



Bulletin



May 2014

From the Pres

Norm WA4ZXV

Hello SEDXC!

Well, it's about time to head out to Dayton. I hope to see everyone going to the hamfest at the SEDXC Thursday dinner at the Amber Rose Restaurant. During the Hamvention, I'll be helping out at the Vibroplex booth, so stop by and say Hello!

As noted in Wey's column, there is **no meeting in May**. We decided there would not be enough folks around to enjoy one of Wey's great programs. See you in June for the meeting then.

It's been a few weeks of strange weather here in North Georgia. I hope everyone has survived with minimal damage to home and antenna systems. I fared well. Lot of wire hanging in the back yard, and it's still there.

Field Day isn't all that far away. We would like to hear where who's operating. I'll be with GARS again this year, but do hope to get out to visit at

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Veep's Report

Wey K8EAB

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

At our April 2014 meeting, Bob Allphin-K4UEE told us the fascinating story of the FT5ZM Amsterdam Island DXpedition ... a remote and rare DXCC entity that many SEDXC members added to their logs as an ATNO. A great job was done by the entire FT5ZM team, both on and off the island, to help hams worldwide land this one. If you missed this meeting, you missed one of the best DXpedition presentations in many a year. You can see a picture at www.sedxc.org of Bob receiving the Certificate of Appreciation from Norm and myself.

Details are here: <http://amsterdamdxc.org/>

The officers of the SEDXC recommended that annual individual dues be increased from \$20 to \$25. A motion was made and seconded to increase individual dues while leaving family and student dues as they have been in the past. New member first-year dues were increased from \$10 to \$15.

The vote regarding approval of both dues increases was unanimous.

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

www.sedxc.org/may14.htm

In a word: **None.**

At the April meeting, the members were unanimous in their decision not to hold a meeting in May because so many of us will be attending

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How's DX?

Wey K8EAB

There are more rare ones coming up in the near future ...

7P8 – Lesotho (April 22nd to May 1st).

Details are here:

<http://www.mdxc.org/lesotho2014/>

VK9C – Cocos Keeling Island (July 29th to August 2nd, 2014) and **VK9X** – Christmas Island (August 2nd to August 8th, 2014).

Details are here: <http://vk9.nobody.jp/>

FT4TA – Tromelin Island (October 30th to November 10th, 2014).

Details are here:

<http://www.tromelin2014.com/en>

For Summaries Of All DXpeditions:

nq3k.com/misc/adxo.html

REMINDER

Expeditions to rare DX entities get more expensive each year. The annual individual SEDXC membership amount of \$25 is one of the more reasonable expenses most of us ever incur in this hobby. Please consider renewing your membership before the end of the fiscal year so that our funds available for contributions to DXpeditions are maximized.



Pres (cont.)

least one other site. Of course all are welcome to come visit GARS at Harbins Park in Dacula. You can find the details at www.GARS.org. We are expecting a record-breaking attendance this year.

Haven't worked any real DX the last few days, but I have been active chasing the W1AW/n stations. You still have time to work all 50 states.

Election of Officers 2014 - 2015

During the **June meeting**, the membership will vote on officers for the new year. Attached to this Bulletin are the recommendations from the Nominating Committee. Please be prepared to offer any other recommendations and then vote your preference. ❖

Activities Chairman

Bill AA4OC

Most of the members will be hanging out at the Dayton Hamfest, so there isn't a whole lot going on around here until June. Have fun in Dayton and bring back some goodies!

The Atlanta Hamfest will be held on Saturday, June 7, at Jim Miller Park in Marietta, GA. Stop by and see us, pay your annual dues, or just say "Hi"! See you there! ❖

Treasurer's Journal

Mike ND4V

April 2014

There is no report for this month.

An updated report will be presented at the June meeting. ❖

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Veep's Report (cont.)

the annual Dayton Hamvention.

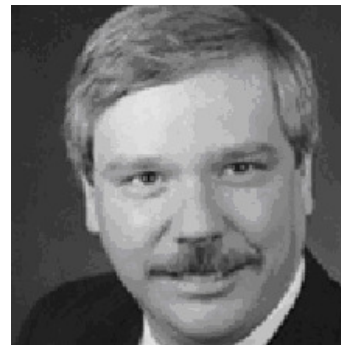
Use this brief respite to go through your Ham Shack and find that no-longer-being-utilized relic that can find a new home at our June meeting's "Door Prize" drawing!

JUNE MEETING

Program:

So you think you want a tower ... what the government or your neighbors might have to say about that ...

Presented by:
Chris Balch, KS4MM



Please read Chris' bio attached to this bulletin. We are privileged to have him at our meeting. If you've ever thought of putting up a tower in your backyard, you really need to hear what he has to say.

PICNIC

August 9 at the home of Ken and Trish Byers on Lake Lanier. Details to follow as we get closer to the date.

CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY PARTY

Gael Cone and XYM Chaz will host this event at their home on December 6th between 7 and 10 PM. The cost will be \$25/person ALL-INCLUSIVE. This means you pay your money and you show up. No one will be asked to bring side dishes or other items (except beverages of your choice). Details will be forthcoming ❖

Chris Balch, KS4MM

Chris Balch is a seasoned and respected defense lawyer. He has represented public entity clients from Valdosta to LaFayette and from Columbus to Augusta. His private clients have sent him around the world in defense of claims. He served his country with distinction in the United States Marine Corps, receiving his Honorable Discharge in 1993. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the Navy Achievement Medal in 1989. At the award ceremony for the Navy Achievement Medal, Brigadier General Brabham remarked he had not ever heard a more detailed or deserving citation.

Upon graduation from Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law with honors in 1992, Mr. Balch clerked for United States District Judge Duross Fitzpatrick. His duties and responsibilities in Chambers brought him intimate knowledge and understanding of federal civil rights statutes and their litigation. Assisting with over 15 jury trials and more than a dozen non-jury trials during his two-year clerkship, Mr. Balch learned important lessons for the young lawyer on preparation, integrity, and tenacity.

His career defending public officials and individuals began immediately after his clerkship. While still in Macon he successfully defended claims against the Historic New Perry Hotel, Dougherty County, Georgia, the City of Macon, and many individuals and companies around Middle and South Georgia. After moving to Atlanta in 1996, he continued to represent counties and school districts, businesses and individuals. His successes quickly earned him speaking slots before continuing legal education audiences. He has presented papers for the Defense Research Institute, the Georgia Institute for Continuing Legal Education, the Ohio Association of Civil Defense Attorneys, and clients around the country. His publications have appeared in scholarly journals and association publications nationally.

Nominated SEDXC Officers - 2014 to 2015

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