in the pileups,

Vaden NN4K ❖

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Funding Requests Received

Islands On The Air (IOTA) is a program administered under the Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB). If you watch the DX Bulletins, there are dozens of IOTA activations announced each month. For those SEDXC members who actively chase islands, it would seem to make sense that we consider funding requests for these mini-DXpeditions.

I am **not** in favor of funding individual IOTA requests for the following reasons:

1. IOTA activations are usually done by small teams of 1-2 people who go to an island for a few days (long weekends). Many of these individuals have no activation experience.
2. Equipment frequently is one x 100-watt rig and a vertical or wire antenna, powered by batteries, solar panels, and sometimes a portable generator.
3. The nature of these activations precludes use of the Internet for an online log.

I asked the NCDXF how they respond to IOTA requests ... below is the reply I received from their Treasurer, Don Greenbaum-N1DG:

Hi Wey:

If it's an IOTA expedition to a rare country it's the normal grant process. However, unless it's a top twenty DXCC entity we do not fund these requests. There is an IOTA group that does that and we give them grants each year. They know better than we do what is a rare IOTA.

IREF -- Island Radio Expedition Foundation
<http://www.islandradio.org/>

Don
N1DG

We will discuss this matter at the **June meeting**.

The Dave Kalter Memorial Youth DX Adventure (YDXA) is a program that takes selected young hams to a DX location and lets them operate as the DX station for a period of about a week. Past trips have gone to TI5 and, in 2016, four selectees and a parent with each will go the island of Saba to operate.

The SEDXC has been asked to support this program. In the past, we contributed to Edward Doyle-KJ4NRN for the YDXA and to Laurel Hiatt-KJ4AKE and SEDXC member Mike Almeter-K4LD through the ARRL's Scholarship Fund program. If I've omitted other recipients, I apologize.

Funding such DX activities is loosely permitted by our By-Laws in Article V (see next page).

ARTICLE V **Activities of the Club**

A. Club Activities should include, but not be limited to:

3. The Club shall seek and find ways to mentor or encourage other Radio Amateurs to discover and enjoy the merits of HF communication and DXing.

B. The purpose of the Club shall be to promote fraternalism among Radio Amateurs of the World having a prime interest in international Amateur Radio communications and to assist members in achieving a higher standing in the ARRL DX Century Club. The Club shall also promote the merits of HF (High Frequency) communications and DXing to other members of the Amateur Radio community.

The SEDXC has a very narrow focus ... DXing and Contesting.

Once again, I asked NCDXF whether or not they contribute to the YDXA and received this reply from N1DG:

GM Wey.

I don't think they asked for \$ last year

Two years ago (Spring 2014) we gave \$200 and CWops threw in \$100. We did the same in 2013.

And we threw in T-shirts, lots of them, which probably cost more than the \$200 donation lol.

The program hasn't asked for \$ from NCDXF or CWops yet this year.

**Don
N1DG**

SEDXC is limited by its Constitution and By-Laws regarding how much money it may contribute to DXpeditions and DX related activities. **We should remain true to our "purpose" when evaluating any request for financial assistance.**

We will discuss this request also in the June meeting

Wey K8EAB
