



# Bulletin



April 2017

## From the Pres

**Mike ND4V**

If pollen could only propagate RF, we'd be golden (or at least yellow). Yes, it's that time of year when I turn my thoughts to the QSO Party and put off filing taxes for another week! This year I operated from the EAA 690 Hangar at Briscoe Field under the Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society call sign W4GR. GARS put forth a multi/multi effort. Several guys are anxious to put their new IC-7300s through their paces, and we look forward to quiet solar winds and low absorption. If you were in the neighborhood, I hope you were able to drop in and take a turn at a rig.

Two weekends ago, the GA Section of ARRL with support from several local clubs participated in the Atlanta Science Festival Expo. Several SEDXC member badges were in evidence. Norm WA4ZXV, Jim W4QO, Martha W4MSA, and Jim N4BFR were the ringleaders. Atlanta Radio Club had a CW demonstration where kids could send their name in Morse Code and then copy a word to earn a certificate. Several ARES members had their go-kits and end-fed PAR antenna on display and could make contacts. Quaker Oats had the display that grabbed the kids - a tone generator hooked to a 10-inch speaker that bounced Ping-Pong balls on the speaker cone. The real pull of his display

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## Veep's Report

**Chuck AE4CW**

### Last Month's Meeting

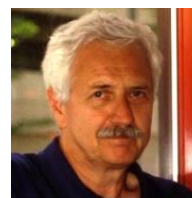
**2017 ARRL DX SSB SEDXC PJ2T 10,375 QSOs & 10.2 Million Points!**



### This Month's Meeting

Date/Time: **Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup>** @ 7:30 PM  
Location: Rich Auditorium, Piedmont Hospital  
Details at [www.sedxc.org](http://www.sedxc.org)

Program Title: **QSLing: Past, Present, and Future**  
Speaker: **Bill Barr, N4NX**



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was that the kids could adjust the volume and tone and make the balls jump higher. Jim's hearing should return in a few days! Quite a few expressed interest in becoming a ham and several said "I used to be a ham"; and a lot of visitors remarked "my father/grandfather was a ham". It was a fun event and we told upwards of 5,000 folks that ham radio is still alive.

Save the date: **May 18**. I've reserved the banquet room at The Amber Rose restaurant in Dayton again this year. If you haven't joined us there before, you are in for a treat. It is a very informal gathering for drinks at 6:30 and dinner (Dutch treat) to follow. No speeches, just good fellowship. Please [sign up on the website](#) so that we can warn the place about how many to expect. The Amber Rose specializes in homemade Eastern European Cuisine including German, Lithuanian, Polish, Hungarian, Russian and Italian cuisines. The beer and wine lists consist of exemplary, hard-to-find European beverages. The building is in the heart of Old North Dayton. See [www.theamberrose.com](http://www.theamberrose.com) for their menu and directions.

Since many members will travel to Xenia for Hamvention, we need to decide whether to have the regular meeting in May. I'll poll the members at this month's meeting, but if you have an opinion, let me know.

Loose ends ... The ARRL has acknowledged our donation in memory of Jim Streible. It's on p. 4.

73 es gud DX,

Mike ND4V ❖

### Activities Chairman

We hope everyone participated in the Georgia QSO party this weekend, April 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. We also hope you were able to hear and work all the North Fulton Amateur Radio League special calls, N4N, N4F, N4A, N4R and N4L for a clean sweep! Contact [John, N4TOL](#) for clean sweep reporting

Mark these dates are on your calendar:

[Calhoun Hamfest](#), April 22<sup>nd</sup>

[Dayton Hamvention](#), May 19-21

Be sure to send in your GA GSO party logs before heading to Dayton! Deadline is May 15th

[Atlanta Hamfest](#), June 3<sup>rd</sup>. SEDXC will be recruiting folks to help staff our booth. If you can help please email [k4rgk@arrrl.net](mailto:k4rgk@arrrl.net) or contact any SEDXC club officer.

73,

Daryl K4RGK ❖



68<sup>th</sup> International DX Convention  
April 21-23, 2017  
Visalia, CA

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

### A DXpedition Planning Guide

I've pushed the "publish" button on the newsletter, so it's now forever in cyber space. You can find it at:

<https://goo.gl/ufuABQ>

I want to thank each of you for your willingness to help put the article together. I had a lot of fun writing it.

It was a pleasure to talk to you and I hope our paths cross again in the future.

I wish you all safe travels.

73 es gud DX,

Bob K4UEE ❖

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SEDXC Reflector: details on webpage

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## Veep's Report (cont.)

### Program Highlights

- Are Paper QLSs becoming a thing of the past?
- Cost of QSLing then and now.
  - Especially ARRL Outgoing QSLs
  - Alternatives to sending out Paper QSLs
  - How to reduce cost for distributing paper QSL
- Discussion on the importance and need for paper QSLs; survey results on paper QSLs
- Conclusions

At Top of the ARRL DXCC honor roll, and of Bill's 354 confirmed DXCC entities, well over 300 were confirmed using paper QSLs. He has paper QSLs from ALL the 354. As a QSL manager for multiple DX stations, Bill distributed well over 150,000 QSLs to DXers worldwide. And, he has handled and distributed SEDXC member's QSLs directly to the ARRL Outgoing QSL bureau for the past 10+ years.

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 ♦

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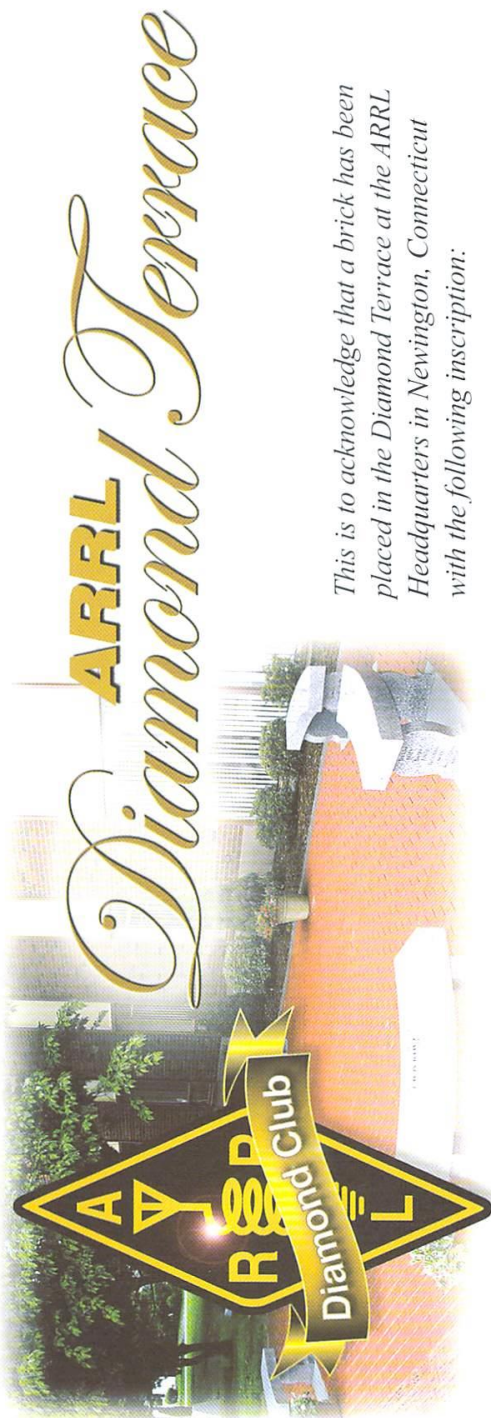
## Treasurer's Journal

Balance on hand in checkbook on 4/3/2017 is:  
\$11,395.32

73,

Jeff K1ZN ♦

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*This is to acknowledge that a brick has been placed in the Diamond Terrace at the ARRL Headquarters in Newington, Connecticut with the following inscription:*

**K4DLI  
JIM STREIBLE  
SEDXC HALL OF FAME**

*With the placement of this brick in the Diamond Terrace, the ARRL is pleased to acknowledge your generosity to the ARRL and commitment to Amateur Radio through the Diamond Club.*

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Rick Roderick, K5UR — ARRL President

## DXpedition Funding Requests

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None at this time.

*Editor*

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