



Southeastern DX Club

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THE SOUTH'S PREMIER DX CLUB

May, 2011

President's Report:

Almost time for the May meeting, which is Thursday, May 19. Jim, KT4MM is hosting our speaker, Dave Morris N5UP who will be flying in to give a very educational program on eQSL. I certainly hope the weather cooperates! See KT4MM's column in this bulletin for the details. Thursday, May 19 is also the evening of the SEDXC pre-Dayton dinner at the Stockyards. You need to sign up for this dinner by Monday, May 16 by using the link on the main SEDXC.org page. This dinner is a highlight of the Dayton adventure each year, and we need to thank Harry Saunders for arranging it each year. I hope to see you there--and be sure to thank Harry, W4KJ the next time you see him.

I will be in Dayton on May 19, and KT4MM will be running the SEDXC meeting. I have told KT4MM that since he is on the Executive Board's slate for prospective SEDXC President, this will be a good learning opportunity. Actually, Jim is an old hand at running the meeting. Since so many of us will be in Dayton, please bring a guest and advertise the program with your local club contacts.

The June meeting will include election of the new officers and transition to the new team. As usual, though the Board has proposed a slate, there will be a call to the floor for other candidates. If you want to run, it is time to start your publicity campaign!

I was saddened to hear that Sonny Marsh, KE4LDJ is now SK and of the serious illness of Dennis K4ZJ. Please include these SEDXCers in your prayers. An old friend of mine, Ben Stevenson, W2BXA, died a week ago at the age of 97. Ben was the first president of NJDXA, which is one year older

than SEDXC. Ben was on the air from an early age and was around 6th on the DXCC rankings. I saw pictures from Ben's 97th birthday party earlier in the year, and true to form a scantily clad dancer entertained Ben and guests to the beat of a rock ensemble. Ben's death saddened many members of the DX community. He was a familiar figure at Dayton over the decades.

I hope to see you at Dayton, but if not I'll see you at the June meeting.

73
Bob W2WG

Vice President's Report:

The Southeastern DX Club (SEDXC) is hosting Dave N5UP the founder of eqsl.cc at our next Club meeting on May 19th at 7:30 p.m

Everyone is invited to attend to learn about the electronic qsl card exchange that Dave has created for Hams and SWL enthusiasts worldwide.

eQSL.cc is a global electronic QSL card exchange for amateur radio operators and SWLs. It is designed to be the fastest, easiest, and cheapest way to exchange QSO confirmations, eliminating the cost and time that regular QSL cards have required for the past half century.

EQSL.cc's mission is to provide basic electronic QSL card exchange services to all amateurs and SWLs around the world FREE of charge. Thus, they do not charge a mandatory membership or subscription fee in order to participate.

In January 2009 they launched an interface with CQ magazine, allowing our members to submit credits directly to CQ awards managers. In March 2010 they launched an electronic interface to the DARC servers to allow our users to transmit credits into the DCL contest log. Some organizations such as 10-10 and JARL have had informal acceptance policies toward our electronic QSLs. It is a goal of eQSL.cc to make arrangements with ARRL, IOTA, and other amateur organizations to accept our eQSLs for awards and contests. They believe their authenticated eQSLs are even *more reliable than traditional QSL cards* as confirmation of QSOs! Go to www.eqsl.cc to find out more information

Jim
KT4MM

Secretaries Report:

MINUTES OF THE 21 APRIL, 2011 MEETING

Call to order at 7:40 PM with 51 in attendance. Introductions all around.

Program presented by Jim Strieble, K4DLI and Chuck Catledge, AE4CW, On "Using the EZNEC Antenna Modeling Software". This was an outstanding program, with about half of the attendees armed with their laptops and following along with the real-time, hands-on demonstrations. Chuck and Jim were a great team and provided useful information on the subject, as witnessed by the many thoughtful questions from the audience. Chuck and Jim recommended that you take the "Test Drive" on EZNEC as provided in the software package that comes with the ARRL Antenna Handbook. It will take you about 12 hours to complete, but is well worth the time if you are interested in antenna modeling!

Business Meeting Highlights

1. The slate of officers for the coming year as recommended by the Nominating Committee include:

President - Jim Cumming - KT4MM
Vice President - Mack McCormick - W4AX
Secretary - Newton White- KØNTW
Treasurer - Mike Weathers - ND4V
Activities Manager - Wey Walker K8EAB

The election will be held at the June meeting; nominations will be entertained from the floor.

2. Reminder to get your GA QSO Party scores in! The party was the best ever!

3. For those going to Dayton, do not forget to sign up for the SEDXC dinner on Thursday evening. See the web site for details.

4. A request for funding for the T32C DXpedition to occur in October was passed, and we are sending them \$350.00. Our own Paul Manno (not enough room for his call here) and Neville Cheadle - G3NUG will be going. The expect to be well over 150,000 QSOs from the Island!

5. The next Club meeting falls right on the Dayton dinner, folks not going to Dayton are encouraged to attend the meeting and hear N5DU, the father of the eQSL system.

6. Jim - K4DLI proposed supporting the Lord Howe Island expedition lead by VK2IR later this year. Don - N4HH, is on the Team. Jim will submit an official request for the funding.

7. Local Club Announcements included;

- May 10 meeting with Hal Kennedy, N4GG and Blue Lightning
- NFARL is doing their usual fantastic Field Day and invites all to take part. See the NFARL web site for more information.
- Atlanta Radio Club now has their news letter on line. They are having their Field Day at Morgan Falls. They are also celebrating their 100th anniversary!
- The Milledgeville Club is doing a Field Day and all are invited for GREAT FREE BBQ according to Charles, K4GK.

8. The raffle was held for some not-so-wonderful prizes (come on, guys - start

bringing some good stuff!) and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wes - W3WL
Secretary - SEDXC

Treasurers Report:

SEDXC Financial position as of April 30, 2011

The balance on hand in the operating account at the end of April was \$4,188.35

Activity in the month:

Receipts:

Membership, Raffle, IRC's SW Ohio -Dayton Dinners	\$382.00
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Disbursements were

Gary WB4SQ – Kenahoochee food	\$ 15.88
Lord Howe Dxpediton	\$350.00

Membership:

It is that time of year, when I mention dues. Our club membership year runs from July 1, 2011 through June 30 of 2012. According to the bylaws, dues are due in June.

If you are or have ever been a member, the renewal dues are \$20.00.

If you are a new member, dues are \$12.00.

Student dues are \$5.00.

So, pull out one of those twenties that you have tucked away for Dayton and mail it to me. Of course we also take PayPal. My address and a link to PayPal is on the website www.sedxc.org

Have fun in Dayton. My Grandson is graduating high school and I am going to miss this year. I know everyone will have fun at the Thursday dinner and Friday at the SW Ohio DX dinner.

73 es dx
Mike, ND4V

Activities Report:

With a majority of our club members attending the Dayton hamfest (or preparing to work major DX while most of the BIG GUNS are at Dayton), May it usually a light month. Hopefully everyone has a chance to shake hands with our past member, W5LE (Gene Lewis). He'll be attending the Friday night DX dinner at one of our club tables.

The June 4th Atlanta hamfest is usually too sparsely attended to put up our club table, but hopefully I'll be wrong on this one... (If a guys in the woods and there's no woman around, is he still wrong?)

And congrats to our own Top Gun pilot, K4DLI (Jim)! Great U-Tube video...

73,

Gary, WB4SQ

Here is another posting from Dan Romanchik, KB6NU. This one involve a project he has started that may be of interest to amateurs with a story to tell.

For a long time, I've had the idea to set up a website to capture ham radio stories. Well, I've finally done it. The Ham Radio Story Project

<http://www.hamradiostoryproject.com> is now online!

This website was inspired by the Story Corps <http://storycorps.org/>, which was itself inspired by NPR's National Story Project <http://www.npr.org/programs/watc/features/1999/991002.storyproject.html>. The tagline for the site is "capturing the human spirit of amateur radio," and my motivation for setting up the sit is to capture personal stories of how amateur radio has touched lives, either the lives of amateur radio operators themselves, or of the people that we serve.

The site has only been online a month, and I already have several good stories. I reposted my story about checking the QSLs of a county hunter, and there are also stories about an international friendship that survived WW II and a story about how an Elmer touched the life of his student. These are exactly the type of stories I want to collect.

If you have a great story about ham radio, I want to hear about it and to publish it on HamRadioStoryProject.Com. If you want to tell the story yourself, let me know, and I'll set up an account for you on the site. If you would like some help, let me know, and I'll contact you and either write the story myself, or find someone else to help you.

I don't want to lose another great story because there isn't a place to tell it. HamRadioStoryProject.Com is the place to tell it.

When he's not setting up yet another ham radio website, you'll find KB6NU teaching classes; working on WA2HOM, the ham radio station at Ann Arbor's Hands-On Museum www.wa2hom.org, or operating CW on the HF bands. You'll find his blog at www.kb6nu.com, or you can e-mail him at cwgeek@kb6nu.com.

If you have a story you think would be of interest contact Dan.

We have a short bulletin this month but, hope to see a lot of you at Dayton.

I also want to thank a good friend, Don Nesbitt . N4HH, for arranging the WACO Flight. I have always wanted to fly one of bipes from the "Golden Age of Aviation". It was a thrill !!!! Thanks Don!!!

Jim K4DLI
Editor.

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SPECIAL NOTE:

The club is now using the Repeater on 145.410, down 600, for chatting and real time DX announcements.

Join the group there. No tone required

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